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Ode to JOY!

Friends in Christ,



The Gospel of Jesus healing the blind man has been one of my favorite Scripture passages since I was a child. What always strikes me is the earthiness of the story, as Jesus uses his own spittle to make a paste from clay to smear on the blind man's eyes.

In so many ways, we experience this blindness, particularly in our own spiritual lives as we are blind to Jesus and His message, blind to His mercy, blind to those around us who are in need and yes, blind even to our own deficiencies and weaknesses. Pope Francis remarked on this Scripture as follows:

"At times our life is sometimes similar to that of the blind man who opens up to the light of God and His grace. Sometimes, unfortunately, it is rather like that of the doctors of law. From the heights of our pride we judge others, even the Lord. Today, we are invited to open ourselves to Christ's light, so that our lives might bear fruit; to eliminate our behavior that is not Christian; we are all Christians, but we all at times behave in ways which are not Christian, which are sins. We must repent of this, and eliminate these forms of behavior ... to behave like 'children of light,' with humility, patience and mercy."

Be children of the light, sharing your love of Christ and your Catholic faith with the world around you! What a great message for us as we approach these last few weeks of Lent.

In this edition of "Ode to Joy" you will find a great website and resources to share on the Sacrament of

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EVENT CALENDAR

Alive: Discovering Authentic Love

Discover the beauty of the Theology of the Body and equip yourself with how to explain and teach it effectively: How to discuss relationships, sexuality, contraception, dating, homosexuality, morality, and the tough issues with our youth. Learn how theology and practical application intersect. This training is designed for teachers, catechists, administrators, youth ministers, parents; any interested adult. No charge to attend, but registration required. Visit www.gbdioc.org/YMevents

Save the Date!

Girlfriends in God will be held on Saturday June 7th at the Norbertine Center for

Reconciliation, the 7 keys to the new evangelization from Father Barron and information on the New Evangelization day- the Pope John XXIII Symposium coming up on May 1st.

As always, if there is anything that I can do to help you please do not hesitate to ask.

Blessings

Julianne Stanz

Director of New Evangelization

Father Robert Barron- The 7 Keys to Evangelization

At the Religious Education Congress in Los Angeles, Father Robert Barron served as the Saturday morning keynote. His talk on the 7 keys to the new evangelization was powerful and stirring. The 7 keys are listed here:

1. Lead with the beautiful

It's less threatening. We are a beautiful religion. Truth/Goodness make people defensive. You can come to learn to love from beauty. Start from the goodness of the faith, then move to the truth. Look at what Pope Francis is doing by leading with the beauty of a holy life, then leading people to the good and to the truth.

2. Don't dumb down the message

It doesn't help when we allow faith to become the most dumbed down subject in society. Evangelize by being clear, articulate, and smart-with the full arsenal of our tradition. A dumbed-down Catholicism will not serve.

3. Preach with ardor

We need some fire! As Aristotle notes, in the end people only listen to a really excited speaker. Muster up some excitement for the Gospel! Ardor comes from clarity about the Resurrection: the risen Jesus is the Good News! People don't die for myths, legends, and literary devices-they do it for a resurrected Jesus! We need to be clear about that.

4. Tell the great story

There is a temptation to present a "pure Christianity"

Spiritual Renewal in De Pere. The theme "*I believe in Love*" is drawn from a quote from Pope Francis. Register online [by clicking here](#)

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For Your INSPIRATION! Reconciliation- Video and Resources

This powerful video from Catholics Come Home describes the weight of the sins that we all carry, and the healing and peace that we discover when we experience the grace of the Sacrament of Reconciliation. If you have been away from Confession, come back, and take advantage God's mercy and forgiveness!

The website www.goodconfession.com contains lots of great resources and powerful

without the Old Testament story. Jesus can't be understood without placing him within the history of Israel and the Messiah that all of Israel has always waited for. He is the new Adam, Moses, Abraham, David, etc. If you de-Judaize Jesus, He becomes just another spiritual teacher. Evangelization is a subversive message that there is a new King in town!

5. God does not need us...and he loves us anyway.

Embrace Irenaeus' understanding that God is perfect and doesn't need us. What a great truth that is! "There is no greater humanism possible than orthodox Christianity." God's love is perfectly selfless. He is not a rival to us nor wants to get something out of us. He wants us to be "fully alive." He's like the bush In Exodus 3 that is on fire, but not consumed-that's an image of God taking on human flesh. He never destroys us when He comes into us; he enhances us. Jesus is the burning bush.

6. We are made for God

Everyone is wired to want a relationship with God. Everybody has a hungry heart, to quote Bruce Springsteen. We are all looking for God. We don't just want truths or goods-we want truth and goodness itself. To evangelize is to tap into that desire. Only in giving yourself away in love is meaning found. The Church is meant to be a light to the world; we can't keep it to ourselves.

7. Use the new media

Before using new media, Catholic evangelists must become very adept at old media, namely books. Immerse ourselves and others in the tradition of the Church. But then, yes, yes, yes to the new media. We would be horribly derelict if we didn't use the tools we have before us. We can't allow others to control the world of new media. Statistics show that the majority of those who become atheists do so through new media. We need to present online.

For a complete transcript of Father Barron's talk [click here](#)

testimony regarding the life transforming power of Confession.

View the video by [clicking here](#)

Register ASAP for the New Evangelization Day. Only 4 weeks left and places are going fast!



Pope John XXIII Symposium

Topic: "Jesus the Evangelist, Holy, Engaged, Alive"

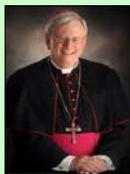
Join us for a day to deepen & challenge your understanding of faith and the world around us!

When: May 1, 2014

Location: Silver Lake College
Franciscan Center for Music
Education and Performance

8:00-8:45am Registration
9am Mass with Bishop Ricken in College Chapel
3:30pm Dismissal

A day of adult faith formation for teachers, catechists, young adults, youth ministers and everyone interested in the New Evangelization!



Join Bishop Ricken, Bishop Ramirez and Allen F. Wright author of the book "Jesus the Evangelist" for Mass and keynote addresses on facets of the New Evangelization including:

- the call to holiness
- the life of Jesus
- serving the most vulnerable

To register [click this link](#)



**Free Webinar--
Families,
Evangelization &
The Future of
Catechesis**

When: Tuesday, April 8 at 1:00 pm EDT

Panelists: John Roberto, LifelongFaith Associates, Thomas Quinlan, Diocese of Joliet and Fr. Frank DeSiano, CSP, Paulist Evangelization Ministries.

Join these special guests in a unique conversation. The panel will focus on trends in the evangelization and catechesis. The conversation will address the impacts for parishes and the future. Don't miss this opportunity to join this interactive discussion!

Register online by [visiting this website](#)

The Department of New Evangelization inspires and equips parishes to intentionally form disciples of our Lord, Jesus Christ through the Holy Spirit in the New Evangelization .