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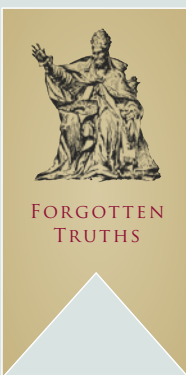
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## Holy Scriptures and Homosexual Sin

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The world has turned the discussion of homosexual sin on its head by sentimentalizing the issue, accusing those who oppose homosexual sin of intolerance and a lack of charity. The truth is different.

In opposing homosexuality, we must love the sinner; support for homosexual sin is spiritual negligence and therefore, a form of hatred. By opposing homosexual sin, we love the eternal souls of those who practice the homosexual act for we know they will

not see God face to face unless they repent.

How do we know the loss of these souls is undeniable? Because it is written in the following five quotes from Holy Scripture:

1. “Do you not know that the unjust will not inherit the kingdom of God? Do not be deceived; neither fornicators nor idolaters nor adulterers nor boy prostitutes nor sodomites nor thieves nor the greedy nor drunkards nor slanderers nor robbers will inherit the kingdom of God.” (1 Corinthians 6:9-10)

2. “For this cause God delivered them up to shameful affections. For their women have changed the natural use into that use which is against nature. And, in like manner, the men also, leaving the natural use of the women, have burned in their lusts one towards another, men with men working that which is filthy, and receiving in themselves the recom-



Lot and his family fleeing Sodom and Gomorrah, Old Testament cities known for condoning the practice of homosexual vice.

pense which was due to their error.” (Romans 1:26-27)

3. “Now we know that the law is good, if any one uses it lawfully, understanding this, that the law is not laid down for the just but for the lawless and disobedient, for the ungodly and sinners, for the unholy and profane, for murderers of fathers and murderers of mothers, for manslayers, immoral persons, sodomites, kidnappers, liars, perjurers, and whatever else is contrary to sound doctrine.” (1 Tim. 1:8-10)

4. “You shall not lie with a male as with a woman; such a thing is an abomination.” (Leviticus 18:22)

5. “Likewise, Sodom, Gomorrah, and the surrounding towns, which, in the same manner as they, indulged in sexual promiscuity and practiced unnatural vice, serve as an example by undergoing a punishment of eternal fire.” (Jude 1:7) ■



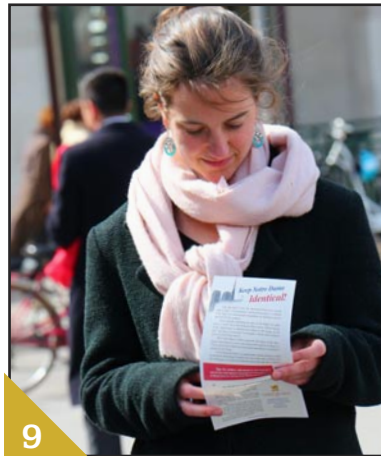
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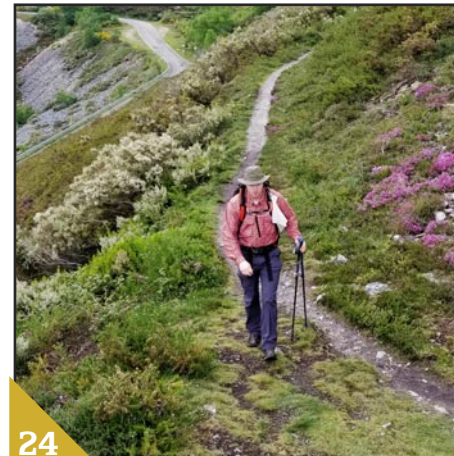
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## THE AMERICAN TFP

The American Society for the Defense of Tradition, Family and Property (TFP) is an organization of lay Catholic Americans concerned about the moral crisis shaking the remnants of Christian civilization. Its earliest origins date back to January 1971, when the first TFP members started to group around the publication *Crusade for a Christian Civilization*. It is a civic, cultural and nonpartisan organization which, inspired by the traditional teachings of the Supreme Magisterium of the Roman Catholic Church, works in a legal and peaceful manner in the

realm of ideas to defend and promote the principles of private ownership, family and perennial Christian values with their twofold function: individual and social. The TFP's words and efforts have always been faithfully at the service of Christian civilization. The first TFP was founded in Brazil by the famous intellectual and Catholic leader Prof. Plinio Corrêa de Oliveira in 1960. His work inspired the formation of other autonomous TFP sister organizations across the globe, thus constituting the world's largest anticommunist and antisocialist network of Catholic inspiration.



IN BRIEF

### Catholic Bishop Takes Action

Bishop Thomas John Paprocki of the diocese of Springfield, Illinois, wasted no time in releasing a statement declaring that Catholic state legislators who worked to pass Illinois' new radical abortion law on May 31st cannot receive Holy Communion in his diocese. "I declare that Catholic legislators of the Illinois General Assembly who have cooperated in evil and committed grave sin by voting for any legislation that promotes abortion are not to

present themselves to receive Holy Communion without first being reconciled to Christ and the Church in accord with canon 916 of the Code of Canon Law," Bishop Paprocki wrote. The indictment furthermore expressly forbids priests to give Communion to both senate president John Cullerton and speaker

of the house Michael J. Madigan. Senate Bill 25, which has been described as the most radical abortion law to pass in the country to date, was approved in the senate by a 34-20 vote.

### Satanic Temple Officially Recognized as a Church

On April 25th, the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) officially recognized the Satanic Temple as a church, granting the organization the same tax-exempt status and legal protections as Catholic churches. "For the very [first] time in history, a satanic organization has been recognized by the United States federal government as being a church," the Satanic Temple announced triumphantly on its Instagram page. "Satanism is here to stay," added Lucien Greaves, the spokesman for the organization. Groups such as the Satanic Temple have seen rapid growth, claiming some twenty chapters in the United States as well as affiliate groups in Canada, Australia, Germany, and England.

### Students Skip Classes, Protest LGBT Curriculum

A newly proposed history and social studies curriculum that would require elementary school children to learn about the achievements of LGBT people met large opposition in the city of Rocklin, California. About 1,000 Rocklin residents signed a petition asking that the district delay the decision to enact a new curriculum, arguing

that K-5 students were too young to be taught sexual orientation. Despite the controversy, the Rocklin Unified School District voted 3-2 on May 1st to approve the LGBT curriculum during a heated board meeting that drew hundreds of supporters and opponents. In response, at least 700 students stayed at home from school to protest LGBT indoctrination.

### Prominent Newspaper Calls Out Planned Parenthood

On May 29th, the major liberal newspaper, *Washington Post*, gave Planned Parenthood president Leana Wen four "Pinocchios," the worst rating possible, for using questionable and outdated data to make false claims about abortion. The abortion leader tweeted on three separate occasions that reversing *Roe v. Wade* would cause the country to go back to the time before *Roe* when "thousands of women died every year" from illegal abortions. After examining the data behind Wen's abortion claims, the *Post* concluded that "given the fuzzy nature of the data and estimates, there is no evidence that in the years immediately preceding the Supreme Court's decision, thousands of women died every year in the United States from illegal abortions...These numbers were debunked in 1969... by a statistician celebrated by Planned Parenthood. There's no reason to use them today." Leana Wen has since then been dismissed by Planned Parenthood.

### Citizens Remember Massacre, Communists Continue Cover-up

Around 180,000 people gathered at a candlelight vigil in Hong Kong's Victoria Park on the night of June 4, 2019, to



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honor the victims of the June 4, 1989 Tiananmen Square Massacre, when the Chinese Communist government used soldiers and tanks to brutally squash demonstrations for greater freedom in Beijing, killing thousands of citizens. Despite receiving widespread condemnation, the Communist government has continued to defend its actions while engaging in a massive cover-up within its own borders, outlawing the mentioning or publishing of any information relating to the massacre.



# Teaching Your Child Social Responsibility

## PART THREE

BY FR. RAUL PLUS, S.J.



If we are alert to seize the occasions, everything can serve to teach children to guess, or at least to understand, the needs and requirements of others. For example, a little girl who could no longer be called a baby had not as yet any brother or sister. One day she noticed her mother busy with the details of a layette: “Is all that for Lily, mamma?” She was Lily. “No dear, not for Lily, but for a little brother or sister who is going to come.” Lily was utterly stupefied. What was this? Mother was not working only for her then!

The first school for social consciousness is the family. What a handicap if mother has never worked for anyone but Lily, if Lily remained an only child! We can readily guess what selfishness she would have been capable of displaying.

The family is together: “It’s so stuffy here, I’m going to open the window.” “No, grandmother has a cold.” The child understands it is not alone; others count. The family lives in an apartment. The children are making an uproar. “Gently, children; we must not disturb the people downstairs. Not so much noise.” Others count. The little girl is learning how to keep house. She shakes her dust cloth out of the window. “Did you look to see if someone was passing by?”

To know that other people exist and to understand that we must restrain ourselves for them is the root of social consciousness. A person would think that we all would have it and to spare. Unfortunately, experience proves otherwise. Mother and child go to a neighboring park for play. How tempting to make little sand piles all along the bench beside mamma! “You will see. I will not get you dirty mamma.” “No, my little one, but you are not thinking of the people who may come in a little while to sit on this bench.”



Helping to prepare for the arrival of a younger sibling teaches children at an early age that they are not the only apple of Mommy’s eye.

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The street as well as a public park can offer opportunities for such lessons. “Step aside dear. Don’t you see that mother who is pushing her baby buggy; let her pass.” On the bus: “Give your place to the lady.” In a train. “Take turns sitting by the window.” “Let’s not speak so loud; it will disturb other people’s conversation or their reading.” On a visit: “The steps have just been scrubbed; clean your shoes on the mat and walk along the edge so as not to track them up for our friend.”

All this is rounded out in Catechism lessons. “Then in heaven I will be with some poor little child, won’t I?” Children of poor families should be taught the dignity of poverty and labor, the duty of contributing one’s best efforts to lift the living conditions and social status of their group. Children of wealthy families should be taught their responsibility toward the poor; they should be taught how far material, moral, and spiritual destitution can go and what they ought to do to learn how to remedy it. ■

Be sure to check the next issue of *Crusade* for the fourth and final installation in this series on Social Responsibility.



# True Environmental Stewardship

BY JAMES BASCOM

Many North Americans, Latin Americans, and Europeans are justifiably skeptical of the global environmental movement. It shows many of the characteristics, not of a serious scientific movement, but of a political ideology or even a quasi-religious sect. The overwhelming majority of its leaders and foot soldiers espouse a not-so-hidden socialist ideology that seeks to dismantle our economic system. Meteorologists fail to accurately predict the weather two weeks into the future, yet somehow we are asked to sacrifice our entire way of life thanks to the prediction of a tenuous climate computer model two decades into the future.

The science is “settled,” we are told. We must accept global warming as an article of faith. Debate is not only wrong, but dangerous. Opponents to the movement, no matter how scientifically rigorous their arguments may be, are labelled “deniers” (reminiscent of “Holocaust deniers”).

The *New York Times* recently published a cartoon depicting the stabbing of global warming skeptics. Robert Kennedy Jr. declared that skeptics should be sent to trial at the International Criminal Court of

Justice in The Hague, Netherlands. Sheldon Whitehouse, Democratic Senator from Rhode Island, supports using RICO laws to prosecute climate skeptics. Thousands of scientists have suffered persecution, loss of funding, or even the loss of their jobs for daring to expose holes in the man-made global warming theory.

Many of the same Christians who abhor the environmental movement also have a genuine concern for fulfilling mankind’s obligation, given to him by God in the Book of Genesis, to be proper stewards of the Earth. Is it

possible to care for the Earth without being contaminated by the socialist principles of the environmental movement? What would such a stewardship look like?

## 1. It would declare God, not the Earth, as the Supreme Being

Most of the environmental movement’s members explicitly or implicitly embrace a pantheistic worldview. For them the Earth and all living things contain a “spark” of the divinity and therefore have no final purpose outside of themselves. This naturally leads to a radical egalitarianism between man, animals, plants, and inanimate matter. If all things are equally god, no being has any greater dignity or importance or rights than any other. In his 1992 book *Earth in the Balance*, Al Gore praised these pre-Christian pantheistic concepts of the earth. Consider this statement by Mikhail Gorbachev, founder of the Green Cross International and a leading environmental activist:

“I believe in the cosmos. All of us are linked to the cosmos. Look at the sun. If there is no sun, then we cannot exist. So nature is my god. To me, nature is sacred. Trees are my temples and forests are my cathedrals.”

True Christian stewardship of the Earth must recognize God as the Supreme Being, distinct from His creation. He reigns sovereign over the universe and His creatures attain their final end in Him, not in themselves. Every animal, plant, mineral, and human being reflects a unique and beautiful quality of an infinite God. It is through this beauty and order that mankind can better know, love and serve Him.

## 2. It would recognize mankind as the king, not the predator, of creation

The natural consequence of this pantheistic, neo-pagan worldview is a violent disdain for mankind. Environmentalists see man as a suicidal predator of the Earth, a being whose civilization and technology does nothing but harm himself, the Earth,



The global environmental movement smacks more of a political ideology than scientific fact.



and all the creatures on it. This view is expressed well by the Club of Rome, a European pro-environmentalist think tank:

“In searching for a common enemy against whom we can unite, we came up with the idea that pollution, the threat of global warming, water shortages, famine and the like, would fit the bill. In their totality and their interactions these phenomena do constitute a common threat which must be confronted by everyone together. But in designating these dangers as the enemy, we fall into the trap, which we have already warned readers about, namely mistaking symptoms for causes. All these dangers are caused by human intervention in natural processes, and it is only through changed attitudes and behavior that they can be overcome. The real enemy then is humanity itself.”

Christian stewardship recognizes that God created the physical universe in a hierarchical way. God gave mankind an order to “Increase and multiply, and fill the earth, and subdue it, and rule over the fishes of the sea, and the fowls of the air, and all living creatures that move upon the earth.” (Gen 1:28). Man is not equal to the animals and plants. Rather, he has a truly privileged status in the physical creation. Animals and plants exist to serve man’s needs, not the other way around.

### **3. It would recognize man as a partner of God in the building of Christian civilization**

The environmentalist movement tries its best to stifle human use of natural resources as best it can, whether it be opposing the construction of a dam in California, closing a coal mine in West Virginia, fighting agricultural development in Brazil, or protesting the death of Cecil the Lion. Christian stewardship recognizes that resources were put in the Earth by God for man’s use. He has every right to use them for his physical necessities.

In an organic Christian society, the Earth’s resources do not provide merely for individual men’s bodily needs. Rather they are the raw materials that man, if he corresponds to God’s grace, can and should use to construct a marvelous Christian civilization. The great works produced by Christian Europe in the Middle Ages—its towering Gothic cathedrals, mighty castles, stained glass, and sculpture just to name a few—were built using the Earth’s resources to give glory to God in everything.

Dante Alighieri called the works of man “the grandchildren of God.” When man utilizes the raw stone, sand, wood, and metal of the Earth to construct these works, they give God far greater glory than merely sitting unused for the sake of



environmental “sustainability.” Who could argue that the sand, stone, and metal used to make the breathtaking stained glass of the Sainte-Chapelle in Paris would have been better left in the ground, or that the trees felled to build Christopher Columbus’ fleet be left untouched to die and rot in the forest?

A big difference between our industrialized society and an organic Christian society is the absence of what John Horvat, in *Return to Order*, calls the “sublime.” He defines the sublime as “those things that are of such excellence that they provoke great emotion, causing men to be overawed by their magnificence or grandeur. The sublime might be found in extraordinary panoramas, works of art, ideas, virtuous acts, or the heroic feats of great men.” When men cooperate with God’s grace and utilize the Earth’s resources to produce sublime works, they not only give glory to God but also give greater meaning to our lives and satisfy some of the deepest longings of the soul.

### **4. It would see an intelligent mankind as the key, not the obstacle, to environmental stewardship**

Environmentalists generally see resources as finite, resource scarcity an insurmountable problem, and pollution an inevitable consequence of development. The only way to escape these problems is not to solve them, but avoid them by clamping down on development, reducing the human population, and reducing individual consumption.

They ignore the role of man’s intelligence in

*God gave mankind an order to “Increase and multiply, and fill the earth and subdue it...”*



solving these environmental problems. Thomas Malthus, the founding father of population control, wrote in his 1798 work “An Essay on the Principle of Population” that population should be kept in check, since its growth would inevitably outstrip food production. Paul Ehrlich his 1968 book *The Population Bomb* predicted that the population explosion would lead to mass starvation by 1980. Both these philosophers were proven spectacularly wrong by the massive increases in agricultural production made possible by human ingenuity.

Many people are unaware that air, rivers, and soil of the United States are the cleanest they have been in over a hundred years, and are getting cleaner every year. This has largely been the result of engineering solutions that replaced dirty industrial processes with clean ones and governmental regulations that, until recently, respected economic growth while cleaning up the environment.

### 5. It would respect private property rights

Christian stewardship must respect the Natural Law, the law that God has written on the hearts of all men. First among these laws, at least as they deal with land use and environmentalism, is the right of private property.

The environmental movement, with its ideological roots in socialism, generally works to weaken or destroy the right of individuals to own private property or dispose of it as they see fit. This can be seen in the draconian animal rights regulations that block California farmers from farming their own property upon discovery of some obscure field mouse, or in the water regulations that prevent Colorado ranchers from grazing their cattle near rivers on their ranches, or in the delay or cancellation of infrastructure projects such as the Keystone XL pipeline. Factory owners must spend great sums of money to satisfy environmental regulations, and homeowners in many areas are banned from clearing trees, building structures, or

substantially modifying their own land for the sake of “environmental protection.”

Only in a society that protects property rights is the environment truly protected. Socialist or communist regimes where private property was banned or severely curtailed, such as the former Soviet Union, China, and Cuba, are today basket cases of environmental degradation. It is simple common sense that unless a man has a personal stake in a property through ownership, it will be abused and neglected. In an organic Christian society, the state would work in tandem with landowners to solve environmental problems without encroaching on property rights.

### 6. It would eschew socialist, supra-national, centrally planned, global “solutions”

Problems of air and water pollution, land use, and resource scarcity are almost always regional or local problems which can only be properly addressed by the local government and citizenry. An attempt to impose a one-size-fits-all “solution” on an entire nation, much less the whole world, cannot possibly address each and every local problem and unique need. National or international “solutions” tend to transfer control over resources from the local population to faceless bureaucrats in a far-off capital who have likely never set foot on the very soil they are regulating.

Moreover, the purported crisis that such international agreements are supposed to solve—man-made climate change—is itself a dubious scientific theory. And behind the green curtain lies a not so hidden political ideology. Canadian writer and environmental activist Naomi Klein explains in her 2014 book *This Changes Everything: Capitalism vs. the Climate*:

“[A]s we remake our economies to stay within our global carbon budget, we need to see less consumption...less trade... and less private investment....Implicit in all of this is a great deal more redistribution, so that more of us can live comfortably within the planet’s capacity... Which is precisely why, when climate change deniers claim that global warming is a plot to redistribute wealth, it’s not (only) because they are paranoid. It’s also because they are paying attention.”

Conscientious Catholics must do everything to oppose the false solutions of the Paris summit. In addition, the false dichotomy implicit within the great environmental debate—green socialism vs. environmental unconcern—must be rejected. It is only in a truly organic Christian society as described in *Return to Order* where the material creation is protected, used, and directed toward its proper end. ■

When green socialism enters a nation’s political arena, “one-size-fits-all” solutions are destined to fail.



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## Restore Notre Dame to Its Pre-fire Perfection

BY JAMES BASCOM

When fire broke out at Notre Dame cathedral in Paris on April 15, 2019, destroying its roof and iconic spire, Catholics around the world were justifiably shocked and dismayed. Notre Dame is not just a jewel of medieval Gothic architecture, but a symbol. It is at the same time a symbol of French Catholicism and a symbol of Western European Christian civilization.

Many Catholics and even non-Catholics understood this, and the outpouring of sympathy and especially donations to restore the cathedral was massive. Donations totaling more than \$1 billion were quickly pledged from all across the world, with a very large portion coming from the United States.

Just as quick, however, were the calls by some French politicians and journalists to “improve” Notre Dame with a modern roof and spire in accordance with the spirit of our times. Just two days after the disaster, French President Emmanuel Macron announced that he would rebuild Notre Dame in five years (an unrealistic timetable) and with a possible new design, envisioning that it would be “a gesture of contemporary architecture.”

That same week, French Prime Minister, Édouard Philippe, announced an international competition to design a new roof and a new spire. Philippe expressed interest in “a new spire adapted to the techniques and the challenges of our era.” More than a dozen architects immediately submitted ideas such as an all-glass roof and spire, a rooftop ecological park, a giant spotlight shining into the sky, and even a rooftop swimming pool.

Fearful that such a “restoration” would in fact be a desecration of Notre Dame, the French Society for the Defense of Tradition, Family, and Property launched a worldwide petition to the French government demanding that Notre Dame Cathedral be restored identically to the inspiring edifice it was before the fire. As of the time of this writing, 102,057 people have signed it.

In addition, during the first week of May dozens of TFP representatives from around the world traveled to collect signatures on the streets of Paris for *Notre Dame à l'identique*. TFP members campaigned all over the city, from the business district near the Saint Lazare train station on the right bank, to the square right next to Le Bon Marché shopping mall on the left bank (just a few hundred yards from the Rue du Bac where Our Lady appeared to Saint Catherine Labouré). Other places included the Place de l'Opera and the Palais Royal, next to the Louvre Museum.



**Top:** The author explains the value of preserving the original Gothic architecture of Notre Dame to a concerned passerby. **Above:** This petition has received over 102,057 signatures as of July 16, 2019.

Most symbolic was the campaign on the edge of the Seine River, across from Notre Dame Cathedral itself. The police had closed off most of the island, so TFP members went as close as they could. Although most passersby were tourists, the majority agreed that Notre Dame must be restored to its pre-fire perfection. In fact, not only tourists but the majority of Frenchmen they encountered thought the same thing: France must rebuild the cathedral as it was, with the same roof, spire, and woodwork. According to a YouGov poll, 54% of French people want Notre Dame restored identically, with only 25% preferring a “modern” style.

As the rubble is cleared away and the restoration of Notre Dame begins in earnest, the TFP will continue to do street campaigns and collect signatures to make sure that the 850-year-old Gothic cathedral of Our Lady in Paris is not disfigured, but rather restored to her former splendor. ■

**Go to [www.FlecheNotreDame.org](http://www.FlecheNotreDame.org) to add your name to our petition to restore Notre Dame Cathedral to her former beauty.**

# GREEN Is the New RED



## The Metamorphosis of Communism

BY VINCENT & MIRIAM GORRE



**W**hat is the green movement all about? Where did it come from? What is its ideology? Does it have a solid scientific backing for its theories? Is there a hidden agenda behind it? Does the green movement have communist roots?

The environmental or “green” movement is defined and spurred by the issues of global warming, climate change, sustainable development<sup>1</sup>, naturalism<sup>2</sup> and other environmental concerns.

While a majority of Americans, influenced by the persistent leftist media, may accept that climate change is happening, the justifications for its predictions and theories have always been controversial and divisive. Amongst the different agendas behind the climate change issue, there is one that is most controversial and disturbing. It is the study that shows that 62% of Americans believe that climate change is largely caused by humans.<sup>3</sup>

In spite of all the global push, the earth’s climate is remarkably stable by historical standards, and there is no real proof that man is causing the warming or cooling of the planet. Such claims are based on outright fraud, and the real agenda behind is clearly political.

Certain celebrities, activists, environmentalist organizations, businesses, the UN, some government entities and sadly, even the Vatican support the theory that humans are the cause of climate change. They have the mainstream media to further promote this erroneous theory. However, there are a number of experts, concerned Americans, and serious organizations who have presented arguments and facts to disprove this theory.

Whatever the polls say, the fact still remains that climate change claims are unsettled theories. As author Michael Crichton once said, “There is no such thing as

consensus science. If it’s consensus, it isn’t science. If it’s science, it isn’t consensus. Period.”

A large percentage of Americans may believe in the problem of climate change and that something can be done to solve it, but the survey shows that they’re not personally willing to act, though there are some who would support organizations and the government if their money goes to environmental causes.<sup>4</sup> This fact paved the way for democratic candidates and activists to make climate change their number one issue in the coming elections.<sup>5</sup>

### From Red to Green

As it is generally known, the Soviet dictatorial government committed a multitude of crimes against humanity. More than 100 million deaths were attributed to communism.<sup>6</sup> They controlled much of the people’s legitimate liberties resulting in a sub-standard way of living, loss of private property ownership, loss of religious freedom and the practice of radical egalitarianism, among many other atrocities. Eventually, when the Soviet Union collapsed in December of 1991, the Free World breathed a sigh of relief. At last, Soviet communism as they knew it had come to an end.

Keen and realistic observers, however, believed all along, that what actually happened in 1991 was not the end of communism but “a metamorphosis of the revolutionary process, not its extinction.”<sup>7</sup>

Vaclav Klaus, the first president of the Czech Republic after the end of the Soviet dictatorship, warned that “Celebrating the end of communism is inappropriate. It is creeping back in different forms under different flags and slogans.”<sup>8</sup> He continues, “As someone who lived under communism for most of my life, I feel obliged to say that the biggest threat to freedom, democracy, the market



economy and prosperity at the beginning of the 21st century, is not communism or its various softer versions. It was replaced by ambitious environmentalism.”<sup>9</sup>

The collapse of the Soviet Union showed the world the disastrous failure of hardline communism practiced for almost seven decades. In view of this debacle, communists had to hide their failed ideology and emerge in a different form. Under the green flag of the environmental movement, communism crept in. This was evidenced by the Marxist takeover of the Greenpeace movement which was mainly concerned about protecting the environment. But as Lord Christopher Monckton, a special adviser to UK’s Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher, narrated in an interview, “The environmentalists are merely watermelons: green on the outside, red on the inside, or I call them the traffic light tendency: yellow (afraid) to admit they are really red. You may think this is just rhetoric but I used to know one of the founders of Greenpeace, the late Eric Ellington, then whom nobody less political could be found. He was genuinely concerned that nobody should mess up the planet, and so he and his fellow founders all had rather idealistic notions about what they would like to achieve. Within a year or two, he said, they all had to leave because they weren’t political. When the Marxists moved in, and in his words, ‘took the movement over,’ they were unable to stop it because they were politically outmaneuvered by the hard left.”<sup>10</sup>

### **Stop Human Population Growth, Save the Polar Bears.**

As history has shown, Communism has no problem with eliminating millions of human lives by many means, the Soviet Union being the first to legalize abortion. Today, the green movement wants us to believe that human overpopulation is the cause of environmental and economic catastrophe. They declare that more humans are bad for the planet and therefore they push for population control.

Even with legalized abortions, which includes late-term and at-birth in some states, the green movement is still not satisfied. Instead, it is more concerned with preserving the polar bear, the spotted owl populations and other animal species. In 2010, The Center for Biological Diversity gave away 100,000 condoms with images of polar bears and spotted owls on their packaging, to highlight the preservation of so-called endangered species.

As Dave Forman, co-founder of Earth First! once said, “My three main goals would be to reduce human population to about 100 million worldwide, destroy the industrial infrastructure and see wilderness, with all its full complement of species, returning throughout the world.”<sup>11</sup>

The current human population is 7.6 billion. The green movement is concerned that the planet cannot support human population growth, and it wants to re-



**Like the watermelon, if the environmental movement were sliced open, a great deal of “red” would be found beneath the thin green surface.**

strict or even prohibit the legitimate use of God’s creation to feed mankind. But, it is a fact that the entire world’s population could fit in the state of Texas with 1,000 square feet allotted per person and that food production and other resources needed to support the earth’s human population is adequate.

God intended for His creation to be used by man wisely to support himself. In Genesis, the Holy Scripture says, “And God created man to his own image: to the image of God he created him: male and female He created them. And God blessed them, saying: increase and multiply and fill the earth, and subdue it, and rule over the fishes of the sea and the fowls of the air, and all living creatures that move upon the earth. And God said: Behold I have given you every herb bearing seed upon the earth, and all trees that have in themselves seed of their own kind, to be your meat.” (Gen. 1: 27-29)

### **Environmentalism and Socialism**

Disinformation is one tool communists often use to deceive the West. One of the great Soviet deceptions is the idea that humans were changing the climate and that humans could save the earth through socialism. The late Natalie Grant Wraga, a recognized Soviet expert who advised the U.S. State Department on Soviet deception wrote: “Protection of the environment has become the principal tool for attack against the West and all it stands for. Protection of the environment may be used as a pretext to adopt a series of measures designed to undermine the industrial base of developed nations. It may also serve to introduce malaise by lowering their standard of living and implanting communist values.”<sup>12</sup>

On December 12, 2015, 196 parties to the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) signed

the Paris Agreement that established global warming goals. It required countries to make profound changes to their economies. It also established a “Green Climate Fund” that required industrialized countries to pay for poor countries to build more renewable power and address climate change. According to a Heritage Foundation Report, “this framework is a push for un-development for the industrialized world and a major obstacle for growth for the developing world.”

In fact, one of the prime movers of global environmental initiatives once said, “Isn’t the only hope for the planet that the industrialized civilizations collapse? Isn’t it our duty to bring that about?”<sup>13</sup>

In the United States, neophyte congresswoman Alexandra Ocasio-Cortez, a Democratic socialist from Bronx, N.Y., wasted no time in introducing a proposal to make the United States free of carbon emissions within ten years, without the use of nuclear power. Called the “Green New Deal,” she called for a “national, social, industrial and economic mobilization at a scale not seen since World War II.” In true socialist fashion, the proposal calls for universal healthcare, free college tuition, replacement of airplanes with high-speed trains, charging stations, replacement of “every combustion engine vehicle,” government-provided jobs, retirement security and total “economic security” for anyone “unable or unwilling to work.”

When asked how she was going to pay for it, she declared, “The world is gonna end in twelve years if we don’t address climate change and your biggest issue is, how are we gonna pay for it?”<sup>14</sup> It is obvious that the only way to pay for Ms. Ocasio-Cortez’s unrealistic proposal is to impose prohibitive taxes on taxpaying Americans, a basic tool in socialism’s toolbox. As it turned out, the U.S. Senate did not even bother to take up the non-binding resolution by a vote of 0-57 which effectively shelved the proposed measure, for now.

In France, the recent “yellow vest” street protests drew hundreds of thousands of French citizens protesting against an increase in fuel tax imposed by the government of President Emmanuel Macron. The increase was

supposed to support France’s gas emissions goals to comply with the Paris Agreement. Working-class French people were not at all happy, sometimes resulting in violent riots on the streets of Paris. President Macron eventually cancelled the proposal thereby suffering a humiliating defeat—a good sign that socialism will always fail if people are free to redress their grievances.

### Earth First, Man Last

According to communist theory, man is nothing but a cog in a wheel, and therefore communists deny man’s natural rights.<sup>15</sup> Hence, the green movement uses several claims to spread fear and disinformation. Some of these claims include that there is a scientific consensus that human activity causes global warming and that CO2 is the enemy that drives global warming. These claims have all been refuted. A petition drive signed by 31,047 American scientists states that, “There is no convincing evidence that human release of CO2, methane, or other greenhouse gases is causing or will in the foreseeable future cause catastrophic heating of the Earth’s atmosphere and disruption of the Earth’s climate.”<sup>16</sup>

About rising CO2 levels, scientific studies prove that CO2 is not the enemy as environmentalists say it is, but a critical factor in the fight against food shortage, malnutrition and premature deaths especially in poor countries. CO2 is in fact a powerful plant food and has already “greened” the planet, resulting in a 15 to 30 percent increase in crop production since 1900.<sup>17</sup>

### Environmentalism and Pantheism

Communists do not believe in a supreme, all-wise, all provident Divine Being, distinct from the universe. Theirs is a pantheistic view that God is identical with the nature of things, and is therefore subject to change.

Not long after stepping down as head of the former Soviet Union, Mikhail Gorbachev expressed this pantheistic view when he declared: “I believe in the cosmos. All of us are linked to the cosmos. Look at the sun. If there is no sun, then we cannot exist. So nature is my god. To me, nature is sacred. Trees are my temples and forests are my cathedrals.”<sup>18</sup> Gorbachev embarked on an environmental crusade by forming an organization called Green Cross International.

Many in the green movement want to introduce an earth-based religion to solve the world’s problems. They believe that the earth is a living organism, a deity, an “earth spirit.” Former Vice-President Al Gore, who has been a vocal environmentalist, wrote in his book, *Earth in the Balance*, that “Our religious heritage is based on a single earth goddess who

Recent “yellow vest” street protests swelled with French citizens who opposed an increase in fuel taxes meant to offset the cost of gas emissions goals.



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is assumed to be the foundation of all life... all men have a god within. Each man has a god within because creation is God.”

Another prominent environmentalist, the late Carl Sagan, suggested that the earth should be “regarded as sacred” to encourage treating it with “care and respect, not because God made it, but because it made us.”<sup>19</sup> Pantheism is widely embraced by environmentalists. “For them the earth and all living things contain a ‘spark’ of the divinity and therefore have no final purpose outside of themselves. This naturally leads to a radical egalitarianism between man, animals, plants, and inanimate matter.”<sup>20</sup>

### Environmentalism and the Vatican Alliance

Unfortunately, an unlikely ally has joined the green movement—the Vatican. Pope Francis’s encyclical on the environment, *Laudato Si*, was widely criticized for its economic, social and scientific aspects.

But what is profoundly concerning is its “new conception of man and the universe.” The American TFP published an in-depth study entitled, “Unacceptable Philosophy and Theology of *Laudato Si*.” Authored by the Brazilian Catholic intellectual, Arnaldo Vidigal Xavier da Silveira, the study concludes in part: “the philosophical and theological vision of the human being and of creation presented by the encyclical is incompatible with Catholic dogma and sound philosophy, and is, therefore, unacceptable. We regret being obliged to point this out but note that it is unacceptable not only for the grave errors it contains but also for its insinuations, ambiguities, omissions, and biases, all favoring a pantheistic worldview.”<sup>21</sup>

The study further says that “the encyclical deals with the earth, nature and the environment as if they were rational beings.” To quote from the encyclical: “This sister ‘the earth’ now cries out to us because of the harm we have inflicted on her by our irresponsible use and abuse

of the goods that God has endowed her.” Da Silveira also concludes that, “In short, the encyclical presents man, not as the master of nature, of the sensible world, a condition which man uses to give glory to God, but virtually reverses that order by placing him not as master but as the servant of sensible nature, to which he must submit and which he must obey.”

### Green Agenda at the Pan-Amazon Synod

In the meantime, preparations are underway at the Vatican for the Pan-Amazon Synod to be held in Rome on October 6 to 27, 2019. The assembly of bishops from the Amazon Basin will discuss the theme, “The Amazon: New Paths for the Church and for an Integral Ecology.”

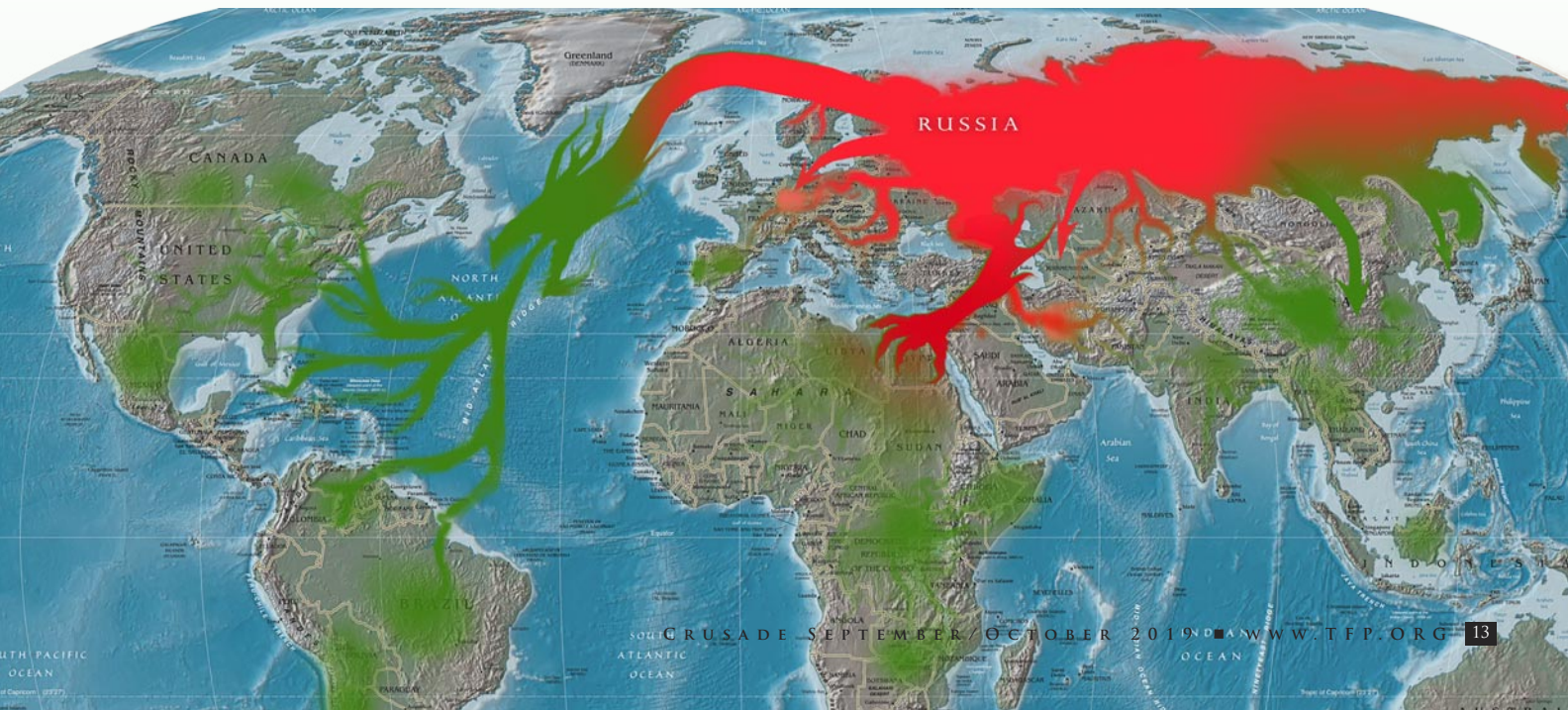
Much attention given to the Synod has been about the possibility of allowing married priests in the Amazon region of South America, which would contradict millennia of discipline in the Roman Rite and the example of Our Lord Jesus Christ Himself.

Just as dangerous, however, is the radical green ideology expressed by the Synod organizers and contained in the already published “Preparatory Document” and “*Instrumentum Laboris*.” The 84-page “Preparatory Document” reads like a Green Manifesto which promises to present social, economic, and political solutions by drawing upon the “wisdom” of the Amazonian Indians.

Just like Pope Francis’s encyclical *Laudato Si*, the two documents are full of climate alarmism and disdain for private property, the free enterprise economy, and above all Western civilization.

It is the West with its “expansive economic interests” with an “extractivist mentality” that has caused the supposed environmental crisis of our times. Americans and Europeans are guilty of crimes against the environment such as “indiscriminate logging... contamination of rivers, lakes, and tributaries... oil spills, legal and illegal mining.”

The solution, it declares, “requires structural and personal changes by all human beings, by nations, and



by the Church” in which mankind “breaks with structures that take life and colonizing mentalities.” We need an “ecological conversion” which will supposedly free us from our “obsession with consumerism.”

The synod’s agenda will also include progressive pastoral goals that affect the Amazon basin and could be made a model for the rest of the Church worldwide. Although the Synod is about the Amazon, the real target is the United States and Europe. The Most Rev. Franz-Joseph Overbeck, bishop of Essen (Germany) and head of the Latin American relief organization Adveniat, has made this very clear: “The Synod on the Amazon will be a turning point for the whole Church. Nothing will be as before.”

### **Our Lady of Fatima’s Message—“Most Prophetic of all Modern Apparitions”**

Our Lady’s message at Fatima in 1917 remains current and relevant to the development of world events today. Pope Benedict XVI noted “the apparitions of Our Lady of Fatima, with their powerful call to conversion and penance, are without doubt the most prophetic of all modern apparitions.”

The “red” style of communism may be gone, but its ideology continues to spread, inspired by an atheistic, pantheistic and egalitarian doctrine opposed not only to the values of Christian civilization, but the natural law. It is important to be aware of the dangers of the environmental movement in all its forms and to learn why its socialistic agenda will ultimately lead to communism.

Communism is intrinsically evil and has been condemned by several popes. Such an evil regime only gets its inspiration from Satan himself. Satan, who hates God and His creation, will always have the downfall of man, made in the image and likeness of God, as his ultimate goal. The devil and his followers had to come up with new plan to replace the ugly and failed face of communism. Through the intercession of the Most Holy Virgin, the father of lies and his followers are exposed when we recognize that the green movement is truly the new “red.”

A great Catholic writer and thinker, Prof. Plinio Corrêa

de Oliveira, once wrote, “The Fatima apparitions instruct us about the terrible gravity of the world situation and about the true causes of our evils, as well as teach us the means by which we must avoid the earthly and eternal punishments that await us. To people of antiquity, God sent the prophets. In our days, He spoke to us through the Queen of Prophets herself. Having thus studied what Our Lady said, what can we say? The only suitable words are those of Our of Lord in the Gospel, “If any man has ears to hear, let him hear” (Mark 4:23).<sup>22</sup>

In the meantime, we must pray, especially the Rosary and the First Saturday Devotion, which Our Lady of Fatima requested. As we continue to fight for God’s cause, remember that the true confidence of each faithful Christian is grounded on Our Lord’s promise that the gates of Hell will not prevail against the Church and that in Fatima, Our Lady promised, “Finally, my Immaculate Heart will triumph.” ■

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**“If my requests are heeded, Russia will be converted, and there will be peace; if not, she will spread her errors throughout the world....”**

Our Lady of Fatima,  
July 13, 1917







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PROGRESS REPORT

## Stories from the Battlelines

COMPILED BY TONIA LONG

### Chief of Police Joins Local Rally

In July of 2016, TFP/America Needs Fatima promoted rosary rallies in support of the police, encouraging Catholics to pray for their safekeeping. Carmen Lambert of Miami Beach, Florida, hosted a rosary rally dedicated to this intention. Soon after she began the rosary, three police cars arrived. To her surprise, one of the officers said, “I am the Chief of Police. I’m here to thank you, and to pray the rosary with you!” The Chief stood in prayer with Mary, and after the rally

held a monthly rosary rally at the same location every first Saturday, praying not only for the police, but also in public reparation for the sins of the world.

### Seed of Devotion Planted in Hawaii

Devotion to Our Lady of Fatima is widespread, echoing to the furthest corners of the United States. The parish of Maria Lanakila (Our Lady of Victory) in Lahaina, Hawaii, has a particular dedication to Fatima through the encouragement of Rosary Rally Captain Margy O’Brien. Margy inspired a long-lasting dedication to Fatima through heading rosary rallies on the first Saturday of each month, distributing free rosaries and using America Needs Fatima banners to promote the Fatima message. During the ten years she lived on the island, Margy made it her mission to spread Our Lady’s words at Fatima.

“I believe very strongly that America needs Our Lady of Fatima—look at the blasphemies happening in the world today,” Margy said. “The only way to combat these atrocities is, as Our Lady said, with the rosary.” Though Margy now lives in St. Augustine, Florida, where she continues to be a Rally Captain, the parish of Fatima devotees at Maria Lanakila continues to thrive because of the seed she planted!



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### Little Boys Reject Princess Dresses

On Holy Saturday, 2019, Catholics protesting a Drag Queen Story Hour at Lower Memorial Library in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, were shocked once again when they witnessed parents forcing their sons to dress like little girls. Drag queens handed out princess dresses and tiaras, encouraging the audience to dress their children in the fantastical feminine wear.

However, the little boys, in their innocent, God-given nature, felt repulsed. “Some of the boys were crying, and didn’t want to wear the dresses or tiaras,” said protester, Gerarda Fitzsimmons, mother of four children, who ventured into the library. “Today, what’s right is wrong, and what’s wrong is right. It’s unbelievable,” said Gerarda.



ended, asked that she pray every month in that exact spot. Since then, Mary and her friends have faithfully

**If Our Lady is calling you to join these brave Rosary Captains, just call (866) 584-6012 or email ANFRosaryRally@aol.com.**

**Check your local library to see if they are holding a DQSH and contact Cindy at [deusvult.cf@gmail.com](mailto:deusvult.cf@gmail.com) or call (844) 830-3570.**



# Our Lady's Arsenal Grows

BY FRANCIS SLOBODNIK

As our American culture continues to decline, many people are waking up to reality. Suddenly multitudes of Catholics realize what kind of world their children and grandchildren will have to face. More and more Catholics are participating in the Public Square Rosary Crusade held all across America. People, who never would have organized such a rally in the past, now see the necessity of public prayer for the urgent conversion of America.

As the Public Square Rosary Crusade has grown we have been running out of space in our calling center in Rossville, Kansas. Currently, thirty volunteers a day, ten per shift, place calls from Monday through Friday. These volunteers sacrifice part of their summer in order to recruit thousands of Rally Captains. In addition, there are three staff members to supervise and assist. Our old work area had become very crowded.

Thanks to the generous donations of four special friends of America Needs Fatima, we have acquired a new building, just



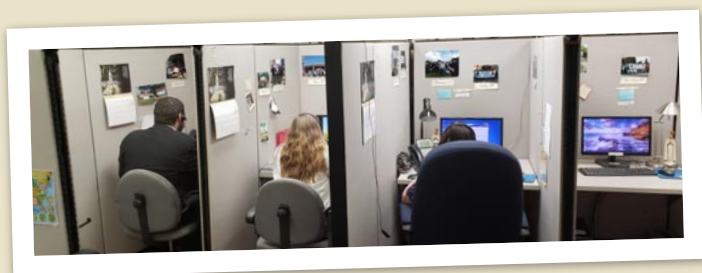
The empty shell of the new Kansas Calling Center that will soon be filled with busy rosary rally volunteers recruiting Rally Captains from across America.

three doors away. This building provides a much larger work space with the potential of housing up to thirty volunteers per shift, or ninety volunteers per day! Imagine how many rosaries will be prayed in the public squares of America with tens of thousands of rallies.

But we still have work ahead of us before this dream can become a reality. The new building was previously an electrical warehouse with an electrician-training classroom. It will take some months to add heating and air conditioning, flooring, ceilings, walls, restrooms, office cubicles, computers, and also move our phone system. We also need to prepare a training section for new arrivals and a section for meals and breaks.

The new Kansas Calling Center is one more weapon in Our Lady's arsenal with which to offer the rosary in reparation for the numerous sins committed in America.

If you are interested in volunteering at our new center or if you would like to sign up to become a Public Square Rosary Rally Captain, please call us (866)584-6012 or email us at ANFRosaryRally@aol.com. ■



Rosary rally volunteers making calls in our current office.

# Fighting Satanism on the Last Frontier

BY REX TEODOSIO

A spiritual battle took place on the Last Frontier as forty local activists joined with members of America Needs Fatima in Soldotna, Alaska. They were there to protest the Satanic invocation that opened the Kenai Peninsula Borough Public Assembly on June 18th, a horrifying trend that invites Satan into government meetings.

"We were expecting some people to come," said Zechariah Long, who flew in from Texas, "But this is amazing!"

The lively group of devout protesters was met by a disjointed opposition. One counter-protester came out with signs promoting abortion and mocked the praying of the rosary. A young woman who joined her even bragged that she had had an abortion and "enjoyed" it. The only unifying factor that could be found among the counter-demonstrators was a hatred of the Catholic Church and Her teachings.

The sun shone brightly in the Alaskan afternoon as the red and gold standard of the American TFP was unfurled and a corps of prayer warriors brandished their rosaries to make reparation for the public offense against God. It was the first time that the red and gold battle standard was raised in campaign in Alaska, the Last Frontier State.

At the close of the protest, one ANF member encouraged the locals to keep up the fight to defend the public square against Satanism. "I know it is easy to forget about the battles fought here against Satanism, since Alaska is so distant for many," he said, "but I hope that our presence here will encourage those that are already fighting, and inspire others to join in making their voices heard for God's truth." ■







# CUSTODIAN'S

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## Back to the Faith After 50 Years

BY KENNETH MURPHY

Sandy had a tragic life. She was raised Catholic but when she was 15 years old her parents died suddenly. She left the faith until she fell in love and got married a few years later. Her husband brought her back to the Faith.

When Sandy was 25, near the 10th anniversary of her parents' death, her husband suddenly died. She left the Faith again.

Over 40 years later, she was still not practicing the Faith but had formed the habit of visiting a church after a stressful day of shopping. She would simply sit in the church to recover from the frenzy of modern consumerism.

On a random Thursday she was seated in a church called Blessed Sacrament in Massachusetts. While resting after shopping, a man approached her and said, "We are about to start the rosary. Could you say the third glorious mystery?"

She of course said, "No. I don't know how to pray the rosary." But the man misunderstood and said, "Don't worry. I will announce it for you."

When it came time for the third glorious mystery, the rosary group helped her through it. When the rosary group was leaving she was still seated in her pew. The gentleman again approached her and said, "That was great! I already lead the rosary every day. If you come here

every Thursday, could you do it at this time each week?"

Sandy, not a practicing Catholic for almost five decades, blurted out "Yes!"

She practiced the rosary at home. After Sandy had led the rosary for six months in a row, one of the rosary attendees invited her to an America Needs Fatima home visit.

Soon after she sat down at the host's home, who else should visit but the gentleman who had got her to start the rosary at the church! Of course the Fatima Custodian focused on the importance of praying the rosary every day. Sandy resolved to pray it every day, and to come back to practicing the Faith in full.

Occasionally, the Custodian would text Sandy to remind her to pray the rosary every day. From December to May she has indeed responded that she is praying her rosary daily, consistently partaking in the sacraments, and still leading the rosary on Thursdays. ■

Hi Kenneth, I have not missed a day since December 15th saying the Rosary with Mother Mary sitting looking at me. I only did the Rosary once a week before this. This all happened because of you and your knowledge of Fatima. I will keep you updated on my progress. I hope you had a wonderful day today.  
Sandy Cosco

Here I am January 13. It will be a month tomorrow I have not missed a day saying the Rosary. Mother Mary helps me every day now. I just ask her. The reason I am successful is because you said we don't have to be perfect. It's amazing how I get it in because of that

## Drag Queens Pass by in Shame as Reparation Is Made in Kansas

BY JENIFER SEGERSTROM

Like a deadly spiritual virus, Drag Queen Story Hours (DQSH) are infecting libraries all over America. Once seen as safe structures intended for the calm and quiet pursuit of knowledge, American libraries are becoming a public free-for-all, where men dressed in garish female attire and makeup are reading gender-bending stories to children as young as three.

In an effort to protect what remains of the innocence of our children, parents are joining with America Needs Fatima coordinators to organize prayerful protests and acts of reparation across the nation. What follows is a first-hand report from ANF's Kansas office manager, Francis Slobodnik:

The venue was Hamburger Mary's on Broadway, just a few blocks from the beautiful Redemptorist Church. From what I have learned there have been a number of these "story

hours" at this venue. It was obvious that they were entirely shocked to see people protesting their event.

Twenty-one brave souls were present. Just as we were beginning, four police officers showed up. They went inside of the venue then came out and spoke with me. Those who complained about our presence said that we were in the streets, blocking the sidewalk and blocking their entrance. Explaining to the officer that we had been standing in the same place since arriving, he was satisfied and left the premises.

One woman mocked us for some time, saying things like, "pray a little louder, maybe He can't hear you." Near the end, another man shouted vulgarities at us and told us that what we were doing was illegal. It was suggested that he call the police if he believed that to be true.

A young couple drove from Topeka along with their baby. At the end of the rally, there was good conversation between the participants. Names and addresses were collected.

One final note: not one drag queen approached us or even said anything to us, although at least a dozen walked by. My personal impression is they were embarrassed and maybe even felt some shame because of the rally. ■



# Satan Goes Mainstream, ANF Protests!

BY T. M. SALAMIDA

## Satanic Advance

*Hail Satan?*, a documentary movie about the rise of the Satanic Temple and its members, is a major piece of propaganda for Satanism in America. According to press reports, it depicts members of The Satanic Temple [TST] as “merry pranksters” who don’t even believe in Satan. This film was showing in 103 theaters nationwide.

Far from being “merry pranksters,” The Satanic Temple has shown its true colors on many occasions. In January 2017, the Los Angeles chapter of TST had a grand opening celebration they billed as a black mass. An online press report gives some idea of the activities of The Satanic Temple. “The demonic affair involved everything from live music, bloodletting and a 45-minute lecture on demonic cats. Guests were also invited to join invocation and destruction rituals at the event which also served as a fundraiser to further the cause of Satan.”

And what did The Satanic Temple have to say? It declared via Facebook that “We hope you will celebrate liberation, rebellion and a new global Satanic alliance.”

Could there be a reason that TST ended the title of this movie with a question mark? According to reviewer Tom Molloy at *The Wrap*, it was purposeful. “[T]he question mark, Lane explained [Penny Lane, director] at a Q&A after the premiere, is meant as something of an olive branch to non-Satanists.”

The film and its nationwide release was an attempt to mainstream Satanism in America.

## America Needs Fatima Pushes Back

Heeding Our Lady of Fatima’s call to prayer, penance and conversion, members of America Needs Fatima organized a massive protest effort in front of theaters nationwide. Here is an eye-witness account from one of Our Lady’s representatives:

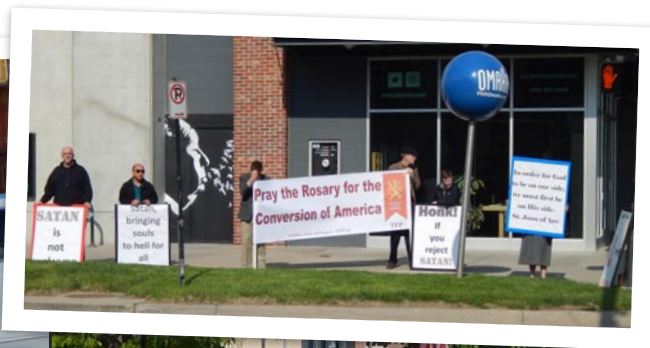
We had 87 people show up and 452 honks of support. We had less than 10 people who supported Satan. One woman shouted out that she was a Democrat and another woman yelled at us that we should be ashamed because we were discriminating. Another passerby felt she needed to tell us that she supports gay marriage. I responded with, “What does that have to do with the satanic movie? We’re here to protest the movie!”

Anyway, good turnout. Many of the people came from both Old St. Patrick’s Parish and from my parish. When anyone would shout “Hail Satan” we’d shout back “Hail Mary!” One Baptist lady joined with us and shouted “Hail Jesus!” *J. S., Hazleton, Pennsylvania*

ANF also spearheaded an on-line petition drive which, to date, has gathered 30,120 signatures. These were sent to Magnolia pictures which is responsible for producing this vile anti-Christian film. ■



Above: Nearly 100 concerned citizens showed up to protest the movie *Hail Satan?*, which has opened in theaters nationwide. Top Right and Right: Lining the street in full view of passersby, these signs made it clear that Satan is not welcome in America.







## Our Readers Write



### Membership Cards

"I received my 2019 ANF membership card and want to thank you so much for the great honor you give me in this. I am so happy! I have been an ANF Rally Captain since 2010 and am still doing it with the grace of Our Lady of Fatima. I was also blessed to have a statue of Our Lady of Fatima visit my home with your Custodians several years ago.

Since then, I have been sharing the statue of Our Lady of Fatima with different homes here in Texas, with their pledge to pray the Holy Rosary daily. We are maintaining a journal of her weekly visits to homes. We also bring her to First Saturday Holy Mass at Mary Queen of Peace Catholic Church in Friendswood, Texas. I feel that there is a need for us to lead families to daily Holy Rosary recitation. God bless you all there in your headquarters."



*A. A., Pearland, Texas*

"I love the address labels that come with the membership mailing, especially the ones that read Pray the Rosary!"

*C. V., Oceanside, New York*

### America Needs Fatima Apostolate

"I appreciate all that you are doing to spread the message of Our Lady. I also pray for you and all who are working with you in this worthy cause to stop the work of the devil. Your mission brings love, peace, joy, and hope to not only America, but to the world."

*Sr. C. Q., Talofof, Guam*

"Thank you, Mr. Ritchie, for all you do. I believe Fatima is the key to everything now. My prayers are always with you and your work. I do feel blessed by all the beautiful things you send and I am very appreciative for the books, rosaries, pictures, etc. I only wish I could do more financially. May God's graces be abundant to you."

*J. B., Novato, California*

"I am writing to personally thank you for your deeply touching letter that I recently received, letting me know that all at ANF are praying for the prayer requests I sent to you. Please know that this means more than I could say or you could know!"

Could you also pray for the grace for me to not only persevere and endure, but also for the strength and grace to learn to trust God...totally? Know I hold you all in my most fervent prayers. Wishing you abundant blessings of God's grace, love, and mercy, and may Jesus and Mary embrace you always!"

*B. T., Hundred, West Virginia*

### Crusade Magazine

"Please send me another copy of the Jan-Feb 2019 edition of your *Crusade Magazine*. I just read the whole thing, cover to cover, and I know this is something my daughter needs to read. The content of this issue is exactly what she would like to read.

My daughter has recently experienced a conversion back to Christianity, but as of yet isn't fully convinced of the truth of our Holy Roman Catholic Church. She sees the error of her former way of life, and understands that Christ is the answer. As a child, she had a deep love and devotion to the Blessed Sacrament, and used to pray to Our Lady. Now, she has been poisoned by a lot of anti-Catholic garbage on the Internet, and has a lot of questions and doubt about our Church. I continue to pray for her every day, and now I will entrust her to Our Mother, to lead her back to our Faith.

I ask your prayers for her also. Her name is C. J. and she is 29 years old. I know Our Lord and Our Lady will not forget her. I thank you for your prayers on her behalf."

*W. S., Meridian, Idaho*

"I recently read the Jan-Fen 2019 *Crusade Magazine* edition. This is a fabulous effort to keep ANF supporters energized. Thank you for keeping the Faith alive!"

*P. M., Marstons Mills, Massachusetts*



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COMMENTARY

# Is It Immodest to Wear Deliberately Ripped Clothes?

BY JOHN HORVAT II

Perhaps one of the more sensitive personal issues you can raise with people is that of dress. How you dress has become a purely personal affair. Most are left to their own opinion as to what is appropriate.

There are, of course, some limits. Most Catholics will admit in theory that there is something that might be labeled “immoral or immodest dress.” These are clothes (or the lack thereof) that cover the body insufficiently and therefore are not morally or socially acceptable.

However, outside this extreme, most people seem to think they can wear anything, anywhere and at any time without any consequences. Clothes don’t have to be clean anymore. People can wear clothes that are deliberately ripped, stained and full of holes without fear of rejection. Clothes don’t even have to be clothes anymore. They can be shredded rags, the dingier the better.

## Making Clothes Look Distressed

Such tattered garments are called “distressed” clothes (rightfully so), and they are becoming increasingly fashionable. It’s not just amateurs haphazardly ripping up faded jeans or retailers making random tears anymore. It is going mainstream.

The world of high fashion has now embraced “distressed” clothing as chic. Fashion designers are using new technology and hiring special effects technicians to get that natural moth-eaten, threadbare look that makes it seem like you’ve been wearing the garment for twenty years. Specialists are using blow torches, air guns, lasers and sanding machines to deliver loose threads, faded fabric and gaping holes. Nordstrom has just retailed a \$425 pair of jeans with a caked-mud look.

Wearing ripped clothes has become a fashion statement that supposedly says a person is carefree, uninhibited and self-sufficient.

Ironically, such “independent” people are flocking to the fashion in a rush to look just like everyone else. Moreover, those who buy ripped-up clothing are likely getting ripped off. The tattered name-brand clothes often outsell new un-ripped ones and come with a much heftier price tag.

## Beyond the Obvious

The world is mad. Can’t anyone say it?

You should not have to explain why you don’t wear ripped clothes. This is something your mother should have taught you at an early age. She would sew up your tears the minute she saw them. If she found a hole in a purchase, she would make you take back such clothes to the store for a refund.

Times have sadly changed, and so have some mothers. A lot of fashion conscious moms can now be found in shredded shorts and custom-holed t-shirts.

Maybe a review of the basics will help make it clear why it is wrong. As politically incorrect as it might sound, it needs to be said that ripped garments are not modest clothing and should not be worn.

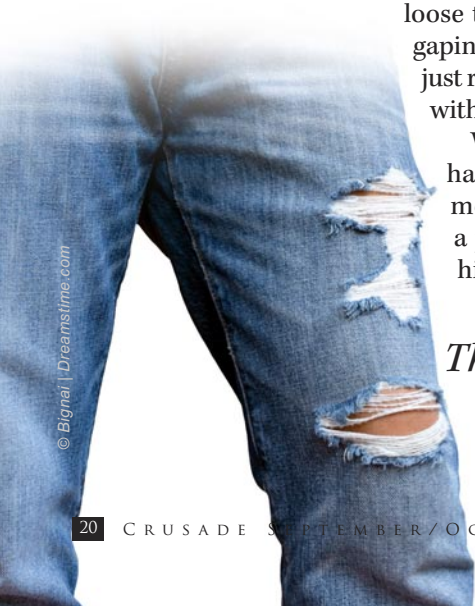
## Not Clothing

Perhaps the first place to start is by affirming that a ripped garment is not modest clothing because it is not real clothing. This claim is guaranteed to raise a firestorm, but from a purely metaphysical perspective, it must be admitted that such garments fail to fulfill their purpose.

Most people would object that it is still clothing, but just a different kind that is more comfortable and thus makes people happier. People should do that which makes them happiest. Therefore, they should wear ripped clothes so as not to worry about their appearance or condition. It is all about comfort.

While clothing should be comfortable, the purpose of clothing is not comfort but protection. Clothing exists to protect and adorn the body and modesty of the person. To claim that comfort is the purpose of clothing is like saying tastiness,

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not nutrition, is the purpose of food. It is like saying relaxation, not rejuvenation, is the purpose of sleep.

### **Working Against Clothing's Purpose**

Thus, when a fashion designer carefully crafts a garment with a hole in a place where it would naturally appear through wear, he is making clothes that deliberately expose to risk the places which need the most protection. When that same designer put holes in sexually suggestive places, he is once again working against clothing's purpose of shielding modesty.

Deliberately ripped garments work against the purpose of clothes. They are caricatures of what clothing should be. Far from adorning the body, the process of ripping turns that which should be strong, beautiful and orderly into something weak, ugly and frayed. Tattered attire is disordered and therefore should not be worn.

### **Lost Notion of Modesty**

The second reason why ripped clothing should not be worn is that it is immodest.

Again such a claim raises hackles. Most people would object that as long as tattered clothes stay outside the extreme point of undress that is considered morally and socially unacceptable, you cannot say that it is immodest.

And here is the crux of the problem. People have completely lost the notion of what modesty is and how it is manifested. People lack even a catechism definition of this virtue.

People confuse modesty with chastity and thus only associate it with sensuality. Modesty does play a major role in preserving chastity, but it is much more than that. It is often mistakenly associated only with female attire, but it also applies to men.

### **The Dignity of the Individual**

Modesty is the virtue that safeguards the dignity of a person in association with others. It benefits both the individual and society because it governs the exterior appearance and behavior of the person and thus helps make society civil and harmonious.

Beyond dress, modesty is concerned with the manner of speech, posture, gestures, and general presentation of the person. Modesty calls upon people to behave well with others and conform to standards of decency and decorum found in the healthy customs of an ordered society.

When you present yourself properly to others, you are modest. When you control yourself in your external actions and manners in society, you are modest. When you act erratically and speak in a manner that offends and disregards others, you are immodest.

### **Negligence in Attire**

In matters of Catholic dress, this means holding to all that is proper to a soul that

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is a temple of the Holy Spirit. That is to say, you dress in a manner that is ordered, dignified and reasonable to who you are. Adults dress like adults; children dress like children. Authorities dress in accord with their office.

It also means you should not dress carelessly. Saint Thomas Aquinas states that you are immodest when you are unduly negligent in your appearance and fail to present yourself according to your state in life. You are also immodest when you seek to attract attention to yourself by showing a lack of concern for presenting oneself well (*Summa*, II-II, q. 169, a. 1).

Immoral and revealing clothing is of course immodest. However, improper, soiled and ripped unisex clothing is also immodest. It is not proper to the dignity of a person made in the image and likeness of God. When Our Lady spoke out against immodest fashions at Fatima, she was referring to this kind of immodesty as well.

### **Fighting Immodesty**

Modesty used to be determined by established notions of decorum and decency that varied from culture to culture. The problem today is that there are few standards of decency left. Indeed, indecency has become the standard.

In an everything-goes society consumed with the frenetic intemperance of modern life, you are told you must have everything now, instantly and effortlessly, regardless of the consequences. You are encouraged to act immodestly in manners, speech and dress. Is it any wonder society is so uncivil these days? Is it surprising that there is so much talk of the lack of human dignity?

Given the lack of standards, it is hard to know where to begin the return to order. One way to start is by unmasking the myth of mass markets that pressure you to act immodestly. The acceptance of "distressed" clothes everywhere is not an expression of individuality but submission. By accepting them, you become a slave of fashion, not an independent thinker.

If you want to stand out as an individual today, dress properly and modestly. If you are not sure what constitutes modesty in these times, at least avoid all that it is not. A very good start is to resist the distressing tattered attire fad. ■



Saint Jacinta Marto of Fatima to whom Our Lady said, "the sins which bring most souls to hell are the sins of the flesh. Certain fashions are going to be introduced which will offend Our Lord very much... the Church has no fashions; Our Lord is always the same..."

## The Cathedral of Oviedo

Along with two good friends and fellow TFP members, Peter Shibler and Kenneth Murphy, I had the opportunity to follow in the footsteps of King Alfonso the Chaste by walking the 200-mile pilgrimage known as the “Camino Primitivo” (the Original Way) from the Asturian capital of Oviedo to Santiago de Compostela from May 14 to 26, 2019.

There is an ancient saying repeated especially by the inhabitants of Oviedo that “he who goes to Santiago but not San Salvador [Cathedral of Oviedo], visits the servant and not the Lord.”

When we entered the Cathedral of Oviedo, we understood the saying. It houses the Holy Sudarium, the cloth used to wipe Our Lord’s face when He was taken down from the Cross. The blood markings match those on the Shroud of Turin exactly. Among other relics, the cathedral houses a sandal belonging to Saint Peter the Apostle, a piece of Saint John the Baptist’s skull, and the Cross of Victory held by Don Pelayo during the miraculous Battle of Covadonga.

In a niche next to the altar of Our Lady of the Immaculate Conception is one of the six water containers from the Marriage Feast of Cana that Our Lord used to change water into wine. To our amazement, the massive stone jar holds 26.4 gallons (100 liters), proof that Our Lord was not stingy in His miracles! The ancient custom is that pilgrims touch the stone vessel with their staffs, which we did with care and veneration. We could not think of a better

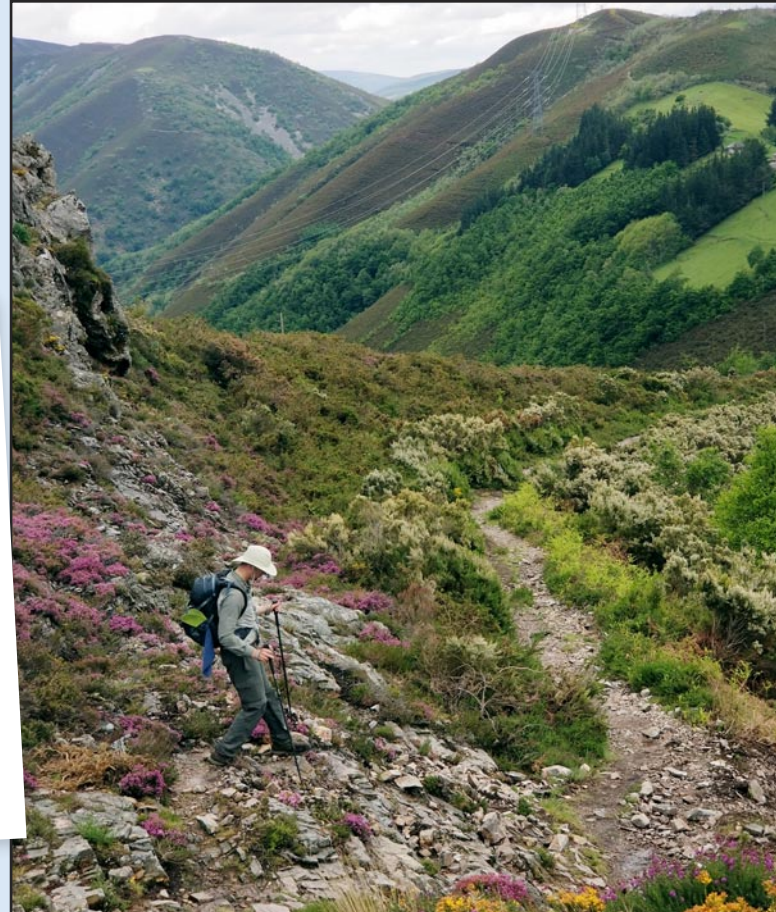
way to start our pilgrimage than to have first greeted Our Lord in Oviedo.

## Why a Pilgrimage?

Only about 4% of the total number of pilgrims who walk to Santiago de Compostela go on the Camino Primitivo. That is because, while not as lengthy as other caminos, it is the most mountainous and rugged of them all. The extreme elevation changes make it difficult, having to climb up and down steep mountains and valleys day after day. The mountain paths can be very uneven and rocky, while the forest trails are quite muddy in the rain. Furthermore, towns with restaurants or grocery stores can sometimes be sparse.

One of the primary purposes of doing such an arduous pilgrimage should be to pray and do penance for one’s sins and for the sins of others. Our Lady of Fatima told Sister Lucy that many souls go to Hell because they have no one to pray for them. The act of doing penance is a special form of prayer that benefits our souls and the communion of saints. We spent many hours praying rosaries for poor sinners and for various intentions, especially for the repose of deceased relatives and friends. We also prayed and made

**Below:** The pilgrims made a pact never to complain, no matter what difficulties they encountered on their journey across northern Spain. **Far Right:** Due to its rugged mountainous terrain, few attempt the Camino Primitivo, or “Original Way.”





sacrifices in reparation for scandalous sins such as the “Drag Queen Story Hours” and for the sin of abortion. One special intention we offered up was for all the “Rosary Rally Captains” of America Needs Fatima and for their continued success in praying the Holy Rosary in the public square.

We made an effort to treat this pilgrimage as a spiritual retreat. We would read parts of Saint Louis de Montfort’s *True Devotion to Mary*. This pilgrimage was to be a renewal of our consecration to the Blessed Virgin Mary as slaves of love. To maintain the spirit of sacrifice, we established some rules for ourselves. For example, we pledged not to complain. Whether we were hungry, suffering from sore feet and blisters or encountered any practical inconveniences (no hot water, hard beds, etc.), we would not voice our complaints. If we had to tend to a legitimate need, we would just say “I need to fix something.” Comic relief came, however, whenever Mr. Murphy would blurt out, “My feet feel great!”

### Captivating Beauty

With the hardships, came great benefits. We were privileged to experience the ancient Catholic culture of Spain. In the city of Lugo, for example, the Cathedral of Santa Maria has had the Blessed Sacrament perpetually exposed for over a thousand years in reparation for the Gnostic-Manichean heresy of Priscillianism which denied the Sacred Humanity of Our Lord Jesus Christ. We felt goosebumps as we joined the daily Eucharistic Procession after the 8 p.m. Mass. All along the Camino, the many ancient chapels, churches and roadside crosses and shrines were evidence of a time when the majority of men put God at the center of their lives.

Though rugged, the nature of the Camino Primitivo has a captivating beauty. The ubiquitous wildflowers contrasted with the jagged rocks and lightened our spirits. The grand panoramas of the mountainous regions were an invitation to meditation and contemplation. Sometimes the scenery was so beautiful that it was paradoxically painful, making us yearn for the Heavenly Home for which we are all made.

### The Final Forty-Five

On the morning of May 25th, we were 45 miles away from Santiago de Compostela. After covering 155 miles in ten days, the Camino had fortified us physically and spiritually. We decided to do something more daring. We would walk the last 45 miles all day and through the night, stopping only for meals and short breaks.



The author gives the massive statue of Saint James the traditional embrace done by those who complete the Camino de Santiago.

Hour after hour passed interminably. Once darkness enveloped us, we used a headlamp to avoid stumbling on the uneven trail. We scanned constantly for the yellow scallop shell trail markers. As we walked in the dense eucalyptus forests, the only sounds we heard beyond the steady cadence of our steps was the sound of birds, startled by pilgrims walking in the night, and the distant barking of dogs. At midnight, we prayed Saint Louis de Montfort’s Act of Consecration to Jesus Christ through Mary Most Holy. By 3:00 a.m., we climbed to the top of Monte de Gozo (Mount of Joy) and beheld, three miles below us, the illuminated towers of the Cathedral of Santiago de Compostela, sparkling like a diamond! Somehow we had pushed beyond our normal physical limits. Out of sheer exhaustion, we decided to take a nap on the ground behind a nearby chapel. At 6:00 a.m., we continued down the mountain to the cathedral.

It is difficult to convey what we felt as we entered the main square and gazed up at the cathedral spires. Joy, relief, exhaustion, gratitude, soreness and a profound peace all mixed together. Inside, we each gave the massive statue of Saint James the traditional pilgrim’s embrace. Then we descended to the tiny chapel that houses his remains to pray.

“Saint James, just as we successfully completed this pilgrimage, help us succeed in the Camino of Life. Help us persevere in face of adversities, through storms, mud, pain and exhaustion. Keep us on the straight and narrow path as we climb up and out of this valley of tears. Give us hope and confidence that, in the end, we will reach the Heavenly Cathedral to be with God, Our Lady and all the saints forever.” ■

# THE ORIGINAL WAY

BY MICHAEL GORRE



After walking hundreds of miles through northern Spain's rugged terrain, our three weary but jubilant pilgrims finally arrive at their destination, the cathedral of Santiago de Compostela.

From time immemorial, men have made pilgrimages. Every year, for example, the Holy Family made the 100-mile pilgrimage from Nazareth to Jerusalem for the feast of the Passover. For two thousand years, Catholics have journeyed to the Holy Land to see and touch the very places where Our Lord Jesus Christ shed His Most Precious Blood for our salvation. Pilgrimages reached their height during the Middle Ages when millions left their homes to venerate holy relics in cities such as Cologne, Canterbury and Rome. The Crusades were combative pilgrimages to free the Holy Land from the Muslims who persecuted pilgrims.

One pilgrimage site that still holds a special place in the hearts of Catholics is the Cathedral of Santiago de Compostela in northwest Spain, the burial place of the Apostle Saint James the Greater. The evangelizer of the Iberian Peninsula, he planted the seeds of Faith in countries that would become bastions of Catholicism. In 44 A.D., Saint James became the first of the Apostles to be martyred when Herod Agrippa ordered his beheading in Jerusalem. The apostle's disciples took his remains back to northwest Spain, where after some time their exact location was lost.

In the year 813, Bishop Theodemir of Iria Flavia in Galicia informed King Alfonso II of Asturias that Saint James' body had been found. A hermit named Pelayo saw a dazzling star over a field—thus, the name "Compostela" which means "field of the star." Upon inspection, the field yielded the long-lost remains of the apostle. Hearing the good news, the pious King Alfonso, known as "the Chaste," because of his exemplary purity, became the first pilgrim to the site of the holy apostle's tomb and ordered the first church to be built over it. Since then, countless pilgrims have journeyed to Santiago de Compostela to ask for Saint James' intercession.

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