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The Pro Sanctity Newsletter

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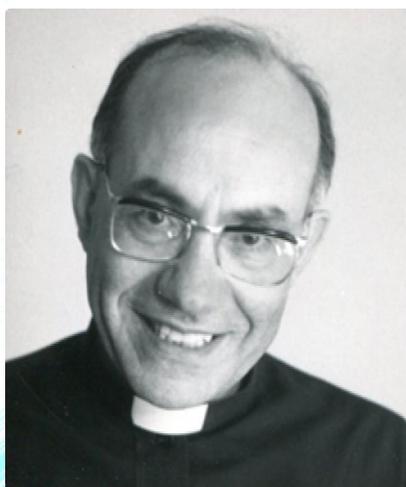
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In His Own Words...

**Sete infinita della
santità dei fratelli**

*The Infinite Thirst
Of Holiness for All
Brothers & Sisters*



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Imagine me as a fervent young man who wanted to die young like St. Thérèse of Lisieux, in an ecstasy of love for my brothers and sisters. As the years went by, I realized it was no longer possible for me to die young, but I thanked God that he still filled me with a passion for the redemption of souls, though I did not know how to go about it.

Nevertheless, I did know that I had to speak with

Jesus in prayer, as the guiding light of my spirituality while I waited patiently for his instructions. Finally, he led me to the center of his own soul, where I found that, in him, everything was done for the sake of others. For them he became flesh and died on the Cross, and for them he arose. I began to understand that he was asking me to use my priesthood and my passion for the redemption of souls, to partici-

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This Just In...

Agnes Rus, A.O.

A Concert & Convention

An entire concert in honor of Our Founder! A famous couple-musicians, members of the Pro Sanctity Movement from Prescara, Italy, have organized an "Oratorio Sacro," a sacred concert with music and readings from the writings of Servant of God Bishop Giacinta, to be performed in Rome. Various Italian newspapers and the Vatican *L'Osservatore Romano* will carry articles about the event.

In less than a month, members from all over the world will meet for the Pro Sanctity International Convention in Noto, Sicily, Bishop Giacinta's birthplace on the occasion of the centennial of his birth.

The USA will be well represented as members from all our centers will be traveling to Noto for the election of the first International President of Pro Sanctity, which is now recognized as an Official International Movement.



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**Rev. Msgr. Steven J. Aguggia
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continues his study of the Creed

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We come now to the final section of the Creed. In previous articles we had considered God the Father, Jesus the Son, and the Holy Spirit. The fourth part of the creed covers the Church and other aspects of our faith.

It would be impossible to go over all of these aspects individually in this short article. However, I would like to highlight some things, and perhaps in the future, talk about some of the ones I left out.

The line that stands out in this section of the Creed is: %o believe in one holy Catholic and apostolic Church.+ Here we are given four marks of the Church. Four qualities of the Church.

The Church is One.

This means that we must be united in our faith. The faith is professed by the one body of Christ. The one thing that unites all Catholics around the world, no matter what language they speak, no matter what culture they belong to, is the one faith that we profess in the one Church.

The Church is Holy.

This does not mean that every single person in the Church is holy. But, as we know as members of Pro Sanctity, everyone of us is called to become a saint.

The collective desire of the Church for holiness is what makes the Church holy. It is also holy because God dwells in his Church.

The Church is Catholic.

The word "catholic" means universal. When we say the "Catholic Church," it is not so much a name for our Church as a description. It means that the Church is universal, that the Church opens her arms to everyone. It means that Christ's message, the gospel, is to be preached to every nation on earth. Sometimes, some Protestant churches leave the word "catholic" out of the Creed when they profess it. This is, unfortunately, a misunderstanding of the word. By saying we believe that the Church is catholic, it is not so much speaking about a particular church as it is a description of what the Church is.

The Church is Apostolic.

This means that the Church was founded on the apostles. The apostles were the first to take the message and proclaim it to all the ends of the earth. Today the Church continues to do that. It is built on the foundation of the apostles. The faith that we profess today is the faith of the apostles. We are sure of this because of the assurance that Jesus is always with his Church. When we say the Church is Apostolic, we have confidence that the faith that we profess is indeed the faith of the apostles.

May we always grow in holiness by professing the Catholic faith, in unity, which comes to us from the apostles.



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pate in these mysteries of redemptive love in Jesus, co-redemptive love in me.

Redemptive love had become the center of my spirituality. The "I am thirsty" of Christ expressed his infinite desire for souls. Yes, Jesus had died as a victim, but only after he had worked, prayed, and taught. Therefore, I should make myself a docile servant for whatever he wants me to do . always for others. And so, I asked that Jesus

accept my intense desire of availability for the work of redemption and give me the gift of consecration to redemptive love.

Then, in a bold presumption on his divine love, I asked that he also give this invaluable gift of consecration to redemptive love to other priests, women religious, and lay people. By his grace, he has allowed me to help distribute this precious gift through the founding of the Pro Sanctity Movement.

I will close, dear Jesus, with this prayer of thanksgiving:

***In the mystery of your love
you revealed to me that you
thirst for me
and for other souls who,
through me,
could approach the true Well
and there, quench their
burning thirst***

Rosemary Darmstadt

Pope Francis is in sync with Our Founder when he said every mature person has to know three languages - the language of the Mind, Heart, and Hand, while Our Founder taught us in the Spirituality of Pro Sanctity to seek to address the mind with theology, the heart with spirituality, and the hands with ministry.

From the Desk of the Director

Donna Spoto

In 2004, I had the privilege of going on a Pro Sanctity Pilgrimage to Italy. I was relatively new to the Pro Sanctity Movement at the time. It was my second trip to Italy but this trip was different; it was a journey to discover more about Pro Sanctity and to meet the Founder in his childhood home of Noto and in his home in Rome where he worked and prayed. I knew at the time this was something special that Bishop Giaquinta was someone special but I did not quite know just how special.

2004 marked a significant milestone for the Pro Sanctity Movement. On March 17, 2004 as the 10th anniversary of the passing of Bishop Giaquinta approached, he was proclaimed Servant of God by the Church! This is the first official step in the canonization process. Ten years later we are celebrating the year of the Founder as this June will be the 100th anniversary of his birth. We will celebrate with a Pro Sanctity Pilgrimage and International Convention on June 17-28, 2014 in Italy.

The joy of the convention is not only in celebrating our Founder but we will be celebrating something more. Last November, the International Statutes of the Pro Sanctity Movement were presented to the Pontifical Council of the Laity and we were given permission to begin to apply the statutes, to live them and put them into practice for a period of two years. This is just the beginning of a long process before they become final but it is an exciting and privileged time for the Pro Sanctity Movement. What a joy that this should begin to happen in the year of the Founder!

As I prepare to go to on the pilgrimage in June, I go as a different person and with a different perspective. Through the grace of God and I am certain the intercession of Bishop Giaquinta, I go this time fully aware that my vocation is to holiness and when I meet our Founder again in the room where he worked and prayed, I go knowing how especially important he was and still is today.

Ask Pro Sanctity...

Rosemary Darmstadt

Why did the Church choose to canonize two popes at the same time?

Many people thought this double canonization was a way of showing the Church as a compromise between the liberalism of Pope John XXIII and the conservatism of Pope John Paul II. Such a hasty conclusion overlooks the obvious holiness of these two new saints. While it's true that each one had a different approach, both lived their lives in pursuit of the universal call to holiness.

Pope John XXIII was a simple, humble, and gentle man who gave the same respect to an orphan child as to the ruler of a country. Nevertheless, soon after his election as pope, he courageously followed the prompting of the Holy Spirit and convened the Second Vatican Council to revitalize the Church and reunite Christianity. His approach to the papacy was evident when he said at the beginning of the Council that the Church has always opposed errors, but now it prefers to use mercy rather than severity. However, Pope John XXIII died before the conclusion of Vatican II after stating his readiness to die if that was God's will.



Pope John Paul II has been described as equally comfortable in both the world of the deep thinker and that of an uneducated peasant. Probably best known for his ecumenical activities, John Paul II gathered leaders of other religions for prayer at Assisi, visited a synagogue and a mosque, and prayed at the Western Wall in Jerusalem. He shared his faith by traveling to 129 countries, utilizing many forms of media, and most notably by his appearances at World Youth Days. His documents addressed many features of modern life. Redemptive suffering was not only an offering Pope John Paul II made during the failing health which led to his own death, but actually began during his childhood with the deaths of his mother and brother.



Different, yes, but these two saints shared many common traits. Both were men of great faith, demonstrated deep concern for the poor and suffering, upheld the dignity of the human person, and advocated ecumenism. They lived their lives in conformity with the will of God, and that is the simplest definition of holiness.

Images: Pope John XXIII (Wikimedia Commons); Pope John Paul II (John Paul II Polish Center)

The Personal Challenge

Nina L. Riti

I usually like to read all the articles in the newsletter to see how the different views challenge me to grow on my spiritual journey. The lead article just jumped out.

In the world we live in today, we have become a self-centered generation, what's in it for me, I don't get anything out of that, so why should I do it, or it doesn't make me feel good. I could go on and on, but you get the point. Self-centered people do things only because they reap a reward.

The Founder's words just screamed out to me. Bishop Giaquinta said that Jesus **“led me to the center of his own soul, where I found that, in him, everything was done for**

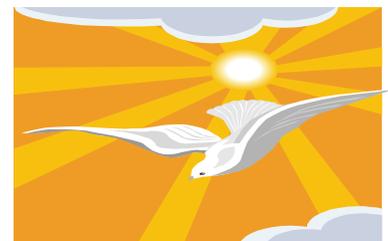
the sake of others.” Just the opposite of the world we live in. What a challenge to live one's life doing for others and not considering what's in it for me.

As you read the articles in this newsletter you see in *Ask Pro Sanctity* how two widely different leaders did precisely this as they led and served the Church (meaning the people) in their own way - both different but the end was the same - doing for the sake of the people. The Saints as our Models tells the story of the first married couple to be beatified. They were witnesses of serving first...their immediate and extended family and the community.

Taking the challenge to serve

and do for others is very difficult in a self-centered society but if you embrace this challenge and remember you are doing it for Christ - for the Christ in that person - you will be filled with the Fruits of the Holy Spirit* and act in a way that a self-centered person can neither understand nor imitate.

*Fruits of the Holy Spirit: Love, Joy, Peace, Patience, Kindness, Goodness, Faithfulness, Gentleness, and Self Control (Gal. 5:22)



Journey with Our Founder

in Nebraska



Left:
Bishop Giaquinta on one of his trip to Omaha with some priests friends of Pro Sanctity and three Apostolic Oblates

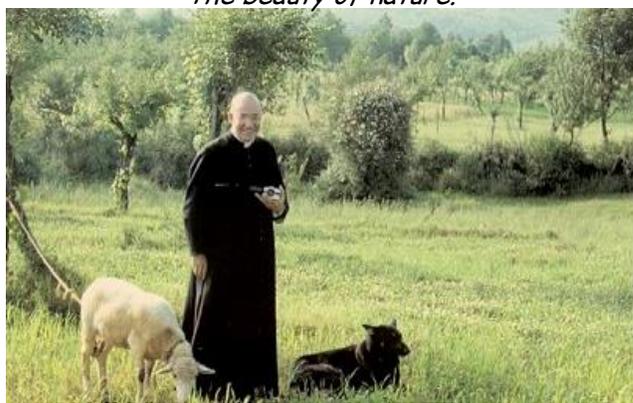


Above: *The founder, Teresa & Palmira smile for the Camera in front of the first Pro Sanctity Center in Omaha.*

Below: *Bishop Giaquinta walking in the meadow and enjoying The beauty of nature.*



Bishop Giaquinta after he visit the center of Omaha continues his journey to spend time at the center of California



Below: *Retreatans at the conclusion of the annual retreat in Huntington NY, lead by Fr. John Costello on the theme: "Walk with William Giaquinta and discover a Wealth of Grace"*



Below: *Festival of Faith for children in Our Lady of Angeles during the arts & crafts time.*





Blessed Luigi and Maria Beltrame Quattrocchi

Luigi and Maria Beltrame Quattrocchi were beatified by Pope John Paul II together as the first married couple to be so honored. He said that Luigi and Maria lived an ordinary life in an extraordinary way. When this model for what married and spiritual life should be was approved for joint beatification, the question then became, when do we celebrate their feast day?

Their Wedding Anniversary Became their Feast Day

Luigi Beltrame was born January 12, 1880 in Catania. His uncle, Luigi Quattrocchi, was in a childless marriage and asked his brother if he could raise Luigi in their home. So Luigi was adopted and raised by his aunt and uncle while maintaining close ties with his parents and siblings, thus giving him the dual surname Luigi Beltrame Quattrocchi.

He went to school and became a lawyer. Although he

was a virtuous, honest, and unselfish man, he was not especially one with a strong faith. That, however, was to change after he met Maria Corsini who was born on June 24, 1884 in Florence, Italy.

Maria came from a noble family, was well educated, and had been exposed to many cultural experiences. She wrote many books about education and was very active in many community endeavors. Luigi's father was a friend of Maria's family and so Luigi met Maria in Florence. This life-changing event resulted in their marriage on November 25, 1905. Pope John Paul II decided that their wedding date would be their feast day.

A Holy Family Life

The Quattrocchi family life was filled with sports, vacations in the mountains or by the sea, along with strong educational and spiritual instruction. Every evening the family prayed the rosary together, they kept the family holy hour on the eve of the first Friday of the month, participated in night vigil prayer, weekend retreats and attended graduate religious courses at the university as well as having a deep devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus, whose statue had a special place on the mantelpiece in their dining room. This was only one of many pictures of saints and other religious symbols that was present in their home.

The couple had four children: Filippo became a priest and

Cesare a Trappist monk while Stefania entered the Benedictine cloister taking the name Cecilia. The fourth child, Enrichetta, was a difficult pregnancy. The prognosis indicated the possibility of survival for both mother and child was only five percent. Therefore, the doctors urged Maria and Luigi to abort this pregnancy to save at least Maria's life.

Their Faith and Trust in God

They put their trust in God and despite the difficult, painful, and long suffering pregnancy Maria and the child survived. Their strong faith and family practice of going to mass and receiving communion strengthened them for this and all the trials and crosses they encountered. They led a very normal, ordinary life, but one filled with virtue: patience, humility, kindness, compassion and concern for the poor.

Luigi died in 1951 and Maria followed in 1965. Cardinal Jose Martins, prefect for the Causes of Saints said they made a true domestic church of their family, which was open to life, prayer, social apostolate, solidarity with the poor and friendship.

Luigi and Maria can be role models for modern married couples showing a commitment to marital love and religious practices for the family.



Mark your Calendar 2014!

...Come and grow with us

There will be Eucharistic Adoration every **Monday** from **10 AM to 5 PM** in the chapel of the Pro Sanctity Center at 45-30 195th St., Flushing, NY 11358

Come to the Bethany and spend some quiet time in conversation with the Lord.

Festival of Faith

For children 3-9 years
Our Lady of Angels Parish
Bay Ridge, Brooklyn, NY 11209
June 14, 2014
4—to 6 p.m.

SUMMER PICNIC

Sunday, September 14, 2014

3:00 to 6:00 PM

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Bible Sharing

Quick Journey to the Bible
Every Thursday, 7:30—9:00 p.m.
Our Lady Miracles School
Canarsie, Brooklyn, NY 11236

Bible Sharing

Every Tuesday 7—8:30p.m.
Pro Sanctity Center-St. Kevin Parish

Spanish—Introduction to the Bible
Sunday, June 1, 8 11:30—1 p.m.
In the Madonna room
St. Fidelis Parish,
College Point, NY 11356

**Pray for the Success of the
Year of the Founder Pilgrimage
to Sicily, Rome, Assisi
June 17-28, 2014**

**Pro Sanctity International Convention
visit the birthplace of the Founder, tour Rome & Assisi
meet Pro Sanctity friends from all over the world!**

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*Pro Sanctity Invites YOU
to COME and CELEBRATE "Year of the FOUN-
DER"*

*Servant of God Bishop Guglielmo Giaquinta
100th Anniversary of his birth*

Saturday, May 31, 2014

11:00 a.m. Mass

Holy Trinity RC Church

1451 143^d Street

Whitestone, NY 11357

Main Celebrant: Rev. John J. Costello

Administrator of St. Kevin RC Church, National Board Member of the Pro Sanctity Movement

Music by: Mr. Ed Contreras & the Filipino Choir

