

SAINT FRANCIS EXCHANGE

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LETTER FROM THE MONSIGNOR

DEARLY Beloved, let us love one another, for charity is of God. And every one that loveth, is born of God, and knoweth God. – 1st John 4:7

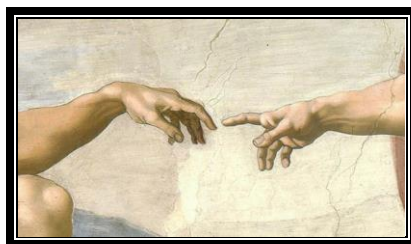
SAINTE Thomas Aquinas teaches us that zeal is a necessary effect of love, being the vehement movement of one who loves to [secure] the object of his love (cf. *Summa Theol.* I-II:28:4). When God is the object of our love our souls are vivified with charity (the supernatural love of God) and in turn we then can love others as a reflection of our love of God.

As Christians we are commanded by Our Saviour to love one another, as He loves us (cf. S. John 13:34). He then tells us that *By this shall all men know that you are My disciples, if you have love one for another* (ibid.).

We must never confuse this perfect love as a mere “preference” for another person, for being perfected by grace it is above such a thing. When we have Apostolic Zeal we love any and all people on account of God rather than on account of them simply as persons. We do not love others because they are nice, or pleasant or attractive: we love them for no other reason than they are created in the likeness and image of God. Remember that God created us for Himself, as S. John tells us in his Apocalypse: *Thou art worthy, O*

Lord our God, to receive glory, and honour, and power: because Thou hast created all things; and for Thy will they were, and have been created (Apoc. 4:11).

Our Lord teaches us that we are to follow God’s example of love for one another with purity and desire for that person’s sanctification: this love of souls is Apostolic Zeal.



I am often shocked at hearing from traditionalists how evil this or that person is, or how this or that person must be condemned rather than being prayed for...Our Lord tells us this is wrong in no uncertain terms: *You have heard that it hath been said, thou shalt love thy neighbour, and hate thy enemy. But I say to you, love your enemies: do good to them that hate you: and pray for them that persecute and calumniate you: That you may be the children of your Father who is in heaven, who maketh His sun to rise upon the good, and bad, and raineth upon the just and the unjust. For if you love them that love you, what reward shall you have? do not even the publicans do this? And if you salute your brethren only, what do you more? do not also the heathens do this? Be you therefore perfect, as also your heavenly Father is perfect* (S. Matthew 5:43 – 48).

God is love and God is perfect, and therefore, if we are to be as perfect as Our Heavenly

Father, a perfection to which we are called (it is the true Christian Vocation) and we must show that perfect love to others – not in a human way, but, rather, in an holy way.

There is too much anger and hate in this world for us to add our own sinful anger. We must seek to show the world Our Lord and King by our holy example: *we must do good*.

One way that we here at our little Oratory can do good is to host a **Blood Drive** with the **American Red Cross**. We are hoping to do this in the fall. Once a date is secured we can spread the word and get our community involved, perhaps even have other traditional Chapels involved as well. Please pray for this intention.

Lastly, I beg for your prayers as I begin my twentieth year of serving you and our Holy Church as a Catholic Bishop.

As always, I am most grateful for your prayers and support. Be assured of my paternal benediction and prayers, especially at Holy Mass. I remain,

In Christ the King,

Monsignor ✠ Thomas JF Sebastian



QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

Q. Recently I attended a traditional Catholic funeral and I was quite surprised to learn that after the Mass the person was to be cremated. I thought this was forbidden? Can I get an authentic clarification?

May God bless and keep you, C.E.M., Burbank, CA

A. Oh dear! Let be begin by confirming your thought: the Holy Church indeed condemns the cremation of her faithful departed under normal circumstances. Canon 1203 of the 1918 Code of Canon Law specifically states:

§1. The bodies of the faithful departed shall be buried, their cremation being reprobated (forbidden).

§2. If anyone by any manner orders that his body be cremated, it is illicit to execute that desire; and if this was added to any contract or testament or any other act it is considered as not being added.

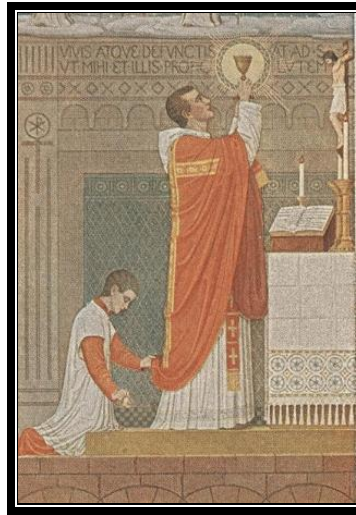
Now in times of war, plague and pestilence the cremation of large groups of the dead was tolerated for fear of contagion, but this was an exception and the Church made sure that there was no appearance of indifference or denial of the Resurrection of Dead.

The general move towards cremation today is simply out of "convenience" and economy; and therefore always illicit.

Also, rather than thinking it "dark" or "morbid", families should have mature spiritual conversations about their funeral plans; preparing and saving money for such an eventuality is prudent and absolutely Catholic.



If you have a question, please feel free to e-mail: info@stfrancisoratory.org



SPECIAL NOTICE: Beginning in September the amount for our Mass Stipends will increase to \$20.00, mainly due to the increased price of beeswax candles and others materials needed for Holy Mass; this also puts us on par with the majority of other traditional Mass

Saint Francis Exchange centres. Your understanding and continued support is appreciated.

PRAYER REQUESTS

YOUR continued prayers are requested for the sick, especially, Sr. Theresa Canaan, Mr. Greg Alexander, Mr. & Mrs. Paul Howard, Mr. Frank Calderon, Mrs. Dorothy Smith, Mr. Joseph Bremmer, Mr. & Mrs. Alfred Smith, Mr. & Mrs. William Schiermeyer, Mrs. Denise Huizenga, Mr. John Owen, and Mrs. Maria Gomez. Please also remember in your prayers the souls of those who have died, especially for Mr. Leon DeWald†, Mrs. Patricia McCormack†, Mr. David Damits†, Mr. Gino Dinnocente†, Sgt. Kenneth L. May, USMC (Ret.)†, Mr. Alfredo "Freddy" Cortes†. If you know of someone unable to attend Holy Mass due to sickness please be sure to let one of the priests know so they can arrange for a sick call. If you know of someone unable to attend Holy Mass due to sickness please be sure to let one of the priests know so they can arrange for a sick call.





**FIRST FRIDAY AND
FIRST SATURDAY**

OUR First Friday devotions will be on the 1st of September; and our First Saturday devotions will be on the 2nd of September. First Friday Mass is at 8:00 a.m., followed by Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament; First Saturday will be at 8:00 a.m., followed by the Devotions to the Immaculate Heart.

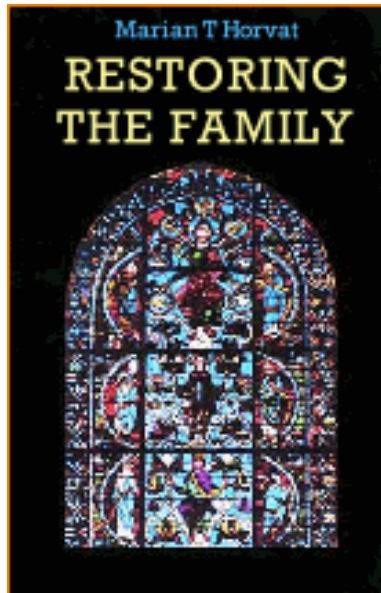


**OUR LADY OF
FATIMA:
100 YEARS**

WHO is she that cometh forth as the morning rising, fair as the moon, bright as the sun, terrible as an army set in array? – Canticles 6:9

THIS fall's lectures on Fatima will take place on Wednesday the 13th of September at 7:00 p.m. and Friday the 13th of October.

**Our Lady of Fatima:
*pray for us!***



**BOOK REVIEW:
RESTORING
THE FAMILY
BY MARIAN T.
HORVAT, PH.D.**

THIS excellent book is not new, it became available in 2003. I originally purchased a dozen copies and gave them to our parishioners with small children. Over the years I have referred to it from the pulpit and recommended it to other traditional clergy.

The author, Marian T. Horvat, Ph.D., is no stranger to the traditional movement, many may know her name from the *outstanding* website **Tradition In Action** (one of the several recommended websites

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found in this newsletter) of which she is a founder.

The book is not a long or complicated read (indeed, it can be read at one sitting), but filled with resources that are not only founded on the True Religion, but correct society, politics and finance. It has four chapters and a Conclusion: **The Reconstitution of the Family and the Need for Tradition (I), The Family Patrimony (II), Paternal Authority and Maternal Piety (III), Three Great Social Laws: Authority, Hierarchy, Union (IV).**

The restoration of the family is indeed an uphill battle, but when sought with common sense, information and the grace of God it is not only "do-able", it *can and will* be accomplished. This book is not only for families with small children, but for even grandparents who wish to influence their families return to the normalcy of Catholic Society. We must never become discouraged by the clamour of the evil that surrounds us and our families: the True Faith, True Mass and True Sacraments are, as always, our only authentic remedy, and this begins with the establishment (or re-establishment) of family traditions, e.g.: the Sunday Family Dinner, the Family Rosary, the Family Mass, etc., to quote from the book:

A guarantee of a people's greatness and stability is their respect for traditions, noted Pope Pius XII in a 1957 speech. This respect, he said, means keeping alive what the centuries have proven to be fruitful (Address to professors and students of the Liceo Ennio Quirino Visonti

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of Rome, February 28, 1957). Tradition is more than keeping religious feast days and the healthy customs that give unity to a people. It is to follow the moral values and guiding principles that the Catholic Faith instilled in the conscience of a people throughout its history. To respect tradition means to guarantee the moral life of a people (p.13).

I strongly encourage the reading and rereading of this work – please give it as gifts to Marriages, Baptisms, Christmas/Epiphany and the like. You can order your copy (or copies) today on the author’s website:

www.traditioninaction.org



If you have a Catholic topic that you are interested in learning more about, send your request to “info@stfrancisoratory.org”



**FIRST MASS:
REVEREND FATHER
XAVIER CHAMPAGNE**

LAST July 24th we had the privilege and honour of hoisting a First Mass for **Father Xavier Champagne**, who was ordained in Europe according to the traditional Rite of the Catholic Church. Father Champagne has been a friend of our Oratory for about five years, and always spends a few weeks here with us each summer.



At the Introit of the Mass



Incensation at the Holy Gospel

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Father Champagne signing the Holy Gospel



At the sermon of Msgr. Sebastian



The Monsignor preaching on the dignity of the Catholic Priesthood.



The children of S. Francis receiving Father's First Blessing and kissing his anointed hands.



Father Champagne giving a First Blessing to his identical twin brother!

MASS INTENTIONS FOR SEPTEMBER 2017

01 September 2017	<i>Votive Mass of the Sacred Heart</i>	8:00 AM	In Honour of the Sacred Heart	Msgr. Sebastian
02 September 2017	<i>Votive Mass of the Immaculate Heart</i>	8:00 AM	<i>Friends & Benefactors</i>	
03 September 2017	Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost	10:00 AM	<i>Missa Pro Populo</i>	
04 September 2017	<i>feria</i>	Private Mass	Private Intention	Anonymous
05 September 2017	<i>Mass of Requiem</i>	8:00 AM	Dionisio Bequilla†	Mrs. Ellen Sudario
06 September 2017	<i>Mass of Requiem</i>	8:00 AM	Holy Souls†	Mrs. Ellen Sudario
07 September 2017	<i>Mass of Requiem</i>	8:00 AM	Holy Souls†	Mrs. Ellen Sudario
08 September 2017	NATIVITY OF THE BVM	8:00 AM	<i>Missa Pro Populo</i>	
09 September 2017	S. Peter Claver	8:00 AM	Rev. Fr. Matthew Howard	Mr. Alan Cohen
10 September 2017	Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost	10:00 AM	<i>Missa Pro Populo</i>	
11 September 2017	Ss. Protus & Hyacinth	Private Mass	Private Intention	Anonymous
12 September 2017	The Most Holy Name of Mary	8:00 AM	Mr. Eric Matthew Borden-Vinger	Sr. Marie Augustine, OSM
13 September 2017	<i>Mass of Requiem</i>	8:00 AM	Holy Souls†	OSM
14 September 2017	Exaltation of the Holy Cross	8:00 AM	Mr. Gregory Alexander	Mr. Alan Cohen
15 September 2017	SEVEN SORROWS OF THE BVM	8:00 AM	OSM	Msgr. Sebastian
16 September 2017	<i>Votive Mass of OL of Sorrows</i>	8:00 AM	Sr. Therese Canaan, OSMp.	OSM
17 September 2017	Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost	10:00 AM	<i>Missa Pro Populo</i>	
18 September 2017	S. Joseph Cupertino	Private Mass	Private Intention	Anonymous
19 September 2017	S. Januarius & Comp	8:00 AM	Holy Souls†	OSM
20 September 2017	Vigil of S. Matthew	8:00 AM	In Thanksgiving	Msgr. Sebastian
21 September 2017	S. MATTHEW, Ap.	8:00 AM	<i>Missa Pro Populo</i>	
22 September 2017	S. Thomas of Villanova	8:00 AM	Miss Alyssa Smith	Mr. Alan Cohen
23 September 2017	S. Linus	8:00 AM	Mr. Shawn Smith	Mr. Alan Cohen
24 September 2017	Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost	10:00 AM	<i>Missa Pro Populo</i>	
25 September 2017	<i>feria</i>	Private Mass	Private Intention	Anonymous
26 September 2017	S. Isaac Jogues & Comp.	8:00 AM	Mr. Richard Fawcett	Mr. Alan Cohen
27 September 2017	<i>Mass of Requiem</i>	8:00 AM	Mr. Alfredo Cortes†	Mr. Alan Cohen
28 September 2017	<i>Votive Mass of S. Philomena</i>	8:00 AM	In Honour of S. Philomena	Mr. Alan Cohen
29 September 2017	DEDICATION OF S. MICHAEL	8:00 AM	<i>Missa Pro Populo</i>	
30 September 2017	S. Jerome	8:00 AM	Private Intention	Msgr. Sebastian



Sunday Mass Time:

10:00 am – Parochial Mass
with Homily

Daily Mass Times:

Tuesday through Saturday
8:00 am

First Friday 7:00 pm

Confessions one half of an hour before Holy Mass

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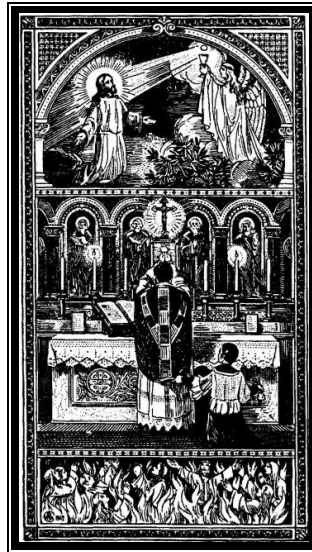
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MASS GUILD

Holy Mass is offered on the First Saturday of every month for all Friends and benefactors of SAINT FRANCIS ORATORY CHAPEL. Your generous donation (one time *or* monthly) enables you to be remembered upon the Altars of the Society, where *only* the traditional Latin Mass is offered, as codified and canonized by His Holiness, Saint Pope Pius V, *perpetually* approved of.

We would like to remind those who send Mass requests to PLEASE include the name of the person and/or intention with your stipend. Mass Cards will be sent to concerned parties upon request. Thank you and God bless you!



RECOMMENDED WEBSITES:

www.traditio.com

www.traditioninaction.com

www.cfnews.org

www.remnantnewspaper.com

www.traditionalmass.com

N.B.: Recommendation of a website is for information, and does not constitute association with or full agreement of opinions or positions.