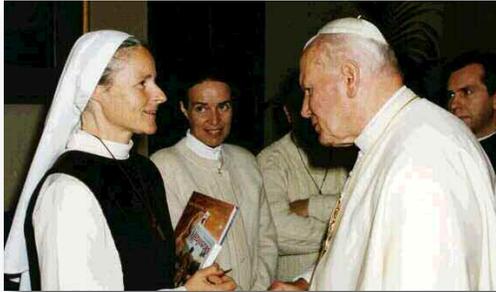


A Key to Happiness & Success

By Sister Emmanuel, From Medjugorje, The 90's, p 194



One day a large crowd had gathered in Marija's courtyard. Her friend and translator, Kath, could barely find enough space next to her. As Kath's eyes swept through the crowd, she was struck by a face which stood out sharply from the others. This face was so bright that it radiated like the sun piercing the mist. What joy!

An inexpressible joy shone from this face, so much so that Kath had trouble concentrating on the translating. She could not keep her eyes off him. Never had she witnessed such joy before! Yet this man stood humbly leaning against the wall, and there was nothing about him that was otherwise remarkable.

She Headed Toward This "Sun"

As soon as Marija had finished, Kath dropped her like a hot potato, leaving her in the midst of the pilgrims, hungry for photos, autographs, and everything else that could serve as a souvenir. She headed straight toward the "sun" that was shining next to the wall. He was actually very small, a tiny little priest, and so old that he could have belonged to another century!

"Please excuse me, Father, if I am being nosy, but I would really love to know what makes you so radiant with joy? You must have a secret," Kath asked. The priest was Italian. She looked at the expression in his eyes. Despite his advanced years, he had the innocence of a little child.

I Made a Contract

"I will tell you, ma'am," he answered. "I am 95 years old now. But at the age of five, I discovered with great sadness that people were always complaining. They would complain for trifles, and find 100 good reasons to feel frustrated, and this shocked me as a child. I also felt that Jesus was saddened by this. I wanted very badly to console Him, so I decided to make a contract with Him."

"I promised Him that during the first 100 years of my life, I would not complain once. On the contrary, I would thank Him for everything, for the good and the not-so-good, but above all, I would always celebrate the gift of life. And you know, ma'am, I must say that I have kept my promise! During all these years I have spent celebrating life, no evil could ever touch me; I have avoided all demons!"

"Incredible! But since you are now 95, your contract will come to an end soon!" Kath exclaimed, smiling.

"Well, yes, I have thought about that, too. But it is okay; I told Jesus the other day that I was ready to renew the contract for the next 100 years of my life!"

The Marian Movement, the Laity and the Future of the Church



The Second Vatican Council made very clear as did our present pope the importance of Marian devotion. The Vatican Council Fathers wrote (LG62): "This most Holy Synod...admonishes all the sons of the church that the cult, especially liturgical cult, of the Blessed Virgin, be generously fostered...and the practices and exercises for devotion, recommended by the magisterium of the Church toward her in the course of centuries be made of great moment".

Cardinal Ratzinger, now Pope Benedict XVI, wrote, "The Church neglects one of the duties enjoined upon her when she does not praise Mary. She deviates from the word of the Bible when her Marian devotion falls silent. When this happens, in fact, the Church no longer even glorifies God as she ought."

Anyone who has read the lives of the

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Messages of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Medjugorje

Message of May 25, 2009 "Dear children! In this time, I call you all to pray for the coming of the Holy Spirit upon every baptized creature, so that the Holy Spirit may renew you all and lead you on the way of witnessing your faith – you and all those who are far from God and His love. I am with you and intercede for you before the Most High. Thank you for having responded to my call."

Message of June 25, 2009 "Dear children! Rejoice with me; convert in joy and give thanks to God for the gift of my presence among you. Pray that, in your hearts, God may be in the center of your life and with your life witness, little children, so that every creature may feel God's love. Be my extended hands for every creature, so that it may draw closer to the God of love. I bless you with my motherly blessing. Thank you for having responded to my call."

The Marian Movement,

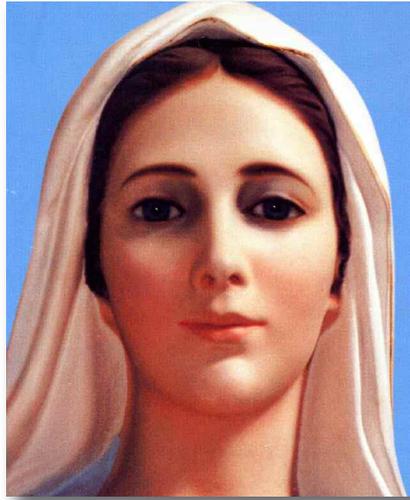
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saints can attest that each of them had a strong devotion to Our Holy Mother. A book that lists dozens of saints and their examples is “The Glories of Mary” by Saint Alphonsus de Liguori. It’s a wonderful book for spiritual reading, a book that you will return to often. So don’t give this one away after you read it!

Of course, St. Louis De Montfort’s book, “True Devotion to the Blessed Virgin” is a must read. It teaches the steps to true devotion to Mary and how to avoid all false devotions. Pope John Paul II often spoke of this book and how it helped him in his devotion to Mary and her holy rosary. As you know, he dedicated his papacy to Our Holy Mother, “Totus Tuus (totally yours),” and added the five luminous mysteries to the rosary.

During the mid-20th century the late Bishop Fulton Sheen said, “The future of the Church will be in the hands of the laity.” Our present pope, as cardinal, reiterated the same sentiment many times. It was during this same time period the Church’s devotion to Our Holy Mother began to decline. It is no coincidence that priests left their vocations and Catholic churches, schools, seminaries and convents closed or dwindled at that time.

During the latter part of the 20th century Our Holy Mother enkindled a spirit of conversion and renewal in the hearts of the faithful by her alleged and approved appearances all over the world. This caused a great increase in devotion to our Mother by the Marian faithful which is ongoing to this day. This phenomenon has occurred in spite of the Church’s problems and the constant venom spewed on it almost daily by the liberal media.



In our time we’ve seen increased devotion to Our Lady of the Americas, of Fatima, Guadalupe, Lourdes, Akita-Japan, Betania-Venezuela, Kibeho-Africa, Rosa Mystica, Garabandal and Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal. The Blue Army promotes devotion to Our Lady as does Father Gobbi’s Marian Movement of Priests; the shrine of Divine Love in Ohio and Luisa Piccarreta’s teaching about the Divine Will have brought many of the laity closer to Our Lord and His Holy Mother. This list goes on and on but the greatest impetus to increased prayer and veneration of our Blessed Mother has been given by the alleged apparitions in Medjugorje. The Vatican has approved private pilgrimages to Medjugorje; as always, the investigation into the alleged apparitions is very slow and very thorough. This investigation is ongoing.

The faithful laity is taking Our Lady’s messages to heart and, as a result, there is increased participation in the sacrament of reconciliation and mass, fasting, praying – especially the rosary - and reception of the Holy Eucharist. Marian prayer groups have formed all over the world, hundreds in the United States alone. This spirituality has edified thousands of our religious who support the Marian movement.

The Marian laity is part of the “faithful remnant.” They are filled with

the Holy Spirit and dedicated to our Pope, the magisterium and the precepts of the Church. It’s very simple. Our Holy Mother Mary is a modern day evangelist, bringing her Son back to her children, and they are listening. She nourished her Son from the womb to the cross and now she is nourishing His Mystical Body through her faithful Marian children, those who will accept her in these evil times. The Marian laity is becoming more and more active; they thirst for the truth, not cafeteria truth, or social compromise and a watered-down democratic church. In God’s time, the churches, seminaries, schools, monasteries and convents will once again be filled to capacity.

May I recommend the booklet, “The Lay Apostolate by a Layman,” author Dan Sullivan. He gives a well-researched synopsis of the Church, past and present, and shows how you can become involved. Amazon.com has the book for sale, new and used. Mr. Sullivan has been associated with the Knights of Fatima for many, many years and is well versed in devotion to Our Lady by the lay apostolate.

When the hearts of all Mary’s children are consecrated to Her Immaculate Heart and the rosary is prayed, the promise she made in Fatima will become a reality: “In the end My Immaculate Heart will triumph.” Peace.

F.G., Coordinator, OMQP

Calf Life Begins at Conception

According to the U.S. Government, a cow’s life begins at conception and is therefore taxable as a capital asset. The costs involved in caring for this capital asset are also deductible from the date of conception.

How has the U.S. Government established that life for a cow begins at conception and not for a human being? Could all this come down to money?

Serial Killer and the Rosary



In 1978 Father William A. Kerr was called by the Tallahassee, Florida police to come to a scene of a mass murder. Ted Bundy just invaded a sorority house and bludgeoned four girls, killed two and one he did not touch.

After Father Kerr administered last rites to the dying girls he was asked, by police to talk to the one girl who survived unscathed... She was in a near-catatonic state of mind and would only talk to a priest. The police wanted to know why Bundy dropped his knife and didn't touch this one girl.

Father Kerr went to the young lady and listened very carefully while she told him about what her mother taught her to do before she went to bed every night, "Before you go to bed at night, for protection take your rosary in hand even if you fall asleep praying it."

Years later in 1989, months before his execution, Ted Bundy asked the now Monsignor William Kerr to be his spiritual director. During one of their meetings Monsignor Kerr asked Bundy, "What happened when you entered the

girl's room, the one you didn't harm?" He said, "I went into the girl's room and for some reason I couldn't go on; I dropped the weapon and fled!"

The power of the Rosary!

This past May, Monsignor Kerr had a stroke just as he finished celebrating mass and died shortly after.

Post script

Ted Bundy was executed January 24, 1989 at Starke, Florida. While he confessed to 30 murders, authorities feel he was responsible for over 100 rapes and murders.

Bundy was a college graduate, attended law school, well spoken and considered very handsome. So what went wrong? Psychiatrists, psychologists and criminologists could have a field day theorizing his disorders. One thing is for certain! In an interview with Dr. James Dobson, Ted Bundy described his life as normal until he became addicted to pornography. He also said, "Every criminal I ever met in prison had the same story, pornography, it eventually becomes violent, and unless society deals with pornography, lots of kids are going to die tomorrow."

May I add here that a friend of mine is a retired New York City detective and he told me many years ago that whenever they searched the living quarters of a suspect of such crimes, inevitably they would find pornography.

E.G. – Coordinator, OMQP

Inside the Vatican By Andrew Rabel, reporting from Rome



Pope Benedict XVI one year ago called an American, Archbishop Raymond Burke, to head the Apostolic Signatura, the office which oversees the correct administration of justice in the Church. Here, after one year at his post, Burke discusses his work in Rome, ... and the controversial speech of President Obama at Notre Dame...

Now that President Obama has completed the visit to Notre Dame, and delivered his address, what lessons can be learned from the event?

Burke: We all have witnessed the compromise and, indeed, betrayal of the Catholic identity of Notre Dame University. Thoughtful Catholics cannot help but reflect upon the great danger for a Catholic institution in pursuing a kind of prestige in the secular world, which leads to a betrayal of the sacred aspect of its work, namely the fidelity to Christ and His teaching. So I think everybody now realizes the gravity of the situation. Also I believe that the whole situation has sensitized more people with regard to the gravity of the practice of procured abortion in our nation, that is, they realize even more how far we have gone away from God's will for human life. That the premiere Catholic university in the United States would give an honorary doctorate of law to one of the most aggressive pro-abortion politicians in our history is profoundly shocking.

Now, we cannot forget what has happened at Notre Dame. We need to take the measures that are necessary so that this is not repeated in other places. If it could happen at Notre Dame, where else could it happen?...

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DR. SCOTT HAHN

September 12, 2009

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“If you would abandon yourselves to me, you will not even feel the passage from this life to the next life. You will begin to live the life of Heaven from this earth.” - BVM 1986



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