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## *Reflections*

It is wonderful that any man can heartily rejoice in this life who weighs and considers his banishment and the many dangers to his soul.

Through levity of heart and the little thought we have of our defects we feel not the sorrows of our soul, but often laugh when in all reason we ought to weep.

*Thomas a Kempis*

### As a Dove and as Fire

*Saint Gregory the Great, pope*

Some men are so guileless that they do not recognize what righteousness is. But the more they forsake the innocence of true simplicity, the more they fail to rise to moral rectitude; for in not knowing how to guide their actions by right living, they are too simple to remain innocent.

Hence Paul warns his disciples, saying: *I want you to be wise in what is good but guileless in evil.* And again, *do not be like boys in your thinking, but be like infants in evil.* Thus the Truth himself bids his disciples; *Be wise as serpents and simple as doves.* In this command he has deliberately joined the two ideas together: the serpent's cunning complements the dove's simplicity, and the dove's simplicity moderates the serpent's cunning. This is why the Holy Spirit reveals his presence to men not only as a dove but also as fire. For the dove symbolizes simplicity and the fire, intense dedication. Thus the dove and the fire, taken together, have a special significance: whoever is filled with the Spirit becomes so dedicated to this gentle simplicity that he is also aflame with the zeal of righteousness against the faults of sinners.

*A blameless and upright man is one who fears God and turns away from evil.* Whoever seeks our eternal country surely lives a blameless and upright life. He is blameless in his deeds, upright in his faith; blameless in the good actions he performs here on earth, upright in the lofty ideals he perceives deep within himself. Now there are some who are not simple in this good action, for they seek not an inner reward, but outward approval. Thus the wise man rightly said: *Woe to the sinner who walks the earth along two paths.* The sinner indeed walks the face of the earth in two directions; externally, his actions seem to be holy, but inwardly his thoughts are worldly.

This is well said, then: *He fears God and turns away from evil*, because the holy Church of the elect sets out along the path of simplicity and righteousness in fear, but finishes in love. For it is the Church's task to turn completely away from evil; once she has begun by love of God, she rejects sin. If she still does good only out of fear, then inwardly she has not withdrawn from evil; for she commits sin by desiring to sin, if only she could sin without punishment.

Rightly therefore Job was said to fear God because he turned away from evil. For love is moved by fear when the mind rejects the thought of sin. (1)

### **In Russia by Putin**

"The Russian president has reportedly authorized over 2 billion rubles (U.S. \$100 million) of tax money to rebuild churches that were destroyed under the previous Soviet regime. Furthermore, over the past quarter century, since the fall of communism, the ROC has built or restored from ruins more than 25,000 churches.

"This means that a thousand churches a year have been opened, i.e., three churches a day," according to Metropolitan Hilarion Alfeyev, chairman of the Department of External Church Relations." (2)

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### **Gratitude for the Grace of God** (3)

Why seekest thou rest, since thou art born to labor?

...divine consolations no man can always enjoy when he will, because the time of temptation is not long absent.

But what very much opposes these heavenly visits is a false liberty of mind and a great confidence in one's self.

God doth well in giving the grace of consolation, but man doth ill in not returning all to God without thanksgiving.

And this is the reason why the gifts of grace cannot flow in us, because we are ungrateful to the Giver, nor do we return all to the Fountainhead.

For grace will always be given to him that duly returns thanks, and what is wont to be given to the humble will be taken away from the proud....

They that are grounded and established in God can by no means be proud....

If thou consider the dignity of the Giver no gift will seem to thee little which is given by so great a God....

He that desires to retain the grace of God let him be thankful for grace when it is given, and patient when it is withdrawn: let him pray that it may return; let him be cautious and humble, lest he lose it.

*Were all the realm of nature mine,  
That were a present far too small;  
Love so amazing, so divine,  
Demands my soul, my life, my all.*

Isaac Watts d. 1748

*Do not exalt thyself on account of the gifts of God, which are often a help to thy weakness, always the effect of His bounty, and ordinarily above thy deserts.*

Bishop Richard Challoner

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### **TENSIONS**

The tensions disturbing the world of today are in fact related to a more fundamental tension rooted in the human heart. In man himself many elements are in conflict with each other. On one side, he has experience of his many limitations as a creature. On the other, he knows that there is no limit to his aspirations, and that he is called to a higher kind of life.

Many things compete for his attention, but he is always compelled to make a choice among them, and to renounce some. What is more, in his weakness and sinfulness he often does what he does not want to do, and fails to do what he would like to do.

So many great tensions in society. In consequence, he suffers from a conflict within himself, and this in turn gives rise to so many great tensions in society.

Very many people, infected as they are with a materialistic way of life, cannot see this dramatic state of affairs in all its clarity, or at least are prevented from giving thought to it because of the unhappiness that they themselves experience.

Many think that they can find peace in the different philosophies that are proposed.

Some look for complete and genuine liberation for man from man's efforts alone. They are convinced that the coming kingdom of man on earth will satisfy all the desires of his heart.

There are those who despair of finding any meaning in life: they commend the boldness of those who deny all significance to human existence in itself, and seek to impose a total meaning on it only from within themselves....

The Church believes that Christ died and rose for all, and can give man light and strength through his Spirit to fulfill his highest calling; his is the only name under heaven in which men can be saved.

So too the Church believes that the center and goal of all human history is found in her Lord and Master.

The Church also affirms that underlying all changes there are many things that do not change; they have their ultimate foundation in Christ, who is the same yesterday, today and for ever. From: *Gaudium et spes* (Pastoral constitution on the Church in the modern world of the Second Vatican Council.)

### **The City Above**

O Most happy mansion of the city above! O Most bright day of eternity, which knows no night, but is always enlightened by the sovereign truth! a day always joyful, always secure, and never changing its state for the contrary!

Oh, that this day would shine upon us, and all those temporal things would come to an end!

It shines indeed upon the saints, resplendent with everlasting brightness (*Tob. 13:13*), but to us pilgrims upon earth it is seen only as far off, and through a glass. (*1 Cor. 13:12*)

The citizens of Heaven know how joyful that day is.....

*Imitation of Christ, Book III, Chapter 48*



### **Jesus' Agony in Gethsemane and the Sin of Abortion**

*Saint Faustina* (4)

“September 16, 1937. I wanted very much to make a Holy Hour before the Blessed Sacrament today, but God’s will was otherwise. At eight o’clock I was seized with such violent pains that I had to go to bed at once. I was convulsed with pain for three hours; that is, until eleven o’clock at night. No medicine had any effect on me, and whatever I swallowed I threw up. At times, the pains caused me to lose consciousness. Jesus had me realize that in this way I took part in His Agony in the Garden, and that He himself allowed these sufferings in order to offer reparation to God for the souls murdered in the wombs of wicked mothers.

“I have gone through these sufferings three times now. They always start at eight o’clock in the evening and last until eleven. No medicine can lessen these sufferings. When eleven o’clock comes, they cease by themselves, and I fall asleep at that moment. The following day, I feel very weak.

“This happened to me the first time when I was at the sanatorium. The doctors couldn’t get to the bottom of it, and no injection or medicine helped me at all nor did I myself have any idea of what the sufferings were about. I told the doctor that never before in my life had I experienced such sufferings, and he declared he did not know what sort of pains they are. But now I understand the nature of these pains, because the Lord himself has made this known to me .... Yet when I think that I may perhaps suffer in this way again, I tremble. But I don’t know whether I’ll ever again suffer in this way; I leave that to God. What it pleases God to send, I will accept with submission and love. If only I could save even one soul from murder by means of these sufferings!”

## I Call Her Jane

By George A. Morton (5)

On February 11, 2017, [Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes] there were “Prayer Rallies to Defund Planned Parenthood” held outside 283 of its abortion businesses throughout America. My wife, Elizabeth, and I were among the 80 or so Pro-Life folks standing on the north side of a very busy Church Street in Poughkeepsie, N.Y.

The area where we stood was directly opposite Planned Parenthood. There were about fifteen of us and 50 of them. But, the largest groups were on corners of Church and Academy Streets.

At around 11:30, a band on the Planned Parenthood side of the street began to play New Age sounding harmonics. There were two trumpets, a variety of drums and, what seemed to be sousaphones. The ragtag band led a small procession of the Planned Parenthooders; passing in front of Planned Parenthood and away from the demonstrations. Some band followers carried a banner proclaiming themselves: “Socialists”.

When the band was almost out of sight, it concluded with a lively rendition of “When the Saints Go Marching Home”.

Perhaps the band members didn’t know the words. Perhaps they were really on our side. It didn’t matter. A few of us, who could still hear the band, began singing about the Saints marching home to Heaven. Even as we sang, the shouters continued, having no respect for the dead and even less for the living.

After we finished the song, I asked my wife if she would like to sing “Where have all your children gone?” to the tune of “Where have All the Flowers Gone?”

“Yes,” she said. And so Elizabeth and I began our duet. We were especially pleased, because the shouters silenced themselves and actually wanted to listened to us.

“Where have all your children gone, long time passing?  
“Where have all your children gone, long time ago?  
“Where have all your children gone?  
“Gone to graveyards, everyone.  
“When will you ever learn? When will you ever learn?”  
Still silence from the other side, so we repeated the chorus:  
“Where have all your children gone, long time passing?  
“Where have all your children gone, long time ago?  
“Where have all your children gone?  
“Gone to graveyards, everyone.  
“When will you ever learn? When will you ever learn?”

Somewhere in the middle of our singing our neighbors across the way went into an explosion of rage, screaming-shouting-chanting.

A few came across the street so they could chant back and forth to each other. The agreement was that the Planned Parenthood side would stay on the abortion-business side and we would stand on the side for life.

With those that crossed the street-border came a young woman of 18 years or younger. I had noticed her while my wife and I were singing. She watched us with intense interest. And, she was not holding a sign!

She stepped over the 1½ foot snow bank between the street and sidewalk and came right up to me, “I was raped when I was 14,” she almost whispered, just loud enough for only me to hear.

As we looked each other in the eye, I quietly said, “On the day my son Dan and his wife were about to adopt a baby, the mother changed her mind at the last moment.”

The hurting young lady paused, turned quickly, and stepped into the snow bank. She started to fall. I reached out to help her and she shouted, “Don’t touch me!!!” “I wasn’t trying to touch you. I was trying to help you not to fall.”

She kept her balance and was about to walk away when I said, “God bless you.” “And you, too,” she said back to me, as kindly and sincerely as those three words could ever be said. And then, she simply walked away, staying on our side of the street and blending into our group of praying people.

Did she join us? I don’t know.

I named her “Jane” so that I will more easily remember to pray for her. Later on, I remembered that my deceased mother’s middle name is Jane. She was the Mom of 14 children and she knew more than a little about praying for each one of us when we were in trouble.

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*“Love the Madonna and pray her Rosary, for her Rosary is the weapon against the evil of the world today.”*

*Saint Pio of Pietrelcina*

### **Fatima: Prayers and Requests from Heaven**

*Deacon Bill Crane*

If Heaven made a request of us wouldn’t we want to respond? Well, Heaven has made those requests five times in 1916 through 1917 at Fatima: by our Blessed Mother and the Angel of Portugal. It is not hard to ascertain the requests because the requests for prayers are given in the memoirs of Lucia who wrote them under the direction of her bishop in what became *Fatima in Lucia’s own words*. My copy of the title was published on May 13, 1976 by the Postulation Centre at Fatima.

The prayers and requests from heaven began in 1916 when an angel appeared to the three children, Lucia, Francisco and Jacinta. The first in Lucia’s words:

“Then we saw coming towards us, above the olive trees, the figure I have already spoken about. Jacinta and Francisco had never seen it before, nor had I ever mentioned it to them. As it drew closer, we were able to distinguish its features. It was a young man, about fourteen or fifteen years old, whiter than snow, transparent as crystal when the sun shines through it, and of great beauty. On reaching us he said:

‘Do not be afraid! I am the Angel of Peace (and later he told them referring to Portugal: ‘I am its Angel Guardian the Angel of Portugal’). Pray with me’

Kneeling on the ground, he bowed down until his forehead touched the ground, and made us repeat these words three times;

**‘My God, I believe, I adore, I hope and I love You! I ask pardon of You for those who do not believe, do not adore, do not hope and do not love You.’**

THE FIRST PRAYER

Then, rising, he said: ‘Pray thus. The hearts of Jesus and Mary are attentive to the voice of your supplications.’

On the third visit of the Angel to the three children he would instruct them in the second prayer. Lucia describes the Angel’s visit:

“As soon as we arrived there (a grove called Pregueira), we knelt down, with our foreheads touching the ground and began to repeat the prayer of the Angel:

‘My God, I believe, I adore, I hope and I love You...’ I don’t know how many times we had repeated this prayer, when an extraordinary light shone upon us. We sprang up to see what was happening, and behold the Angel. He was holding a chalice in his left hand, with the Host suspended above it, from which some drops of blood fell into the chalice. Leaving the chalice suspended in the air, the Angel knelt down beside us and made us repeat three times:

**‘Most Holy Trinity, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, I offer You the most precious Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity of Jesus Christ, present in all the tabernacles of the world, in reparation for the outrages, sacrileges and indifference with which He Himself is offended. And, through the infinite merits of His most Sacred Heart, and the Immaculate Heart of Mary, I beg of you the conversion of poor sinners.’**

THE SECOND PRAYER

On May 13<sup>th</sup>, 1917 Our Lady appeared to the children for the first time. Toward the end of the apparition Our Lady continued her dialogue with the children:

‘Are you willing to offer yourselves to God and bear all the sufferings He will send you?’

“Yes we are willing.”

‘Then you are going to have much to suffer, but the grace of God will be your comfort.’

“As she pronounced these last words ‘...the grace of God will be your comfort’, Our Lady opened her hands for the first time, communicating to us a light so intense that, as it streamed from her hands, its rays penetrated our hearts and the innermost depths of our souls, making us see ourselves in God, Who was that light, more clearly than we see ourselves in the best of mirrors. Then, moved by an interior impulse that was also communicated to us, we fell on our knees, repeating in our hearts:

**“O most Holy Trinity, I adore you! My God, my God, I love You in the most Blessed Sacrament.”** THE THIRD PRAYER

“After a few moments, Our Lady spoke again:

‘Pray the Rosary every day, in order to obtain peace for the world, and end the war.’

“Then she began to rise serenely, going up towards the east, until she disappeared in the immensity of space. The light that surrounded her seemed to open up a path before her in the firmament, and for this reason we sometimes said that we saw heaven opening.”

The Blessed Virgin Mary appeared again on June 13<sup>th</sup>. On July 13<sup>th</sup> the children were revealed the Secret by Our Lady. Next Lucia records:

“After that to revive my flagging fervor, she said to us:

‘Sacrifice yourselves for sinners and say many times to Jesus, especially whenever you make some sacrifice: **O Jesus, it is for love of You, for the conversion of sinners, and in reparation for the sins committed against the Immaculate Heart of Mary.**’

THE FOURTH PRAYER

Later after more discussion between the Mother of God and the three innocents she spoke of the need for the conversion of sinners and the need to make sacrifices for them and for the sins committed against her Immaculate Heart.

As she said these things Our Lady showed the children a horrific vision of Hell and the souls there. More discussion, explanation and instruction followed. Then the Blessed Virgin told the children:

‘When you pray the Rosary, say after each mystery: **O my Jesus, forgive us, save us from the fire of hell. Lead all souls to heaven, especially those who are most in need.**’ THE FIFTH PRAYER

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### Mary and The Muslims

The following appeared in the column *Catholic Replies*, by James J. Drummey, in the March 31, 2011 issue of *The Wanderer*. It is timeless. It is reprinted with permission of Mr. Drummey.

**Q. Didn’t Archbishop Fulton Sheen once say that Mary would play a key role in the conversion of Muslims to Christianity?—K.E.R. Connecticut**

**A.** Yes. In his book *The World’s First Love*, written in 1952, Fulton sheen said that the Koran, which is the bible of Islam, contains many passages about Mary and affirms belief in her Immaculate Conception and the Virgin Birth. He said that Muslims hold Mary in high esteem, and she is rivaled only by Fatima, the daughter of Mohammed.

Archbishop [now Venerable] sheen noted a curious fact of history that when the Muslims were finally driven out of Portugal, the last Muslim chief had a daughter named Fatima, who fell in love with a Catholic man. She not only stayed behind when her people left, but she became a Catholic. Her husband was so much in love with her that he changed the name of the town where they lived to Fatima. Thus, the very place where our Lady appeared in 1917 bears a historical connection to Fatima the daughter of Mohammed.

This was no coincidence, said Sheen, since nothing out of Heaven happens by chance. He expressed the belief that “the Blessed Virgin chose to be known as Our Lady of Fatima as a pledge and a sign of hope to the Muslim people, and as an assurance that they, who show her so much respect, will one day accept her divine Son, too.”

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### **“Their God is my God.”**

Again we turn to James J. Drummey and his column *Catholic Replies*. This time it is from the March 23, 2017 issue of *The Wander*. Fr. George Rutler was quoted by Mr. Drummey in an “Editor’s Note.” Fr. Rutler has given the Holy Eucharist Apostolate permission to quote his writings and we also have permission from Jim Drummey.

**Editor’s Note:** At a time when Catholics are afraid to stand up for their faith in the face of secular disdain and ridicule, Fr. George Rutler of the Church of St. Michael in New York City put things into perspective in a bulletin column the Sunday before Ash Wednesday:

“Exactly two years ago this month, twenty young Coptic Christian Egyptians were kidnaped by Islamic State militants while on a work crew in Libya. They refused to renounce Christ and chanted in chorus, ‘*Ya Rabbi Yassouo!*’ ---‘Oh my Lord Jesus!’ A black youth from Chad, Matthew Ayairga, not a Christian, was watching and, when asked by the captors, ‘Do you reject Christ?’ he replied, ‘Their God is my God.’ He was baptized by blood when all twenty-one were beheaded.

While these martyrs had never heard of the theological disputes over grace and justification, they were confident that Christ can raise life eternal from dust and ash. The purpose of Lenten disciplines, not salvific in themselves, is to train voices to join their chorus of faith.”

### **Hand Yourself Over to the Doctor**

*Saint Theophilus of Antioch, bishop d.181 A.D.*

A person’s soul should be clean, like a mirror reflecting light. If there is rust on the mirror his face cannot be seen in it. In the same way, no one who has sin within him can see God.

But if you will you can be healed. Hand yourself over to the doctor, and he will open the eyes of your mind and heart. Who is to be the doctor? It is God, who heals and gives life through his Word and wisdom. Through his Word and wisdom he created the universe, for *by his Word the heavens were established, and by his Spirit all their array*. His wisdom is supreme. *God by wisdom founded the earth, by understanding he arranged the heavens, by his knowledge the depths broke forth and the clouds poured out the dew.*

If you understand this, and live in purity and holiness and justice, you may see God. But, before all, faith and the fear of God must take the first place in your heart, and then you will understand all this. When you have laid aside mortality and been clothed in immortality, then you will see God according to your merits. God raises up your flesh to immortality along with your soul, and then, once made immortal, you will see the immortal One, if you believe in him now.

## **ACT OF OFFERING**

*O My Jesus, I intend to assist in spirit at every Holy Mass which today shall be offered to the Glory of Thy Divine Name. I beseech Thee, O My Lord, to purify my soul from every sin by Thy most Precious Blood and to forgive me the punishment I have deserved. Through the infinite merit of these Holy Sacrifices grant eternal happiness to the poor souls in Purgatory and mercy to every living soul.*

### **Homeschooling now booming – in Russia!**

Posted By *Bob Unruh*, 04/08/2017 on [www.WND.com](http://www.WND.com)

Homeschooling, banned in Russia for most of the last century, is beginning a boom, according to a homeschooling expert.

“Homeschooling in Russia has gained recognition from both the media and society in general,” said Mike Donnelly, the director of global outreach for the Home School Legal Defense Association. “Part of that stems from its growth so far.”

Donnelly, who recently attended a homeschool conference in St. Petersburg, said Russian supporters of homeschooling expressed “genuine optimism for the future” and “confidence in their plans to achieve substantial growth.”

His organization, the world’s premiere legal defender of homeschooling, has battled over the rights of parents to teach their children, often an integral part of international agreements and treaties.

And while major disputes have raged in Germany, Sweden and the United States in recent years, in Russia the homeschool movement has been maturing, he reported.

One of his encounters was with Pavel Parfentiev, the chairman of the board of Za Prava Sem’i, a family rights organization.

“I do believe that home education has a big future in Russia,” he said, according to Donnelly. “Russian law specifically states that the parents are the primary educators of their children,” Parfentiev said.

The movement in Russia, still “in its early days,” has obstacles, including a Common Core-like set of national requirements that parents are working to have lifted.

Reported Donnelly: “Homeschool leaders estimated that there are between 50,000 and 100,000 Russian children being homeschooled. Although that range is well under 0.5 percent of the Russian school-age population (by comparison, estimates put the growing homeschooling community in the U.S. at close to 4 percent of the school-age population), it places Russia second only to the United Kingdom among European countries.”

Parfentiev said, “Most people do respect home education as a normal and good educational option for parents.”

Donnelly said the strength of the growing movement was evidenced by a parent named Victoria, who with her husband Boris is reviewing homeschooling options even though their oldest child is not yet 4.

Translated by Boris, Victoria said, “I understand that children are given to me by God, but for a small amount of time.”

And educating them? “I understand that this is my task, and not the task of the teachers out there. I’m becoming more and more convinced that this is the way to go.”

Donnelly said he wasn’t alone in perceiving the hopefulness of the Russian homeschoolers. He was accompanied to the St. Petersburg conference by Gerald Huebner, HSLDA Canada’s chairman.

“In the end, Gerald said, ‘it’s just like a conference in Saskatchewan or North Dakota. People from Canada or any state in the United States would feel very comfortable here,’”

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