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"I consider that the sufferings of this present time are as nothing compared with the glory to be revealed for us." Romans 8:18

Condemnation & Mercy

"Never condemn. If you feel like condemning, condemn yourself, there's got to be something there. . .
A little bit of mercy makes the world less cold and more just". Pope Francis

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Peace be with you. I pray you are all doing well and surviving this heat wave. It's getting close to the conference, September 23- 25, 2022. This year we're in a new location, Hilton Orlando, 6001 Destination Parkway, Orlando, Florida. The room rate per night is \$144.00. You can arrive early or stay after the conference for the same rate.

Registrations are lukewarm, now I know it is summertime and schools are opening soon so you're all extremely busy. I need you to register for the conference and the hotel. If we do not achieve a certain number of booked hotel rooms, we end up having to pay a penalty to the hotel. Conference expenses are higher, so I pray that there is no penalty. I need your commitment to come out and support the Charismatic Renewal of Orlando.

We have four great speakers this year preaching under the theme, *Glory Revealed*. They include, Padre Martin Scott, Father Ignatius Okoroji SDV, Sister Deidre Byrne POSC, and Nelson Ruiz Bautista, speaker for the youth track. The Lord is calling you to join him in verdant pastures and He never disappoints but inspires and refreshes souls. Say yes to Jesus and join us! If you wish to register for the conference and the hotel, go to www.orlandocharismatic.com

Good news! The Renewal of Orlando is collaborating with Deacon Tim Kennedy, Father Ignatius Okoroji, and myself to do a healing retreat and pilgrimage to the Holy Land. The first page of the brochure is in this newsletter. The date is March 20, 2023, over 11 days. I visited the Holy Land in 2016, and I believe you will not be disappointed.

Sincerely,
Vincent Maldonado
Administrator of Operations
Catholic Charismatic Renewal of Orlando

No Matter Who is President, Jesus is King

By Greg Trainor

The current election has proven to be a doozie! Perhaps it has just taken this long for years of excluding prayer from school, moral compromises in the law of our land, abortion, and a steady diet of violence (television and movies) to affect the civility and decorum of presidential politics. The unsettlement goes beyond the presidential election as we now find ourselves living in a day when terrorist attacks and cop killings are regular events. A string of firecrackers lit in a mall food court will send everyone to the ground praying for their lives. The bottom line is that many people seem unsettled, concerned and worried about everyday life and what the future will bring.

I have very good friends on both sides of the political aisle. The purpose of this article isn't to persuade you to a particular political party, candidate or economic philosophy. The purpose of this article is to encourage you as a Christian believer. This article is to remind you that God is still seated on his throne and to let you know that he is concerned for every aspect of your life. God will work on your behalf in the days to come!

Citizenship is in Heaven.

I was born in Maryland and have American citizenship. I also have citizenship in Ireland and that affords me certain rights and privileges of citizenship in the European Union as well. Yet, I consider my primary citizenship to be in Heaven: "But our citizenship is in heaven. And we eagerly await a Savior from there, the Lord Jesus Christ." (Philippians, 3:20). Isn't that awesome? As a Christian, you are a citizen of heaven. We were made for a perfect life with God. That is why it can feel so strange at times to live in a world broken with sin. The Word describes it as being "an alien," "a sojourner," or "a stranger in a foreign land": "So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are citizens with the saints and also members of the household of God, built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the cornerstone. (Ephesians 2:19-20) No matter how good life gets, it will always pale in comparison to the perfect, fully restored life that awaits us in heaven.

All authority comes from God. To keep things in a faith perspective, we must keep our sights focused on God and his kingdom. Never forget the miracle of creation: God spoke into nothing and made everything. We see this simple truth expressed in the Catechism of the Catholic Church:

We believe that God needs no pre-existent thing or any help in order to create, nor is creation any sort of necessary emanation from the divine substance.

God creates freely "out of nothing": If God had drawn the world from pre-existent matter, what would be so extraordinary in that? A human artisan makes from a given material whatever he wants, while God shows his power by starting from nothing to make all he wants. (CCC, 296)

The only reason that this world exists is because God spoke it into existence. In a similar sense, the Word reminds us that all authority (international, national, regional and local) comes from God: "For all authority comes from God, and those in positions of authority have been placed there by God." (Romans 13:1b) Earthly leaders have their authority because God created it. No earthly authority (no matter how well nor how poorly it is exercised) can inhibit God's desire and ability to care for you.

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You are a child of God. Secular culture refers to all people as “children of God.” In fact, being born into the fallen state of original sin makes us a “slave to sin” (Cf. John 8:34) and “children of the wrath” (Cf. Ephesians 2:3), not children of God. It is through conversion and the grace of Baptism that one becomes a child of God: “But when the fullness of time had come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law, to ransom those under the law, so that we might receive adoption. As proof that you are children, God sent the spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying out, ‘Abba, Father!’ So you are no longer a slave but a child, and if a child then also an heir, through God.” (Galatians 4:5-7)

You are a member of heaven’s royal family. What could be better than being the heir to an industrial fortune? Being an heir to God’s Kingdom would be better! “The Spirit itself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ...” (Romans 8:16-17a) Scripture calls the baptized believer who perseveres in faith in Jesus as Savior and dies in the state of grace a “victor.” In the book of Revelation, Jesus promises that such a victor will share his throne: “I will give the victor the right to sit with me on my throne, as I myself first won the victory and sit with my Father on his throne.” (Revelation 3:21)

The baptized person becomes different in substance, a “partaker of the divine nature.” In the sacrament of Baptism, the Holy Spirit comes to physically dwell within the baptized person. The baptized person becomes a “temple of the Holy Spirit”: “Do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, whom you have from God, and that you are not your own?” (1 Corinthians 6:19)



I’m not insensitive to the needs and challenges that surround us. In this world, we will always be surrounded by the tides and turbulence of earthly authority. In God’s plan, they are to affect us less than worldly royalty is affected. God will take care of us no matter what will come our way. God promises to be faithful, even when the odds don’t look all that good:

I will say to the Lord, “My refuge and my fortress, my God, in whom I trust.” For he will deliver you from the snare of the fowler and from the deadly pestilence. He will cover you with his pinions, and under his wings you will find refuge; his faithfulness is a shield and buckler. You will not fear the terror of the night, nor the arrow that flies by day, nor the pestilence that stalks in darkness, nor the destruction that wastes at noonday. A thousand may fall at your side, ten thousand at your right hand, but it will not come near you.” (Psalm 91:2-7)

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Earthly odds can stack up 11,000 to 1 against you and God will pull you through simply because you are his child, a member of heaven's royal family. "For nothing will be impossible with God." (Luke 1:37b)

God cares for you. God will care for you in the days ahead. He knows your situation better than you understand it yourself. He will provide for your temporal needs and even your wants and desires. He will love and care for you because he is good. The Word of God directs us simply to seek after the Kingdom above all things and promises that God will provide and care for us in all matters: "Therefore do not worry, saying, 'What will we eat?' or 'What will we drink?' or 'What will we wear?' For it is the Gentiles who strive for all these things; and indeed your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. But strive first for the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well." (Matthew 6:31-33)

Seek fervently after the Kingdom of God and his righteousness. Entrust yourself to God's care and he will work out your retirement, healthcare and housing. He will give you healing for your body and victory over your adversaries. His desire to be your helper goes well beyond your ability to diagnose your situation and express your petitions. As a baptized believer, you are part of God's family. He will take care of you: "For surely I know the plans I have for you, says the Lord, plans for your welfare and not for harm, to give you a future with hope. Then when you call upon me and come and pray to me, I will hear you. When you search for me, you will find me; if you seek me with all your heart, I will let you find me, says the Lord... (Jeremiah 29:11-14a)

Pope Francis

16.04.13 Holy Mass Santa Marta

Acts 7: 51 - 8: 1A

Stephan's words are strong: 'You stiff-necked people... you always resist the Holy Spirit. As your fathers did, so do you. The prophets, "you killed them", and then venerated them. See there, that is a manifestation of resistance to the Holy Spirit.

Even among us, we see manifestations of this resistance to the Holy Spirit. Actually, to get to the point, the Holy Spirit annoys us, because he moves us, he makes us travel, he pushes the Church forward. And we are like Peter at the Transfiguration: 'Oh, how wonderful it is for us to be here, all together!' as long as it does not inconvenience us. We would like the Holy Spirit to doze off. We want to subdue the Holy Spirit. And that just will not work. For he is God and he is that wind that comes and goes, and you do not know from where. He is the strength of God; it is he who gives us consolation and strength to continue forward. To go forward! And this is bothersome. Convenience is nicer. You all could say: 'But Father, that happened in those times. Now we are all content with the Holy Spirit'. No, that is not true! This is still today's temptation.

In our personal life, in our private lives, the same thing happens: the Spirit pushes us to take a more evangelical path, and we [say]: 'But no, it goes like this, Lord'.... Do not put up resistance to the Holy Spirit: this is the grace for which I wish we would all ask the Lord; docility to the Holy Spirit, to that Spirit who comes to us and makes us go forward on the path of holiness, that holiness of the Church which is so beautiful.

Lord may I be docile to You Holy Spirit. Amen.

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<https://www.orlandocharismatic.com/conference>

See www.OrlandoCharismatic.com for complete Conference information and Registration.

BE HOLY SPIRIT FILLED!

Hello brothers and sisters in Christ my name is Natalia Gil and I am a 28-year-old wife and mother of two. On my days off I love to watch movies, read, and spend time with family. But my all-time favorite thing to do is to serve the Lord through ministry. For the past 10 years I have been a team leader in the Catholic charismatic renewal of Orlando in the Hispanic community specifically working with the youth around Central Florida. It has been 10 Years that my life was transformed by the power of the Holy Spirit and since then I have been passionate about sharing the good news to those around me. My healing journey started when I was 16 years old battling depression, anxiety and difficulty finding my identity and purpose in life. The loneliness was overwhelming and at times contemplated suicide until Jesus Christ, reaching His loving hands out towards me, revealed His love to me through the Eucharist. As I received His infinite love and mercy, my heart was made new and the dark clouds that hovered over me began to disappear. That is when I realized that Christ is King, and He is my savior. My only mission is to do His will and be at His disposal, which is why I have accepted His call to become the Chairman of the Catholic Charismatic Renewal of Orlando. In these next few years, we will focus on lifting up the youth of Central Florida through the power of the Holy Spirit. So, I want to extend the invitation to all of those young people who also desire to be healed by His love to the annual Charismatic Conference on September 23rd-25th. In this conference we will have a Youth Track that consist of music, praise and two talks. As we begin this new chapter in the renewal, I want you all to know that I am your sister and friend and here to walk with you as we embark this new journey.



“You are not the tomorrow, you are not the ‘meantime’, you are the Now of God”.

Pope Francis, World Youth Day 2019
Our Lord Jesus Bless You, Natalia Gil

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God of All Consolation

Suffering cracks open our ego -exposing the truth within ourselves: that ultimately we are powerless; that our self sufficiency is an illusion. It is suffering that opens our eyes to our need for God, to our dependence on him for our breath. True Faith is born out of desperation. For me, I did not trust in God’s Provisional Love until I suffered enough to exhaust all other options for Hope. Even now, I am most prone to Sin when things are going my way -when I am lured into Forgetfulness and let go the Hand of God who is saving me.

Contrary to the Unbeliever’s cry, suffering is congruent with our Gentle Father’s heart. In his Mercy, he shepherds our suffering, gently allowing us to be brought to our knees –to a posture where we in turn allow ourselves to be found by him. It is the Desperate Heart which is open to Grace. It is the Broken Heart that searches for God. It is the Redeemed Heart which truly exults in the God of All Consolation, and, it is this Transformed Heart which offers authentic witness to his Love.

Richard Swiderski,

Click on to Richard's Blog: <http://godstuffrichard.blogspot.com/>
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