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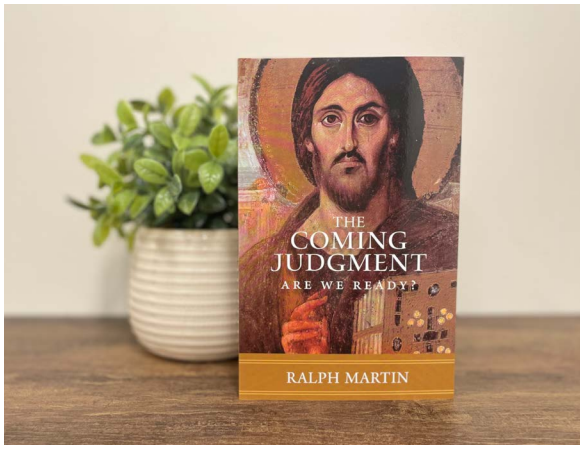
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Dear Co-Missionaries,

It's been an amazingly full season since my last letter—full of opportunities, great blessings, and many graces. I have so many wonderful things to share with you.

As I write this, we have just finished recording another twenty-six episodes of *The Choices We Face*. It is amazing that this is our forty-second year of producing and distributing our flagship program, which makes it the longest running Catholic television program in the world.

Speaking of recording, since my latest book, *The Coming Judgement: Are We Ready?*, came out in June, I have done dozens of podcast, radio, tv, and print interviews with people from all over the world! The book seems to have met a need, as both the hardcover and softcover editions are already on their second printing. The word from our friends at Emmaus Road Publishing is that by the time you get this



newsletter, the audiobook should be available, as well. We'll keep you posted on the release of the audiobook through email and social media communications.

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This fall, we filmed another twenty-six new programs for *The Choices We Face*. It is amazing to realize that every week for forty-two years the Lord has been made known and people have been helped to make critical choices.





EWTN warmly welcomed Ralph to talk about his new book, *The Coming Judgement: Are We Ready*.

Top: Ralph with Fr. Mitch Pacwa on *EWTN Live.*

Middle: The EWTN control room during Ralph's appearance on *Bookmark* with Doug Keck.

Bottom: Ralph with Johnette Benkovic on the set of *Women of Grace*.



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EWTN liked the book so much that they invited me to come down to Alabama and record a multitude of programs with them. I was invited to appear on *EWTN Live* with Fr. Mitch Pacwa, *Bookmark* with Doug Keck, and on five episodes of Johnnette Benkovic's program, *Women of Grace*, as well as various EWTN radio programs.

As I have shared before, one of the most important things that the Lord has particularly called me to do is to help strengthen priests, and in the last few months, I have had several wonderful opportunities to do so.

I was honored to be invited by Archbishop Richard W. Smith, of Vancouver, British Columbia, to spend several days with a team of key priests and lay leaders he has assembled to lead a serious work of renewal in the archdiocese. Monsignor Gregory Smith, the chairman of the board of Catholic Renewal Ministries Canada and a longtime friend, is the Vicar General of the Archdiocese of Vancouver; it was a special blessing to spend time with him during these days.

A day later, with a quick overnight visit at home to unpack and pack again, it was off to a retreat house in Arnprior, Ontario, about an hour from Ottawa, to give a retreat to the core priests of the Military Ordinariate of Canada; Bishop Scott McCaig, another good friend, member of our Canadian board, and frequent mission partner, is the bishop of the military ordinariate.





Above: Ralph with Archbishop Smith (R) and retired Archbishop Gagnon (L) from Winnipeg.

Below: The whole Renewal Team for the Archdiocese of Vancouver.







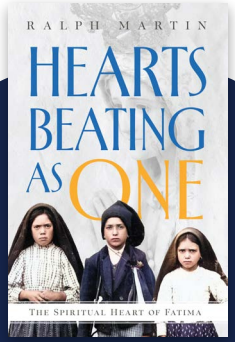
It was a joy to spend a week with our good friend, Bishop Scott McCaig, and some of the priests serving with him as chaplains in the Canadian military.

While I was in Canada, we had a team in Brazil to help strengthen the really wonderful brothers and sisters there who are living in a difficult Church environment, as liberation theology is still strong. Our work in Brazil continues—while you are reading this newsletter, I'll be in Brazil leading a retreat for priests in Brasilia, the country's capital. A full report on our ministry in Brazil will be in a future newsletter.

I have a SURPRISE! I have written a new book—*Hearts Beating As One*! I don't really consider myself a writer, but periodically, the Lord prompts me to write a book. While it is usually years between books, shortly after I finished *The Coming Judgement: Are We Ready?*, I felt the Lord tell me to put my deep appreciation for the events and people of Fatima into a short book. I have been speaking about Fatima for many years, as I think it is very relevant to the challenges we are facing right now. I think you will find it moving, and it is my prayer that it deepens your understanding and appreciation for the children at Fatima and the message the "Beautiful Lady" gave them. My favorite spiritual writer, Fr. Donald Haggerty, who has written many profound books on the spiritual life, really understands the book in the endorsement he offered:

This short gem of a book, a fruit of Dr. Ralph Martin's long attachment to the stunning events at Fatima in 1917, is a rare work of love. Relying extensively on the memoir of the third seer, the Carmelite Sister Lucia, O.C.D., and interspersing insight from additional sources, Dr. Martin intensifies the great appeal of Fatima with his own very personal and profound commentary. I have read no book on Fatima like this—no one will walk away unaffected. Greater love for Mary, the importance of prayer and sacrifice for souls, and a realization of the current serious moment in the Church's history, awaits the reader.

Hearts Beating As One will begin shipping early this month. It will make a good Christmas gift and is a good book to give to both a lukewarm friend or someone who knows and loves Fatima but would appreciate some of the unique insights this book contains.



I have even more good news! Over the years, several of us have been in significant contact with various leaders of the Catholic Charismatic Renewal (CCR), and now the Church is recognizing the holiness and significant contribution of some deceased members of the renewal by beginning the process of canonization.

Of the four leaders of the CCR that have causes for canonization open, I was closest to Veronica O'Brien, Cardinal Suenens' main lay collaborator. Veronica has an amazing testimony of long service to the Church. We worked very closely with her during our four years in Belgium (See A *Life in the Spirit: A Memoir* for stories about these Belgium years.) Gary Seromik, who recently retired from his decades of service at Renewal Ministries, has agreed to write an article on Veronica and the other CCR leaders with open causes for canonization: Pierre Goursat, founder of the Emmanuel Community in Paris; Fr. Rick Thomas, founder of The Lord's Ranch, an amazing ministry to the poor based in El Paso, Texas; and Fr. Emiliano Tardif, MSC, a priest who traveled the world and exercised a significant healing ministry. Look for Gary's article about these incredible leaders in the newsletter early next year.

As we near the end of the year, we once again hope and pray that you will remember Renewal Ministries when you make your end of the year donations. Your faithful support over the years makes possible everything Renewal Ministries does!

Gratefully yours,

Ralph Martin

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I BELIEVE, I ADORE, I HOPE, & I LOVE YOU

An Excerpt from
Hearts Beating As One
by Dr. Ralph Martin

The Lord has opened many wonderful things to me as I've spent time in recent years absorbing the remarkable glimpses into heaven that the "Beautiful Lady" gave not only to the three children but to us. Fatima is not just a marvelous historical event but an opening to heavenly graces that continue to have the capacity to sanctify us as they did the children at that time, and I would like to share them with you. They have changed my life, and I hope they will change yours and many others as well.

The first significant and explicit encounter happened in the spring of 1916. The three children were in the fields taking care of the sheep, and as normally devout Catholic children in a small town in Portugal, they were dutifully saying their Rosary. They had decided to develop a "shorthand" Rosary which consisted of saying only the first two words of each Hail Mary and Our Father, as they rushed through the Rosary in order to get back to their play.

The angel approached as they were saying their abbreviated Rosary. Lucia described him as a shining, radiant figure, like crystal, appearing as a boy of fourteen or fifteen. He spoke to them and taught them a prayer and way of praying that they practiced for the rest of their lives, as long as they were physically able.

He said to them,

"Do not be afraid.
I am the Angel of Peace,
pray with me."

And then, bowing down with his forehead toward the ground in profound adoration, he prayed and asked them to do likewise,

"My God, I believe, I adore,
I hope, and I love you. I ask pardon of You for those who do not believe, do not adore, do not hope, and do not love You."

Lucia remembers, "He prayed thus three times" (I imagine for each person of the Trinity);

"Pray thus. The Hearts of Jesus and Mary are attentive to the voice of your supplication."

Lucia describes how they were enveloped in an atmosphere of the supernatural of days, and could scarcely converse with one another, so profound was the effect of this heavenly encounter on them. Mary had started them on the long journey of fervent love and sacrifice from their quickly said, greatly shortened Rosary to deep contemplative union with Heaven and heroic love and sacrifice so that souls could be saved.

> "The atmosphere of the supernatural which surrounded us was so intense that we hardly noticed our own existence for a long period of time. We stayed in the same position in which he had left us and repeated the prayer again and again. The presence of God was so intense and intimate to us that even between ourselves we could not say a word. On the next day we were still surrounded by the same atmosphere, and it only disappeared very gradually. Of this apparition none of us thought of speaking nor even promising secrecy. Silence imposed itself on us. It was all so intimate that it was not easy to say a single word on the subject. It made more of an impression on us, being the first clear manifestation."

They often spent long periods of time praying like this, repeating the prayer the angel taught them.

The sincere recitation of memorized prayers can lead to deep union, and this obviously happened with these children. This isn't to say that there weren't other very significant factors that led to their great holiness.

Teresa of Avila, writing centuries earlier, makes a point of testifying that there were nuns in the convent who devoutly recited the Our Father and reached great depths of holiness and union with God without any special manifestations or any complicated theory of prayer or advancement in the spiritual life.[1]

Let's not sell short the value of simple and devout recitation of memorized prayers in drawing us into deeper union with the Lord.

As faithful as the children were in frequently praying the prayer taught to them by the angel, there came a point in both Francisco's and Jacinta's lives when it became increasingly difficult.

Eventually Francisco said he couldn't hold this position as long as the two girls could and continued to say the prayer without his face to the ground. Jacinta, when dying, said she couldn't put her face on the ground anymore, as she fell over, so she prayed kneeling. When the parish priest heard about this, he told her to pray only in bed, lying down. Lucia doesn't comment on how aging may have affected her own ability to hold this posture. Perhaps it didn't.

I must say I was deeply moved by Lucia's account of this first encounter with the angel and the very specific request the angel made as to how to pray. For many years now I have begun my early morning prayer time praying this prayer with my face towards the ground. I find it a very good way of recognizing the holiness and sovereignty of God and adopting the proper attitude of fear of the Lord and attentiveness to Him that is important for prayer and, indeed, necessarily characteristic of our overall relationship with him.

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ENDNOTES

1. Teresa of Avila, *The Way of Perfection*, no. 30, no. 7.

This excerpt is taken from Dr. Ralph Martin's new book, Hearts Beating As One, *published by Sophia Institute Press. To learn more or to purchase a copy, visit renewalministries.net/hba or complete and return the enclosed reply card.*

The Pardon Prayer

My God,
I believe, I adore,
I hope, and
I love You!
I ask pardon
for those who
do not believe,
do not adore,
do not hope and
do not love You.

Prayer taught to the Fatima children by an angel of God



SPREADING THE GOSPEL IN TANZANIA



Each afternoon, crowds of people from across the Diocese of Morogoro attended a FIRE Rally with preaching, worship, and praise through singing and dance.

BY TOM EDWARDS
Country Coordinator for Tanzania

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.

This was our twenty-fifth year of outreach in Tanzania. The Church in Tanzania is growing exponentially through fruitful evangelization, and there is a great thirst for Catholic teaching. At the invitation of Bishop Lazarus Vitalis Msimbe, S.D.S and with a team from Canada, Slovakia, Tanzania, and the United States, we ministered in the Diocese of Morogoro in eastern Tanzania at the base of the Uluguru Mountains. The Diocese of Morogoro is the twenty-fourth diocese in Tanzania in which we have ministered.

Our outreach included large, outdoor Catholic rallies each afternoon for eleven days, retreats for priests and religious sisters, outreach to university students, daily workshops on healing and deliverance, and pro-life and natural family planning workshops.



Each day, more than seventy people attended a pro-life workshop focused on the dignity of the human person, marriage, and sexuality.

FIRE RALLY

There are similarities between preparing for a rally and preparing for a rock concert. In Morogoro, a field with very tall grass was rented and mowed, a platform was built, and tents, chairs, and a powerful sound system were rented. A typical afternoon rally included preaching, worship and praise through singing and dancing, and a time of prayer with an invitation to commit their lives to Jesus. Each day, as the sun disappeared in the sky, a priest gave the final blessing and the participants returned home, ready to invite their friends and neighbors!

PRIEST RETREAT

Professor André Villeneuve from Sacred Heart Major Seminary in Detroit, Michigan, Tom Edwards, and Sebastian Chisuga led a three-day retreat for priests. Ten priests and two religious brothers attended and heard presenta-

tions on the principles of Biblical leadership, the importance of preaching the Kerygma, the promise of the Holy Spirit, and the role of charisms in the Church. During the retreat, the priests prayed for a greater release of the Holy Spirit in their lives. One priest noted that he has had a charismatic prayer group at his parish that he had never attended but, after the retreat, he now plans to attend!

RETREAT FOR RELIGIOUS SISTERS

One hundred thirty-five religious sisters, representing thirty-three different religious orders, attended a three-day retreat led by Sr. Mary Justin of the Disciples of the Lord Jesus Christ and Bohdan Nowak. Sr. Mary Justin and Bohdan were blessed by the sisters' receptivity to the Word of God and their openness to the work of the Holy Spirit in their lives. Sr. Mary Justin reflected, "Toward the end of the retreat, we could sense the transformation and joy the sisters expressed by praising the Lord. Some sisters were interiorly set free, others received inner healing, and others experienced physical healing. Praise be Jesus!" Bohdan noted, "The time spent with the sisters was deeply blessed, and I believe that they have carried these graces received from God into all thirty-three congregations. Amazing!"

PRO-LIFE WORKSHOPS

The pro-life workshop is a crucial part of our outreach in Tanzania. Pro-life advocates in Tanzania have very minimal support and few resources as they preach the Gospel of Life in a culture with an abundance of foreign-funded clinics and propaganda that strongly advocate for population control. Each day, more than seventy people attended the pro-life teaching, led by Jean Marie Edwards and Mona Jordan. They taught on the development of the human person during the nine months in the womb connecting insights from God's Word and scientific development to each month before explaining why taking the life of a baby in the womb is so deeply against God's plan.

The pro-life workshop also teaches participants about Natural Family Planning. Jean Marie shares, "As we moved into Natural Family Planning, the questions they asked showed a real desire to fully understand how it works, and they had a new appreciation for the gift God gave us when he created us male and female."

MINISTRY TO UNIVERSITY STUDENTS

Because there are several universities in Morogoro, we decided to try an outreach to university students, proposing one or two evening events and hoping a few students would attend. The results were a surprise! Seventy students attended four evening sessions on Theology of the Body led by Dr. André Villeneuve, even though it was their final exam week!

Dr. Villeneuve shares, "The most unexpected highlight of the mission was a series of four evening teachings on Theology of the Body and God's plan for love and sexuality. Although it was exam week, what began as one evening of ministry expanded into two, then three, then four evenings of teaching, questions and answers, and prayer as the students kept asking us to return. It was edifying and encouraging to see how the people of Morogoro—young and old—were hungry for the transforming power of the Word of God!"

"A TREMENDOUS SPIRITUAL TRANSFORMATION"

Mrs. Zitta Victoria Mnyanyi, a longtime mission team member, serves as the Deputy Dean of Students at Mzumbe University in Dar es Salaam. She shared the following:

"Based on the Catholic Faith and African culture the teachings served to exalt God and to uplift faith and divine love among his people; yet they also touched people's hearts in a unique way because they met the needs of their hearts. Tom Edwards, Professor André Villeneuve, and other preachers were effectively used by God to reveal the Gospel and the Love of God in a way that it came alive and transformed people's lives. The experience showed that every time Renewal Ministries comes to Tanzania, a tremendous spiritual transformation takes place."

As the Church continues to grow rapidly in Tanzania, evangelization efforts are fruitful; anything we can do to assist the advancement of the Church in this region will bear the promise of much fruit in the future. What a privilege it is to labor in this abundant vineyard. Plans are already underway for ministry in our twenty-fifth diocese in 2027!



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EVENTS

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Brasilia, Brazil
National Priest Retreat*
November 5-14
Ralph Martin

Tucson, AZ
Tucson Catholic Men's Conference
November 7
Pete Burak
Details: tucsonmensconference.org

Saginaw, MI
Year of the Holy Spirit Talk
November 11
Peter Herbeck
Details: saginaw.org/holy-spirit-year

Singapore
Jubilee Year Program*
November 11-14
Dr. Mary Healy

Ann Arbor, MI
Tapestry of Promise: Mary as Daughter of Zion
November 20
Dr. Mary Healy
Details: academyofholiness.com

Ann Arbor, MI
Christ the King Men's Retreat
November 20-21
Pete Burak
Details: warriorsofstmichael.com/event-details/ctk-mens-retreat-2026

* *Not open to the public.*



PLEASE PRAY

- For all the souls in Purgatory, particularly those with no one to pray for them, may they experience the refining fire of God's love and be welcomed into eternal life with the Father in heaven.
- For an increase in gratitude in each of our hearts for all God has given us.
- For the prayer intentions of all our supporters and their family members.

Wisdom from the Saints

"Pray, pray much, and sacrifice for sinners, for many souls go to hell because there is no one to sacrifice and pray for them."

// Fourth Apparition of Our Lady of Fatima (August 19, 1917)

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