

~ OUR 27TH YEAR ANNIVERSARY ISSUE ~

VOTING FOR A PRO-CHOICE CANDIDATE IS MORTAL SIN



(Note: The following memorandum was sent by Cardinal Ratzinger to Cardinal McCarrick and was made public in the first week of July 2004.)

Worthiness to Receive Holy Communion General Principles By Cardinal Joseph Ratzinger, Presently Pope Benedict XVI

1. Presenting oneself to receive Holy Communion should be a conscious decision, based on a reasoned judgment regarding one's worthiness to do so, according to the Church's objective criteria, asking such questions as: "Am I in full communion with the Catholic Church? Am I guilty of grave sin? Have I incurred a penalty (e.g., excommunication, interdict) that forbids me to receive Holy Communion? Have I prepared myself by fasting for at least an hour?" The practice of indiscriminately presenting oneself to receive Holy Communion, merely as a consequence of being present at Mass, is an abuse that must be corrected (cf. Instruction "Redemptionis Sacramentum," nos. 81,83).

2. The Church teaches that abortion or euthanasia is a grave sin. The encyclical letter, *Evangelium Vitae*, with reference to judicial decisions or civil laws that authorize or promote abortion or

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THE WORLD'S REFUGE



*San Leonardo (Sardinia, Italy); June 11, 1994
Feast of the Immaculate Heart of Mary
Spiritual Exercises in the Form of a Cenacle with the youth of the Marian Movement of Priests from Sardinia*

As many of you know, some years ago I was asked to host Father Gobbi on Long Island. I

invited him come to Corpus Christi Church in Mineola, NY. We had a full house and many people received special graces and some personal miracles were reported. Following is the message Fr. Gobbi received on June 11, 1994. We are reprinting this message because it is so appropriate for our day, even though it was given by Our Holy Mother eighteen years ago.

The Betania XIII Refuge is also relevant to this message.
OMQofP-Betania Coordinator

Your Refuge

"Today you find yourself here, my little son, in a continuous cenacle of prayer and fraternity, with many young people of my Movement, to celebrate the feast of the Immaculate Heart of your heavenly Mother. See how I am loved by all these young people! Their love, their enthusiasm, their prayer, and their consecration to my Immaculate Heart close the deep wounds of my great sorrow.

I open the golden door of my motherly Heart in order to have enter

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MESSAGES OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY, MEDJUGORJE

Message of July 25, 2012 "Dear children! Today, I call you to the 'good'. Be carriers of peace and goodness in this world. Pray that God may give you the strength so that hope and pride may always reign in your heart and life because you are God's children and carriers of His hope to this world that is without joy in the heart, and is without a future, because it does not have its heart open to God who is your salvation. Thank you for having responded to my call."

Message of August 25, 2012 "Dear children! Also today, with hope in the heart, I am praying for you and am thanking the Most High for every one of you who lives my messages with the heart. Give thanks to God's love that I can love and lead each of you through my Immaculate Heart also toward conversion. Open your hearts and decide for holiness, and hope will give birth to joy in your hearts. Thank you for having responded to my call."

Message of September 25, 2012 "Dear children! When in nature you look at the richness of the colors which the Most High gives to you, open your heart and pray with gratitude for all the good that you have and say: 'I am here created for eternity' – and yearn for heavenly things because God loves you with immeasurable love. This is why He also gave me to you to tell you: 'Only in God is your peace and hope, dear children'. Thank you for having responded to my call."

euthanasia, states that there is a “grave and clear obligation to oppose them by conscientious objection. (...) In the case of an intrinsically unjust law, such as a law permitting abortion or euthanasia, it is therefore never licit to obey it, or to ‘take part in a propaganda campaign in favor of such a law or vote for it’” (no. 73). Christians have a “grave obligation of conscience not to cooperate formally in practices which, even if permitted by civil legislation, are contrary to God’s law. Indeed, from the moral standpoint, it is never licit to cooperate formally in evil. (...) This cooperation can never be justified, either by invoking respect for the freedom of others or by appealing to the fact that civil law permits it or requires it” (no. 74).

3. Not all moral issues have the same moral weight as abortion and euthanasia. For example, if a Catholic were to be at odds with the Holy Father on the application of capital punishment or on the decision to wage war, he would not for that reason be considered unworthy to present himself to receive Holy Communion. While the Church exhorts civil authorities to seek peace, not war, and to exercise discretion and mercy in imposing punishment on criminals, it may

still be permissible to take up arms to repel an aggressor or to have recourse to capital punishment. There may be a legitimate diversity of opinion even among Catholics about waging war and applying the death penalty, but not, however, with regard to abortion and euthanasia.

4. Apart from an individual’s judgment about his worthiness to present himself to receive the Holy Eucharist, the minister of Holy Communion may find himself in the situation where he must refuse to distribute Holy Communion to someone, such as in cases of a declared excommunication, a declared interdict, or an obstinate persistence in manifest grave sin (cf. can. 915).

5. Regarding the grave sin of abortion or euthanasia, when a person’s formal cooperation becomes manifest (understood, in the case of a Catholic politician, as his consistently campaigning and voting for permissive abortion and euthanasia laws), his Pastor should meet with him, instruct him about the Church’s teaching, informing him that he is not to present himself for Holy Communion until he brings to an end the objective situation of sin, and warning him that he will otherwise be denied the Eucharist.

6. When “these precautionary measures have not had their effect or in which they were not possible,” and the person in question, with obstinate persistence, still presents himself to receive the Holy Eucharist, “the minister of Holy Communion must refuse to distribute it” (cf. Pontifical Council for Legislative Texts Declaration Holy Communion and Divorced, Civilly Remarried Catholics, 2002, nos. 3-4). This decision, properly speaking, is not a sanction or a penalty. Nor is the minister of Holy Communion passing judgment on the person’s subjective guilt, but rather is reacting to the person’s public unworthiness to receive Holy Communion due to an objective situation of sin.

(A Catholic would be guilty of formal cooperation in evil, and so unworthy to present himself for Holy Communion, if he were to deliberately vote for a candidate precisely because of the candidate’s permissive stand on abortion and/or euthanasia. When a Catholic does not share a candidate’s stand in favor of abortion and/or euthanasia, but votes for that candidate for other reasons, it is considered remote material cooperation, which can be permitted in the presence of proportionate reasons.)

Message from Our Holy Mother to Maria Esperanza, Servant of God

From the booklet, “Betania, A Little Peace of Heaven on Earth”

Sixteenth apparition: February 22, 1989 – 12:00 noon

My little daughter, my Heart I gave to you, my Heart I give to you, and my Heart I shall give to you forever! Little daughter, open and enkindle your heart, and be docile to the grace, that is to say, to its sanctifying action, for I wish you to sanctify yourself with all the other children of my Heart [...]. And this, by the force of loving, of devoting ourselves, offering yourselves unconditionally to participation, through the grace, through the fullness of life my Jesus holds through his Body of Christ on the Cross. All this, to work and fight with your efforts and with your actions, and mostly with your constant prayer, continuous prayer [...] bestowing the fruit of a good harvest [...].!

Little children, you saw me just some minutes ago in the arbors of this, my grotto of prayer, as Mary of the Solitude, with the weeping and the suffering of a Mother [...]. O, my little ones, there is so much grief in my Heart! I do not want you to go through days of tribulation, but there are things that are so hard for men to understand. The only truth which remains is faith [...] which shall build in your families the firmness and the certainty that the Lord and His Mother lives among all our children, showing you the way, that only through deeds of faith the shadows that surround your daily living can be lessened! Little children, that is why



your prayer must be constant, morning, afternoon and night, for only prayer 2r forget, the more you suffer, the closer to you We shall be, soothing, healing the wounds of your hearts, to continue to live with the responsibility of being redeemers of this time, and saviors in hope for the great eternity [...].! Observe, to understand my message today! Little children, be courageous, and be willing to give your harvest of peace and love [...].! I keep you!

Mary Reconciler of People
Mother of the Solitude of Mary

Let us keep praying for a benefactor to help us establish the refuge, Betania XIII, “a little peace of heaven on earth,” here on Long Island. All donations are tax-free, both federal and state. No one on the Board of OMQOfPeace-Betania XIII is salaried. Remember what Our Holy Mother once said, “**The only thing you take with you when you die is what you gave away.**” We have been giving away our time in hope that Her wish comes to fruition here on Long Island.

If you wish us to continue printing & mailing it to you, kindly donate today.

there all my children, exposed to many dangers, stricken by many sorrows, wearied by many battles, wounded by many defeats. In these difficult and painful years, I open, especially to my young people, the refuge of my Immaculate Heart. My motherly Heart thus becomes for you your secure refuge.

—*It is your refuge* in which you take shelter from the grave and threatening dangers which surround you. The pagan society in which you live — a society which has denied its God, in order to build the idols of pleasure and money, of pride and egoism, of amusement and impurity — constitutes for you a grave danger of betraying your baptism and of violating the obligations which you have assumed before God and the Church.

In my Immaculate Heart you will be formed to the perfect glory of the Lord, through your promise of a life offered to Him, in the fulfillment of the divine Will and in the observance of his Law.

—*It is your refuge* in which you are

defended against the wicked influence which this world — so materialistic and utterly bent on the mad search for pleasure — has over you.

In my Immaculate Heart, you will be trained in renunciation and mortification, in prayer and penance, in poverty and the perfection of love. In this way, you will experience the joy of walking along the road which Jesus has pointed out for you, in a spirit of freedom, and of correspondence with the great gift which He has given you.

— *It is your refuge* which protects you from being contaminated by sin and impurity. How impregnated with immorality and evil are the

surroundings in which you live!

Sin is committed and justified. Disobedience to the Laws of God is extolled and publicized.

The diabolical power of Satan spreads more

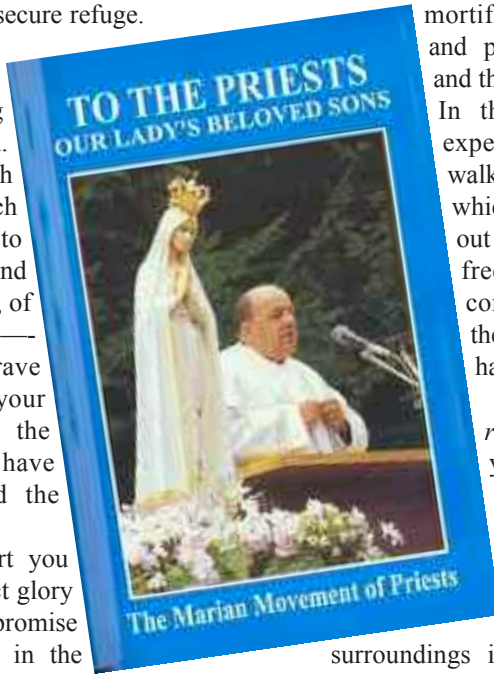
and more over individuals and countries. How are you to protect yourselves from this flood of misery, of corruption and of godlessness?

—*My Immaculate Heart is your refuge.* It is given to you precisely for these times of yours. Enter in, my dearly beloved children, and thus you will journey along the road which brings you to the God of salvation and peace.

—*My Immaculate Heart is your refuge* in which I gather you together, as in a new spiritual cenacle, to obtain for you the gift of the Holy Spirit, who would transform you into apostles of the second evangelization.

Be apostles of this, my work, in all Sardinia. Go out from this cenacle, and go everywhere in search of my children who have strayed along the roads of sin and evil, of unbelief and pleasure, of impurity and drugs. Bring them all into the same refuge which I have prepared for you.

I am with you and am lighting up for you the way along which you must go. Today I look upon you with motherly tenderness and, with all those who are dear to you, I bless you and encourage you to walk along the way of holiness and love, of purity and joy.



Whenever Applause Breaks Out in The Liturgy Because of Some Human Achievement,

it is a sure sign that the essence of Liturgy has totally disappeared and been replaced by a kind of religious entertainment.

Such attraction fades quickly. It cannot compete in the market of leisure pursuits, incorporating as it increasingly does various forms of religious titillation.

Pope Benedict XVI



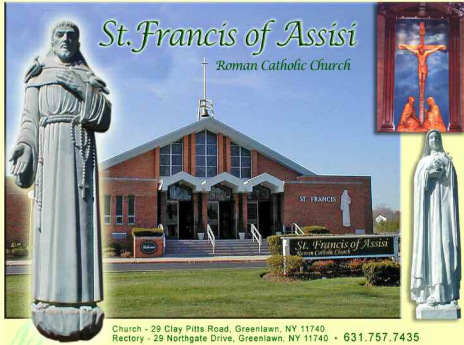
From the Holy Office of Readings Saint Rose of Lima



Our Lord and Savior lifted up His voice and said with incomparable majesty: “Let all men, know that grace comes after tribulation. Let them know that without the burden of afflictions, it is impossible to reach the height of grace. Let them know that the gifts of grace increase as the struggles increase. Let men take care not to stray and be deceived. This is the only true stairway to paradise, and without the Cross they find no road to climb to heaven.”

New Meeting Place for Our Mother Queen of Peace-Betania 13

Father Peter Kaczmarek, Pastor of St Francis of Assisi Church has graciously offered his facilities to Our Mother Queen Of Peace-Betania 13 to hold monthly meetings.



Address & Dates:
St Francis of Assisi Church
29 Clay Pitts Rd
Greenlawn
Phone: 631-757-7435

Monday, Sept. 10, 7:00 pm
Monday, Oct. 15, 7:00 pm
Monday, Nov. 5, 7:00 pm
Monday, Dec. 3, 7:00 pm

For further info: Ed Case 516-621-1172 or Fino 631-651-2606

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Fatima Pilgrim Statue

Bill Sockey, custodian of the National Pilgrim Virgin Statue, will be bringing the statue to the following churches. He will give a Fatima presentation at each church. The World Apostolate of Fatima is the Church's official conveyer of the message of Fatima to the world and, as such, speaks with ecclesiastical authority on all matters pertaining to it.



Note: Bill Sockey, Custodian of the National Pilgrim Virgin Statue will give a Fatima presentation at each church.

LONG ISLAND SCHEDULE

Nov 7 Our Lady of the Island Shrine 9am-5pm
Nov 8 Our Lady of Lourdes, Malverne 11am-9pm
Nov 9 St Joseph's College Patchogue 8am-12 noon
Nov 9 St Matthew's Church, Dix Hills 5:15pm Mass-9pm
Nov 10 St Matt's 9am
Nov 10 St Christopher's Church, Baldwin 11am-2pm
Nov 10 St Catherine of Sienna Church, Franklin Sq 3pm
Nov 10 Sienna Center 5pm
St Catherine of Sienna Church, Franklin Sq 8pm
Nov 11 St Catherine of Sienna Church, Franklin Sq - Hall 9am
Nov 11 St Mary of the Isle, Long Beach
Nov 11 Blessed Sacrament Church, Valley Stream 6:30-9pm
Nov 12 Blessed Sacrament Church, Valley Stream 8am-3pm
Nov 12 St Ignatius Loyola Church, Hicksville 7:30-9pm
Nov 13 St Mary's Church, Manhasset, 8am-8pm
Nov 14 Infant Jesus Church, Port Jefferson - All Day
Nov 15 Immaculate Conception Church, W Hampton Bch, 8am-12
Nov 15 St Francis Cabrini, Coram, 4pm-9:30pm
Nov 16 St John the Evangelist Church, Riverhead, 11am-3:30pm
Nov 16 Cure of Ars Church, Merrick, 5pm-9pm
Nov 17 St Francis de Chantal, Wantagh (time to be announced)
Nov 17 St Francis of Assisi Church, Greenlawn, 4:30 Mass
Nov 18 St Agnes Church, Greenport 9am-1pm
Nov 18 St John the Evangelist, Center Moriches, 2pm-10pm
Nov 19 St John the Evangelist Center Moriches, 7am Mass
Nov 19 St Joseph's Prayer Center, Patchogue, 10am-2pm

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