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Feast of Our Mother of Perpetual Help



On Tuesday June 27, 2006, Christians around the world will celebrate the Feast Day of Our Mother of Perpetual Help. Spreading devotion to Our Mother of Perpetual Help has

been part of the Redemptorist Mission since the miraculous icon was given to the Redemptorists by Pope Pius IX in 1866.

The original icon, which is now found at the Church of St. Alphonsus in Rome, is believed to have been written by St. Luke, the Evangelist.

Over the past number of centuries, this image of Mary as Perpetual Help has been, and continues to be a well known image of our Lady, and since the icon has been entrusted to the Redemp-



St. Alphonsus Church, Rome



Original Icon of Our Mother of Perpetual Help
St. Alphonsus Church in Rome

torists, devotion to Mary under this title has spread throughout the world. Many Shrines and places of pilgrimage are dedicated to Our Mother of Perpetual Help.

In Canada, Redemptorists serve at the National Shrine of Our Mother of Perpetual Help at St. Patrick's Church in Toronto. Throughout Canada, Redemptorist Parishes as well as other Parishes celebrate devotion to Our Mother of Perpetual Help. Every Wednesday on Vision TV, you can see and participate in the weekly devotions produced by the Redemptorists.

For more information, or for literature about the Television Devotions on Vision TV, or to obtain a prayer card, please contact:
perpetualhelp@redemptorists.ca



Blessed Gennaro Sarnelli C.Ss.R. Redemptorist Prophet of Justice

Blessed Gennaro Sarnelli C.Ss.R. was a contemporary of St. Alphonsus. He lived his religious life in service to the poor and marginalized in the big cities. As a prophet of justice, he wrote the following as part of a conference that he gave:



of God! The rich do not wish to vie the Lord in the person of the poor even a fraction of the goods of this world - not even to gain eternal life. The strictest judgment is reserved for those who have acted without mercy toward their neighbour!"

Taken from "In the Spirit of St. Alphonsus", Moran C.Ss.R.

For More information about the life of Blessed Gennaro Sarnelli, go to: http://redemptorists.ca/our_saints/sarnelli.htm

"How many wealthy live today in Christendom! They spend their time at banquets, at feastings and diversions while the poor of Jesus Christ die of hunger. How many servants and hired hands are defrauded of their just recompense. How the poor struggle to collect what they have earned and would to God that they got it intact! How many rich there are that have a superabundance of everything - except

See the following website to see how the Baltimore Province is involved in an inner-city ministry program in Philadelphia called, "SARNELLI HOUSE"



<http://www.redemptoristvolunteerministries.org/sarnelli.html>



Constitution Corner

Article 7: Poverty

62. They will make every effort to live in the spirit that permeated the community of apostolic times. In this way they become the sign of that fraternal life of Christ's disciples, of whom it is said: "the whole group of believers was united, heart and soul; no one claimed for his own use anything that he had, as everything they owned was held in common" (Acts 4:32)

Are you wearing yours?



IT'S THE LATEST THING! AT LEAST FOR NOW!

If you aren't wearing the latest wristband, maybe you should let us know and we'll happily send you one. They are also available from your local Redemptorist Community, or will be available there soon! There are

two lines to the wristband. The first line is the Motto of the Redemptorists in Latin. The second line is the website of the Redemptorists of the Edmonton-Toronto Province. If you want to know what the Motto: "Copiosa Apud Eum Redemptio" means, look it up on the website. The website contains an explanation of the Motto along with ways that we as Redemptorists are called to live out our mission in the Church and in the World! Also on the site is an outline of the ways that Youth and Young Adults can participate in that mission as well! So get your Redemptorist Wristband today! And check us out online!

S.E.R.V.E. is happening!

This year, S.E.R.V.E. (Summer Endeavor in a Redemptorist Volunteer Experience) is happening in both Saskatoon and Sudbury. S.E.R.V.E. is a 5 week live in Community and Service experience for 5-6 young adults. These young adults live together with Redemptorists and Redemptorist Lay Associates in the Rectories of St. Mary's Church (Saskatoon), and Holy Redeemer (Sudbury). During the day, the participants work in full-time volunteer ministries like soup-kitchens, food banks, homes for the aged, and in

children's programs.

S.E.R.V.E. runs from May 13 - June 24, 2006. Please keep the Teams and the Participants from both locations in your prayers. To contact the groups to send prayers and best wishes, you can email: ryvm@redemptorists.com. Please specify which location the greeting is for and it will be forwarded to them.



SERVE in Saskatoon



SERVE in Sudbury



Have you ever thought about getting involved?

Have you ever thought about getting involved? The following topics, links, and contact information are all programs, courses, and associations that you might want to consider for your own personal and professional development. Depending upon what you are currently doing, whether it's work, school, or university studies, the following areas might help you in your discernment, and your growth for ministry, education in the faith, and your own personal and spiritual development.

CCSA: Canadian Catholic Campus Ministry
www.cccm.ca

Canadian Certificate in Youth Ministry Studies
www.cmdnet.org

Am I Called?

Discernment is NOT easy. Now that we got that out of the way, let's move on with our task!

Often when we try to reflect on our call from God, we get all caught up with questions, fears, expectations, and wondering what we'll have to give up to follow God with any vocation we are invited into, be it religious life, priesthood, marriage, or single life. Perhaps we have to think about what we have in us as internal assets that will contribute and lead to our discernment, instead of focusing on the fears of letting go of what we need to give up. The following are a series of questions to help you focus

on your journey of discernment. Every couple of months, another set of questions will be listed in this newsletter to assist you in your reflection. These questions are adapted from the work of another Vocation Director, Sister Gloria Urabazo, MCDP, and reprinted in Horizon Magazine. Used with permission.

This Issue: "A time for everything"

This is the last segment of "Am I Called" for the year. If you are interested in seeing the entire article, contact Fr. Santo at the Vocation Office.

X. A Time for Everything

As a religious, you are called to a life of great responsibility as your role will be to lead the people of God.

This life will require of you a real sense of discipline, especially difficult because it will be enforced upon you by no outside authority, but yourself.

It is thus important to work towards a balanced life as a means to self discipline.

1. In your weekly routine, do you find time for the following: Work, serious reading, prayer, sleep, leisure, friends, home life, Christian involvement, review of your apostolic activities, etc.....
2. Is there an imbalance in the distribution of your time?
3. Decide on a "time-table" that will give you the frame work for your lifestyle.
4. Can you review this regularly?

Young Adult Ministries



Dialogue 2006

is a North American Gathering of Young Adults and Redemptorists to share in faith, fellowship, and in the Redemptorist Charism which invites us all to Evangelization. The Theme of the Dialogue is "Plug Into Christ - Branché sur le Christ - Conectate a Cristo".

Dialogue will be happening in Hamilton, Ontario from August 10 - 15, 2006. Following Dialogue (August 16 - 18, 2006), the Young Adult Participants and Redemptorists from the Edmonton-Toronto Province will continue the journey and dialogue at "Gathering the Circle: A Leadership Camp for Liguori Circle".

If you are interested in participating in these events, you need to contact your local Redemptorist Community ASAP to find out more, or contact Fr. Santo at the Vocation Office.

High School Retreat Ministry Team Is in it's 2nd Year!!!

If you are in the Toronto area, and would like to participate in a Leadership Team for High School Retreats next year (2006-2007), contact Fr. Santo, or Pat Csinos to find out more information about the program and how you can become involved. See the website for more info too!!!



Liguori Circle

If you're looking to connect with young adults to share faith, fellowship and fun, get involved in *Liguori Circle!*

Cities hosting Liguori Circle include: Grande Prairie, Saskatoon, St. John's, and Toronto. See the Website for Details!

Weekend Vocation Retreat Opportunities

There is **ONE** more Weekend Vocation Discernment Retreats before the Summer! See our Website in the Fall for day-long and weekend discernment retreats beginning in the Fall!!!

www.redemptorists.ca

You can even register **ONLINE!**

Upcoming Retreat:

Toronto
June 23-25, 2006

Give your 2 cents worth!

"Dear Alphie....." & "Room with a View" are opportunities to ask questions, engage discussion, grow in faith, and learn a bit from sharing, and expert Redemptorist advice.

Go online at www.redemptorists.ca and hit Quick Links: "Dear Alphie....." or "Room with a View" to have your say!

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There are several websites that pertain to the Church, Redemptorists, discernment, and different other "Catholic" things!

Check these websites out!



Canadian Vocation Network
Canadian Catholic Campus Ministry
Catholic Social Teaching
Centre for Ministry Development
Daily Reflection on Scripture
Redemptorist DIALOGUE 2006
Redemptorists in North America
Redemptorists in Rome (General Gvnm't)
VISION Magazine Online
Youth, Young Adult Ministry, Movies, etc

www.vocations.ca
www.cccm.ca
www.educationforjustice.org
www.cmdnet.org
www.marklink.org
www.dialogue2006.org
www.redemptorists.com
www.cssr.com
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www.holyspiritinteractive.net