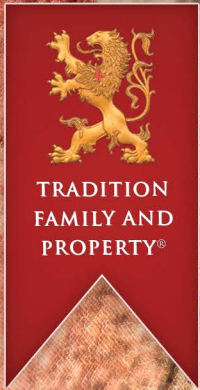


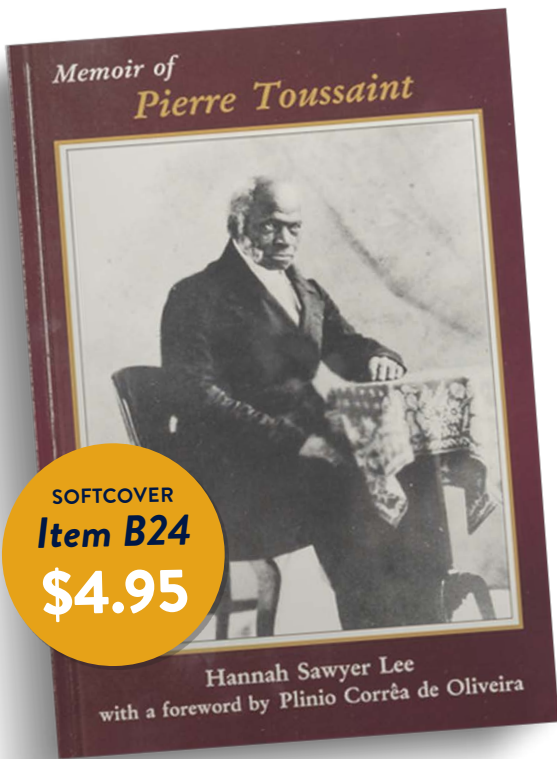
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Toussaint attended daily Mass for sixty-six years at St. Patrick's Cathedral in New York City. He owned a house on Franklin Street, where he and his wife sheltered orphans; he sometimes helped them get their first jobs through his connections in the city. Known throughout New York at the turn of the century for his wisdom, charitable works and refined manners, Pierre Toussaint embodied the true Christian spirit, attainable to all who follow in the footsteps of Our Lord.

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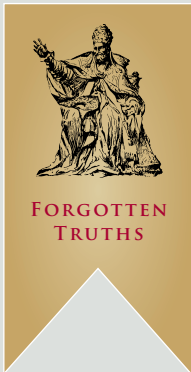
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BY SAINT LOUIS DE MONTFORT



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These words are at once terrible and consoling, and we should find it hard to believe them if we had not that holy man for a guarantee, and Saint Dominic before him, and many great men since. But we have also the experience of several ages; for it has always been remarked that those who wear the outward sign of reprobation, like all impious heretics and proud worldlings, hate or despise the Hail Mary and the Rosary.

Heretics still learn and say the Our Father, but not the Hail Mary nor the Rosary. The proud also, although Catholics, have the same inclination as



their father Lucifer; and so have only contempt or indifference for the Hail Mary, and look at the Rosary as at a devotion which is good only for the ignorant and for those who cannot read.

On the contrary, it is an equally universal experience that those who have otherwise great marks of predestination about them love and relish the Hail Mary, and delight in saying it. ■

From the *Treatise on True Devotion to Mary*.

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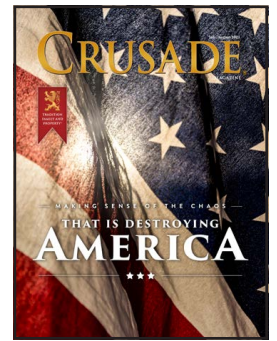


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IN BRIEF

### Multiple States Defy Biden's Transgender Mandate

In response to the Biden administration's executive order allowing gender-confused males into women's sports, restrooms and locker rooms, multiple states have enacted laws against transgender tyranny. On March 11, 2021, Mississippi Governor Tate Reeves signed the "Mississippi Fairness Act," banning biological males from competing in female athletics. Two weeks later, the state legislature of Arkansas approved a similar bill, which was

signed into law by Governor Asa Hutchinson. A third bill passed in the Tennessee legislature and was signed into law by Governor Bill Lee. South Dakota Governor Kristi Noem, after initially declining to sign a related bill, issued an executive order in its favor. Lawmakers in over twenty states have also proposed bills to prohibit biological males from competing in female sports.



### China Cracks Down on Hong Kong Democracy

Citizens of the semi-independent, democratic province of Hong Kong find it increasingly dangerous to practice basic rights such as freedom of speech, religion and peaceful assembly, following the imposition of the Chinese Communist Party's (CCP) widely-condemned National Security Law in July of 2020. The law, which punishes with up to life imprisonment what it calls "secession, subversion, terrorism and collusion with foreign or external forces," has already resulted in the arrest and extradition of hundreds to mainland China. Pro-democracy politicians have been forced to resign their posts in favor of "patriots" loyal to the Communist Party. The Chinese government claims that the draconian measures are necessary to restore order and unity after massive protests for greater freedom rocked the city in 2019. However, observers have pointed out that the law's real intent is to censor and punish criticism of the Communist Party and give Beijing unprecedented control over the city and its people.

### Defunding Police Backfires in Minneapolis

In the face of soaring crime rates, mass resignations of police officers and widespread complaints from residents, the city of Minneapolis, Minnesota restored \$6.4 million in funding to its police department in order to recruit more officers. The move represents a major backtrack from the city's decision in 2020 to partially defund its police department in the wake of the George Floyd riots and anti-police rhetoric. In the months following the defunding, Minneapolis witnessed more than 5,100 violent crimes, compared with just over 4,000 for the same period in 2019. By the end of 2020, the city had recorded 532 gunshot victims, more than double the same period the year before. At the same time, mass resignations reduced the Minneapolis police department from 800 officers to 638, resulting in longer response times and a smaller security presence.

### Red States Lead the U.S. in Economic Growth

According to a report by the U.S. Commerce Department and consequently reported by *The Center Square*, eight of the ten states that experienced the highest real gross domestic product (GDP) growth in 2020 were Republican strongholds, with South Dakota, Utah and Texas leading in the top three. These states all have Republican governors, Republican state senates and Republican state assemblies. The other red states were Tennessee, Iowa, Nebraska, Alaska and Missouri, and the two Democrat-held states were Connecticut and Delaware. South Dakota and Utah have the lowest unemployment rates in the country, at 2.9% and 3%, respectively.

### U.S. Church Membership Dips below Fifty Percent for First Time While LGBT Population Grows

A recent Gallup poll revealed that only 47 percent of Americans claimed to belong to a church, synagogue or mosque in 2020, the lowest numbers since polling began. In the meantime, the percentage of American adults who identify themselves as LGBT has risen to 5.6%, with the shift largely driven by young people, according to another poll by Gallup. While many media outlets attribute this trend to more people opening up about their sexual identity, Matt Walsh, a commentator on *The Daily Wire*, pointed to years of cultural indoctrination by the media and educational institutions. He wrote in a tweet: "The number of kids who identify as LGBT, especially trans and bisexual, has absolutely skyrocketed. If you think this is a natural or organic development, you're deluded. The media, Hollywood and the school system actively recruit children into the LGBT ranks."



# Motherhood: A Marvelous Contradiction

BY FR. RAOUL PLUS, S.J.



The writer who said, “Man conquers and woman gives herself,” was correct.

This phrase sums up the difference between man and woman in their attitude toward life. His is an active heroism; hers a passive heroism. For the grown man, life is but a series of conquests; he goes from one victory to the other, carried along by the zest of it until he fails. Woman makes a gift of herself to life; she spends herself to the point of exhaustion for her husband, for her children,

for those who suffer, for the unfortunate.

This gift of hers is most fully realized in childbirth, a supreme act of passive heroism. Giving birth to a child is not a purely physical achievement. A mind, a soul come to life and uniting with the fetus form, without the mother’s awareness, a man—a miracle indeed!

What is the most wonderful is the blossoming and growth of maternal love in the woman from the very moment of her child’s conception, through his birth, and throughout his whole life, but particularly during his baby days. In a certain sense, every woman from her earliest years has the makings of a mother in her. As a little girl, she plays with her doll, and the game holds her interest only because her imagination transforms the baby doll she clasps in her already expert arms into a living child.

So true is this, that even virginal souls who consecrate themselves to the service of their neighbor may be called “Mother”; that they really are for their poor, their orphans, their sick.

But it is quite evident that at the time of actual physical maternity, a special change happens in the woman. At the same time that milk mounts to her breast, maternal love takes possession of her soul, a love of a very special quality which does not precede but which follows childbirth. Before the child appears, there can be expectation, yearning, tenderness like the dawn preceding day; but it is not yet maternal love in the strongest and strictest sense of the word. Then the child is born.

The woman manifests an astonishing energy for all that concerns her baby. Though she had been previously inactive, now she becomes ingenious, attentive, watchful and almost anxious. No one need tell her that her tiny babe can do nothing for himself and that he is exposed to danger of death at almost every instant. She anticipates his needs, his desires and a frown appears at the least cloud that passes over the cradle. No trouble daunts her.

As a young girl, she grumbled over sacrifice and became irritable; now she is eager in sacrifice—hours of watching, getting up at night; if not able to nurse the child, she prepares formula, and even later, pays careful attention to the kinds of food the baby may have. It all seems to come naturally to her; it seems to be second-nature. But even if she had acquired her knowledge through training and study in special courses which she may have taken with no particular relish, now she carries it out with special zest and warmth of feeling.

If her baby is well formed, beautiful, healthy and lively, she rejoices. But if, unfortunately, he is deformed, weak and



Worldly honors cannot replace the simple joys of a mother giving of herself to her children within their humble home. (*The First Steps*, by Gaetano Chierici, 1876)

listless, her love increases. It is as if she wishes to shower him with love to make up to the little one for all he lacks, as if by clasping him more tenderly to herself, she can supplement his life. Should her child later become a prodigal, she will have for him an astonishing partiality; if she believes him to be a hero, it is her prejudice in his favor! It is a marvelous contradiction in which maternal love reveals itself; now the warmest caresses, now the height of disinterestedness born of maternal love! ■

*Christ in the Home*, by Raoul Plus, S.J. Translated from the French. Frederick Pustet & Co., Inc., New York and Cincinnati.



# Six Reasons Why Catholics Must Oppose Critical Race Theory

BY JOHN HORVAT II

A political theory stands behind the racial unrest shaking the nation. It employs expressions like “systemic racism” to describe the nation’s attitude toward racial relationships.

The theory is called Critical Race Theory (CRT). It has long incubated in leftist academia. Its central thesis makes race the prism through which all aspects of life must be viewed. As such, its promoters seek to re-write history, economics, sociology and other sciences to accommodate its Marxist focus.

The theory destroys the possibility of social harmony, as taught by the Catholic Church. Thus, all Americans who love their country should reject Critical Race Theory as an attempt to condemn the nation and its history. Catholics should also reject the theory because it is contrary to Church social teaching.

Here are six reasons why Critical Race Theory is wrong and must be rejected.

**REASON #1: Critical Race Theory makes use of the false Marxist analysis of class struggle. It divides society into two categories of oppressors and oppressed and pits them against each other, in constant strife.**

There is nothing original about this foundational aspect of CRT. Its promoters make race the basis of class struggle, dividing the country into oppressors and oppressed, based on skin color. Thus, the theory creates and encourages the conditions for conflict, unrest and bitterness. It allows for no peaceful racial coexistence.

This theory is wrong because the Church teaches that society should live in social harmony, not conflict. Society is not made up of two intrinsically inimical categories. Rather, it is formed by an enriching variety of groups that, united in the same worship of God, give rise to a harmonious Christian civilization.

**REASON #2: Contrary to what Critical Race Theory affirms, race is not the prism that must be used to see all things.**

Critical Race Theory holds that race is the sole prism through which history, economics, sociology, science and all aspects of life must be seen. Its promoters allow for no other explanation on how society works and always frame the debate to favor their class-struggle narrative.

While race may be a prism to see reality, it can never be *the* prism. Other modern theories have tragically made similar erroneous claims. For Marxism, it was an economic prism. For Freud, sexuality was the prism. No single natural discipline can claim a monopolizing perspective.

Only the Catholic Faith can inform an all-embracing and true perspective on God and the created universe. The Church provides this universal vision. She teaches that God and His Revelation are the supernatural prism through which a true universal worldview is possible. Jesus Christ is the Way, the Truth and the Light. The Church is the infallible interpreter of this Revelation, and She teaches, governs and sanctifies all peoples and races in the one true Faith. Only lives of virtue and supernatural grace will give rise to the harmony and peace that neutralize Marxist racial unrest.

**REASON #3: Culture does not determine the behavior of individuals endowed with free will.**

Critical Race Theory holds that cultural beliefs and social structures are imbued with racism and determine the fate of societies and individuals.

Those who are oppressors can do nothing to rid themselves of their supposed biases. They have “subconscious codes of instructions,” which determine their behavior even when they want to do the contrary. The oppressed also have embedded responses that can even impede revolution since they adhere to their oppressors’ cultural beliefs.

CRT holds that people are absorbed by their group identities and thus absolved from personal responsibility. Therefore, CRT calls for dismantling



After the formal approval by the Holy See of the cause for Toussaint’s canonization, his remains were transferred to the crypt of St. Patrick’s Cathedral on Fifth Avenue, where he had attended daily Mass for over 60 years.



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Lively, honest and educated communication among friends is one way to dispel the dark cloud of Critical Race Theory.

all societal norms through relentless criticism until all power systems have been replaced.

The idea that culture determines the destiny of individuals is a denial of free will. It prepares the way to deny personal responsibility for one's actions and prevents real solutions based on effort and virtue. On the contrary, the Church teaches that culture can influence but never determine the destiny of persons. All individuals are endowed with free will by which they can change from a bad life and sanctify themselves. They can free themselves of sin, vice and bias through their efforts and the help of God's grace. Many virtuous individuals' actions give rise to a Christian culture that creates even more favorable conditions for everyone's full development and sanctification.

#### **REASON #4: Critical Race Theory proposes revolution, not reform.**

Like all revolutionary theories, Critical Race Theory does not desire to see the reform or improvement of present society, but wants to overthrow it. Its advocates falsely point out that all current governing and cultural structures are tainted with racism. The problems are "systemic," they claim, meaning they are based on the very structure of society's institutions. Because racism is supposedly systemic, the present institutions cannot be redeemed or modified; they can only be destroyed. Indeed, CRT questions notions basic to the U.S.A. Its radical egalitarianism, for example, clashes with America's strong protection of property rights.

Whoever unwarily accepts CRT's false premises is dragged forcefully, by logic, to this disastrous conclusion. Like all Marxist-oriented movements, CRT seeks to carry out a revolution. By their radical assessment of modern

culture, its promoters frame the debate. They set the stage for revolutionary action based on class struggle templates.

Wherever the Church has gone, She seeks to remove the harmful and sinful practices and structures that destroy societies and ruin individuals' lives. However, the Church also gently adapts anything wholesome to Her teaching and, thus, encourages the full development of cultures. She enriches cultures and works with all peoples to help their sanctification. The Church can never be the agent of Marxist-style revolution.

#### **REASON #5: Critical Race Theory denies the progress of science, logic and reason.**

Critical Race Theory affirms that all things must be seen through the prism of race, including the sciences. Its promoters declare falsely that science, reason and logic are "white" ways of knowing things. They represent racist-tainted Western thought. CRT theorists stress that things like storytelling and lived experience are "black" alternatives to the rigid Western thought system.

CRT promoters claim that science encodes and perpetuates "white dominance" and thus must be rejected. This core tenet of Critical Race Theory holds that "counterstories" and narratives are more important than facts and truth when combatting systemic racism.

While storytelling and lived experiences are helpful elements in discerning truths, they cannot be the foundations for whole systems of thought, lest societies fall into superstition and subjectivism.

In questioning these universal sciences, CRT promoters undermine Western society's certainties. Science introduces methods and objectivity into society. It allows things to be

judged by dint of evidence and rules.

The Church has always sought to cultivate reason and logic as a means for interpreting reality. Indeed, the first universities came from the Church's development of reasoned thought. Wherever the Church has gone, it has established educational institutions and vanquished superstition. The Church affirms the role of the intellect and free will in individuals' development and sanctification. The Catholic worldview is fundamentally contrary to CRT's skewed, fatalistic and deterministic view.

### REASON #6: Critical Race Theory excludes Christian charity.

Critical Race Theory is based on an identity-politics analysis of society. This false perspective sees the nation as a boiling cauldron of victimized groups oppressed by the dominant white racist culture. Like all Marxist activism, it seeks to fan discontent and accentuate resentments.

Individuals are encouraged to think in terms of "intersectionality," whereby they can claim to be oppressed in many ways by identifying with more than one social group, race, gender or class. This model of viewing society is an abandonment of reality for the embracing of fantasy. It weakens the bonds that create trust and the means for civic engagement.

The Church's action opposes this divisive characterization of society and seeks to bind all together in charity. The virtue of charity brings all together cohesively and harmoniously, in true and perfect unity. When charity rules a social order, individuals become self-sacrificing for the common good. They love their neighbors as themselves, for the love of God. The Church's action teaches and spreads unity in Christ to all in society, not division.

### A Different Perspective that Invades All Aspects of Life

There are other aspects of CRT that might be analyzed. However, one important thing to remember is that CRT is a comprehensive, albeit false, way of looking at reality. It subverts and is irreconcilable with traditional Western and

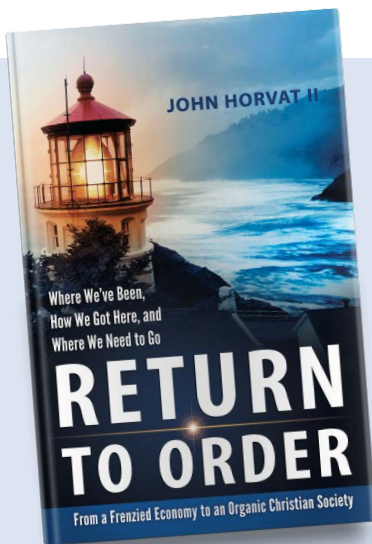


Born into a "dominant white racist culture," Saint Katharine Drexel embraced the Christian call to sacrifice her wealth and position for the common good of the children of Philadelphia.

Christian criteria. It pedals a twisted, deceitful perspective of humanity that contradicts Church teaching and must be rejected.

CRT is harmful because it seeks to impose its Marxist-inspired views upon society. It is intolerant, judgmental and systematically destructive of the Western world it falsely claims to be "systemically racist." It is an ideology that demands universal and unqualified submission. It is totalitarian and allows for no opposing opinion. The theory has long undermined all fields of knowledge, education, employment, media, entertainment and social life. It must be opposed now before it blows the nation apart.

Those who desire harmony and peace among the many members of the human race should look to the Church's traditional teachings. They will ever find a view of humanity informed by the love of God for all. This Christian way is the easiest, surest and quickest path to harmonious relationships among the globe's various races and ethnicities. Based on charity and the love of God, it is as far removed from the hateful Marxist overtones in Critical Race Theory as Heaven is from Hell. ■



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# Why We Need Our Lady

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This article is adapted from a lecture given by Professor Plinio Corrêa de Oliveira. It has been translated and edited for publication without the author's revision. –Ed.

**A**lthough we receive the necessary graces for our salvation, we still need special graces to persevere. This is because the process of the decadence of a soul generally follows a pattern. First, one commits acts of ingratitude that cause a retraction of grace. This causes the person in the state of grace to deteriorate slowly and stand in need of exceptional graces. When graces dwindle, one goes from one abuse to the next, until eventually falling into mortal sin.

Devotion to Our Lady is crucial in obtaining the necessary graces to save the soul from this process. We need an intercessor who supplements this gap with requests for additional graces, so that we might have sufficient graces for our salvation.

Our Lady obtains for us the graces necessary to attain salvation. The mere fact that we are devoted to her makes us pleasing to God, Who is thus predisposed to answer our requests. However, human nature is so weak that we often abuse grace to such an extent that it is difficult to find those who practice sufficient fidelity to save themselves without Our Lady's intervention.

Imagine a friend who is in a "state of grace," so to speak, in relation to you. In other words, he is a friend who depends completely on your kindness, and generally acts correctly toward you. However, although this friend does not commit grave faults against you, he nevertheless constantly commits small faults such as lack of courtesy, respect or affection. Of course, to the degree that he insists upon doing this, you gradually withdraw your friendship from him. If he commits a grave fault, it is understandable that you sever your relationship with him.

This is a bit like the image of a sinner who, without losing

the state of grace, almost inevitably falls into mortal sin at a certain moment. To prevent this fall, the intercession of Our Lady is greatly needed. It is not only greatly needed, but indispensable, since after a mortal sin, a person has no claim to obtain forgiveness. Even if he were to repent, it is doubtful that God would grant Heaven to a person in this state of soul without subjecting him to grave trials as a punishment for



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his attitude.

No hair drops from our head without God allowing it. Everything is proportional to the orientation of our spiritual life. In fact, the moment of our death is perfectly chosen with regard to our sins and merits. Without an intercessor with the merits of Our Lady, it would be impossible to remain in the state of grace.

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asking you for a gift. Would you be ready and willing to give it? Depending on the situation, you might refuse any request on his part.

Our spiritual life is not a plateau next to an abyss. It is an inclined ramp, in the middle of which is a line that separates the state of grace from mortal sin. When someone is on the upper part of this ramp, he can go down without falling into mortal sin. When a person on the upper part of the ramp commits an infidelity, God normally diminishes His graces; and with the dwindling of grace a person can fall into such a state of destitution as to be reduced to strictly indispensable grace. When one says that venial sin leads to mortal sin, it does not mean that man lacks the sufficient grace not to fall, but that he all too often does not correspond to grace and thus falls. Human nature has a very strong penchant to abuse grace. However, in each concrete case, man has the will to react. Man can only obtain all the necessary and opportune graces not to fall however, if he has recourse to Our Lady. And that is why we need Our Lady. ■

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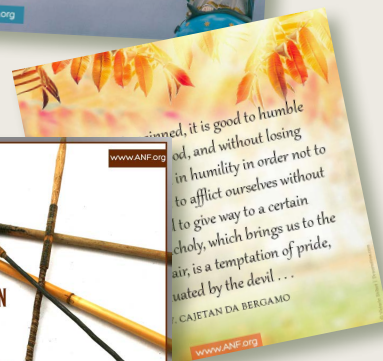
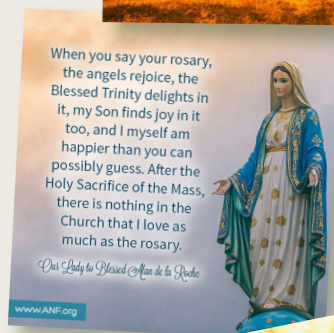
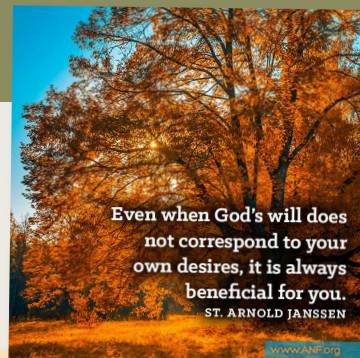
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MAKING SENSE OF THE CHAOS

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# AMERICA

BY JAMES BASCOM

This year marks the thirtieth anniversary of the breakup of the Soviet Union, the world's first communist state. In 1991, the Western world was euphoric at the supposed "death" of communism and the end of the Cold War. The suddenness with which both the USSR and the Berlin Wall fell led some observers to believe that liberal democracy had triumphed over totalitarianism once and for all. The world, they thought, was entering a new era of peace and progress.

American political scientist Francis Fukuyama expressed this view in his 1992 book, *The End of History and the Last Man*. Humanity, he wrote, had reached "not just...the passing of a particular period of post-war history, but the end of history as such: That is, the end-point of mankind's ideological evolution and the universalization of Western liberal democracy as the final form of human government."

The vast majority of Catholics shared his optimistic, materialistic conclusions. Communism, the narrative went, was defeated thanks to Ronald Reagan, Margaret Thatcher and

Pope John Paul II. With the great enemy of the Church gone, Catholics could now confidently engage in a perpetual "new evangelization" with a world that was friendly, even respectful to the Church. A Catholic "end of history," if you will. Never mind that several communist countries such as China, Cuba, North Korea and Vietnam survived and that communist ideas—the "errors of Russia" as Our Lady of Fatima said—continued to spread.

By 2021, it could not be clearer that such a dream was naïve, at best. The world is not evolving towards a liberal democratic utopia. There is

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no broad, peaceful, democratic “consensus.” Instead, the Western world is engaged in a war for the very survival of the Church and Western Civilization. Communism, Marxism and socialism are back with a vengeance and vying to take over America. The outcome of this great battle will decide the fate of the nation and the world for centuries to come. By the grace of God, many Catholics are waking up to the reality of the crisis and taking action.

### America Is Engaged in a New Civil War on Every Issue

The word “battle” or even “war” does not fully describe the depth of the crisis in which America finds itself. The nation is engaged in a titanic, almost apocalyptic struggle between the enemies and the defenders of God and Western Christian Civilization. This great conflict is not a single-issue battle, but rather is a massive campaign marked by countless smaller battles happening simultaneously.

Politics, of course, is the most visible manifestation of America’s internal conflict. The 2020 election was the most violent and contested election since 1860. However, it would be incorrect to say that America’s divide is only political. Every sector of society is a scene of battle—the family, history, tradition, politics, economics and especially morals. In short, it is the clash of two political religions.

Covid-19 lockdowns and mask mandates were a major flashpoint. Liberals saw the Chinese virus as a unique opportunity to attack the free market and “reset” society along socialist, communitarian, and revolutionary lines. Conservatives were shocked by the disproportional overreach of government lockdowns that destroyed businesses and jobs in the name of a virus whose lethality was greatly exaggerated.

On gun control, Democrats are pushing for unprecedented restrictions on Americans’ right to self-defense. Eric Swalwell, a Democrat congressman and presidential candidate from California, cited the gun

confiscation laws passed in the U.K., Australia and New Zealand as models for the United States. Many others agree with him.

On immigration, the left is clamoring for the elimination of the border. Joe Biden has presided over, and indeed encouraged, one of the most significant illegal immigration surges in nearly twenty years. His administration has signaled to the world that illegal immigrants will be allowed to stay. Many leftists openly admit that they favor such massive, unchecked, illegal immigration to permanently shift the country leftward and dilute native-born Americans’ conservative reaction.

Like true totalitarians, the left wants to end representative democracy and impose a dictatorship to force its ideology on an unwilling country. H.R.1 is the Democrats’ eight hundred page election “reform” bill. If signed into law, it will federalize elections, enable voter fraud on a massive scale and make it easy for non-citizens to illegally vote, putting an end to fair and free elections in the United States.

Leftists are resorting to censorship to accomplish their goals. Working hand in glove with Biden and the Democrats in Congress is “Big Tech”: Google, Microsoft, Facebook, Twitter, Apple and most other tech companies that are banning any speech on their platforms that contradicts left-wing positions.

Over the past few years, many conservative websites, including TFP.org, saw their Google search traffic diminish or disappear entirely. Their videos were banned from YouTube, or their Twitter and Facebook posts tagged with “fake news” warnings. One month before the election, Twitter froze the *New York Post’s* account—one of the oldest newspapers in the country—and blocked the sharing of one of its articles about Hunter Biden.

Big Tech companies have banned countless individuals from their platforms for posts that violate nebulous “community guidelines.” Yet, these same platforms host accounts of notorious dictators and thugs. Twitter, for example, allows accounts for Vladimir Putin, Iranian Supreme Leader Ali Khamenei, Louis Farrakhan, Richard Spencer and Venezuelan President Nicolas Maduro.

But of all the issues fought over in America today, none are as hotly disputed as moral issues. Abortion has been a fault line in American politics since the *Roe v. Wade* decision in 1973. The issue is so hot, that it may even cause a new civil war in America.

On the one hand, the pro-life side has won many valuable victories in public opinion and legislatures. Many states have tried to close abortion clinics through regulations and have

TOP: A scene from the March for Women’s Lives (2004), a short-lived gathering promoting women’s “right” to kill unborn children, male and female alike. BOTTOM: A kindred dark soul with abortion is the homosexual revolution; the movement has advanced far beyond demanding “tolerance” to insisting that everyone must support homosexual activism.



passed “heartbeat bills” that essentially ban abortions. Polls also show that Americans today are more pro-life than a generation ago.

On the other hand, the left has radicalized in favor of abortion like never before. In 2019, New York governor Andrew Cuomo signed a radical pro-abortion bill into law that eliminated most restrictions on abortion in his state. He then declared that pro-lifers “have no place in the state of New York because that’s not who New Yorkers are.” California, New Jersey and Virginia have all followed New York’s lead.

Most ominously, liberals are now admitting that abortion does indeed kill a human being, yet they still defend it. In a 2019 interview, Virginia’s Democratic governor Ralph Northam took this to its logical conclusion when he expressed support for post-birth infanticide: “The infant would be delivered. The infant would be kept comfortable. The infant would be resuscitated if that’s what the mother and the family desired. And then a discussion would ensue between the physicians and the mother.”

Right alongside abortion is the homosexual revolution. The movement has advanced far beyond demanding “tolerance” to being a privileged class with special rights and protections far above the average citizen. Everyone must participate in homosexual activism, whether in school, at work or even at home, with the government ready to punish those who object.

Thousands of businessmen, sports players, teachers and government officials have lost their jobs and suffered vicious public attacks for daring to object to the LGBT movement. University and even high school students have been punished or even expelled for opposing their schools’ LGBT activism.

Transgenderism is the tip of the spear of this revolution. On June 15, 2020, the Supreme Court ruled 6–3 in *Bostock v. Clayton County* that the federal government must punish “discrimination” against “sexual orientation” and “gender identity” under the 1964 Civil Rights Act. The decision will have far-reaching consequences for Americans who disagree with “gender theory,” essentially forcing the country to endorse “gender identity” and homosexual behavior or face punishment.

A few days after his inauguration, Joe Biden declared that “transgender equality is the civil rights issue of our time.” The Democrats’ bill in Congress, H.R.5 (also called “the Equality Act”), would enshrine the *Bostock* decision in federal law and punish any institution that does not accept homosexuality or transgenderism. H.R.5, among other things, also requires all public and private schools that receive federal funds to

teach LGBT ideology in their curricula.

Transgender activists have targeted children for years. Public schools are now flooded with pro-trans propaganda and programs run by organizations such as GLSEN (Gay, Lesbian & Straight Education Network). Teachers give children examples of people who “transitioned,” such as “Jazz” Jennings, a male who pretends to be a female. *Drag Queen Story Hour*—in which cross-dressers indoctrinate young children in perverse behavior in public libraries—has spread to dozens of cities nationwide since its launching in San Francisco in 2015.

The march to legalize drugs continues despite evidence of severe health and social effects. A majority of Americans now live in states that have legalized either medical or recreational use of marijuana. And just as many feared, marijuana is only the beginning. In Oregon last year, a ballot initiative to decriminalize possession of ALL drugs—including heroin, cocaine and methamphetamine—passed with 55.8% of the vote. Other states are sure to follow.

Assisted suicide is also spreading rapidly across America and the world. It is currently legal in nine states and the District of Columbia, and activists are fighting to pass assisted suicide bills in several others.



All around the world the battle for true marriage wages on. As Sister Lucia said: “The final battle between the Lord and the kingdom of Satan will be about marriage and the family.”

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Perhaps more than anything, the fight in America today is a religious one. The country is seeing an explosion of interest in witchcraft and Satanism. When Supreme Court Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg died last year, *The Huffington Post* published an article titled “The Death Of Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg Pushed Me To Join The Satanic Temple.” Written by a “40-something attorney and mother,” the author described herself as, “not the type of person who would normally consider becoming a Satanist, but these are not normal times.”

“When Justice Ginsburg died, I knew immediately that action was needed on a scale we have not seen before. Our democracy has become so fragile that the loss of one of the last guardians of common sense and decency in government less than two months before a pivotal election has put our civil and reproductive rights in danger like never before. And, so, I have turned to Satanism.”<sup>1</sup>

The violent destruction of statues last summer had all the appearances of Islamic jihad. Black Lives Matter (BLM) tore down statues of presidents and founding fathers not because of their faults but because they represent traditional American culture, religious belief and Christian virtue.

“Critical Race Theory” and *The New York Times*’ “1619 Project”—the ideological basis for the left’s racially charged rioting—have more in common with religion than a dry academic theory. Borrowing Christian concepts, they claim that America is a permanently and irremediably “sinful” country due to slavery. “Salvation” can only come by burning the country’s institutions to the ground.

It is therefore not surprising that rioters also tried to vandalize, tear down and remove statues of famous Catholics such as Saint Junípero Serra in California, Saint Joan of Arc in New Orleans, King Saint Louis IX in St. Louis, Missouri, Saint Damien of Molokai in Hawaii and the many Christopher Columbus statues all over the country.

Right next to the political religion of racial hatred is that of ecology. The left has embraced the cause of global warming and the environment as the most important issue. America, they say, must repent of its carbon sins and return to the righteous path of climate justice. To avoid climate apocalypse (arriving in 2030, they say), America must embrace the prophetic directives of the Green New Deal and the United Nations: dismantle our economy, eliminate all carbon-based energy, ban airplanes and embrace a more impoverished, more “sustainable” lifestyle.

### The End of a Long Process Called “Revolution”

How does one understand the present chaotic times? What is the nature and significance of this great battle? How did the nation get here, and most importantly, how can the battle be won?

The entire Western world is reaching the end of a long, historical process that the great Brazilian Catholic leader Professor Plinio Corrêa

de Oliveira called “the Revolution.” In his book, *Revolution and Counter-Revolution*, he described the Revolution as a five-centuries-long process of destruction of the Catholic Church and Christian Civilization.

Each crisis today, he wrote, is like an individual tree burning in a vast forest fire. However, one does not say that one hundred thousand individual trees are burning independently, but rather that there is a single fire that engulfs the whole forest. This “fire” in society, which does not leave any tree untouched, is called the Revolution.

The Revolution undermined society through the spread of evil **tendencies**, that is, those aspects of culture such as music, literature, architecture, fashion, technology and many others. These revolutionary tendencies predisposed men to revolutionary **ideas**, such as liberalism, socialism and communism. Finally, after accepting the Revolution’s influence in both the tendencies and ideas, mankind was prepared to accept the revolution in the **facts**: the political upheavals and revolutions.

Take feminism, for example. As far back as the twenties, a fashion for androgynous (unisex) and indecent clothing for women emerged. This fashion prepared public opinion for the feminist ideology of Simone de Beauvoir and Betty Friedan in the fifties, which sought to erase the differences between men and women. This ideology was the foundation for the sexual revolution of the sixties, which prepared the way for the *Bostock v. Clayton County* Supreme Court decision of 2020, enshrining gender theory in U.S. law.

Two disordered passions in man served as the driving forces of this Revolution: pride and sensuality. Pride leads to hatred for all hierarchy and inequality and the desire to impose total equality on society. Sensuality leads to the desire for absolute liberty in which the state and all forms of authority are overthrown and replaced with anarchy. Revolutionaries want to create a utopia on earth to abolish all authority, inequality, law, tradition, family and private property. In its place, they will build an anarchical, tribal and perfectly egalitarian society. Ultimately, this Revolution seeks the annihilation of the Catholic Church and Christian Civilization and the public adoration of Satan.

### This Revolutionary Process Is More Apparent Than Ever

Plinio Corrêa de Oliveira wrote that the Revolutionary process had four major

Plinio Corrêa de Oliveira, Catholic leader and author of *Revolution and Counter-Revolution*, in which he describes in a prophetic way the systematic destruction of Christian civilization.



explosions in history, each picking up where the previous one left off: the Protestant Revolution, French Revolution, Communist Revolution and a Fourth Revolution especially manifested by the Sexual Revolution of the sixties. Today, this historical process is more apparent than ever.

During the BLM riots last year, Antifa militants founded the “Capitol Hill Autonomous Zone” (CHAZ) in Seattle, Washington, as an experiment in a communist, anarchical society akin to “Occupy Wall Street” from 2011. Shortly after starting CHAZ, the organizers changed its name to CHOP, short for “Capitol Hill Organized Protest.” According to *The Seattle Times*, a CHOP organizer explained the reason for the change:

“It is not CHAZ, it is CHOP,” one speaker said outside the precinct. “Has anybody here ever heard of the French Revolution before? That is another revolution (that happened) because people started putting property over lives. They started putting money over people. Does anybody here know what happened to the people who did not get on board with the French Revolution?”

“CHOPPED,” the crowd responded.

“That is the message we need to send,” the speaker said.<sup>2</sup>

Imitating the French Revolution, Antifa and BLM protesters even set up mock guillotines. In Washington, D.C., they built a mock guillotine in front of Jeff Bezos’s house, guillotined Donald Trump’s effigy in Baltimore and another of Portland, Oregon Mayor Ted Wheeler. It is logical to conclude that mock executions will eventually lead to real ones.

Antifa and BLM also boast of their inspiration from Marxism and communism. In 2015, BLM co-founder Patrisse Cullors bragged, “We actually do have an ideological frame. Myself and Alicia [Garza], in particular, we’re trained organizers. We are trained Marxists. We are super versed on ideological theories.”<sup>3</sup>

One of the main principles of communism was hatred for private property, which Karl Marx himself affirmed in *The Communist Manifesto* of 1848: “Communism can be reduced to a single sentence: the abolition of private property.”

This hatred for the principle of private property was a deeper motivation for the Antifa and BLM riots last year. In August last year, National Public Radio caused a minor controversy when they interviewed “Vicky” Osterweil (a man who pretends to be a woman) about his recent book *In Defense of Looting: A*



*Riotous History of Uncivil Action.* Looting, he said, is necessary to destroy private property, authority and oppression:

“[Looting] also attacks the very way in which food and things are distributed. It attacks the idea of property...It points to the way in which that’s unjust...So you get to the heart of that property relation, and demonstrate that without police and without state oppression, we can have things for free...Looting strikes at the heart of property, of whiteness and of the police. It gets to the very root of the way those three things are interconnected.”<sup>4</sup>

### **Six Principles to Help Analyze, Understand and Navigate the Events Properly**

Over his long life, Professor Corrêa de Oliveira (1908-1995) was both a keen follower of and an insightful commentator on the political and religious events of his times. The following principles come from the school of news analysis that he transmitted to his spiritual sons of the American Society for the Defense of Tradition, Family and Property (TFP) movement he founded.

First, the fight is to save not only the nation but, above all, the Catholic Church and what remains of Christian Civilization. It is easy to lose sight of the big picture when so many different battles and issues are raging all at once. The Revolution’s main target is the Mystical Body of Christ, the Catholic Church and Western Christian Civilization.

Second, the field of battle is not over individuals but in public opinion. To fight for the Church and Christian Civilization means influencing society’s great debates. That requires public action, whether it be testifying at the local town hall over

The toppling of statues of historic figures like Christopher Columbus took place in the summer of 2020 as the Left attempted to re-write history according to its narrative of oppression.

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an LGBT school curriculum, protesting a Drag Queen Story Hour or organizing a rosary rally at a main intersection. By fighting in the public square—always legally and peacefully—concerned Americans can refute the Revolutionary left, persuade those in the middle and encourage those on the right to enter the fight.

Third, the focus of the fight cannot be petty problems, but must be God's cause. The many real problems found in work, family and daily life make it easy to lose sight of the big picture. Seeing the enormity of the crisis, many are tempted with an overwhelming sense of hopelessness and retreat further into their individual concerns.

That is not the way of the saints. Saint Thérèse of Lisieux had a contemplative vocation as a Carmelite. Nevertheless, she expressed an intense zeal to be a missionary overseas and conquer souls for the Church. Just as Saint John the Evangelist and the Holy Women accompanied Our Lord during His Passion, faithful Catholics must follow the fight between God's cause and the devil's ploys playing out in society, especially in the Church. People must make God's cause their own.

Fourth, one must maintain a prophetic vigil awaiting the events foreseen at Fatima. Today's crisis is so deep that it is foolish to think that human efforts can solve it. Even ordinary graces from God are insufficient to overcome the crisis.

Never before in history has evil had such power over the hearts and souls of men. The only way out is an unprecedented intervention of God, through His Holy Mother, to give extraordinary graces of conversion and crush His enemies.

Our Lady of Fatima gave exactly this promise when she appeared in Portugal in 1917. She told the three shepherd children that God had sent the First World War as a chastisement for sinful mankind and that another even worse war would come in the reign of the future Pope Pius XI (the Second World War). As further punishment, she warned that "Russia would spread her errors throughout the world." After yet another chastisement, she promised that Russia would convert and there would be "a period of peace."

Catholics should place their hope in this

promise of the Mother of God. Despite the horrors of the modern world and the apparent defeat of the Church, God is preparing an unimaginable and glorious triumph over evil. This great promise should provide the strength and courage to stay faithful.

Fifth, one must see, judge and act with a supernatural vision of things, from the perspective of the Catholic Faith. It is easy to interpret the events through the eyes of the world. One is tempted to look for simple, man-made solutions, or worse, some political "savior" who will singlehandedly fix the crisis without the Faith.

All Catholics must judge the events according to the traditional doctrines of the Faith. They must have a supernatural vision of the events with Our Lord Jesus Christ as the center of history. Like the saints, all should see that every battle directly or indirectly touches upon the great enmity of history: the enmity between the Woman and the Serpent (see Gen. 3:15). To have this vision, the faithful must study the Catholic Faith and read the lives of the saints. Three books that are particularly useful for a Catholic today to obtain this supernatural vision are *True Devotion to Mary*, *The Soul of the Apostolate* and *Revolution and Counter-Revolution*.

Sixth, this is not the "End of History," as Francis Fukuyama said, but rather the end of **one** history and the beginning of **another**. The era of the Revolution that began over five hundred years ago—bringing with it Protestantism, the French Revolution, Communism and the Fourth Revolution—is coming to its conclusion.

The present chaos has a parallel with other great turning points in history, such as the Great Flood, the birth of Our Lord Jesus Christ, the Fall of the Roman Empire and the reign of Charlemagne—events that only happen every five hundred or even one thousand years. This is the completion of one epoch of history and the beginning of another in which the world will suffer a terrible chastisement but will convert, as Our Lady said at Fatima. Saint Louis de Montfort foresaw this epoch and called it the "Reign of Mary." However, as Saint Ignatius of Loyola said, we must do everything as if it depended on us, knowing that in the end, everything depends on God. ■

Saint Louis de Montfort (1673-1716) made prophecies about our times, including an upcoming era he called "The Reign of Mary" where the Mother of God will triumph against the enemy of our souls.



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# AMERICA NEEDS FATIMA®

JULY/AUGUST 2021

PROGRESS REPORT

## Nothing Can Stop the Love and Devotion

BY FELIPE BARANDIARÁN



### Vigil of the Feast of Our Lady of Fatima

Evening slowly falls in Cova de Iría. The reflection of the last rays of the sun on the horizon gives the esplanade of the Fatima apparitions a melancholic air . . . this time a bit sad.

Little by little, the pilgrims arrive in collected silence, with sanitary masks hiding their expressions. Four months have passed without permission to approach the Virgin, government measures having restricted mobility. Now, finally, they feel freer, even if only a 7,500 person capacity is allowed, compared to the half a million that ordinarily gathered there on the night of May 12.

Yet, the faith of the pilgrims does not fade; they draw near with a spirit of penance and prayer, as the Virgin asked in Fatima. Each family group respectfully remains socially distanced along the entire esplanade, without moving from the white circles marked on

the ground that have been assigned to them.

In the circle I have occupied on behalf of *America Needs Fatima*, there are all of you, 13,598 families. Your names were engraved on the banner of the Virgin carried by my traveling companion, Luis Augusto Rodríguez. As I took some photos, there was a slightly cool breeze, forcing us to bundle up. Gradually, we were enveloped in darkness. It was already 9:30 pm on the basilica clock. Brightly lit, it glowed like a brilliant jewel in the night. At its feet, invading the entire esplanade, a sea of candles moved gently, accompanying the hymns in honor of the Virgin. In my hands, which were yours, the rosary. And on my lips, your names.



In addition to honoring Our Lady's first apparition, as a special project of *America Needs Fatima*, the roses delivered in May are a token of love from our supporters in honor of their earthly mothers—alive and deceased—and their intentions. To this end, we offer a variety of colors, each color representing a different sentiment from the giver.



# Guarding the Sacred: Traditional Marriage Crusade

BY STACIE HISERMAN

Saturday, March 20, 2021, was a day to remember. On that day, nearly two thousand groups across America made a striking statement in the public square in defense of traditional marriage. Under the protection of Saint Joseph, Patron of Families, participants enthusiastically took to the streets, signs and rosaries in hand, to stand for the holiness of marriage as the union of one man and one woman.

Numerous observers who drove by the rosary rallies honked or offered a “thumbs up” in support of the rallies, even in locations where encouragement was unexpected. Others, and these in the minority, shouted in anger at the sight of courageous defenders of God’s marriage. Overall, the responses were positive, and rendered hope and courage to those who support the sacred institution of marriage. One man who drove by a traditional marriage rally in Lexington, Kentucky was so moved, that he tossed two thousand dollars to the group from the window of his car.

Some who discouragingly say that the cultural war is already lost, may reconsider their stance upon hearing the story of Saint Louis de Montfort, who remains the inspiration behind *America Needs Fatima’s* public rosary rallies.

While Saint Louis de Montfort was preaching a mission in Rennes, France, a certain Monsieur D’Orville approached him to request counsel. His question concerned how to



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pray the rosary with his family every evening amid unrest in the town square outside his home. Father De Montfort’s solution was simple: pray *in* the public square. Although uneasy about the idea, Monsieur D’Orville placed a statue of Our Lady in a niche outside his home, facing the square. His wife led the mysteries while he stood guard. After some time, the public square rosary attracted people out of curiosity, until eventually they surfaced in crowds to pray with the family. Soon, the disorders in the square ceased.

Knowing there is a serious spiritual war to be won, Traditional Marriage Crusaders summoned the courage to take their prayers to the public square on that Saturday afternoon. Have disordered ideas about marriage suddenly ceased today, as did the disorders in Monsieur D’Orville’s little corner of the earth? No, but at Fatima, Our Lady assured us that in the end, her Immaculate Heart will triumph.

To the extent that we accept and live the moral obligations connected with the message of Fatima, we will hasten that triumph. Our Lady’s promise offers us a ray of light in a darkening world, a message of hope. Her message spurs us to respond generously to her requests, one of which is to “Pray, pray much, and sacrifice for sinners, for many souls go to hell because there is no one to sacrifice and pray for them.”

May Our Lady of Fatima bless all those who fight to keep America Christian, and may her holy name continue to be devoutly invoked throughout America from age to age! ■

From Newton, New Jersey (upper left) to Boerne, Texas (below) and in thousands of cities in between, brave Catholics defied liberal opinion and stood on God’s side in the battle over traditional marriage.

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### Worth the Sacrifice

In a recent email about the Walk for Life in Miami Springs, Sergio expressed gratitude to Our Heavenly Mother, who gave him the strength to be there so soon after his stay in the hospital. “The first big miracle of the day” is how the eighty-six-year-old described the arrival of Sandra and her husband with their seven children, who got there just in time to help. “The family crowned the statue of Our Lady, and helped distribute pro-life flyers,” Sergio said, “and the sons carried the banner and the American flag! The family’s presence was worth the sacrifice.”

Over two hundred people attended the walk, among them several rally captains, whose testimonies were inspiring to all. Sergio described it as a very blessed Walk for Life. He happily affirmed, “Our Lady reigned.”



Local Catholics in St. Augustine, Florida, energetically march for an end to abortion. As in most pro-life events, the number of youthful participants was encouraging.

### Our Lady is the Answer

Bakersfield, California, is home to one of America Needs Fatima’s very devoted rally captains. Patricia has been leading rallies every year since the start of the Public Square Rosary Rally Campaign in 2007. Last year, seeing the desperate need for prayer in the country, she decided to increase the rallies to twice a month. “It has become clear that this is a time of crisis—not just of physical illness—but a deep spiritual illness, and the answer is God and Our Lady,” she remarked.

Not only has the number of her rally participants grown from ten to forty people, but others have also been inspired to hold rosary rallies as well. Patricia affirmed, “We have rallies on three of the four Saturdays a month because a friend of mine became a rally captain.” She continued, “Hopefully, some of the group will break off so we can hold rallies on all four Saturdays!”

### Returning the Favor

Without law enforcement, our society would overflow with chaos and evil. They are the front line of an ordered and civil society. Yet, we see them excoriated, unjustly painted with the broad brush of the bad law enforcement officers.

It is no coincidence that current assaults on law enforcement have led to so much anarchy. Police officers put their lives at risk every day to keep our communities safe. Yet, how often does society return the favor and thank them for their sacrifice?

On April 17, rosary rally captains and participants said thank you to the honorable police officers that keep our communities safe, by praying for our police.

We are all aware of evil people abusing their positions of authority, but the institutions themselves are good and wholesome, and we should show gratitude to the people whose profession is dedicated to combating evil in our local communities.

We received many letters from officers thanking us for our rosary rallies in support of police.

*“Thank you from the bottom of my heart! This means the world to us!! God Bless and keep up the awesome work that you are doing.”*

*A police chief in Oklahoma*

*“Thank you so much for reaching out! This will be a big morale booster for our officers!”*

*A police chief in Washington*

*“Thank you for your support and prayers. The police officers are God’s answer to a troubled world.”*

*A police chief in New York*

**Would you like to become a rally captain but don’t know where to start? Just call us at (844) 830-3570 or e-mail [Protest@TFP.org](mailto:Protest@TFP.org). This IS a time of crisis, but we have only to turn to God and Our Lady for the answer!**



# Our Readers Write

## ANF Apostolate

“I think America needs Mary’s help. We cannot survive without love from Heaven and people waking up to today’s evil morals. We need to pray, pray, pray. Our churches need to reopen.”

N. S., Zionsville, Indiana

“Your rosary crusading is very admirable! I’m donating some of my COVID stimulus check to you for spreading the rosary. I remain your fellow servant in Jesus and Mary.”

J. M., Great Bend, Pennsylvania

“I will be happy to help. Anything that has to do with the Blessed Mother has to do with the whole world. The Blessed Mother has taken care of me, and everyone living on earth. There must be times that God is at a point that He would like to start all over with earth. And the Blessed Mother asks Him to find another way.”

R. Z., Lyman, South Carolina

“Thank you for a most informative letter sent to me. Our Heavenly Mother knew what she was doing when she chose you to represent her on earth! You, Mr. Ritchie, have the honor! May Our Lady bless you with all the best that life has to offer! Hope your New Year was happy and healthy! God bless!”

D. C., Bronx, New York City, New York

## Sacred Heart of Jesus Consecration and Photo

“Please rush ten more sets of your beautiful Sacred Heart photos and consecration forms to His Sacred Heart that you sent out earlier this year! These will be given to family, friends, priests and deacons at our parish. They are beautiful and MUST be spread ASAP! God Bless!”

J. S., Sebastian, Florida

“I was feeling very low and then you sent me the picture of the Sacred Heart of Jesus in the mail. It was a version I’d never seen before, and it made me feel better as soon as I saw it.”

K. D., Highland, California

“The picture is up on the wall of my living room. It brings me peace and comfort. Thank you!”

J. B., Dayton, Ohio

## Fatima Home Visits

“God bless you and everyone at *America Needs Fatima*. I wanted to write and share a very special blessing with all of you. I have a very dear nephew; he and his wife have been blessed with the gift of a new baby girl. The reason this is so very extra special is because a year ago they were expecting twins, but sadly, they lost them to a miscarriage.

In August 2019, we received the visit of the Pilgrim Virgin Statue in our home. That day, I entrusted my nephew and his wife to Our Lady of Fatima. I prayed for her intercession on their behalf that they would become parents again. Thanks be to Our Blessed Mother, my nephew and his wife became parents nine months after that exact visit with Our Lady’s statue! Their little girl was born May 3, 2020—the month of Mary, and the month of the first apparition of Our Lady of Fatima.

This makes it much more meaningful and special. Thank you for all the work you do, also! And thank you for taking the time to read my letter. Blessings and graces to you all!”

L. O., Brawley, California

## Crusade Magazine

“Be not surprised; I am most serious in what I write. From August of 2019 until May of 2020, I had been through a cycle of accidents, falling very painfully, hospitalized and attracting a sickness of the heart which had made me so dizzy that I was not able to stand without falling.

But in May of 2020, something happened. I opened an edition of your *Crusade Magazine* and I found an article on St. José Luis Sánchez del Río, the young Mexican boy who joined the *Cristeros* and was martyred for his Faith.

I started praying and asking the young saint to heal my heart so I could go to church again. Robert, St. José has made my heart healthy! I thank God and His young saint so much for the grace and beauty offered to me. Holy Mother of God, stay with me!”

K. D., Ocala, Florida



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# CUSTODIAN'S

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## A Miracle Child

Dear Editor,

*Last week at our Saturday visit, we had a very happy couple with their child greet us. They were effusive in thanking us for being the proximate cause of their child.*

*A little over two years ago, the couple attended a Fatima visit, during which they told me about their troubles with conception. Later, I talked to the two of them in private and encouraged them to practice the Faith. I also gave them both an America Needs Fatima rosary and booklet. I told them that if they were faithful, Our Lady would give them back much more in return.*

*I enclose the couple's letter here.*

*In Jesu et Maria,*

*Matthew Shibler  
Fatima Custodian*

Gianelle Soto on her Baptism day with her proud parents, Valeria and Daniel.



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Dear Fatima Custodians,

Let me start by introducing us. Our names are Valeria and Daniel Soto. Our one-year-old miracle is Gianelle Soto (God is gracious). Our story is as follows.

We've been married for fifteen years. Out of those fifteen, we had been trying to conceive for half. We went to a fertility specialist both here and in Mexico, to *sobanderas* (massage therapists), we even tried holistic and nothing.

On February 8, 2019, my mom called to let me know she would be having the Virgin of Fatima at her house to pray the rosary. I will not lie; as soon as we hung up, I was complaining to my husband about not wanting to go, as I did not believe in praying the rosary.

As I was at the Fatima visit, I thought to myself, "Why am I here? I don't believe in this." Well, they told a story about a mom who prayed for her daughter as she too struggled to conceive, and her intention was granted. That's when I realized I was meant to be there.

I'm not quite sure what happened, but it had to have been the Virgin of Fatima and God opening my heart to still believe, to not lose faith. I made my intentions after hearing the story of Fatima. A month or so later, we met a doctor who specialized in infertility and was willing to help us and our baby girl was born February 18, 2020! Since then, we have been praying the rosary for two years and still continue, as we want our daughter and future children to believe and have faith. It's true what people say—faith moves mountains.

Valeria and Daniel Soto



## THE Man for Our Times

In honor of the liturgical "Year of Saint Joseph" (December 8, 2020 – December 8, 2021), *America Needs Fatima* launched an intense e-mail campaign we called "Saint Joseph, The Man for Our Times."

Launched in March, which is traditionally referred to as the month of Saint Joseph, since his premier feast day falls on the 19th, this project was designed to call friends and supporters of ANF to come to know Saint Joseph more intimately, thus come to love and serve him more each day.

Toward this end, our writers and design staff diligently put together a powerful booklet of prayers, Church teachings and stories all about the Silent Saint.

This campaign was conducted entirely through our e-mail outreach, resulting in a total of 1,013,905 e-mails sent out, inviting all to grow in devotion to the foster father of Jesus. In addition, all Catholics are called to gain multiple plenary indulgences made particularly accessible throughout the Year of Saint Joseph. ■

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Large hand-painted statue of Saint Therese of the Child Jesus, marble-dust and resin. 24" high, 8lb.





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Copy of a life-size statue of Saint Therese of Lisieux. This small statue is specially hand-painted and cast in marble-dust and resin. 8" high, 2 lb.

he may be better suited for marriage, with a balance of delicacy and generosity, strength and thoughtfulness, all characteristics of value to a true lady.

So, what is the china factor?

China tableware brings quality and order to the table and is infinitely more durable than paper and plastic. China is also finer, more delicate and more beautiful. Its beauty enkindles within our souls a sharpened desire for something beyond our grasp. If seen in the proper light, the light of virtue, it leads us to rise above ourselves. And if home is where we prepare our families for Heaven, the beautiful items we are in contact with will help lift our spirits.

When one looks at the ruins of Christian civilization today, one asks how it all happened and the answer is not complicated. Western Christian civilization, which originated at the Cross, has been gradually destroyed piece by piece. Every time our modern age suggests the elimination of an old tradition or good custom, it offers many "good" and practical reasons to do so. The word "convenience" is often part of the arsenal of destruction.

The book authored by Susannah B. Lewis, which I look forward to reading, is titled *How May I Offend You Today?* Will she be offended by this piece? Or will she perhaps reconsider her position regarding china tableware? I know not. But what I do know is that I will always use china when entertaining my guests, for I know this will send a message of respect. While hopefully the food I offer will be pleasing to the senses, the beautiful presentation of fine china will touch the soul. ■

# In Defense of China

BY THOMAS RYDER

Two different conversations led me to ponder a truth about beauty and the daily use of fine items such as china tableware. The first one was a televised interview-conversation with southern lady and author Susannah B. Lewis about her recent book. During the interview, the distinguished lady proved herself in favor of old family traditions, manners and good customs. But then to my surprise, she made an exception to those past customs. When entertaining, she is content to “toss out” the china and use plastic forks and Dixie plates instead.

A second conversation I recently had—alas, a common one these days—was a chat with a true conservative who could not fathom how society has departed, to such an extreme, from good customs, and turned its back on God and Christian civilization. “How did it all happen?” was the repeated question.

So finally I asked him, “What do you think about tossing out china when entertaining guests?”

You know...using paper plates instead?”

He stopped as if stunned by my question and after a brief pause, blurted out, “What does that have to do with anything?”

We Americans are very practical people. This is a good thing, except when practicality results in neglect of the greater needs of the soul. When we begin to lose the sense of those non-tangibles of life, which bring the soul greater value, we are also in danger of tossing out civilization, culture and eventually God Himself; for He is found in the reflection of His creation.

When I dine with others and even sometimes when I dine on my own, I still pull out the china. Why do I use china? you may ask. Words like “respect” and “honor” come to mind.

Imagine the following: One young man celebrates the birthday of the young woman he dates, and hopes to marry, by inviting her to a meal using paper plates. A second young man does the same, but chooses a restaurant where china and table linens are used. After the evening, both young women return home, but with very different thoughts and impressions. The china factor sends the message of respect and value: “I respect you” and “I cherish you” and this is why I go to the effort of showing it.

The first scenario is cheaper and more practical. The latter expensive and less practical, since someone would have to carefully wash all the dishes instead of just tossing them in the bin. Yet, the wooing of the woman served with china is perhaps begun on better footing. We may also add that a man who appreciates good china demonstrates

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