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## Stepping Down

Dear Friends of CPO,

We at Catholic Parents OnLine (CPO) would like to thank you for your continued support for our mission: *To build a network of faithful, dynamic, and informed parents, students, and alumni, committed to working with Catholic Schools, other programs of education and the community at large, to ensure the authentic teaching and protection of our Catholic faith, and to address issues that undermine our Catholic faith and morals.* We are committed to persevere in this pursuit of defending our Catholic faith.

We had a great turnout at our annual Luncheon and Silent Auction. The attendance continues to grow as the issues and battles against morality and faith are exploding in our society, leaving people in all walks of life feeling unprotected and confused about how

to defend our strongly held values and beliefs.

CPO continues working to inform parents about issues that affect their children. This past year we learned that **twenty-one Catholic grade schools in the Archdiocese of Saint Paul and Minneapolis are using Social Emotional Learning (SEL) under the guise of a program entitled “Peace of Mind.”** Through these programs children are being indoctrinated with insidious Marxist ideological policies. The proponents of SEL use nice sounding words to hide very harmful programs.

We’ve also discovered that a pair of single-sex Catholic colleges in Minnesota are allowing males and females to openly apply to either one of the respective opposite-sex institutions — a rule change the schools say is in response to their “*evolving understanding of gender and gender identity.*”

We’re excited about our new project, a **Holy Face of Jesus Billboard**, which was recently completed. We plan to promote devotion and awareness of the Most Holy Face of Jesus and its relevance to the current situation in the Church and society. Please read the article on page 5.

You can find Father Altier’s daily homilies on YouTube, Rumble and several other online video platforms. The number of people who are listening is growing dramatically. Our Streaming on Demand service for our audio and video programs is also very popular; it is available at [catholicparentsonline.podia.com](http://catholicparentsonline.podia.com).

After much thought and prayer, I have decided it is time for me to step down as President of Catholic Parents OnLine. The past 25 years have been a wonderful and blessed experience for me.



Fr. Robert Altier  
and  
Terry Koop  
speaking at the  
CPO Luncheon and  
Silent Auction

I appreciate all the support you have given CPO through the years. I will, however, remain on the CPO Board. Our Vice-President, John Trojack, has graciously agreed to become interim President.

Thank you for your prayers and continued support.

*God bless you and yours,*

*Colleen Perfect, President Emeritus  
Catholic Parents OnLine*



***Note From the Interim CPO President, John Trojack:***

We all owe Colleen a great debt of gratitude for founding and guiding Catholic Parents OnLine for all of these years. For over 25 years Colleen has selflessly given of herself for this cause.

As Catholic parents, we strive to raise and protect our young as Children of God, faithful to God the Father, Jesus Christ, His Son, under the guidance of the Holy Spirit.

Catholic Parents OnLine will continue to strive to fulfill its mission 'to ensure authentic teaching and protection of the Catholic Faith and to address issues that undermine Catholic Faith and Morals' through an online and media presence.

We are in receipt of all of the lessons for the Baltimore Catechism series and each lesson will be posted weekly beginning at the end of the month. Catholic Parents OnLine will continue to explore ways to deepen our understanding and expression of the Holy Face Devotion for our times.



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# I Want to Be in That Number

By Fr. Robert Altier, CPO Spiritual Director

Throughout my life I have heard that there is an ancient Chinese curse that states: “May you live to see interesting times.” I do not know if this is actually an ancient Chinese curse or not, but we are definitely living in interesting times. More than that, I think we are about to transition into times that are considerably more “interesting” both on the natural and the spiritual levels.

It may be a curse in the minds of some, but I have been telling people that if you want to be a Saint, this is the best time ever in the history of the world to be a Saint. Yes, it would have been better if you were alive in the Holy Land when Jesus and Mary were alive, but that only affected a very small number of people. What is happening, and what is going to happen, will affect every person on the face of the earth. Every person will need to make a choice for or against God.

During normal times, this would not even be an issue for most people reading this article. We believe in God and we intend to be faithful to the end. The problem is that if things become very difficult or very confusing, it is not quite so simple. All we need to do is look at what has been happening to our Church for the past number of years as huge numbers of people walk away from their faith. Some would blame the abuse crisis, others never returned after the churches were closed for COVID, others have become frustrated because of the politics in the Church or because of what they see and hear coming out of Rome. Regardless, something happened that caused them to fall away from the practice of their faith.

These things mentioned above are the kinds of things that make it difficult, but they are also the reason it is the best time to become Saints. We must realize that we are only at the beginning of the troubles; I believe things are going to get much worse, and quite quickly. So, what are we to do?

First of all, recognize that God knew from all eternity that this was going to happen. He even revealed to St. Paul that at some time in the Church’s history there will be an apostasy. This is not just a schism, a split, such as what

happened when Martin Luther broke from the Church. An apostasy is when people reject the Lord. This sounds almost preposterous, but we have been watching this happen in the lives of ordinary people for some time now. This means we have been experiencing a material apostasy for a while, but a formal apostasy will need to come from within the ranks of the hierarchy.

Needless to say, this will cause a lot of confusion for many people. The sad truth is that the majority of people who call themselves Catholic will follow them. Why do I say this? Because more than 75% of people who call themselves Catholic deny the Real Presence of Jesus in the Holy Eucharist. Around 90% of people of child-bearing age who call themselves Catholic are either contracepting or have had themselves sterilized. More than 50% of people who call themselves Catholic believe persons of the same sex can be married. Fewer than 20% of couples are getting married in the Church. The list could go on, but this should

suffice to make the point that if some high-ranking prelates decided to apostatize, many would follow them because they would be saying what these people want to hear. Remember St. Paul’s admonition to be wary of preachers who tickle your ears.

A paragraph ago I mentioned that God knew from all eternity that this time would come. God also chose to create you in this time. He could have created you at a time when everything was relatively calm and you could

easily ride your faith into the sunset of life. Not anymore! But having created you in these times, God has given you, and will give you, everything you need to be able to survive, and even to thrive, in these times. The only catch is that we must be dependent on Him, which is what we are supposed to be doing anyway.

I mentioned above that every person on the face of the earth will need to make a choice. That choice is between Jesus and Satan. Once again, this does not sound like a difficult choice, but right now Jesus is offering us the Cross and Satan is offering pleasure and excitement. Many people today have not suffered and do not know how to suffer, so the pleasure and excitement sound pretty



*Ecce Homo by Antonio Ciseri 1850*

enticing. The Cross was fine for Jesus, but somehow it is not fine for me. These are Catholics who have been persuaded by the Protestant mentality that Jesus did all the suffering for you and He does not want you to suffer. This is found nowhere in the Scriptures, the writings of the Saints, or the teaching of the Church, but it is a lot easier to accept, than taking up the Cross and following Jesus.

In response to all of this kind of thinking, there are a few things we must do. We must know and love Jesus Christ. It is not enough to know *about* Jesus, nor is it sufficient to know the catechism. These are essential, but we must get the truth from our heads into our hearts. Only then can we love the Person of Jesus and, when we love someone, we are willing to do anything for that person. In this case, the Person is God Whom we should love with our whole heart, strength, and soul.

In order for this to happen, we must have a serious prayer life. Mental prayer (contemplative style prayer) is an absolute must. The Rosary is essential and daily Mass, if you can get there, is of the greatest benefit. There are many other prayers and devotions from which you can choose to round out your prayer life. If the Mass is taken away, as it was just a couple years ago, that is where the other forms of prayer become so important. The Rosary will provide the foundation, but it is the mental prayer that will change your life and bring you toward greater union with, and love for, our Blessed Lord.

We spoke about knowing the catechism. Remember, the truth cannot change. It does not matter if someone is a

priest, a bishop, a cardinal, or even a pope: no one has the authority or the ability to change the truth. Jesus is the Truth, so remember that we do not believe in a series of logical propositions, we believe in a Person. Jesus taught and lived the truth, then promised the Holy Spirit to the Church to lead her into all truth. Therefore, if anyone says something contrary to what Jesus taught or what the Church has always taught, **STAY WITH JESUS!**

St. Paul said of our Lord: *Jesus Christ, the same yesterday, today, and forever.* He cannot change because He is God, therefore, the truth cannot change. Know the truth, love the truth, live the truth.

God has called you. He has called you to be a Saint. He is soon going to give everyone the opportunity to choose whether or not we want to do this. What is your choice? Do not fear, if you are united with Jesus, no one can take you from Him. Things are going to get chaotic and confusing, but the grace of God will be offered in abundance if we will open our hearts to receive it.

This is our Lady's time, stay close to her and she will keep you close to her Son. You have your Guardian Angel to help you, so you are never alone. Trust and be at peace. Remember, Jesus has already won; He has already overcome the world. He has proven His love for us, this is now our opportunity to prove our love for Him. What a privilege! Just think: God has chosen you; now He is asking if you are serious in choosing Him. We are going to see some of the greatest Saints who have ever lived being raised up in our own day. There is no reason you cannot be one of them.



*The Forerunners of Christ with Saints and Martyrs - Fra Angelico 1424 National Gallery UK*

# My Jesus, Mercy

**"By offering My Face to My Eternal Father, nothing will be refused, and the conversion of many sinners will be obtained."**

Our Lord to Sister Mary of St. Peter, from her autobiography, *The Golden Arrow*.

Last Fall, Catholic Parents OnLine (CPO) organized a Mass of Reparation to the Holy Face of Jesus. The Mass was well attended and we received much positive feedback. We are continuing our effort to spread devotion to the Holy Face of Jesus. CPO is very excited to announce our first billboard, located on Snelling Avenue in the Midway area.

When people see this billboard, they will read, "My Jesus, Mercy." For some, it may be the only time in their lives they have thought those words! We pray this billboard stirs the heart to contemplate that profound statement! Some may then go to [JVOV.org](http://JVOV.org) which will take them to the Holy Face Devotion web page on the CPO website where they can learn more about the history of the Veil of Veronica and the Holy Face Devotion.

The League of St. Martin has a devotion to the Holy Face and offers prayers in reparation for the sins which offend God most in these modern times—the sins of Blasphemy and the Profanation of Sunday and Holy Days of Obligation.

Fr. Lawrence Daniel Carney III explains it this way on the League of St. Martin website:

We approach God chiefly by four means: adoration, petition, thanksgiving and reparation. Sister Mary St. Peter, faithful servant in the Carmel at Tours, France received this revelation regarding the work of reparation on March 7, 1847 from our Lord, 'Rejoice, my daughter; the hour approaches when that most beautiful work under the sun is to appear.' The League of St. Martin hopes to become Apostles of the Holy Face and bring about the work of reparation to the world. 'Our Savior made me understand,' writes Sister Mary, 'that His Work of Reparation will only become more flourishing in the future, for it will grow stronger and more vigorous in the midst of storms, and that like a ship refused harbor at one port, it will happily land at another.' What is a good example of reparation? Our Lord instructed Sister Mary saying that she must imitate the courage of St. Veronica, who bravely broke through the mob of His enemies to reach Him, and that He 'now presented her to me as my protectress and as my model.'

Catholic Parents OnLine agrees the time for the *flourishing*



Holy Face of Jesus billboard in Midway area of St. Paul, Minnesota

*of the Work of Reparation* is now!

**With your help and support we will buy more billboards in Minnesota!**

Donations can be made online at  
[catholicparents.org/donate-2/](http://catholicparents.org/donate-2/)

or by mail to: Catholic Parents OnLine  
P.O. Box 130815  
St. Paul, MN 55113

Learn more about the Holy Face Devotion here:

[catholicparents.org/resources-for-the-holy-face-devotion/](http://catholicparents.org/resources-for-the-holy-face-devotion/)

## Holy Face Prayer for Sinners

by St. Therese of Lisieux

Eternal Father, since Thou hast given me for my inheritance the Adorable Face of Thy Divine Son, I offer that Face to Thee and beg Thee, in exchange for this coin of infinite value, to forget the ingratitude of souls dedicated to Thee and to pardon all poor sinners. Amen.

## The "Golden Arrow" Prayer

Our Lord to Sister Mary of St. Peter

May the most holy, most sacred, most adorable, most incomprehensible and unutterable Name of God be always praised, blessed, loved, adored and glorified, in Heaven, on earth, and under the earth, by all the creatures of God, and by the Sacred Heart of Our Lord Jesus Christ in the Most Holy Sacrament of the Altar. Amen.

# Fishers of Men

By Marilyn Grutsch

Recently my interest was piqued to learn more about the 12 very ordinary but awe-inspiring men who Christ chose as His Apostles.

I started with the three who seemed to be in Jesus' inner circle of friends: Peter, James, and John. These were the three mentioned in Scripture who were with Jesus at the Transfiguration, the miracle of raising Jairus' daughter from the dead, and in the Garden of Gethsemane, where Jesus suffered the agony prior to His arrest.

Peter's name was Simon before Jesus changed it to Peter (or Cephas, which means "rock"). Even though he wasn't the first to be called by Jesus, it becomes clear in Scripture, that he was the leader and spokesman of the group. He was the son of Jonah, the brother of the Apostle Andrew, and made his living as a fisherman in Galilee in a town called Bethsaida. Was he always saintly? No, in fact, Scripture tells us that at times he acted in unrestrained anger. For example, in John 18, when Jesus was arrested in Gethsemane, Peter impulsively cut off the ear of the Jewish high priest's slave with his sword. Jesus reprimanded him, "Put your sword into its sheath." But even so, God had great plans for Peter.

One of the most important revelations about what God had in store for Peter happened in a conversation with Jesus and His Apostles, in Matthew 16:13-18:

Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, He asked his disciples, 'Who do people say that the Son of Man is?' And they said, 'Some say John the Baptist, but others Elijah, and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.' He said to them, 'But who do you say that I am?' Simon Peter answered, 'You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God.' And Jesus answered him, 'Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but My Father in heaven. And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it.

This was the turning point in Peter's life and he eventually became our Catholic Church's first Pope. From this Apostle, we learn that we are all saints in the making and never to give up on ourselves. Peter even denied Jesus three times at the time of Jesus' arrest. But the

lesson is, Peter contritely repented, and God gave him the opportunity to be forgiven and to proclaim his love of Jesus, again three times, after Jesus' resurrection. Peter died a martyr around 65 AD, but because he didn't feel worthy to die in the same manner as Jesus, he asked to be crucified upside down.

James and John were brothers, sons of Zebedee and Salomi. They, too, were fishermen along with their father. This James is called "James, the Greater" so as not to confuse him with the other Apostle James. Jesus nicknamed these two brothers "Sons of Thunder" because once, in Luke 9:54, when they were all traveling to a Samaritan village, the people would not listen to Jesus because he was on his way to Jerusalem. James and

John said to Jesus, "Lord, do you want us to bid fire come down from heaven and consume them?" But he turned and rebuked them."

There is a legend about St. James that is quite fascinating. The story says that after Jesus ascended into Heaven, James was traveling in Spain to spread the good news but was not having success in converting the people. One day, he saw a vision of the Blessed Mother on a boat,

and she said to him,

James, my precious son, Jesus says that you have been a faithful and hardworking servant, and He and those whom you have touched with your words will be eternally grateful. But He feels your pain, and He wants to give you a choice to either stay here in Spain and continue your work or return to Jerusalem, where much work also needs to be done. But also, my Son says that if you choose to return home (Jerusalem), you, most dear James, will be martyred in His name.

Without any hesitation, James journeyed home to Jerusalem. On his way, he traveled through the Pyrenees Mountains in France and Northern Spain. This route today has been traveled by millions of people and is called the Camino de Santiago (the Way of St. James), which culminates in Santiago de Compostela where his crypt is today. He was killed in Jerusalem, the first Apostle to be martyred, in 44 AD. What can we learn from James the Greater? Fortitude.

John is referred to as the Apostle that Jesus loved. He was a follower of John the Baptist before he came to Jesus, was the last of the Apostles to die, and the only



one who did not die as a martyr, although there was an unsuccessful attempt to poison him. His persecutors exiled him to the island of Patmos in Greece, which was a place for prisoners. We read in John's Gospel that John sat next to Jesus at the Last Supper, leaning on Him to ask who the betrayer was. John was the only Apostle brave enough to stand at the foot of the cross with Jesus' mother and was singled out by Jesus to take care of His mother. John wrote three Epistles and one Gospel, receiving the visions written about in the Book of Revelation. He died of old age in 98 AD. His tomb is in Ephesus, Turkey. His example teaches loyalty.

Andrew is Peter's brother. He also followed John the Baptist before finding Jesus. In a way, he lived in the shadow of his brother, Peter, but the distinctive thing about Andrew is that he was the first to be called by Jesus and was actually the one who told Peter in John 1:41, "I have found the Messiah!"

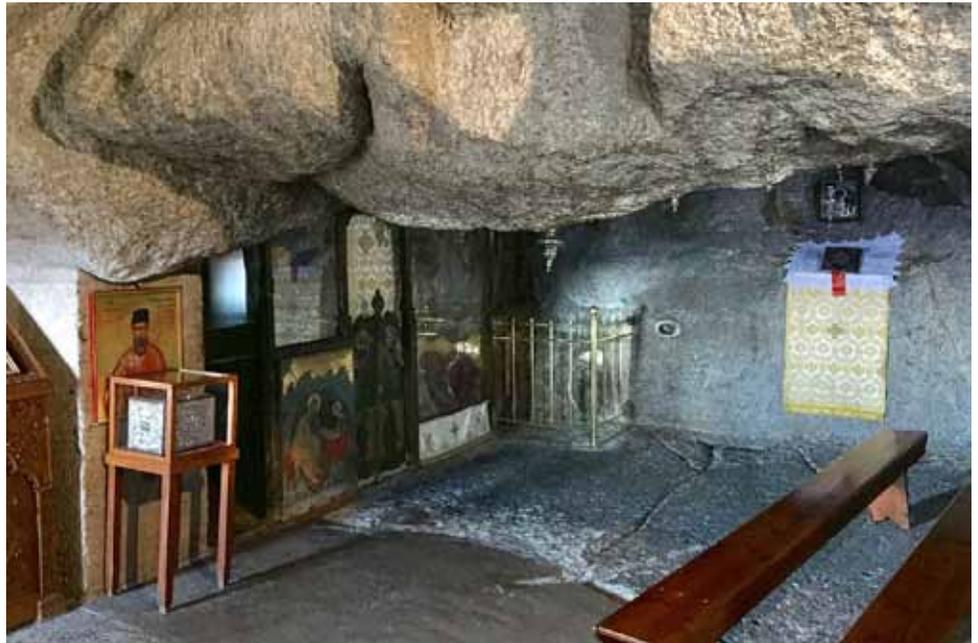
He was the son of Jonah and Joanna and was in the family fishing business, too. In fact, the second encounter with Jesus was when Peter and Andrew were in the fishing boat in Mark 1:17-18, "And Jesus said to them, 'Follow Me and I will make you become fishers of men.' And immediately they left their nets and followed him."

Remember the miracle of the Loaves and Fishes? When Jesus asked the Apostles to feed the crowd, most only saw the impossibility of feeding 5000 people, but it was Andrew who searched out the crowd for the five loaves and two fishes. I wonder what was going through his mind as he handed Jesus this seemingly inadequate amount of food. We can learn from Andrew to trust that God is the Master, even over the powers of nature. Andrew knew he only had to do his best and leave it up to the Lord.

After the Apostles were sent out, Andrew converted many to the faith. In fact, it is said that while he was imprisoned for his teaching, the jail had to keep hiring new guards because he converted everyone he encountered. He died a martyr in 69 AD but he, too, did not feel worthy to be crucified in the same way as Jesus, so he asked to be hung on an X-shaped cross. Many people pray the powerful St. Andrew Novena which begins on his Feast Day, November 30<sup>th</sup> and ends on Christmas Eve.

Philip also came from Bethsaida and was probably a lifelong friend of Peter, Andrew, James, and John. Like them, he was a fisherman and first followed John the Baptist. On one occasion when Jesus was talking to the Apostles, Philip said to Jesus, "Lord, show us the Father,

and we shall be satisfied.' Jesus said to him, 'Have I been with you so long, and yet you do not know Me, Philip? He who has seen me has seen the Father; how can you say, 'Show us the Father'? Do you not believe that I am in the



*Cave of the Apocalypse on Patmos Island where Saint John wrote the book of Revelation*

Father and the Father in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own authority; but the Father who dwells in Me does His works" (John 14:8-10).

In the story of the Loaves and Fishes, Philip had a different reaction than Andrew. He simply saw no possibility because all he could see was the immense crowd and nothing to feed them. But before we jump to the conclusion that Philip didn't understand that Jesus was truly God, we must realize that this was a new concept, and the Apostles were still trying to make sense of it all. Philip did the right thing though, in asking for clarification, instead of doubting or guessing. He went right to Jesus, the One who could solve the problems. It says in the book of Acts that the crowds paid attention to what Philip taught because they saw the signs he was doing – healing people from diseases and unclean spirits.

One time the Lord asked Philip to go to the city of Gaza and join up with a chariot he would see passing by. This chariot carried the unbaptized Ethiopian who told Philip he couldn't understand the Scrolls (Scripture) unless someone explained it to him. Philip taught him and then baptized him. We learn from this that we must always understand Scripture as taught by the Church. Philip died at 87 years old in 90 AD by crucifixion.

Simon and Jude are almost always written about together. In fact, they even died together. We don't know much about Simon's background, but it is thought that he was a member of the Zealots before he came to Jesus. Zealots

were a radical group of Jews against the Romans. One writer, in commenting on the lack of information about Simon, suggested that perhaps the meaning of Simon's name ("he has heard") tells us that he was a follower of Jesus who unostentatiously listened to Him. The writer also referred to him as the patron of the unknown soldier of Christ, who struggles on, even though not publicly noticed. From Simon, we can learn humility.

Jude (also known as Thaddeus) was born of a Hebrew family. When he traveled to Jerusalem for a religious festival, he heard John the Baptist preaching and immediately began to follow him. After John the Baptist's death, Jude became a follower of Jesus. We sometimes pray to him as the patron of impossible causes. This might have come about because he once healed a Prince.



*Christ and the Twelve Apostles – painting by Taddeo di Bartolo (MET, 1991.27.1)*

In John 14:21-22, we read about Jude asking Jesus, "Lord, how is it that you will manifest Yourself to us, and not to the world?" Jesus answered him, "If a man loves Me, he will keep My word, and My Father will love him, and we will come to him and make our home with him." Jesus told the Apostles that after He dies and is taken up into Heaven, the Holy Spirit will come and stay with them so that they could spread His message throughout the world. We can learn to trust in God's plan from Jude. Even though Simon and Jude went to different countries to preach, they came together around 65 AD in Iran and were martyred there together. Their tombs are side by side under the Chapel of St. Joseph in St. Peter's Basilica in Rome.

Bartholomew, also known as Nathanael, lived in Cana in Galilee, and was also a follower of John the Baptist and a close friend of Philip. In fact, it was Philip who brought Nathanael to the Lord in John 14:45-49, "Philip found Nathanael, and said to him, 'We have found Him of whom Moses in the law and also the prophets wrote, Jesus of Nazareth, the son of Joseph.' Nathanael said to him, 'Can anything good come out of Nazareth?' Philip said to him, 'Come and see.' Jesus saw Nathanael coming to Him, and said of him, 'Behold, an Israelite indeed, in whom is no guile!' Nathanael said to Him, 'How do you know me?' Jesus answered him, 'Before Philip called you, when you were under the fig tree, I saw you.' Nathanael answered Him, 'Rabbi, you are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!'" Bartholomew represents sincerity. He preached in many countries and converted entire towns in India. When the King of Armenia invited him to heal his daughter of unclean spirits, she was miraculously healed. The King became a believer, but the king's brother hated Christians

and had Bartholomew put to death in 62 AD.

Matthew was a Jewish man, born in Galilee, but had a job working as a tax collector for the Romans. His people considered him a traitor. But Jesus approached him one day and said, "Follow Me" and Matthew immediately followed. We can learn about obedience from this Apostle. Matthew was probably the most educated of the 12 Apostles and could speak Aramaic, Greek, and Hebrew. He was the author of the first Gospel. One of the most famous stories in Matthew's Gospel was Jesus' Sermon on the Mount, giving us the Beatitudes.

After Jesus' Resurrection, Matthew preached in several countries, and it is said he converted the entire country of Ethiopia to Christianity by bringing the King's daughter back to life. He died a martyr in Alexandria, Egypt in 74 AD.

We don't know a lot about the early life of Thomas, but it is thought that he may have been a carpenter. When Jesus was called to go to Bethany because his good friend Lazarus was dying, most of the Apostles warned against it because the people had previously threatened to kill him if he ever returned. Thomas was the one who said, "Let us also go, that we may die with Him" (John 11:16). We learn faithfulness and courage from Thomas.

He is dubbed "Doubting Thomas" because he didn't believe that the risen Jesus had appeared to the other Apostles after His death. From John 20:25, "But he said to them, 'Unless I see in His hands the print of the nails, and place my finger in the mark of the nails, and place my hand in His side, I will not believe.'" But later when the Lord appeared to him, he declared, "My Lord and my God!" (John 20:28). After Jesus' Resurrection, Thomas spent much of his time in India and surrounding areas. He built many churches. The people of India loved him, but the Hindu priests with their false gods did not. He was martyred there in 72 AD.

James the Lesser was probably either shorter or younger than the other Apostle James. He was the son of Alphaeus and Mary and the only one of the 12 Apostles who never left Jerusalem after Jesus died. St. Jerome wrote that before Jesus went to Heaven, He told the Apostles that He wanted James to guide His new Church in Jerusalem. James served as the bishop there for 30 years before his martyrdom in 62 AD. James teaches us perseverance. His tomb, along with the Apostle Philip, is below the main altar in the Church of the Holy Apostles in Rome.

Lastly, Judas Iscariot, son of Simon Iscariot, was the

betrayor of Jesus. Although he appeared to be a faithful follower of Jesus during the three years of Jesus' teaching, he proved to be a traitor. He was the money manager for the team and it is written in John's Gospel that Judas Iscariot was not always honest and trustworthy with the money. In the end, for 30 pieces of silver, he was the one who brought Jesus to the group of Jews who wanted to kill Jesus. And even though he too had access to God's mercy, he refused it and ended his life in despair. This should teach us to always have faith in God's mercy.

This handful of faithful men who followed and learned from Jesus during His last three years on earth were our first priests, bishops, and pope. They had the seemingly insurmountable task to pass on everything they learned from Jesus to the next generation and all to come. "And Jesus came to them and said, 'All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to Me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the

Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, to the close of the age'" (Matthew 28:18-20).

At Pentecost, they were given the courage to fulfill this important Commission. However, it doesn't end with the Apostles. We, too, are called to pass on the Catholic faith. As St. Teresa of Avila tells us, "Christ has no body now but yours...no hands, no feet on earth but yours. Yours are the eyes through which He looks with compassion on this world. Yours are the feet with which He walks to do good. Yours are the hands through which He blesses all the world."

We owe a debt of gratitude to these Apostles, who laid the foundation for us to also make God known and loved throughout the world.

*CPO Luncheon  
and Fundraiser  
at Southview  
Country Club*



*CPO media sales  
and  
Silent Auction  
always  
popular areas!*



# Arthur A. Herkenhoff Award



Anne Collopy expressing her thanks for receiving the Award

On October 31, 2004, CPO lost a true friend and one of our founding Board members, Art Herkenhoff. Art was a hero in all the areas that truly matter: in Faith, family and pro-life involvement. Art had enormous courage in the face of opposition to proclaim the Truth of Jesus Christ and the Catholic Church, and he always exhibited true charity, humility and joy. Each year CPO receives many outstanding nominations for the Arthur A. Herkenhoff Award.

The Board of Directors chose to present the 2023 Arthur A. Herkenhoff Award to a remarkable woman, Anne Collopy. Miss Anne, as she is known at co-op, has given almost every Friday for nine years to All Saints Homeschool Co-op. She is one of the first to arrive and one of the last to leave. Anne always makes time to share her faith and stories with the children and their parents. She helps in any way she can with hall monitoring, taking attendance, cleaning, and much more. As a single Catholic woman, she is a stellar role model for many children at the co-op. Anne attends daily Mass and practices many holy devotions. She is a third-order Carmelite. Her support of the pro-life movement is unceasing. She is loved as the *Co-op Grandma*.

Anne received the 18th Arthur A. Herkenhoff Award at the CPO annual Luncheon & Fundraiser held at the Southview Country Club in St. Paul on November 4, 2023.



Art Herkenhoff family and friends with Anne Collopy, Colleen Perfect and Fr. Robert Altier

## ***NOMINATIONS FOR 2024 ARTHUR A. HERKENHOFF AWARD***

The CPO Board of Directors seeks the names of individuals who would be worthy of nomination for the 2024, 19<sup>th</sup> 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, 2024. You may complete the Online Nomination Form on our website at: [catholicparents.org/official-candidate-nomination-form/](https://catholicparents.org/official-candidate-nomination-form/) or contact us at 651-705-5409 and we'll be happy to mail you the form.*

# The Holy Face Mass of Reparation

CPO sponsored **The Holy Face Mass of Reparation and Devotion** on Shrove Tuesday, February 13<sup>th</sup> at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Miesville, Minnesota.

We were all truly blessed by the presence of the beautiful **Relic of the Holy Face of Jesus** which has been touched to the actual Veil of Veronica, the True Cross and the head of the Spear that pierced the side of our Lord, Jesus.

Father Robert Altier celebrated the Extraordinary Form of the Mass. Preceding Mass we prayed the Rosary and following Mass we said the Chaplet of the Holy Face.

A delicious meal was served by the generous people of St. Joseph parish.

Father Altier's inspiring homily may be listened to [HERE](#)

