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THE VISITATION

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A PRAYER FOR PRIESTS

O Jesus, Eternal High Priest, live in (name of priest), act in him, speak in and through him. Think your thoughts in his mind, love through his heart. Give him your own disposition and feelings. Teach, lead and guide him always. Correct, enlighten and expand his thoughts and behavior. Possess his soul, take over his entire personality and life. Replace him with yourself. Incline him to constant adoration and thanksgiving; pray in and through him. Let him live in you and keep him in this intimate union always.

O Mary, Immaculate Conception, Mother of Jesus and Mother of priests, pray and intercede for (.....). Amen.

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Dear Father Bob Franco,

Who Are You, Holy Spirit?

By Bob Hilz, TOR

Here is Who I Am. As St. John, Paul and Luke tell you in the New Testament, I was sent to you from Jesus and your Father in heaven. St. Luke said at the Ascension that, Jesus told His followers to pray and wait in Jerusalem until they received POWER from on high, Acts 1:8. Nine day later I fell on the community as tongues of fire, Acts 2, and transformed them with courage, boldness and inspiration to take Jesus' teaching about the new kingdom to the whole world. We, the Holy Trinity, set the followers of Jesus on Fire that Sunday morning, in the Jerusalem Upper Room. Three thousand Jews became the first "Catholics," in response to Peter's teaching. You are Catholics now because someone told you because they left the Upper Room on Fire.

St. John then told you of my 5 major works that Jesus told you about at the Last Supper. As I direct the church and all baptized. I am a person, not a thing. John 14:16, I am God's Spirit of Truth, explaining God's plan for humanity. Second, My major role is to INSTRUCT and REMIND you of all that Jesus told you. John 14:26. Third, The Father and Jesus sent Me to bear WITNESS, and you are empowered to bear witness in the world about Us as well, John 15:26. Fourth, I was sent to prove the world wrong about SIN, JUSTIFICATION AND

CONDEMNATION, John 16:7-8. Lastly I was sent to GUIDE you to ALL TRUTH and ANNOUNCE to you the things to come. These are My major works. It is like I am the orchestra leader or choir master. If you respond to my direction, you are instruments in My hands and I have given and still give you gifts, talents and abilities to play your part in bringing God's conversion to all people.

St. Paul teaches about My conversion work within you in Romans 8. There I am mentioned 19 times. I help free you from sin and your fallen human nature. I make you children of God "crying out, 'Abba, that is 'Father,'" 8:15. Then I give you many other gifts to be shared.

St. Paul also gives four lists of ministries in 1 Corinthians 12:7-12 (9 service gifts); 1 Cor 12:28 (mostly paid ministries of service), Romans 12:6-8 (more service gifts) and Ephesians 4:11. Paul says about these gift the they are "roles of service to build up the body of Christ and first in your local parish. As you do your part in service your lives bear the 9 fruits of the Holy Spirit: love, joy, peace, patient endurance, kindness generosity, faith, mildness and self-control or chastity, Galatians 5:22. We want to see abundant fruit in your life.

St. John told in the last chapter of the last New Testament book,

Revelations 22:1-2, about living water which flows from the throne of the Father and Jesus. That water goes out to the trees planted along the it. These trees (you) are unique for you can bear fruit twelve times a year, once each month. And your leaves help bring healing to the nations. Amazing.

In the Nicene Creed you proclaim at Sunday Masses about Me: "We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceed from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son He is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the prophets."

Some believe that My various works are best explained in the Sequence you recite on Pentecost. It is attributed to Stephen Langton, Archbishop of Canterbury, England. He wrote that following My guidance. It good poetry and easy to memorize. Try it, I'll guide to you love that prayer and hymn.

This explains more of My work in you. I enhance many of the gifts I have already given you at your baptism and confirmation. Four verses of the Sequence tell you about the Divine Light I place in your mind to understand God's ways. I bring comfort as your best guest. I light you up so you shine brighter in the world. I heal your wounds, bring strength, and wash away your sinful guilt. I bend the stubborn heart and will; melt the frozen, warn the chill; guide the steps that go astray.

In conclusion I reward your good
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Newsletter material from all Fraternity members is gratefully accepted. Any submissions will help make each issue better!

June is the month to honor the Sacred Heart of Jesus. St. John records that a soldier “thrust a lance into His side and immediately blood and water flowed out.” (John 19:34) Through the centuries saints and scholars have commented on this event. St. Leo (5th century) commented that the blood and water that flowed from the pierced heart of Jesus point to the Sacraments of the Eucharist and Baptism.

Over time devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus focused more on the sentiments of the heart of Jesus. The heart of Jesus is merciful. This is what impelled Jesus to embrace the cross for us. His greatest desire is to reconcile sinners to God.

In his book The Second Greatest Story Ever Told, Fr. Gaitley said that devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus saved the Church from Jansenism, a heresy that stated only the most disciplined of Catholics would be saved. Revelations to St. Margaret Mary Alacoque by Jesus of his Sacred Heart, and promoted by St. Claude Columbiere, St. Vincent de Paul and St. Therese of Lisieux freed believers from a legalistic and judgmental Catholicism.

In the 20th Century, St. Faustina echoed and amplified this sense of the Heart of Jesus. Her Divine Mercy Image of Jesus shows him walking toward us. He is pointing to heart, from which rays of white and red emanate. These represent the water and blood, the streams of mercy that wash us clean and bring us into intimacy deeper than we can fully comprehend.

The Sacred Heart of Jesus assures forgiveness to the repentant, refreshment to the weary and renewed zeal for those who labor in the Lord’s vineyard. As we honor the Sacred Heart of Jesus this month, let us accept his invitation to mercy and place all our trust in Him.

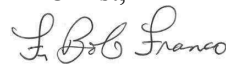
One of our articles this month focuses on Msgr. John Allard of Providence who passed away after a short illness on May 2. Fr. John was beloved by both Fraternity members and parishioners. My remembrances of Fr.

John are summed up in three words. First, **Servant**: Fr. John was always the guy with the coffee decanters, moving from table to table at the retreat breakfasts cheerfully offering refills saying, “manly man (*meaning regular*) or girly man (*meaning decaf*)”. Second, **Teacher**: I still remember Fr. John’s teaching on the priestly heart, challenging us to move from a pusillanimous (shrunken) to a magnanimous heart. Finally, **Leader**: I can still see Fr. John furrow his forehead, purse his lips and give sage like wisdom in difficult situations. We pray that he eternally rests in Christ’s victory over death!

Again, the annual meeting of the priest members of the Fraternity is August 5-10 in Pittsburgh, PA. The theme is **Rooted in Christ, Torches of Love** and the presenter is Deacon James Keating from the Institute of Priestly Formation at Creighton University. Registration information is online and will be mailed to you.

Thank you for your ongoing support and prayers! You are in our prayers also!

In Christ,


Fr. Robert J. Franco



One of the objectives for the Fraternity of Priests is to inform our donors about the ongoing financial health and details of the organization. We thank those many faithful benefactors who help make our service possible. Thank you!

Fraternity Financial Report

Monthly Donation Budget: **\$ 4,750.00**
Actual Donations: **\$ 4,058.10**
Budget Deficit: **\$ 691.90**
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life, give you salvation and offer you joys that will never end in heaven. How is that? Try Me, you’ll love Me and with the angels and saints in heaven and on earth you will find great joy and glow for US on earth. Along with the Father and Jesus, We have more and more for you each day. Come fly with Us. We promise more joys for you amidst life’s confusion and sorrows. + Fr. Bob Hilz, TOR.

The Providence Fraternity announced the passing of not only one of their founders but also a founder of the whole Fraternity of Priests movement, Msgr. John Allard.

His funeral mass was celebrated at Holy Family Parish in Woonsocket, Rhode Island, a small city on the border of Massachusetts and north of Providence. Among concelebrants were both Fr. Robert Franco and Fr. John Kiley, the current and former leaders respectively of the fraternity. Fr. Mike Roy, of the same fraternity, delivered the homily. He concluded his message with some of the words that Msgr. Allard shared as leader in his monthly column, a tradition continued by all fraternity leaders. Fr. Franco’s current column is elsewhere in this newsletter.

Fr. Roy kept all those columns and chose to share some of this wisdom not only with those in attendance at the funeral but also with the readers of the Visitation:

A phrase from the Book of Wisdom often read at funerals comes to mind: “The souls of the just are in the hands of God and no torment shall touch them” (Wis. 3.1). I often like to picture the hands of God in my imagination. What do they look like to you? What do you see? Just think of

the hands that hurled stars into space, hands that created living beings out of nothing, hands that stretched themselves out on a cross in salvific love, hands that continue to bless and sustain us to this day.

What comes to my mind is a memory of my childhood, when I went to summer day camp (which I hated!). We kids rode in a broken down and smelly school bus with a cranky old bus driver who yelled at us all the time (and we were such angels!). We’d sing the old song, “He’s got the whole world in His hands.” Remember that one? Well, we’d place the clunky old bus and the crabby old bus driver in His hands, and the lousy day camp in His hands, then we’d place Mom and Dad, brothers and sisters, and then ourselves in His hands.

When I think of God’s big, big hands, I see us all there – that’s where we are and where we belong. What an awesome reflection for our loved ones who have died, they are in God’s hands.

And with Advent commencing, what a neat reflection for us whom Jesus came to save. It gives added meaning to my favorite Messianic title, “Emmanu-el” (God-with-us). We are all in His hands. Isn’t that a comfort? Jesus came, was born, taught and died to make this real for us. That’s where we belong, in His Father’s hands (it’s better than All State). How blessed we are as God’s people. If only more of us realized what we have and are promised as the children of God. Those great big hands are where I belong and am meant to be!

Advent is a time for us to think, reflect, and prepare for the loving God who wants to come to us not just in Bethlehem, not just at the end

of time, but right here, right now, every day of our lives. Think of how this compliments and enhances our understanding of and belief in the Eucharist: God-always-with-us, Real Presence, always present, always with us. How special we must be to God. What a message of hope for our world in these days!

To the third “would-be” follower who asks to say farewell to his family Jesus paints a vivid image: “No one who sets a hand to the plow and looks to what was left behind is fit for the kingdom of God.” The Lord always calls us forward; if we keep looking back at what we’ve left, we’ll have disastrous results. It’s like driving down a highway with ones hands on the steering wheel and ones eyes riveted to the back seat – disastrous!

There is a great rose window in Precious Blood Church in Woonsocket, Rhode Island (where I am pastor) of St. George slaying a dragon. It contains two simple Latin words which I believe should be the motto for every Christian: “Numquam retro” – “Never backwards!”

“Hallelujah: means “Praise God!” When we think of the death and resurrection of Jesus and what this means for us, we cannot help but want to praise God. If we Christians truly understood what has been done for us, our daily lives would be a constant “Hallelujah!” How critical it is for us to appreciate, to own, the truths of our faith. Once internalized they change our lives. We belong to God, we are his sons and daughters, and we are destined for eternity—Hallelujah! No matter what this world dishes out, nothing can take this truth away from me.

Please send us your prayer intentions: _____