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October 2020						
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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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"To gather priests to Christ and to one another to proclaim..."

THE VISITATION

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The Encouraging Words from the Fraternity of Priests Conference

By Fr. Robert J. Carr

In a first for the Fraternity of Priests, the annual conference was virtual.

Fr. John Kiley, board member, former chair of the FOP and administrator of St. Eulalia in Winchester, Massachusetts hosted the conference, from where everything was streamed out across the globe. Celebrating his fiftieth anniversary as priest, he began the talks by giving a look at the history and vision of the Fraternity.

Citing Seán Cardinal O'Malley's call for all priests to have a support group, Fr. John explained that while it does offer support, the call and the vision is to be a committed brotherhood.

The retreat featured speaker, Dr. Mary Healy, streamed by internet into Winchester from Ann Arbor, Michigan, from there her talk was streamed live out to the various fraternity members. Fr. Von DeRosia served as celebrant and concelebrant for the Masses for each day, respectively.

Speaking live over two days and three talks, Dr. Healy's theme was to encourage the priests to understand their mission in service to the Church, to live out their vocation and to recognize Christ is with us, especially in this unique time.

She focused especially on

reading the signs of the time and understand what the Holy Spirit is saying to the church.

In January, Dr. Healy explained: "I felt this is a year of seeing into the unseen realm and this is a year of the healing of blindness both spiritual and physical blindness."

However, like her, we all find that the way the Lord would enact that whole new form of healing would be beyond our imagination.

"Here we are living in a pandemic living in a global lockdown unprecedented in history.

"As if God has pressed the pause button on the economy and the interaction and much of the activity of the entire world. And by the way, I remember in my very, very busy times before this whole lockdown sometimes every once in a while, I would cry out to the Lord: "Stop the world. I want to get off." Little did I know how He would answer that prayer."

Drawing on her teaching of we can know the Lord's hand is with us during this unique period of shake up in our world, she called us to be attentive and to get deep into the word of God.

I know you, in certain respects, read scripture every day as part of your routine of the Divine Office et cetera, but it's time to go deeper in the word. We've got to

go deeper in the word during this time of turmoil.

And one way that I've been doing that over the last couple of months is I've been drawn to the Book of Revelation because the Book of Revelation was written to Christians in a time of trial of turmoil instability and looming persecution.

Dr. Healy reminded us that we can use this time to understand the message of the Holy Spirit to us:

"The Holy Spirit has a life-giving message. He has a prophetic word and word for his church that will encourage us that will strengthen us. It will give us clarity that will guide us in how to respond to very, very difficult situations where a lot of discernment is needed. The Holy Spirit has a message.

Are we listening?"

She reminded the priests and deacons that Jesus invites us to a faith that is purified by gold—that is faith tried and tested.

As the retreat continued on the second day, Dr. Healy said that we are living in a time where God is shaking up the people.

"A stunning 44% of Americans polled said, they see the global coronavirus pandemic and economic meltdown as a wake-up call for us to turn back to faith in God. Or as signs of coming judgment or both. It went on and ...continued on page 3

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Thank you, again, to all who helped the Virtual Fraternity Conference to work. A special thank you to Dr. Mary Healy for her incredible words of wisdom. For those who missed the conference, you can find it on the Fraternity website: fraternityofpriests.org.

Listening to Dr. Healy, sensed the Lord saying to me, "You have to be holy!" As one of our Fraternity members would say, "You only need to do two things: Get holy and stay holy!" We're called to be saints. The conference solidified in my mind specific areas in which I need to grow in holiness. I hope that the Holy Spirit was able to touch your lives as well.

For about a year now, every Thursday, I pray the "Chaplet of Reparation" also known as "Offering of the Precious Blood for Priests." I first came across this in *In Sinu Jesu: When Heart Speaks to Heart: The Journal of a Priest at Prayer* by a Benedictine Monk (Angelico Press, 2016). Last year at the Priest, Deacon, Seminarian Conference at Franciscan University, they gave away prayer cards with the Chaplet on it, and I committed myself to praying it every Thursday for priests.

The Thursday after the Conference, I was praying this Chaplet, and it struck me how much I need the Precious Blood of Jesus to purify me and sanctify me... and how much I need my brother priests to be holy as well. Holiness is something that God does in us, but we can open ourselves to His work, or close ourselves down.

Because of our deep need for **holy priests**, I encourage you to pray this Chaplet for priests. It is prayed on an ordinary five decade Rosary. It begins: Incline (+) unto my aid, O God; O Lord, make haste to help me.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit; As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, World without end. Amen.

Alleluia.
(A f t e r
Septuagisima:
Praise be to
Thee, O Lord,
King of eternal glory.)

(On each of the Our Father beads) Eternal Father, I offer Thee the Precious Blood of Thy Beloved Son, Our Lord Jesus Christ, the Lamb without blemish or spot, in reparation for my sins and for the sins of all Thy priests.

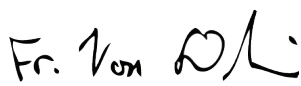
(On each of the Hail Mary beads) By Thy Precious Blood, O Jesus, purify and sanctify thy priests.

(In place of the Glory be to the Father): O Father, from whom all fatherhood in heaven and on earth is named, have mercy on all Thy priests, and wash them in the Blood of the Lamb.

(In Sinu Jesu p. 269)

May the Precious Blood of Jesus pour down upon all priests in the world, but especially those in the Fraternity of Priests, to make us holy, and totally given over to God!

Grace and Peace,



Fr. Von DeRosia



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said even among non-Christians polled fully one-in-five said the crisis is causing them to start reading the Bible and listen to Bible teaching and sermons online even though they usually don't. To search online to learn more about Bible prophecy and God's plan for the future of mankind and have more spiritual conversations with family and friends.

"So, this is one sign of many signs that the Lord is using the present crisis to bring about a new openness to the gospel."

She added that she believed God is using the pandemic to sweep as many people into his arms as possible.

She then finished her talks with a call for the priests to understand their unique mission at this time.

"Whenever you speak in the Lord's name, if you are fulfilling your call to be a priest, which is to share in the prophetic office of Christ, you are being empowered by the Holy Spirit. As you listen to Him as you receive from Him in prayer what he's saying to the church you are becoming a prophet who is speaking under the anointing of the Holy Spirit." She added: "and not just out of your own good ideas of what people need to hear and therefore the Lord gives your words a particular power to touch hearts"

"So, are you aware of that?"

She remind us that we need to pray for the anointing of the Holy Spirit upon our preaching for we cannot be his messengers without Him.

Fr. Maurice LaRoche spoke about the disciplines of the Fraternity of the priest.

He warned against the danger of being a "lone ranger" priest.

To be that Lone Ranger and the occupational hazard of developing a nice contemplative life; a prayer life becomes a foundation of a good interior life that we can tap for a wellspring of wisdom to our parishioners and a power to preach all that comes from prayer. But the isolation that provides can make us very easily slip into a type of Lone Rangerism.

If you're extroverted, it might not be a problem to get into Brotherhood. But if you tend to be more introverted you might have to fight a little bit harder for that.

And so the kingdom disciplines are what we have as a fraternity of the fraternity of priests to call us into a committed Brotherhood to take us outside of ourselves and into and within one another."

Fraternity chair—Fr. Von DeRosia drew upon the words of Mary Healy at Mass at the end of the first day and called us to be the prophets Christ called us to be.

"I've called you by name and I've asked you to give your all. So often we don't feel like we are even able to do what we are called to do. That is what Mary was talking about: we need the Holy Spirit to empower us wherever our mission is whatever we are called to do." He preached.

The weekend ended with Mass presided by Boston Auxiliary Bishop Mark O'Connell and concelebrated by those present in Winchester.

Bishop O'Connell cited that we are living in a time that is difficult for those whose vocation is to lift people's spirits and to give them hope.

It's a very difficult time to be a priest. It's difficult time to be a person. Priests love to give hope we love to give joy. We love to boost spirits and yet the beginning of the pandemic we could say. Okay. Well, we'll set up everything make it safe.

Eventually, you'll come back. You will come back. That's our hope.

And then we bring them back and it's gradually getting better.

He talked about living not in our own expectations but in God's timing.

"And all of us need to pray for that patience in the midst of a pandemic in the midst of this desire to serve, we have to grow used to God's timing. I heard a speech once with a man who said we have to fall in love with the timing of God."

Like Dr. Healy, he understood that God is doing something during this time and we need to see it in the context of the Eucharist.

"And there's something about the spirituality of appreciating God's time, that in this time of a pandemic we need to cultivate.

"Not lose sight of the spirit nor lose sight that Jesus is our priest. We never take that for granted, but we hold up the Blessed Sacrament.

"Let's say behold."

The conference included a business meeting. This included an automatic extension of board members terms because of the virus restrictions.

Sr. Brieger McKenna is scheduled for the conference next year in Cleveland Ohio July 18-23, 2021.

All the talks for the weekend are available on the Fraternity website fraternityofpriests.org.

Please send us your prayer intentions: _____

