

Maintain the truth lovingly and always love truthfully.
St. John Paul II

Twenty Years Strong

PRESIDENT'S LETTER

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Dear Friends,

For the past 19 years we have worked hard to fulfill a large part of our Mission, which is “to ensure the authentic teaching and protection of our Catholic Faith.” As we enter our 20th year, we are busy planning several exciting new endeavors!

On February 1st we are sponsoring an important informational meeting entitled, **Choosing a Catholic High School: The Beauty of an Authentic Catholic Education**, for Catholic parents who plan to send their children to a Catholic High School. The goal of this meeting will be to help parents gain an appreciation for the beauty of an authentic Catholic education and to help them identify factors they should be considering when selecting a Catholic High School for their children.

We have listened to the suggestions of our loyal supporters, and we plan to hold the *Ultimate Youth Lenten Retreat* on March 10th.

Currently we are working on developing **Beauty, Truth, Goodness: The Fundamentals of Catholicism** series in Spanish.

For more information on the upcoming events and to register, please see the flyers on pages 7 and 8.

Thank you for your continued support!

God bless you and yours,

Colleen Perfect

President, Catholic Parents OnLine

Colleen Perfect, Marilyn Grutsch, and Terese Jensen at the 2017 Luncheon



Our wonderful helpers at the 2017 Lenten Retreat

The Way, the Truth and the Life

BY FR. ROBERT ALTIER, CPO SPIRITUAL DIRECTOR

The 1960's and 70's were a very chaotic time. So many points of stability on which society was based were rejected. The understanding of our dignity was undermined as people started attacking themselves with drugs, sexual immorality, bad influences and the like. All of these things were inspired by a man named Saul Alinsky. When his attempts to destroy society failed, he wrote a book called *Rules for Radicals*, which served as the blueprint for those who would take up his cause in the future.

I suspect that in great measure the strategy to undermine society failed because the majority of the people in America, and those in leadership positions in America, were schooled in the traditional ways of thinking and acting. Even though some of the people did not live good lives, there were still social standards which served to help maintain a certain level of propriety. And, while it was admitted that many people did not live moral lives, everyone recognized their actions to be immoral.

Now we have leaders who were raised in the "Hippie" generation; they have cut their hair, but they have not changed their mindset. In the previous Administration we literally witnessed the attempt to push the Alinsky agenda onto America once again. It tragically succeeded far more than it had with their hippie ancestors.

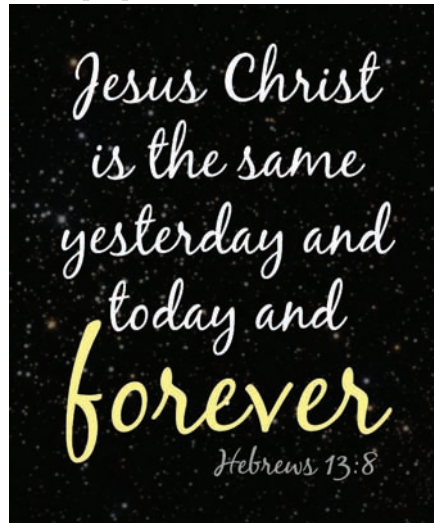
The chaos of the 60's and 70's has changed to confusion in the early 2000's. People are now confused about everything. We do not even seem to know the difference between a male and a female these days. We are unable to differentiate between an animal and a human person. We fail to see babies as persons, the elderly as having dignity, the handicapped as having value. We have completely rejected the truth about marriage, family, and sexuality. The attacks people were inflicting upon themselves fifty years ago have only become worse. Psychologists are telling us that we are now dealing with a problem of rampant narcissism. These last two points would seem to be in contradiction to one another: how can one be a narcissist and try to destroy themselves at the same time?

The answer is really quite simple. It comes from the rejection of God and of Truth. Of course, God is Truth, so to reject one is to reject the other. God is also Love and Life, so we have become confused on these points as well. Love is now selfish instead of being the opposite of selfishness. Life is only about the present moment and has no reference to eternity. So, the attacks against the self are a misguided search for love and life which are misrepresented as being pleasure and selfish desire. Seeing how our society has turned things upside down so that

we now see the truth and reality as being the polar opposite of what they really are, demonstrates how successful the devil has been in his quest to rule the world by turning everything backwards and upside down.

With the world in such turmoil, at least we have always had the Church to turn to as a rock of stability and unchanging truth. Unfortunately, today even that is being questioned. Certainly, those who have rejected God and His Church do not want anything to do with her teachings, but even those who are practicing their faith are becoming confused and disoriented. Our Lady warned us in 1973 at Akita, Japan, that the day would come when we would see Cardinal opposing Cardinal and Bishop against Bishop within the Church. It appears we have entered that time.

People within the Church are trying to find ways to "bring the Church into the 21st century." Translated, this means making the Church more relevant to today's world. The foolishness of this idea is born, once again, in the rejection of truth. I say this because if we have to change what the Church teaches so we can be more relevant to the world, then what we are saying is that the truth is no longer relevant. More than this, we are suggesting one of three things: first, what we have is not really the truth revealed by God; second, what was true in the past is not true in the present (relativism); third, the people of today are not worthy of the truth, so we will tell them something other than the truth because it is easier for them to handle.



In the words of the Second Vatican Council, we believe that the fullness of truth subsists only in the Catholic Church. We do not apologize for this because the Church is Jesus Christ and He is the Truth. The truth cannot change because God cannot change. Human persons are made in the image and likeness of God, which means they are made for truth, for love, and for life. To fail to preach the truth to them is a violation of their dignity. This failure causes us to fall into the same trap as society itself: it is a rejection of God. Lip service is still given to God, but we want a god who is made in our image and likeness rather than accepting that we are made in the image and likeness of God.

All of the preceding demonstrates the nature of the problem we are facing in our present day. The answer to the problem remains the same: Jesus! He is the Way, the Truth, and the Life; He is love itself. He is the same yesterday, today, and forever. He cannot deceive or be deceived. With the thousands of lies told and accepted in our world, there is still only one truth. The devil will disguise himself in whatever

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form someone wants, but the Lord is always the same. So, in the midst of the confusion, keep the focus on Jesus and on His teaching because the truth cannot change. What Jesus spoke as recorded in the Scriptures and what the Church teaches infallibly remains clear and unsullied. Some people within the Church may be confused or may be spreading confusion, but look beyond this to the Lord Himself in Whom there is no confusion or compromise. In Him we find only what is best for us: Truth, Love, and Life. +++



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ARTHUR A. HERKENHOFF AWARD

Art Herkenhoff, a true friend and one of our founding Board members, was a hero in all areas that truly matter: Faith, family and pro-life involvement. Art had enormous courage in proclaiming the Truth of Jesus Christ and the Catholic Church, and always exhibited true charity, humility and joy. The Board of Directors chose to present the 2017 Arthur A. Herkenhoff Award to a remarkable married couple, Joseph and Margaret Prenosil. Joseph and Margaret raised 4 biological children. In 1986 they worked with Catholic Charities and began foster parenting. They still continue to offer loving foster care. They have adopted 7 of these children. All of the children they have fostered and adopted have special needs...some severe. In September of 1989, they received 4 month old Nicholas, who has severe physical and mental handicaps. He was the first to be adopted into the family. Nicholas is now 28 years old. Margie and Joe have a strong and deep devotion to the Catholic Faith. They provide the best possible home and help for all of their children, providing spiritual, mental and physical growth opportunities every day. With all of the parenting and paperwork, there is very little time for outside volunteer work, but Joe belongs to the Knights of Columbus and has helped with Scouting, too. It would take a thick book to describe all that they have done for these many children, and for all who are employed in their home.



2017 Arthur A. Herkenhoff Award winners, Joseph and Margaret Prenosil with family and friends.

The CPO Board of Directors seeks the names of individuals who would be worthy of nomination for the 2018 - 14th Annual Arthur A. Herkenhoff Award. The persons nominated should exhibit the same qualities, principles and values which characterized the life and person of Art Herkenhoff: Faith, family, pro-life involvement, courage, charity and joy.

Please submit your nomination by October 1, 2018. You may complete the Online Nomination Form at:

www.catholicparents.org/herkenhoff/index.html or contact us at 651-705-5409 and we'll be happy to mail you the form.

Prayer and Fasting

Transforming a Culture of Death into Life

BY FREDERICK BLONIGEN

The sexual revolution, a revolution that began in the 1960's and continues to this day, is the single most destructive revolution in all of human history, for it strikes at the very origins of human life. It is an attack by the creature against his Creator. God has a beautiful plan for humanity: a plan built on following His will regarding the proper use of sexuality within marriage between a man and a woman. When the Evil One persuades human beings to ignore or rebel against this divine plan, the end result is the culture of death. There is a kind of demonic logic at play here that leads inexorably from contraception to abortion to infanticide, to assisted suicide, to euthanasia to eugenics. As St. Pope John Paul the Great reminded us in his great encyclical *Evangelium Vitae*, these evils are all fruit from the same tree. When man plays God at the beginning of the life process and claims an authority that belongs only to God, it is inevitable that he will continue to play God at every stage of life.

What, then, is the antidote to the culture of death? In this spiritual battle the only true antidote is, of course, Christ and the grace He gives to sanctify us. The greatest weapons in this spiritual/cultural war, after Jesus Himself, are the saints, because the saints are "little Christs." And saints are what we must become—or, more accurately, saints are what we must allow the Holy Spirit to make us. To seek each day to become a saint is the greatest gift you can give to God, the greatest contribution you can make to this present civilization, the most important action you can engage in to help defeat Satan and his culture of death. When people would often call St. Mother Teresa a living saint, she would simply remind them that holiness of life is not a luxury for the few but the vocation of all who call Christ their Lord. St. Jose Maria Escriva, the founder of Opus Dei, said, *We must decide. It's wrong to have two candles lighted—one to St. Michael and another to the devil. We must snuff out the devil's candle; we must spend our life completely in the service of the Lord. If our desire for holiness is sincere, if we are docile enough to place ourselves in God's hands, everything will go well. He is always ready to give us His grace, especially at a time like this—a grace for a new conversion, a step forward in our lives as Christians.*

The spiritual battle we are in requires spiritual armor. I would like to discuss with you some practical ways we as Catholics can arm ourselves for this battle and be instruments of God in defeating the culture of death and building a culture of love.

PRAYER This is the single most important activity of the day. Nothing is more vital for our spiritual life than this daily encounter with the living God. I used to tell my high school theology students that a day without prayer is a wasted day. Prayer is our lifeline to God. Without it our spiritual life withers and dies. Fr. Jacques Philippe, one of the greatest spiritual writers of our time, says in his beautiful book,

Thirsting for Prayer. *What the world needs most today is prayer. It is prayer that will give birth to all the renewals, healings, deep and fruitful transformations we all want for society today. This world of ours is very sick, and only contact with heaven will be able to cure it. The most useful thing for the Church today is to give people a thirst for prayer and teach them to pray. Prayer brings us inexorably face-to-face with what we really are. Every single person has his or her dark side, that part of themselves that sometimes weighs heavily and is a source of shame, guilt, and anguish: human limitations, psychological weaknesses, emotional wounds, areas of complicity with evil, incapacities, falls of different kinds, etc. Prayer makes us enter more deeply into God's light, and like a ray of sunlight coming into a dark room and revealing the tiniest speck of dust floating in the air, that lays bare our imperfections and sins.* If we are going to pray the way we need to pray, we must have silence. A wise theologian once said, "Another name for God is silence; and another name for the devil is noise." One of the things I emphasized with my high school students and I now recommend to you, is to spend at least 15 minutes each day in quiet, silent prayer. Try to make this silent prayer time not a monologue but a true dialogue with God where you spend more time listening than speaking.



THE HOLY EUCHARIST The Eucharist is the source and summit of our Catholic faith, as Vatican Council II describes this greatest of the sacraments. Personal prayer is critical for our spiritual growth. But the greatest prayer we can pray is the Holy Mass, the Sacrifice of Calvary made sacramentally present for our sanctification and salvation. St. Pope John Paul II used to say that one Mass is more powerful than all the evil in the world. St. Padre Pio used to say that it would make more sense for our world to be without the sun than to be without the Mass. If every Catholic in this country fervently prayed the Mass at least each Sunday, abortion and related evils would be defeated in our land. But when only 20 percent of Catholics in America participate in weekly Sunday Mass we should not be surprised that the culture of death is as strong as it is. The remedy for all the ills of our society is the Eucharist, for the Eucharist is Christ Himself in His full humanity and divinity. Living Eucharistic-centered lives: that is what every Catholic who is serious about his faith should be doing. That is what every Catholic who is serious about

defeating the culture of death must do. As Jacques Philippe says in his most recent work *Fire and Light: Learning to Receive the Gift of God*: *The real excellence of the Eucharist lies in the fact that God not only gives us his love but gives us the gift of loving in return. Through it he empowers us to respond to his love little by little, to love just as we have been loved by him. Here is a reminder of an essential property of love, ever expanding toward full reciprocity: to love someone is to give him or her the possibility of loving us back. The greatest gift we can give someone is the power of self-giving, to experience the happiness of giving ourselves through love, since 'it is more blessed to give than to receive.'*

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION Next to the Mass, which is our single greatest source of grace, our most powerful weapon in the battle against the culture of death is Eucharistic adoration. St. Alphonsus Liguori once wrote, *Of all the devotions, that of adoring Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament is the greatest after the sacraments, the one dearest to God, and the one most helpful to us.* All the saints had a great passion and love for Eucharistic adoration. Saints from Doctors of the Church like St. Thomas Aquinas and St. Bonaventure, to Popes like St. Pius X and St. Pope John Paul II, to priests like St. John Vianney and St. Peter Julian Eymard and to humble souls like St. Rita and St. Bernadette and St. Dominic Savio—all were devoted to Eucharistic adoration. The saints often spent hours in prayer before the Eucharistic Christ. St. Francis of Assisi would spend whole nights in prayer before the Blessed Sacrament so humbly and so devoutly that he would move the souls of anyone who observed him. St. Benedict Labre, called the “poor man of Forty Hours,” would spend whole days and nights in Church where the Blessed Sacrament was exposed. Because of our state in life most of us cannot do what these heroic saints did, but surely we can make the sacrifice to spend at least one hour a week in prayer before our Eucharistic Lord.

EUCCHARISTIC VISITS For those who cannot do a weekly holy hour, Eucharistic visits on a regular, perhaps daily, basis would be an excellent way to demonstrate our love for Christ in the Eucharist. In regard to Eucharistic visits, St. John Bosco, patron of youth, says: *Do you want the Lord to give you many graces? Visit Him often. Do you want Him to give you few graces? Visit Him rarely. Do you want the devil to attack you? Visit Jesus rarely in the Blessed Sacrament. Do you want him to flee from you? Visit Jesus often. Do you want to conquer the devil? Take refuge often at the feet of Jesus. Do you want to be conquered by the devil? Forget about visiting Jesus. My dear ones, the visit to the Blessed Sacrament is an extremely necessary way to conquer the devil. Therefore, go often to visit Jesus and the devil will not come out victorious against you.*

FASTING Another spiritual weapon in our battle against the culture of death is fasting. Christ Himself gave us the ultimate example of the power of this ascetic practice by His own fasting, especially His forty day fast in the desert prior to beginning His public life. Jesus reminded the Apostles and all who would follow Him, that some demons can only be cast

out through prayer and fasting. Surely the demonic practices of abortion, assisted suicide, and euthanasia are evils that require more than prayer: they require the mortification of fasting. In the early Church, Christians fasted three days a week: Wednesdays, Fridays, and Saturdays. And when you read the lives of the saints you see that all were men and women who lived very ascetic lives. At times perhaps these saints went to extremes in their ascetic practices and treated their bodies rather harshly. We, however, in the materialistic West, obsessed with every kind of creature comfort and convenience, find almost any type of self-denial, such as fasting, too much to expect. But we are wrong and the saints are right. Christian life by definition involves real, meaningful self-denial or it is not Christian. Why? Because Christ Himself said that those who were to follow Him must carry their cross daily. I once heard a very wise priest say that there is no such thing as “Comfortable Catholicism.” And, in fact, when Catholics become too comfortable in this world, that is a clear sign of spiritual trouble. Catholicism and Christianity in general are not meant to be easy. Our faith is difficult. It is demanding. It is challenging. But it is true. Indeed, it is the Truth itself. And all the effort to be faithful to the One who expects so much from us is worth it because the God whom we follow never asks us to bear any burden or endure any suffering or carry any cross that He Himself has not first experienced in His own person. You see, the God we worship leads by example. He shows the way. All we need to do is cooperate with the generous grace He provides and follow in His path. The God we worship is, indeed, easy to please but hard to satisfy. He demands the most from us because He knows it will lead to what is best for us: holiness in this life and eternal happiness in the life to come.

As faithful Catholics, we are all called to greatness; we are all called to practice heroic virtue; we are all called to lives of saintly holiness. “Mediocre” or “comfortable” Catholicism will not survive in today’s militantly secular society. Only committed, heroic Catholics and their families will survive and remain faithful. God, in our time, has drawn a line in the sand, so to speak. Either you choose to follow His Son, and follow Him heroically, or you will follow the way of the world. There is no third option. We must beg God for the grace each day to choose Jesus, to choose the way of holiness, the way of perfect charity found only in Christ. When we make this choice our lives will not be easy: they will surely involve the Cross; they will most certainly entail considerable suffering. But in our lives we will also experience the joy and peace that are the fruits of the Holy Spirit. For in the end, life is never meant to be about ourselves: it is meant to be lived for God and others. Christ became a member of the human race to teach us this truth, and to demonstrate this truth by His redemptive suffering on the Cross. My prayer for all of you is that the beautiful words of the great French Catholic writer, Leon Bloy, will echo in your hearts each day as a reminder of life’s ultimate meaning: *The only real sadness, the only real failure, the only great tragedy in life, is not to become a saint.*

Lessons from Jacinta, Francisco and Lucia

BY MARILYN GRUTSCH

God is full of mystery, surprises and miracles. He sends our Heavenly Mother to communicate with us, to prepare, advise, warn, admonish and affectionately bring us back to Him when we stray. Through Him, she helps us turn our hearts toward Heaven...and if we think about it, getting to Heaven should be our greatest goal. Again and again, she appears to the least among God's creation to relay messages to mankind. In 1917, God had a very important message for humanity, which was in dire need of help. The world was at war with one another and sin was abounding. The message was vital to mankind because the human world, at the time, was at risk of self-destruction. Surely, God would want this message to be sent to a very educated, important person, who understood what was happening in the world...the Holy Father or His Curia, a President of one of the world powers, or someone considered by the elite to be wise and knowledgeable about life here on earth. But, in fact, He chose to send Our Mother to three very young children in Fatima, Portugal. Many of us know the story of Fatima, but sometimes we overlook the fact that these children were the ages of a kindergartner, a first grader and a third grader. They were not aware of wars and "powers that be" at that time. They did not know geography, history, politics, government systems, or what else might be going on outside of their tiny little village. They had not even begun their formal education and were content to tend the sheep and live in the world of innocent child's play. This is a miracle in itself, but it should not come as a surprise since God told us in Matthew 11:25, *I praise You, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because You have hidden these things from the wise and learned, and revealed them to little children.*

To re-cap this fascinating true story, our Heavenly Mother Mary appeared six times between May 13, 1917 and October 13 of that year. In addition to teaching about prayers and sacrifices, she entrusted the young shepherd children, Jacinta, Francisco, and Lucia, with the most urgent messages of that time: showing them a horrifying vision of Hell, telling them, *You have seen Hell, where the souls of poor sinners go. To save them, God wills to establish in the world devotion to my Immaculate Heart;* she gave them a detailed prophecy of events that would occur if the Pope and the bishops of the world did not perform a public and solemn ceremony of the Consecration of Russia to the Immaculate Heart - World War II, which would erupt during the reign of Pius XI, who had not yet been elected, the spread of Russia's errors throughout the world - including Communism, which had not yet been imposed by the Bolsheviks, persecutions of the Church, the martyrdom of the good, the suffering of the Holy Father, and ultimately the annihilation of various nations.

All of this would have overwhelmed most adults, but these three children, ages 6, 8 and 9, seemed to be inexplicably transformed into determined and unrelenting prayer soldiers

for mankind. They were earnestly and fervently obedient to all that the Blessed Mother presented to them, spending the rest of their lives in prayer, self-imposed sacrifice and adoration. During one of Mary's appearances, Lucia asked if they would go to Heaven someday. Mary answered that Jacinta and Francisco (after many rosaries) would go soon, but that Lucia would need to stay in this world longer to spread the Fatima messages.



As predicted, Francisco died a year later of influenza. He spent his last months on earth faithfully praying for the consolation of anyone who had troubles, sometimes spending an entire day in front of the altar, working on their petitions. His greatest desire was to console God Himself for the grief brought to Him by the sins of mankind. His last request was to make his First Communion before he died, which was granted to him shortly before his death on April 4, 1919.

Jacinta, too, contracted influenza. Our Lady appeared to her and said, "You have made so many sacrifices for sinners. Would you like a chance to make still more sacrifices for them before I take you to Heaven?" Jacinta, a mere 6 years old, desired very much to go to Heaven with her beautiful Mother, but because she lovingly accepted her vocation to offer sacrifices for poor sinners, she answered with an enthusiastic "Yes." Her disease and separation from those she loved were the cause of immense suffering for her. Near the end of her life when Our Lady appeared to tell her she would be taking her to heaven soon, Jacinta called for a priest to receive our Lord as the Holy Viaticum. Because she appeared so radiant after receiving the news from our Blessed Mother, the priest did not believe she was near death, assuring her he would bring her Holy Communion in the morning. Her final sacrifice for sinners was that she died during the night and was not able to receive the Viaticum. Her death was on February 20, 1920.

Just as the Blessed Mother had foretold, Lucia remained in this world for 87 more years. She suffered tremendously at the time of the apparitions, because she was the oldest of the visionaries and many, including her parents, did not believe she was telling the truth. Her deep, steadfast love for Our

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Lady was apparent as she humbly resolved not to dishonor any of her heavenly mother's requests, no matter how harshly treated or threatened. She entered a convent with the Saint Dorothy Sisters as a young woman and then later became a Carmelite nun. She died on February 13, 2005. During her years on earth, Lucia met with Popes and Bishops regarding the secrets that were revealed to the shepherd children, which were gradually revealed to the public by Popes over the course of the 20th Century.

In response to the requests, finally in 1984, Pope Saint John Paul II consecrated the world to Mary's Immaculate Heart. Lucia wrote later that a nuclear war had been thereby averted. In 1989, Communism fell without a single shot being fired. Do the messages from 1917 have any relevance to our world today? Are we a world at peace? Atheism, materialism, an ideology disconnected from Truth, a socialistic spirit that undermines marriage and family (including divorce and abortion), a deceitful misuse of language with the intent to manipulate the public, the constant sense of distrust and fear of imprisonment or killing: has the spread of Russia's errors of communism infiltrated our world? It does not take much thought to recognize that our world is still fighting these battles.

In a homily given by Pope Saint John Paul II on May 13, 1982, he said, *The message of Fatima is addressed to every human being. It is still more relevant than it was 65 years ago. It is still more urgent.* And Pope Benedict XVI Emeritus said in 2010, *He deceives himself who thinks that the prophetic mission of Fatima is concluded.*

Our Mother came to warn us to repent, pray and sacrifice for sinners through these three very young children. With their child-like hearts, minds and souls, willingly giving up their childhood, they completely immersed themselves in this vocation. We can be assured of the continued prayers from Heaven of the three Fatima children, who, with courage and faith beyond their years, were willing to withstand the horrendous trials of ridicule, threats of bodily harm or death, and bribery to get them to reveal Our Lady's secrets against her requests and to deny the apparitions. On the 100-year Anniversary of the last apparition, the Miracle of the Sun, Jacinta and Francisco were canonized. The cause for Lucia's beatification was begun in April of 2008.

In all of this, we are reminded of just how much God loves us, that He would send His Mother to re-direct our wayward souls. Let us learn from the three little children, whom God entrusted to carry this message and who, by their example, did their part to bring about conversions and peace in the world and hope of Heaven. Pope Benedict XVI Emeritus spoke of hope regarding Fatima: *Hope is precisely what fills the demanding, yet at the same time comforting, message that Our Lady left to us at Fatima. It is a message centered on prayer, on penance and on conversion that reaches beyond the threats, dangers and horrors of history to invite mankind to have faith in God's action: to cultivate the great hope, to experience the Lord's grace and thus to fall in love with Him, who is the source of love and peace.* And let us not forget Mary's assuring words to the children: *In the end, my Immaculate Heart will triumph.*

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CHOOSING A CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

The Beauty of an Authentic Catholic Education

Did you know that 50% of teenagers who self-identified as Catholic no longer do so 10 years later?

As Catholic parents, we are responsible for passing on the Faith to our children. Parents considering high school options for their children are invited to attend an event to assist them with their decision-making process.

WHEN: Thursday, February 1, 2018 • 6:30 - 8:30 p.m.

WHERE: St. John the Baptist Catholic Church
835 2nd Avenue NW • New Brighton, MN 55112

SCHEDULE: 6:30 - 7:00 p.m. **Registration & Refreshments:**
Hors d'oeuvres and beverages

7:00 - 7:05 p.m. **Opening Prayer:**
Fr. Bill Baer

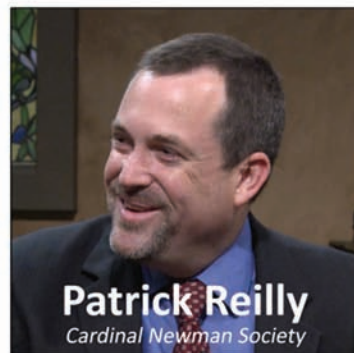
7:05 - 7:45 p.m. **Seeking Beauty in Catholic Education:**
Patrick Reilly, President, Cardinal Newman Society

7:45 - 8:30 p.m. **Panel Discussion:**
Chaplains from local Catholic high schools

TICKETS: \$5 per person

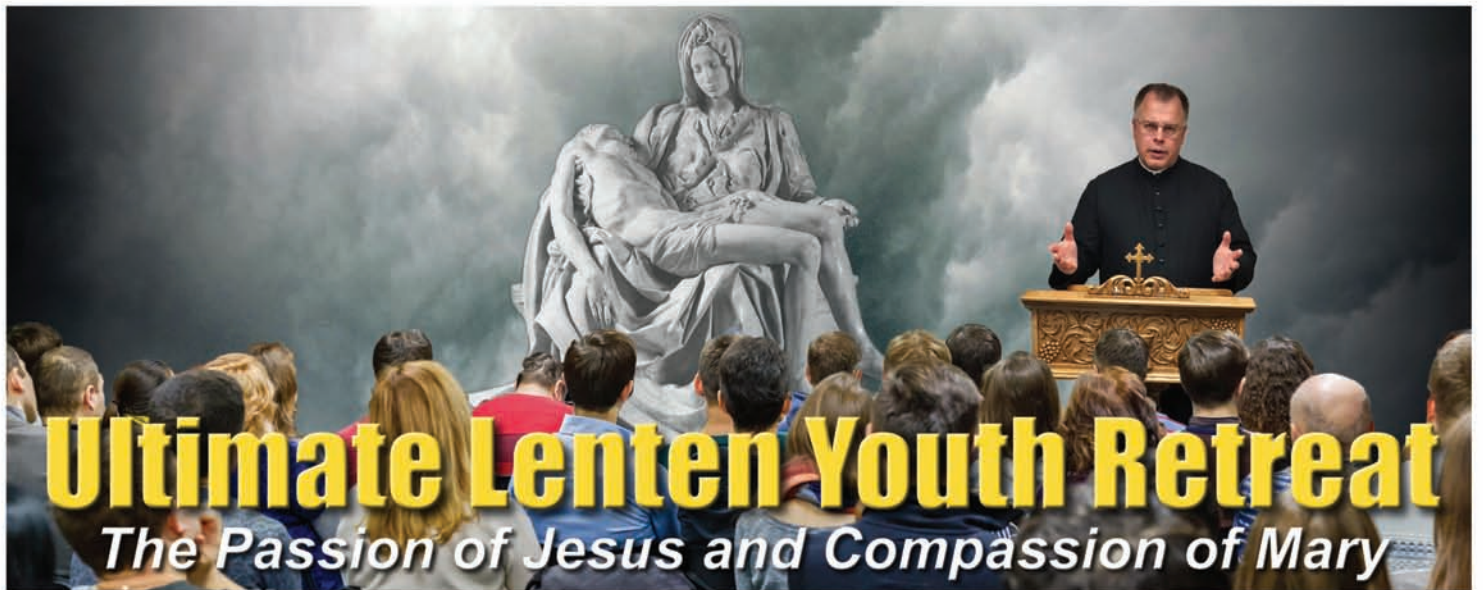
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Patrick Reilly
Cardinal Newman Society

The mission of the Cardinal Newman Society is to promote and defend faithful Catholic education. The Society seeks to fulfill its mission in numerous ways, including supporting education that is faithful to the teaching and tradition of the Catholic Church; producing and disseminating research and publications on developments and best practices in Catholic education; and keeping Catholic leaders and families informed.



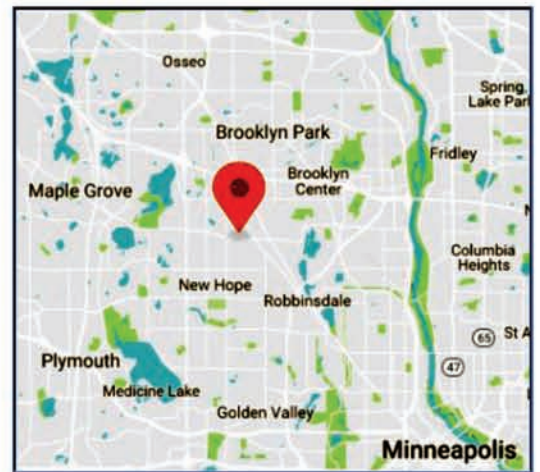
This one-day retreat for high school students will feature four talks by Fr. Robert Altier. The day will include lunch, Eucharistic Adoration, Confession, small group discussion, Sunday Mass and more! Don't miss this wonderful opportunity to enter more deeply into your Lenten journey with Jesus.

WHEN: Saturday, March 10, 2018
9:30 a.m.—6:30 p.m.

WHERE: St. Raphael Catholic Church
7301 Bass Lake Road
Crystal, MN 55428
763.537.8401

COST: \$10 per person

QUESTIONS: Contact Anna Scherber
ascherber@straphaelcrystal.org



PARENTS: register your kids now at LentenRetreat.com

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