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Greetings!

Lent gives us the opportunity to prepare ourselves for the Resurrection of our Savior, Jesus Christ. Reflecting on this, I realized Lent has all the key components of our lifetime in a short window. It sets aside time for prayer and fasting, highly recommends developing a closer relationship with God, heightens our awareness for repentance and encourages a spirit of generosity & almsgiving. Like the ten virgins, we are also advised to always keep oil in our lamps for the coming of the bridegroom. "Therefore, stay awake,* for you know neither the day nor the hour." Matthew 25:13

I was going to also mention a couple more topics such as spiritual revival, breathing life into dry bones and then I read an article by Dr. Mary Healy called "What does Eucharistic Revival truly look like?" It captured powerfully much of what I had planned to address with you. She talks about the move of the Holy Spirit and explains what began as an ordinary chapel service at Asbury University in Wilmore, Kentucky, has turned into a "revival" that has made headlines in secular media. She points out as Catholics, it can hardly escape notice that this revival has occurred as we are eight months into the "Eucharistic Revival" initiated by the U.S. bishops — a three-year movement to renew the Church by rekindling devotion to the Eucharist, the source and summit of our life. She believes this concurrence of events is no mere coincidence, but is a prophetic sign. To read her entire insightful article, [click here](#).



God is calling, are we listening? He loves us so much and wants us to choose Him. Today is the first day of the rest of our life, so let's pray that we all make good choices with our free will!

Wishing you and your loved ones a fruitful Lent and a glorious Easter!

Donna Ross, Coordinator
Central Service Team (CST)

Pope's Intentions



March

For victims of abuse

We pray for those who have suffered harm from members of the Church; may they find within the Church herself a concrete response to their pain and suffering.

April

For a culture of peace and non-violence

We pray for the spread of peace and non-violence by decreasing the use of weapons by States and citizens.

May

For church movements and groups

We pray that Church movements and groups may rediscover their mission of evangelization each day, placing their own charisms at the service of needs in the world.

Liturgy of the Hours

A book of prayer and contemplation

Evening Prayers

The canticle of Mary is said by everyone who reads the Liturgy of the Hours. In the month of March we celebrate the Annunciation. It is fitting to include this prayer here.

The Magnificat
Luke 1:46-56

My soul proclaims the goodness of the Lord,
my spirit rejoices in God my Savior
for he has looked with favor on his lowly servant.

From this day all generations will call me blessed:
the Almighty has done great things for me,
and holy is his name.

He has mercy on those who fear him
in every generation.

He has shown the strength of his arm,
he has scattered the proud in their conceit.



He has cast down the mighty from their thrones,
and has lifted up the lowly.

He has filled the hungry with good things,
and the rich he has sent away empty.

He has come to the help of his servant Israel
for he has remembered his promise of mercy,
the promise he made to our fathers,
to Abraham and his children for ever.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son,
and to the Holy Spirit.
as it was in the beginning is now,
and will be for ever. Amen.

WHEN YOU FAST...

By Judy Zelden, CST Advisory Team Member

When you read this, Lent will already have begun, but the prophetic pulse of Magnificat speaks of an urgency for fasting as well as prayer. At Medjugorje Our Lady told the visionaries that, "They [that's us] have forgotten that by prayer and fasting wars can be stopped..."

Jesus says in Matthew 6:16 "When you fast..." He does not say "if you fast."

As we watch in seeming helplessness and disbelief—we see the world edging ever closer to World War III. In addition, the Church has always taught us of the need for the faithful to pray and fast, but Church discipline in this area has gradually loosened until it is almost non-existent. Currently it is only necessary for the faithful to fast and abstain from meat, only on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday; and to abstain from meat on the Fridays of Lent. On the remaining Fridays of the year, we may substitute some pious practice rather than abstain from meat.

I am old enough to have fasted under the old discipline of the Church. St. Peter in 1 Peter 4:1 says, that "he who has suffered in the flesh has broken with sin." When we train ourselves to deny ourselves in one



area, we strengthen ourselves to deny ourselves in other areas, such as sin.

I don't think any of us thinks that fasting is a bad idea, mostly we think of fasting as difficult if not impossible. If you are not currently doing so, I would like to suggest something to help us embrace some form of fasting during the remaining time of Lent. Perhaps we can continue in that sacrifice in a limited way when Lent ends. Our Lady proposed to the visionaries at Medjugorje that the times are so urgent, that they fast on Wednesdays and Fridays of each week. She told the visionaries that the best way to fast is on bread and water, but if that is too difficult, to choose some other form of self-denial. I believe that this Lent is a crucial time for the faithful to storm heaven for our ever darkening sin-filled world.

I have been fasting in the way I fasted those two years before the discipline changed. That consisted of two small meatless meals and one normal or full meal. Meat is consumed only with the full meal. Nothing in between, but water or liquids may be used as needed. On Fridays all meals are meatless, the two small meals as well as the full one. The main meal must be at lunch or dinner, and the two small meals together must not exceed the full meal. "Sundays are never a day of fast or abstinence."

If the Holy Spirit is prompting you to do this, join me. He may be prompting you to do something else, but what is important is that we do something. Together we can offer to God our sacrifices and remediate some of the darkness that is on the increase.

Alone we are weak, but together we strengthen one another. God is faithful and if we ask for the grace, we will be able to carry out what we plan to do.

"So we fasted and petitioned Our God about this, and He answered our prayer." Ezra 8:23

"This kind comes out only with prayer fasting." (Some translations says "tears," which means sacrifice. Some say only "prayer," but fasting is implied.). Mark 9:25-29.

Other passages to ponder: Psalms 35:13-14, Joel 2:12, Jonah 3:5-9, Matthew 9:14-15, Galatians 5:16.



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**Fan into flame the gift of God ...
God did not give a spirit of timidity,**

The Mighty One Has Done Great Things

By Jackie France, CST Member

Mary went in haste to visit Elizabeth and the Magnificat CST has heard a similar call to have face to face visitations with our Chapters. We continue to be overjoyed at the quality and commitment of Servant Leaders with whom God has blessed *Magnificat, A Ministry to Catholic Women*. In January and early February, in conjunction with the annual CST planning meeting in Louisiana, Central Service Team members visited with Chapter Service Team members from 13 Chapters in 7 states. Here are pictures of many of the beautiful women who serve or have served the Lord in Magnificat

Region 4



Baton Rouge, LA



Bossier City, Shreveport, LA



East St. Tammany, Slidell, LA



West St. Tammany, Mandeville, LA



Lake Charles, LA



Metairie, LA



Marrero, LA



Lunch with Marilyn Heap and Marilyn Quirk

Region 5



Chapter in Formation, Nashville, TN



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Region 6



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Walnut Creek Chapter, CA hosts a November Meal

By Linda Atkinson, Chapter Coordinator

Servants of the Immaculata (SOTI) Chapter was delighted to host their first in-person Meal since the pandemic on November 12, 2022. There were about 100 people in attendance to hear the testimony of Mary Johnstone, Founding Coordinator of the Chapter. The Holy Spirit's presence filled the room, bringing joy to everyone. Mary's powerful testimony showed how God is faithful when we obey his promptings. She convicted those in attendance to do what God tells us to do and that his timing is perfect. Fr. Rowell Gumalay stepped in for our Spiritual Advisor who was unable to be with us. Fr. Rowell presented a powerful teaching on three things that we can reflect on from the Magnificat: First, God surprises us, Second, God asks us to be faithful and grateful, and third, God is our strength. All

these things were like spot lights that were brought out in Mary's testimony. Her Spiritual Director, Deacon Paul led us in the Miracle Prayer and provided the blessing for our meal.

It was so good to see all the familiar faces together again. The Sacred Heart Band was back and Mary Grace and Jacob who have attended our breakfasts since their births joined their parents playing the keyboard and drums! They were terrific additions! Since the hotel hasn't resumed its catering services, boxed breakfasts were delivered from a local bakery/catering company.

The Service Team is grateful and blessed by all the volunteers who jumped in and helped with administrative work, collating, decorations, book sales, raffle sales, registration and more. The praise and worship, the fellowship, the good food, and Mary's powerful and very inspirational testimony all made for a glorious day to remember! Everyone left uplifted in the Spirit and inspired to meet again. Thank you, Jesus!!



Mary Johnstone,
Guest Speaker and
Founding Coordinator of SOTI.



Sacred Heart Band - Mario Lopez, Ana-Maria Garcia Lopez, Mary Grace Lopez, Jacob Lopez



Kim Sullivan, Treasurer, Jennifer Rogers, Asst. Coord., Linda Atkinson, Coordinator, Deacon Turek, Mary Johnstone, Speaker, Fr. Rowell Gumalay



Walnut Creek attendees

A Morning with Father Richard in Buffalo, NY

By Michele Sedor, Chapter Historian

On December 10, 2022 the Buffalo Magnificat Chapter had Fr. Richard Augustyn as their guest speaker. Father Richard is the manager of pastoral care and voluntary services at Buffalo General

Medical Center and the Gates Vascular Institute for the Diocese of Buffalo. He is also involved at the St. Jude Center located in the heart of the Buffalo Medical campus.

The women who attended the breakfast emphatically enjoyed Father Richard's dry wit and compassion as he shared many stories of ministering to the sick, the dying, and their families. Born on the east side of Buffalo he eventually moved with his family to West Seneca and attended 14 Holy Helpers beginning in the 6th grade. It was at that school where he shared a special story of how one nun, Sister Bonaventure, would hand out stale black licorice during exams and then would place a prayer card on each student's desk. One prayer card in particular he did not read until later, but these two elements became his inspiration for becoming a priest. Father Augustyn stated if you can only remember one thing from my talk it should be that "Every cross in our life is a reliquary containing God. If we embrace it with faith, it will open and reveal his presence to us". Essentially don't complain, but allow God's grace to be part of who you are and if we do that wonderful things will happen in our life.

In addition, Father shared that becoming a priest was not an easy path for him. His family, though not overzealous regarding religion, did send him to the seminary after 8th grade for high school. However, after he graduated he was told to take some time off by the Diocese of Buffalo. Because of that decision, he decided to pursue other avenues. He eventually applied to Niagara University and Orchard Lake in Michigan. He told his parents whoever accepts me first is where I will attend. On August 15th, the Feast of the Assumption, his first acceptance letter came from Orchard Lake where he eventually was ordained by Bishop Edward Head who only recently became a Bishop in Buffalo at that time. After ordination Father Richard eventually came back to Buffalo, but not as a diocesan priest, but rather was assigned to the St. Jude Center where he eventually was sent for training to be a Board-certified Chaplain. He has been affiliated with the Center ever since.

Father Augustyn concluded his talk by stating that we should let the crosses in people's lives lift us up and not bring us down, so our journey in faith is positive, life-giving, and full of faith because God calls us to be his holy people.



Buffalo Service Team & Father Eugene P. Ulrich, Spiritual Advisor,
Father Richard Augustyn, Guest Speaker, Mary Kay Schaub, Buffalo Coordinator



Women attending breakfast



The Nativity

Mother of Mercy Chapter, Fort Myers, FL

By Janice Neyer, Chapter Secretary

We celebrated our 64th Meal on Saturday, January 21, 2023! We were honored to present Karen Dwyer, a dear Magnificat sister, as our speaker. She is the Magnificat Omaha Coordinator and the Heart of Jesus Prayer Group founder. Karen is an inspirational speaker and an award-winning college teacher specializing in helping students and adults of all ages conquer their public speaking anxiety and hosts the WRAP Yourself in Joy podcast.

Karen is the author of 10 books about JOY and spoke to our largest group post-Covid of 97 women about maintaining a joyful spirit in the Lord through the ups and downs we each face. Using her experiences to illustrate her message of overcoming trauma with trust in the Lord and humor, Karen exemplifies living in the Spirit and always rejoicing in the Lord!



Karen Dwyer, Speaker



(L to R) Karen Dwyer, Speaker, Cristina Martinez, Asst. Coordinator, and Felice Gerwitz, Coordinator



Praise and Worship
 (L to R) Felice Gerwitz, Coordinator, Karen Dwyer, Speaker, and Cristina Martinez, Asst. Coordinator.

A Lenten Reflection for Fasting and Prayer

Sustenance:

Father, how I need you, even more than food. Sustain me, for I am weak.

Man does not live by bread alone, but man lives by every word that comes from the mouth of the LORD. – Deut. 8:4

My food is to do the will of him who sent me and to accomplish his work. – John 4:34

Fervency:

God, ignite my heart to burn with zeal for you. May fasting intensify my prayers.

May you hear my fervent cries and answer. Grant me my requests, I beg you. Zeal for your house has consumed me... I wept and humbled my soul with fasting. – Psalm 69:9

Do not be slothful in zeal, be fervent in spirit... be constant in prayer. – Rom. 12:11–12

I continued fasting and praying before the God of heaven... “Let your ear be attentive and your eyes open, to hear the prayer of your servant that I now pray before you day and night.” – Neh. 1:4, 6

Then I turned my face to the Lord, seeking him by prayer and pleas for mercy with fasting and sackcloth and ashes... Oh my God, incline your ear and hear. Open your eyes and see our desolations and the city that is called by your name. O Lord, hear; O Lord, forgive. Oh Lord, pay attention and act. Do not delay, for your own sake, O my God. – Dan. 9:3, 18–19

Humility:

Father, please respond in your great mercy. My prayer and fasting earns nothing.

You must act. As I pray and fast, guard me from flaunting these childlike efforts. Then I proclaimed a fast... that we might humble ourselves before our God... So we fasted and implored our God for this, and he listened to our entreaty. – Ezra 8:21, 23

For we do not present our pleas before you because of our righteousness, but because of your great mercy. – Dan. 9:18

And when you fast, do not look gloomy like the hypocrites... And your Father who sees in secret will reward you. – Matt. 6:16, 18

“I am not like other men... I fast twice a week...” For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, but the one who humbles himself will be exalted. – Luke 18:11–12, 14

Treasuring:

God, you are more satisfying than the most delicious feast. May I treasure you.

I am the bread of life; whoever comes to me shall not hunger. – John 6:35

*As a deer pants for flowing streams, so pants my soul for you, O God.
– Psalm 42:1*

Because your steadfast love is better than life, my lips will praise you... My soul will be satisfied as with fat and rich food, and my mouth will praise you with joyful lips. – Psalm 63:3, 5

Mourning:

Jesus, I grieve your absence. Come quickly, Lord.

The days will come when the bridegroom is taken away from them, and then they will fast. – Matt. 9:15

Waiting:

Father, I wait for you more than I wait to eat.

I wait for the LORD, my soul waits, and in his word I hope, my soul waits for the LORD more than watchmen for the morning. – Psalm 130:5–6

Repentance:

O God, my sin is great. Grant me the strength to repent and turn to you.

*Put on sackcloth and lament, O priests, wail... pass the night in sackcloth... Because grain offering and drink offering are withheld from the house of your God. Consecrate a fast; call a solemn assembly... and cry out to the LORD... Return to me with all your heart, with fasting, with weeping, and with mourning; and rend your hearts and not your garments. Return to the LORD your God, for he is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love.
– Joel 1:13–14; 2:12–13*

The people of Israel assembled with fasting and in sackcloth, and with earth on their heads. And the Israelites separated themselves from all foreigners and stood and confessed their sins and the iniquities of their fathers. – Neh. 9:1–2

And the people of Nineveh believed God. They called for a fast and put on sackcloth. – Jonah 3:5

Temptation:

Father in heaven, lead me not into temptation but deliver me from evil.

And Jesus... was led by the Spirit into the wilderness for forty days, being tempted by the devil. And he ate nothing during those days. – Luke 4:1–2

Guidance:

Father, grant me direction and discernment for what is ahead. Speak, O Lord.

While they were worshiping the Lord and fasting, the Holy Spirit said, "Set apart for me Barnabas and Saul for the work to which I have called them." – Acts 13:2

And after appointing elders for them in every church after praying with fasting, they committed them to the Lord in whom they had believed. – Acts 14:23

Dedication:

Lord, I commit my way to you. I dedicate what is ahead. Your kingdom come.

*Then after fasting and praying they laid hands on them and sent them off.
– Acts 13:3*

Commit your way to the LORD; trust in him, and he will act. – Psalm 37:5

Compiled by Kenneth Berding

Denver Chapter Hosts a February Meal

By Marion Budz, Historian

On December 10, 2022 the Buffalo Magnificat Ministry had Fr. Richard Augustyn as their guest speaker.

On February 18, 2023 we greeted 107 guests in McCallen Hall at St. Thomas More Catholic Church,

Centennial, CO. Our speaker, Fr. Doug Grandon, in his talk *From Pagan To Priest* shared his unique conversion story with women and men attendees.

Father Doug was born into a non-religious family and was unaware of God until he was 13 years old. Then, his faith voyage began by joining various religions and evangelizing in different parts of the world. Each step deepened his theological knowledge and his longing to follow God's plan for his life. Eventually he discovered his purpose is to celebrate the true presence of Jesus, Our Savior.



Fr. Doug Grandon, Speaker



Our Holy Mother blessing everyone. Singing led by our Music Ministry, Kathy McGovern



Four smiling guests



Young Mom and her baby with friends

The Spirit is Moving in Bayou Country

By Kate Dawson, Historian

If there is any doubt that prayer is a powerful force, then let it be known that years of prayer on the part of Magnificat members around the country, in addition to the miraculous working of the Holy Spirit, have

brought the Bayou River Chapter back to active status. The Bayou River Chapter was alive and moving from 1991 to 2006 thanks to its first Service Team and many, many other faithful women. After prayerful discernment that it was time to take a step back, the Chapter went inactive until the end of 2022. This being a little over a year after Hurricane Ida devastated the Bayou region, the people of this diocese could not be more convinced of God's providence and His ability to bring His children together and to empower them amid trial and suffering. As the morning of the breakfast approached, the new Service Team was being trained, and preparations were getting down to the wire, the Team was made aware more and more of just how much prayer from all over the country was going on in an effort to bring the Chapter back to active status. On February 1st of this year, the Chapter held its "second" first breakfast.

"This diocese [of Houma-Thibodaux] is fertile ground," remarked Bishop Emeritus Sam Jacobs as he looked out at over 300 women who attended the first breakfast of the newly reestablished Chapter. The room looked as if it were decorated for a grand wedding reception with large, elegant floral arrangements; all of which were lovingly put together by volunteers working "for Mother Mary." The original banner that was painted by original Service Team member Janie Block was put on display again. And while the team originally planned for just under 200 women, it became clear that the number would quickly rise. And it certainly did. In addition to the joy of the breakfast, the diocese announced that very morning that it had a new, long-awaited shepherd, Bishop Mario Dorsenville.

Anne Trufant was the inaugural speaker. She empowered and enlivened the group by reminding the attendants that the Sacrament of Baptism gives the gift of the entire Holy Spirit to those who receive Him. She remarked that the Body of Christ should not be content to "live on crumbs" but to be bold enough to ask big things of the Lord, because He loves His people and wants to give them good things. Her testimony gave one example after another of how the Lord provided her what she needed to answer His calls in her life.

By the end of the morning, it was clear that the Lord had provided yet again for the hearts, minds, and bodies of all who attended. Praise be to God and to Our Lady for such a tremendous gift.

The next breakfast will be Tuesday, May 9th at the Wellness Center in Thibodaux, Louisiana. The speaker will be Kristin Niedbala, a consecrated virgin, spiritual director, and co-founder of the ministry for priestly support, a non-profit organization serving ordained Roman Catholic priests in the Bayou region.



Bayou Chapter, LA Banner



Bayou Chapter Service Team

Allie Wells, Asst. Coordinator, Brandi Boudreaux, Treasurer, Stephanie Toups, Coordinator, Anne Trufant, Speaker, Bishop Emeritus Sam Jacobs, Spiritual Advisor, Sheila Fonseca, Asst. Coordinator and Shauntelle Tatford, Secretary. Not Pictured: Kate Dawson, Historian



Attendees listening to Speaker Anne Trufant



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Metairie Mother Chapter has a Day of Reflection and Prayer

By Elsa Hodges, Historian

Denise Beyer gave a wonderful talk at Magnificat of Metairie's *Day of Reflection and Prayer* on January 20, 2023. Denise's talk focused on Mary's Role in the Triumph of our Hearts and our role, with Mary, for the Triumph of our Families' Hearts.

Attendees were appreciative of her inspirational presentation. A lovely lunch was enjoyed by all.



Guest Speaker, Denise Beyer



Metairie, LA Service Team



Metairie Day of Reflection

Broward, FL Chapter Shares Their Last Two Events

By Mary Valladares, Historian

At the September 24, 2022, Magnificat Meal held at St. Bernard Catholic Church, Sunrise, FL we welcomed Mary Valladares as Historian to the Service Team. We also provided live praise and worship music led by Ted Ditmyer, our Chapter's Music Ministry. We also enjoyed a praiseworthy meal catered by our Chapter's Treasurer, Juliana Findley. Our featured speaker was Reverend Dr. Paul VI Sidlawinde Karenga, the Chapter's Spiritual Advisor. The attendees were moved by Rev. Paul VI's inspiring life journey that began in Burkina Faso, West Africa, the eldest son in a solidly Catholic family. Peppared by humorous childhood antics and adventures, Rev. Karenga's talk reflected an inspiring life lead by the Spirit.

The Magnificat of Broward Chapter kicked off 2023 with an overwhelming turnout of 77 Holy Spirit filled, faithful Catholic women from numerous parishes. The Magnificat Meal was held on January 21, 2023, at Nativity Catholic Church, Hollywood, FL. Many attendees commented on the positive experience, filled with a palpable energy and enthusiasm lead by the Holy Spirit. Our guest speaker at this event was Nancy Copenhaver. Nancy provided a dynamic, moving, and often humorous presentation of her Catholic life's journey as a mother of five and grandmother of nine. She also shared two remarkable photographs with the attendees that aided us in tangibly seeing the outcome of the movement of God and the Most Blessed Virgin Mary in Mrs. Copenhaver's life. Again, the attendees enjoyed praise and worship music as well as a lovely meal catered by Juliana Findley, our Chapter's Treasurer. Kathy Corona led us in a beautiful day of praise and worship. Sharon Pfeifer ran another successful raffle which included prizes such as a Bella's Blanket, a lovely necklace, and spiritual books.



Guest Speaker, Nancy Copenhaver



Ted Ditmyer, Music Ministry



Service Team, Juliana Findley, Mary Valladares, Sharon Pfeifer, Kathy Corona



Attendees during Praise and Worship

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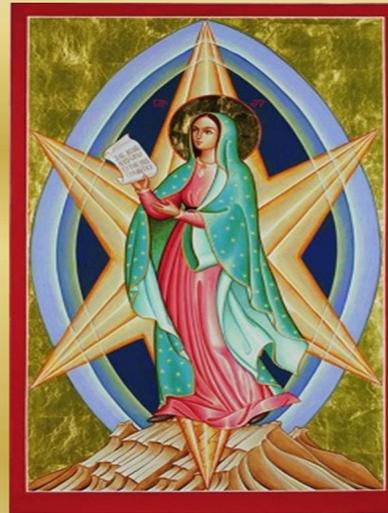
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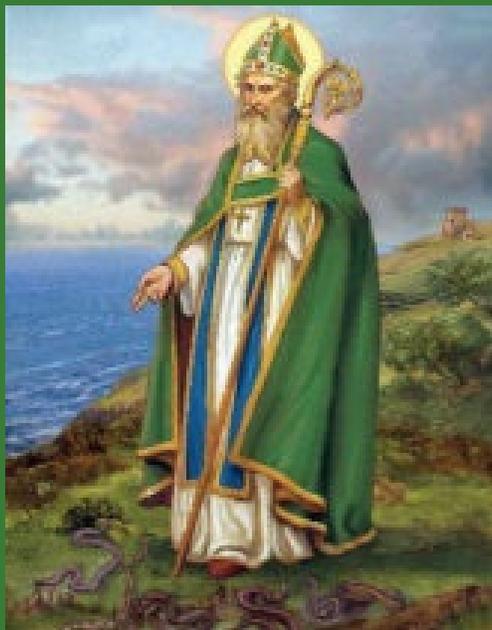
Women’s Retreat in Lafayette, LA , January 27-29, 2023

By Mary Powell, Advisory Team Member

“Fear not! I have called you by name, you are mine!” What a glorious first night of the 2023 CCRNO Women’s Retreat! Highlights included a dynamic talk by Anne Trufant. Denny Charbonnet gave testimony of the grace of God in her life during a most difficult time. Fr. Paul Yi gave glory to God for his priesthood. Adoration and Eucharistic procession with Fr. Bill Henry, a mini teaching on the gift of tongues by Timmy McCaffery, and a time of prayer and praise with 400 women attending which included women from 15 different states was awesome. Patti Mansfield prayed for everyone for an infilling of the Holy Spirit. Some of our Magnificat Chapters from Region 3 and 4 attended the Retreat.



(L-front) Gwen Gillis, Leigh Ann Landry, Carol Dazzio, Peggy Ronzello, Theresa Henderson, Mary Lynn Womack, Mary Powell, Janet Lindsey (L-back) Kathy Brames, Carmen Damen, Donna Cambel, Nancy Skok, Sue Zaunbrecker, Jane Johnson, Mary Wilson and Cindy Scardina



Breastplate of Saint Patrick

I bind unto myself today
The strong Name of the Trinity,
By invocation of the same,
The Three in One and One in Three.

I bind this day to me for ever.
By power of faith, Christ's incarnation;
His baptism in the Jordan river;

His death on Cross for my salvation;
His bursting from the spiced tomb;
His riding up the heavenly way;
His coming at the day of doom

I bind unto myself today.
I bind unto myself the power
Of the great love of the cherubim;
The sweet 'well done' in judgment hour,
The service of the seraphim,
Confessors' faith, Apostles' word,
The Patriarchs' prayers, the Prophets' scrolls,
All good deeds done unto the Lord,
And purity of virgin souls.

I bind unto myself today
The virtues of the starlit heaven,
The glorious sun's life-giving ray,
The whiteness of the moon at even,
The flashing of the lightning free,
The whirling wind's tempestuous shocks,
The stable earth, the deep salt sea,
Around the old eternal rocks.

I bind unto myself today
The power of God to hold and lead,
His eye to watch, His might to stay,
His ear to hearken to my need.
The wisdom of my God to teach,
His hand to guide, His shield to ward,
The word of God to give me speech,
His heavenly host to be my guard.
Against the demon snares of sin,
The vice that gives temptation force,
The natural lusts that war within,
The hostile men that mar my course;
Or few or many, far or nigh,
In every place and in all hours,
Against their fierce hostility,

I bind to me these holy powers.
Against all Satan's spells and wiles,
Against false words of heresy,
Against the knowledge that defiles,
Against the heart's idolatry,
Against the wizard's evil craft,
Against the death wound and the burning,
The choking wave and the poisoned shaft,
Protect me, Christ, till Thy returning.

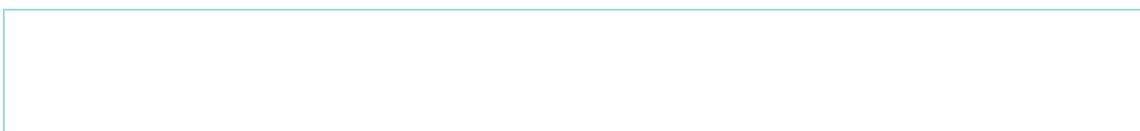
Christ be with me, Christ within me,
Christ behind me, Christ before me,
Christ beside me, Christ to win me,
Christ to comfort and restore me.
Christ beneath me, Christ above me,
Christ in quiet, Christ in danger,
Christ in hearts of all that love me,
Christ in mouth of friend and stranger.

I bind unto myself the Name,
The strong Name of the Trinity;
By invocation of the same.
The Three in One, and One in Three,
Of Whom all nature hath creation,
Eternal Father, Spirit, Word:
Praise to the Lord of my salvation,
Salvation is of Christ the Lord.
Amen.

Happy Feast of St. Joseph, March 19th



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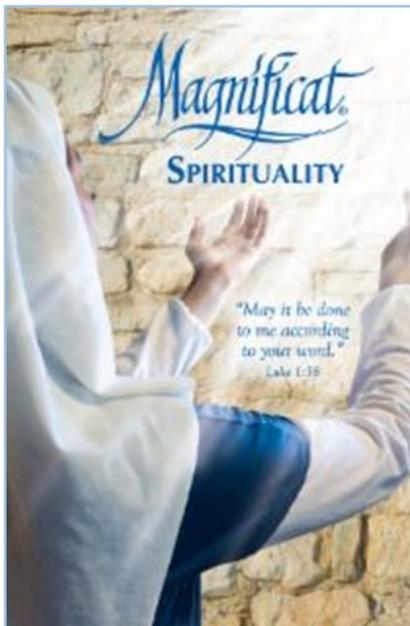


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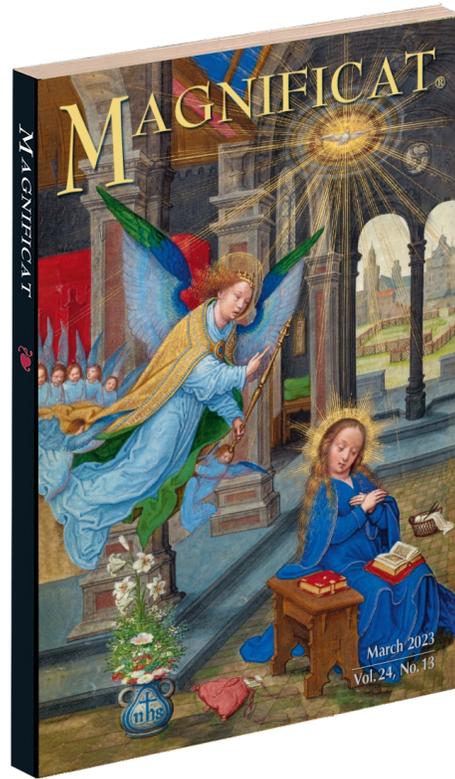
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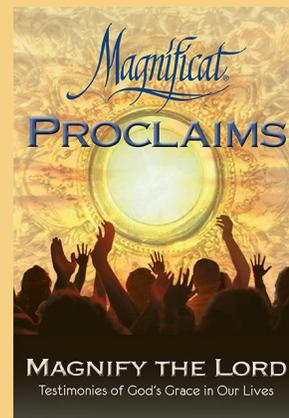


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