



Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ Jesus,

I'm delighted to be able to share with you some of my thoughts on Ralph Martin's new book, *The Coming Judgment: Are We Ready?*

Like many of you, I've been listening to Ralph's teaching and reading his books for many years—since 1978! For the past thirty-five years, I've had the great privilege of working closely with him in the mission of Renewal Ministries. Throughout that time, I can say that few truths have weighed more heavily on his heart than the reality of the coming judgment and the eternal destiny of souls. He has addressed these topics to a greater or lesser degree in several of his previous books and numerous articles, but this book is different. It is by far his clearest, deepest, and most powerful work on the four last things: death, judgment, heaven, and hell.

The Coming Judgment confronts us with the shocking—and frequent—words of Jesus on these essential realities, truths that are rarely spoken about today in the Church. There is an urgency that runs through the entire book, beginning with critically important questions: Are we hearing the actual

words that Jesus and the apostles preached? Have we allowed their words to penetrate our consciences and our souls? Have we made a wholehearted response to those words? Are we ready for the coming judgment? Are we ready to meet the Lord?

The book is also firmly rooted in the living Tradition and Magisterium of the Church, the witness of the saints, and the Catechism, revealing the remarkable clarity, unity, and continuity of the Church's teaching on the four last things throughout her history. Yet all that depth is presented in an accessible and inspiring way. Despite what some might expect, it is not a long, dense, or heavy read. At just over two hundred pages, Ralph—true to his unique gift for getting to the heart of things—captures the essence of the decisive events God has set before us: the return of the Lord, the Great Tribulation, the Final Judgment, and the resurrection of the dead.

In his endorsement of the book, Archbishop Anthony Fisher wrote:

"Too many people, pastors included, put their heads in the sand when it comes to our ultimate destiny."

He's right. Most people do not want to think about these last things. Like the thought of death itself, they seem too unsettling or too heavy to face. Too many decide to remain silent because they don't want to be the "bearer of bad news." There is not enough space here to explain all that is wrong with that predominant posture, other than to say it is cowardly and foolish. To respond that way is to miss the point entirely. The words

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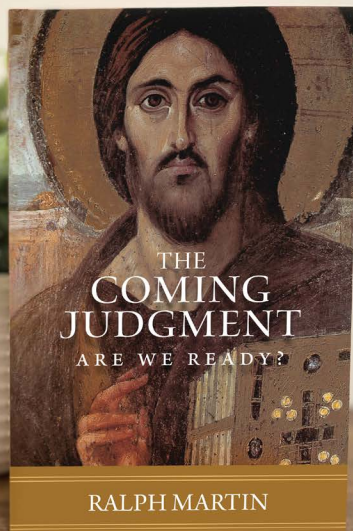
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We are grateful for all the positive feedback regarding our International Episcopal Advisory Council! Please pray for these men and continue to pray for the Lord's work through Renewal Ministries!



"[We] were so excited to learn of the formation of the International Episcopal Advisory Council. What a powerhouse of God's servants - bringing Christ to so many and bringing so many to Christ. All of us have been praying for you and for your ministry these past months. Reading this newsletter was so very encouraging and confirming of God's continued work in and through you. I look forward to future news!"

"Renewal Ministries' Episcopal Advisory Council is brilliant! What an amazing testimony to the ministry!"

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of Jesus and the Apostles is the truth that sets us free. This is ultimately a message of hope—good news rooted in the mercy of God and the promise of eternal life for those who belong to Christ.

I pray this book will help many bishops, priests, religious, and lay faithful discover—or rediscover—the transforming power of these saving truths. There can be no genuine renewal of the Church without a clear, consistent, and courageous proclamation of the biblical worldview and the whole Gospel that Jesus himself preached. If we allow Christ's own words to confront us and awaken our hearts, the Holy Spirit will deepen our faith, stir within us a healthy fear of the Lord, renew our hope in eternal life, and ignite in us a greater zeal for souls.

Finally, I want to encourage you to buy a copy—or copies—of *The Coming Judgment*. Take it to your prayer time, read it together with your spouse, discuss it with you family and friends, and ask the Lord how he might use you to help communicate this urgent message.

In Christ,

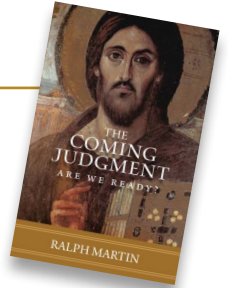
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Ralph had a chance to visit with Archbishop Paul Coakley while he was in Oklahoma City giving some talks. Archbishop Coakley is the President of the United States bishop's conference and he's also one of our episcopal advisors. We are grateful for his endorsement and that of our entire International Episcopal Advisory Council.



Significant Fruits in URUGUAY

Cardinal Sturla, the Archbishop of Montevideo, Uruguay, invited Ralph Martin and Bishop Scott McCaig to do a retreat for priests and religious in Uruguay, and then conduct a day-long rally for lay people that over 400 people attended with great joy. Many people mentioned to us that it was a turning point for the priests in Uruguay.



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It was a time of grace for the Church in Uruguay: spiritual renewal for local leaders, renewed conviction about the fundamental Gospel truths, and unity in the Body of Christ. I was edified. . . by the message and testimony of Dr. Martin and Bishop Scott.

// Fr. Joseph Piper, priest of the Society of St. John



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“The fruits of this gathering were very significant. Both the Cardinal and Bishop Milton personally testified that they had been deeply touched. Fr. Lucho later shared that the priests were very joyful and had experienced great spiritual benefit, noting that it had never before been possible to gather such a significant number of clergy to address topics such as the charisms, baptism in the Holy Spirit, and life in the Spirit.”

// Fernando Nascimento, collaborator of Renewal Ministries and primary organizer of Uruguay mission



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- 1 Pictured left to right: Bishop Scott McCaig, Cardinal Daniel Sturla, and Ralph Martin spent time together during their visit to Uruguay.
- 2 Bishop Scott and Ralph spent time ministering to the priests of the Archdiocese of Montevideo.
- 3 Fr. Joseph Piper of the Society of Saint John (far left), along with other priests from his community, shared lunch with Bishop Scott and Ralph upon their arrival in Montevideo. Fr. Piper is a former student of Ralph's at Sacred Heart Major Seminary in Detroit.



Multiplication of Graces

The Church has 50 more priests thanks to the generosity of one woman.

We recently received this message from Joseph Aonu Okiror, our country coordinator in Uganda and the co-founder of the Emmaus Centre in Katikamu, a center that serves priests, religious, and lay people, providing formation and training in evangelization. Joseph tells about the generosity of a woman named Mary McCormick and we wanted to share her story with our supporters.



In 2007, Renewal Ministries invited Fr. Alex Ojacor, Joseph Alumansi, and me to come and be part of the Renewal Ministries Gathering event in Ann Arbor that year. After the meeting, we visited Lloyd and Nancy Greenhaw in Florida. We also visited a woman who had previously come to the Emmaus Centre with the Greenhaws. After meeting with her, she then organized a number of outreaches for us in Minnesota at two different parishes.

During one of those outreaches in Minnesota, a woman named Mary was healed and deeply touched by the ministry and prayer. Mary offered me \$200 to take home to Uganda. She asked what I may do with it, and I told her that, before I came, I left a seminarian who had been sent away for lack of tuition. So, I told her, if you don't mind, I will use this money to take him back to school. She then asked me how much it would cost to keep a seminarian at school, to which I said \$400 will cater for one full year. She gave me the money. When I came back to Uganda, another seminarian was in dire need. I chose to split the money between them, so they both went back to school. I then shared with Mary that instead of one, I used all the money for one semester for two boys. She said, no problem and promised to send for the second semester as well, which she

did. Mary who was a single mother by then, as the husband had walked away from the marriage, encouraged me to adopt two more seminarians each year. She faithfully sent in her widow's mite year after year from 2007 to 2022 when she fell ill after impact from Covid-19.

On April 10, 2026, Mary went to the Lord peacefully at the age of 89, having accomplished an incredible mission in Uganda by educating 68 very needy seminarians, some of whom were total orphans. Fifty of those seminarians are priests today!

The sweetest part is that three of them come to serve in the USA, and one of them is in Virginia for the next ten years serving the people of the US. All of this is a result of the kindness of this one kind and generous woman of faith.

I am sending you this testimony because if you had not invited us to come for the annual Gathering in Ann Arbor, we would never have met this woman and the Church would probably not have had such a huge harvest.

This is truly what the strategic investment that Peter speaks of is all about. Thank you so very much for grafting us into the Renewal Ministries family... the mission continues.

- Joseph Aonu Okirir



We are immensely grateful to Mary McCormick for putting her faith and love in action. The Church is blessed by the immeasurable multiplication of graces that has resulted from her financial gifts. If you feel called to support the seminarians in Uganda in honor of Mary's memory, you can donate online, mail us your donation, or call our office. We will direct your gift to the tuition of seminarians in need of financial assistance as they discern the Lord's will and receive formation for ordination to the priesthood.



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SPREADING THE GOSPEL IN TAIWAN



BY TOM EDWARDS Country Coordinator for Taiwan

Tom Edwards is Renewal Ministries' country coordinator for Slovakia, Taiwan, and Tanzania. He began full-time ministry in 1974; it soon evolved into an international outreach of lay Catholic evangelization and mission with an emphasis on preaching and teaching Scripture. Tom's wife, Jean Marie, is a retired teacher and life-long missionary of the Gospel of Life who now serves with Tom, teaching the dignity of the human person and human sexuality all over the world with great effectiveness. They make their home in St. Augustine, Florida.

The Taoyuan International Airport lies about 25 miles west of Taipei City. Our arrival followed 35 hours of travel. We drove to the site of our first venue, Annunciation Parish in the diocese of Hsinchu, where we were scheduled to present our first event and lodge for three nights.

On Sunday morning, we attended Holy Mass. As it was the beginning of the 40 Days for Life, we were invited to join a parish group in the streets with a joyful procession. As if perfectly ordered, the 40 Days for Life March presented a perfect opening salvo for our min-

istry at Annunciation Parish. Fr. Jean Marie Francois Lei Gal, MEP, invited us to present at a three-hour event. Jean Marie gave powerful pro-life presentations on the development of the baby, a message punctuated by powerful scriptural references that vividly describe God's plan for every person while in the womb and even before. This message is crucial to a country with the lowest live birth rate in the world of .08%. This shocking statistic points not only to babies that are dying, but also to the fact that Taiwan is dying.

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Tom and Jean Marie Edwards minister at Annunciation Parish during the 40 Days for Life.



📍 Pictured from left to right: Dr. Marcus Peter, Fr. Khohi Mbwi, Bishop Peter Chao Yung-Chi, Tom and Jean Marie Edwards, and Angie Wang.



Mount Beatitude Retreat 📍

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The Sunday afternoon pro-life program was synchronized with parish events and spiritual practices that began the Lenten season. More than forty people responded and attendees came from all walks of life, including some working in the field of bioethics.

From there, we moved to Taipei City and took up lodging at Our Lady of Perpetual Help. Over the course of the next two weeks, our schedule was interspersed with meetings with various groups at Our Lady of Songshan parish in Taipei City. The meetings were organized by the pastor, Fr. Vincent Balsan, and Cecilia Lu, a member of the parish and one of our team members and translators. One of the early meetings was with a small parish group who asked us to share about hearing the call of God. Two nights later, we were back with the parish to speak to many active parishioners and some who came from other places. We shared testimony and spoke on discovering and using your gifts. This was followed by individual prayer ministry.

Dr. Marcus Peter arrived on a late flight Thursday evening and joined our group for the next week. Early Friday morning, we were on a fast train to the southwestern Diocese of Kaohsiung to speak at a Lenten retreat at Mount

Beatitude Retreat Center. Among the participants were a number of teachers, as well as many others who had come with expectant and open hearts. This retreat focused on the dignity of the human person.

Immediately following the Mount Beatitude event, we made our way by an evening fast train back to Taipei. The next day we were scheduled to present a one-day retreat at the Wenshui Center. The event was sponsored by a prayer group in Taipei and was open to all. Our theme for the day was *The Healing Power of Forgiveness*. During the prayer sessions there was a deep

response as the Holy Spirit moved powerfully in the hearts of the people. An order of religious sisters came for the event. Some were young and some were very elderly. They particularly seemed to have a great thirst and receptivity to the move of the Spirit.

Our team met with the auxiliary bishop of the Archdiocese of Taipei, Bishop Peter Chao Yung-Chi. He was aware of the various endeavors in which we had been engaged and he was very encouraging regarding future events. We shared with him some of the things Renewal Ministries is doing in other countries.



📍 Jean Marie and Tom speak at a Lenten retreat in Taipei.



Reflections on the Taiwan Mission

BY DR. MARCUS PETER



My time with Tom and Jean Marie in Taiwan gave me a vivid sense that God was already moving in Taiwan long before we arrived, and that He allowed us to witness some of that work even as we planted more seeds and watered the plants of faith that were there. People listened with intensity. They were eager, thoughtful, and deeply receptive. In many places in the West, basic Christian truths are taken for granted. In Taiwan, I noticed, as I've seen in many places in Asia, many of those same truths pierced hearts with freshness and force.

It didn't surprise me to also see how powerfully simple apologetics served people there. We walked through foundational Catholic truths in a way that was direct, biblical, and human. For some, this was a real point of conversion, especially since several of them had already heard Protestant objections to Catholicism and had had concerns about the biblical grounding of their faith for some time. When they saw the biblical and historical foundations for the papacy, Mary, the Resurrection, and the Eucharist, it opened their minds. And all the biblical preaching simply broke through their souls, especially Tom's talks on forgiveness and healing. You could actually see the relief and realization in their faces. In several conversations and testimonies, people expressed that the Catholic faith and the Father's love suddenly made sense to them as a living whole.

"Our prayer ministry yielded powerful fruit every time we entered into it."

The Pro-Life talks also had a profound effect. When Jean Marie spoke about life in the womb, about the dignity of the human person, and about the biblical vision of man as created in the image of God, many received it with deep wonder and gratitude. For a great many of them, these ideas were almost entirely novel in their full Christian form. When they heard that every child in the womb is known by God, loved by the Father, and called to eternal communion with Him, the message touched something very deep within them. It became clear that this was far bigger than a moral argument. It was an invitation into the Father's love and into life in the Spirit. Several testimonies reflected exactly that. People shared that they had never heard human life described with such sacred worth, and that hearing it awakened both grief and hope within them.

Our prayer ministry yielded powerful fruit every time we entered into it. This was one of the clearest signs of God's action in our mission. People came forward carrying very heavy burdens. Some wounds were universal: family pain, loneliness, anxiety, rejection, fear, and spiritual exhaustion. Some wounds also had distinctly cultural roots. There was the pressure of performance, the weight of saving face and preserving honor, deep emotional reserve, fractured family expectations, decline of relationships and family and marriage, and a sense of

worth tied to achievement and social usefulness. There was also pain due to demographic decline, isolation, and a declining confidence in the future. During prayer, many of them, in tears, expressed openness and genuine surrender. It was evident that the Holy Spirit was meeting people personally.

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Wisdom from the Saints

“Evangelizing is in fact the grace and vocation proper to the Church, her deepest identity.”

// Pope Saint Paul VI

Last September, we met the archbishop emeritus of Taipei when he attended the pro-life sessions at Songshan Parish. We were delighted to see Archbishop Emeritus John Hung Shan-chuan, S.V.D. once again when he came to our teachings on *Scriptural Principles for Family Living and the Laws of the In-laws*. He was filled with joy and was very affirming regarding the need for these teachings in the midst of a culture engulfed in the current secular mindset.

On the final day before our departure, Tom & Jean Marie presented the seminar at Songshan Parish in Taipei. Fr. Vincent Balsan specifically asked us to teach on *Scriptural Principles for the Family*.

One of our key objectives on this mission was not only to share the Word of God in as many places as possible, but also to connect with others who might be interested in collaborating in the planning of future events. The Lord did not disappoint. By virtue of "word of mouth" communication and with the help of our local organizers, the invitations came swiftly to meet with other amazing ministries with a burning zeal to evangelize and build up the Church.

EVENTS

JULY 2026

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Green Bay, WI
Diocese of Green Bay Priest Retreat*
June 28-July 2
Peter Herbeck & Bishop Scott McCaig

Grand Rapids, MI
Encounter Conference
July 8-10
Pete Burak & Dr. Mary Healy
Details: encounterministries.us/conference/

Little Rock, AR
Arkansas Charismatic Conference
July 24-26
Pete Burak
Details: arkcc.org/arkansas-catholic-charismatic-conference/

Lloyd Harbor, NY
A Contemplative Symposium
July 24-26
Dr. Mary Healy
Details: dominicanhouseofprayer.com/stsfrancisdominicsymposium

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July 6-16
Peter Herbeck & Rachel Herbeck

Tanzania
July 14-29
Tom & Jean Marie Edwards and Team



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JULY GUESTS & TOPICS:

Receiving the Power
07/05/26 // Fr. Rastislav Dluhý
Slovak priest Fr. Rastislav Dluhý speaks at the 2025 Lift Jesus Higher Youth Rally, offering a powerful reflection on the Holy Spirit and how to choose Christ amid today's cultural and spiritual battles.

The Coming Judgment
07/12/26 // Ralph Martin
Ralph Martin shares about his new book, *The Coming Judgment*, and why it is imperative that we respond to Jesus' teachings about judgment.

Return to the Upper Room
07/19/26 // Bishop Donald Hying
Bishop Donald Hying shares his personal journey of faith, priesthood, and episcopacy and offers insights into how we can build an evangelizing culture. *Bishop Hying is shown in the picture above.*

Worth Fighting For
07/26/26 // Debbie Herbeck
Debbie Herbeck speaks at the 2025 Lift Jesus Higher Youth Rally on the ways that the Devil works in our lives—the tactics he uses, the lies he whispers, and what his real motives are—so that we can be on guard against him.



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