

In honor of the **CANONIZATION OF MOTHER TERESA**
 this weekend, Sept. 4th, in Rome by our beloved Holy Father, Pope Francis,
 Here are a few quotes and sayings of Mother Teresa to pray over.

All of the following are direct quotes of Mother Teresa:



"Peace begins with a smile."

"If you're too busy to pray...you're too busy"

"The fruit of silence is prayer. The fruit of prayer is faith. The fruit of faith is love. The fruit of love is service. The fruit of service is peace."

"If we have our Lord in the midst of us, with daily Mass and Holy Communion, I fear nothing for the Sisters nor myself; he will look after us. But without him I cannot be — I am helpless."

"Holy Mass must become the daily meeting place, where God and his creature offer each other for each other and the world."

"Wherever I go in the whole world, the thing that makes me the saddest is watching people receive Communion in the hand."

"Just as Jesus allows himself to be broken, to be given to us as food, we too must break, we must share with each other, with our own people first, in our house, in our communities, for love begins at home."

"Every Holy Communion fills us with Jesus and we must, with Our Lady, go in haste to give him to others. For her, it was on her first Holy Communion day that Jesus came into her life, and so for all of us also. He made himself the Bread of Life so that we, too, like Mary, become full of Jesus. We too, like her, be in haste to give him to others. We too, like her, serve others"

"Try to be Jesus' love, Jesus' compassion, Jesus' presence to each other and the poor you serve. Humility always is the root of zeal for souls and charity. We see that in Jesus on the Cross and in the Eucharist."

"Celebrate this Mass as if it is your first Mass, your last Mass, and your only Mass."

"It is not the magnitude of our actions but the amount of love that is put into them that matters."

"Loneliness and the feeling of being unwanted is a terrible poverty."

"One of the greatest diseases is to be nobody to anybody."

"The biggest disease today is not AIDS or leprosy or tuberculosis, but rather the feeling of being unwanted."

"It is the worst poverty to decide that a child must die so that you may live as you wish."

"The greatest destroyer of peace is abortion. We must not be surprised when we hear of murders, of killings, of wars, of hatred. If a mother can kill her own child, what is left but for us to kill each other."

"That special power of loving that belongs to a woman is seen most clearly when she becomes a mother. Motherhood is the gift of God to women. How grateful we must be to God for this wonderful gift that brings such joy to the whole world, women and men alike! Yet we can destroy this gift of motherhood, especially by the evil of abortion, but also by thinking that other things like jobs or positions are more important than loving, than giving oneself to others. No job, no plans, no possessions, no idea of 'freedom' can take the place of love. So anything that destroys God's gift of motherhood destroys His most precious gift to women-- the ability to love as a woman."

"The way to plan the family is natural family planning, not contraception ... [The use of artificial contraception] turns the attention to self and so it destroys the gift of love in him or her. In loving, the husband and wife must turn the attention to each other as happens in natural family planning, and not to self, as happens in contraception. Once that living love is destroyed by contraception, abortion follows easily . . . And abortion, which often follows from contraception, brings a people to be spiritually poor, and that is the worst poverty and the most difficult to overcome."

"Abortion kills twice. It kills the body of the baby and it kills the conscience of the mother. Abortion is profoundly anti-women. Three quarters of its victims are women: Half the babies and all the mothers."

"America needs no words from me to see how your decision in *Roe v. Wade* has deformed a great nation. The so-called right to abortion has pitted mothers against their children and women against men. It has sown violence and discord at the heart of the most intimate human relationships. It has aggravated the derogation of the father's role in an increasingly fatherless society. It has portrayed the greatest of gifts ~ a child ~ as a competitor, an intrusion, and an inconvenience. It has nominally accorded mothers unfettered dominion over the independent lives of their physically dependent sons and daughters. And in granting this unconscionable power, it has exposed many women to unjust and selfish demands from their husbands or other sexual partners. Human rights are not a privilege conferred by government. They are every human being's entitlement by virtue of his humanity. The right to life does not depend, and must not be declared to be contingent, on the pleasure of anyone else, not even a parent or a sovereign."

"Any country that accepts abortion is the poorest of the poor."

"Any country that accepts abortion is not teaching its people to love, but to use violence to get what they want. That is why the greatest destroyer of love and peace is abortion."

"Be faithful in small things because it is in them that your strength lies."

"Many people mistake our work for our vocation. Our vocation is the love of Jesus."

"I know God won't give me anything I can't handle. I just wish he didn't trust me so much!"

"Spread love everywhere you go: first of all in your own house. Give love to your children, to your wife or husband, to a next door neighbor... Let no one ever come to you without leaving better and happier. Be the living expression of God's kindness; kindness in your face, kindness in your eyes, kindness in your smile, kindness in your warm greeting."

"The poor do not need our sympathy and our pity. The poor need our love and compassion"

"When a poor person dies of hunger, it has not happened because God did not take care of him or her. It has happened because neither you nor I wanted to give that person what he or she needed."

"People are hungry *for God*. Do you see that? Quite often we look but do not see. We are all passing through this world. We need to open our eyes and see."

"There is a terrible hunger for love. We all experience that in our lives – the pain, the loneliness. We must have the courage to recognize it. The poor you may have right in your own family. Find them. Love them."

"Sometimes it is harder for us to smile at those who live with us, the immediate members of our families, than it is to smile at those who are not so close to us. Let us never forget: love begins at home."

"Words which do not give the light of Christ increase the darkness."

ST. TERESA OF CALCUTTA, PRAY FOR US!!!

CCD Religious Education



FOR CHILDREN: Pre-K (age 3- 4) - 5th Grade

CCD meets every Wednesday evening starting at 6:00PM. This has already started last week, so this is the last chance to get your children registered

FOR ALL ADULTS:

Adult CCD will meet every Wednesday in the church at 6:30PM **SHARP**.

This a new and wonderful thing we are having this year: we are having class also for all adults and all the parents of CCD children on Wednesday nights.

FOR YOUNG PEOPLE: 6th & 7th Grade / Confirmation 1 & 2 / High School Youth Group:

Will meet every Sunday from 4:00 - 6:00PM. Again, this has already begun. Last chance to get registered and start coming.

CATHOLIC APOLOGETICS:

Every Sunday from 4:00 - 5:00PM. This class is for young adults who have made their Confirmation and is also open to **all adults** who want to learn more about defending our Catholic faith.

RCIA:

Meets every Monday night at 7:00PM here in the school, room 1.

WEEKLY PARISH CATECHISM ASSIGNMENT

Material to be read and mastered before:

SEPTEMBER 7, 2016

Lesson 2, pp. 13-21:
God and His Perfections
Lesson 3, pp. 22-25:
The Unity and Trinity of God

Readings in the *New St. Joseph Baltimore Catechism*.
This book is provided free of charge to all who come every Wednesday night at 6:30pm

There will be NO CLASS

For Youth Group & Confirmation

On September 4th

in observance of the

Labor Day Weekend.

RCIA REGISTRATION

LAST CHANCE TO REGISTER!!!!

Have you been Baptized? Have you made your First Holy Communion? Have you made your Confirmation? Are you thinking of becoming Catholic? This is the time where you can complete your sacraments or learn more about our Catholic faith. Classes meet every Monday at 7:00PM so register early. Please come by the parish office and register. If you have any questions, please call

Lora Rodriguez at
(575) 309-8130.



MANDATORY PARENT & TEEN MEETING

FOR: ALL PARENTS & YOUTH IN 1ST & 2ND YEAR CONFIRMATION

WHEN: SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 11th

TIME: 3:00PM

WHERE: SACRED HEART GYM



Coffee & Donuts!!!

We will begin serving coffee & donuts after both 8:30 am & the 10:30 am Mass every Sunday....

If you are interested in volunteering to help with this ministry, please call:

Emaeth Burns at (575) 265-8686.

We will meet in the Gym. Please come join us!



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| Goal | \$ 36,000.00 |
| Total Pledged | \$ 31,245.00 |
| Total Paid | \$ 25,151.00 |
| Pledge Balance | \$ 6,094.00 |

TITHES & OFFERINGS

August 28, 2016

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| ENVELOPES | \$ 4,649.60 |
| LOOSE | \$ 2,444.20 |
| NEEDY | \$ 85.00 |
| TOTAL | \$ 7,178.80 |

Mass Intentions for the Week

SATURDAY September 3, 2016

5:30 P.M. † Marc Martinez

SUNDAY September 4, 2016

8:30 A.M. For the people of the parish

10:30 A.M. † Sergio & † Rosalia Barrera

MONDAY September 5, 2016

5:30 P.M. † Alfred & † Antonito Martinez

TUESDAY September 6, 2016

7:00 A.M. Intention of the Celebrant

WED September 7, 2016

12:10 P.M. † Juanita Crucita Cordova

THURSDAY September 8, 2016

NO MASS NO MASS

FRIDAY September 9, 2016

5:30 P.M. Esther Mares

SATURDAY September 10, 2016

5:30 P.M. For the people of the parish

SUNDAY September 11, 2016

8:30 A.M. † Allen Jesko

10:30 A.M. † Christopher & † Jaelynn Rodarte,
† Denise Chavez



Sacred Heart has a group of "Prayer Warriors" who will seek God's intervention on your behalf. All it takes is a phone call to:

Jeanne Kriegshauser
(575) 762-9214 or

Mary Shockley
(575) 763-0953,

and they will set your prayer in motion.

(In case if you missed this great article in last week's bulletin...)

Comfort Catholicism Has to Go

by Msgr. Charles Pope

There is a growing consternation among some Catholics that the Church, at least in her leadership, is living in the past. It seems there is no awareness that we are at war and that Catholics need to be summoned to sobriety, increasing separation from the wider culture, courageous witness and increasing martyrdom.

It is long past dark in our culture, but in most parishes and dioceses it is business as usual and there is anything but the sober alarm that is really necessary in times like these.

Scripture says, *Blessed be the Lord, my rock, who trains my hands for war, and my fingers for battle* (Psalm 144:1). Preparing people for war — a moral and spiritual war, not a shooting war — should include a clear setting forth of the errors of our time, and a clear and loving application of the truth to error and light to darkness.

But there is little such training evident in Catholic circles today where, in the average parish, there exists a sort of shy and quiet atmosphere — a fear of addressing “controversial” issues lest someone be offended, or the parish be perceived as “unwelcoming.”

But, if there ever was a time to wear soft garments, it is not now.

The Church of the 1970s-1990s was surely well described as the era of “beige Catholicism” (a term coined by Bishop Robert Barron, and not by way of flattery either). Those of us who lived through that era, especially in the 1970s, remember it as a time when many parish signs beckoned people to “come and experience our welcoming and warm Catholic community.” Our most evident desire was to fit in and be thought of as “normal.” Yes, Catholics were just like everyone else; and we had been working very hard to do that, at least since the early 1960s when John F. Kennedy was elected. Catholics had finally “made it” into the mainstream; we had been accepted by the culture.

Church architecture and interiors became minimalist and non-descript. Music and language in the liturgy became folksy. Marian processions, Corpus Christi processions, many things of distinctive and colorful Catholicism all but disappeared. Even our crucifixes disappeared, to be replaced by floating “resurrection Jesus” images. The emphasis was on blending in, speaking to things that made people feel comfortable, and affirming rather than challenging. If there was to be any challenge at all it would be on “safe” exhortations such as not abusing the environment or polluting, not judging or being intolerant, and so forth.

Again, if there ever was a time to wear soft garments, it is not now. It is zero-dark-thirty in our post-Christian culture. And while we may wish to blame any number of factors for the collapse, we cannot exclude ourselves. We who are supposed to be the light of the world, with Christ shining in us, have preferred to hide our light under a basket and lay low. The ruins of our families and culture are testimony to the triumph of error and the suppression of the truth.

More than ever we need to shift toward being distinctive from the culture we have refused to critique and call to reform. More than ever our faith needs to shine brightly and clearly in our churches and communities.

And if a world now accustomed to great darkness calls our light harsh, so be it. If our light does not shine, there is no light at all. Our Catholic faith is the sole and last hope for this world. It has always been so.

Simply put, it is time for clergy to prepare themselves and God's people for sacrifice. Seeking to compromise with this culture is now unthinkable. Our only recourse is to seek to lance the boils. And the culture will cry foul. And we who do the lancing will be made increasingly to suffer. But we have to be willing to embrace and endure such suffering in increasing ways in the months and years ahead.

We are at war for our own souls and the souls of people we love. We are at war for the soul of this culture and nation. And like any soldier, we must train to fight well. We must study our faith and be more committed than ever. We must also know our enemy and his tactics, and we must be prepared to suffer — and even to lose our life.

We have to retool and provide every opportunity to get clear about our faith. Sermons and other teachable moments must sound a clear call to personal conversion and to battle for souls and to stop treating lightly the sinful disregard for God's law in our families and communities.

Our bishops especially need to shift into another mode entirely. Collectively and currently they seem more interested in protecting what little we have left, than summoning the Catholic people to battle. Priests too seem loath to summon people to anything challenging or uncomfortable. The image of Peter trying to keep Christ from the Cross comes to mind. Peter said, "This shall never be for you!" And the Lord severely rebuked him saying that he was thinking as man, not God, and was in the service of Satan.

And what of us? The Church cannot even seem to ask people to attend Mass on a Holy Day if it is on a Monday or a Saturday. It is apparently too much to ask people to come to Mass two days in a row. If that be the case, who will summon them to withstand and vigorously protest unjust and evil laws, even if it means financial penalties or even jail? And blood martyrdom? It hardly seems likely that most clergy today would counsel readiness for such a thing or even be close to being ready ourselves. Bishops or priests who do so can expect to be called reckless and imprudent in shy and soft times like these. The cry will surely go up, "It is not yet the time for such things!"

But if not now, when?

Scripture says, *If the trumpet does not sound a clear call, who will get ready for battle?* (1 Cor. 14:8). It cannot simply be priests who must make this call. Parents and other leaders need to sound it as well. Yes, parents need to prepare their children for more than a career. They need now to prepare them for difficult days ahead — days that will include persecution and even martyrdom if they decide to follow Christ unambiguously.

Am I wrong? I sure hope so. But we can no longer, as a Church, sit idly by and hope things just magically get better. As a culture, and even in segments of the Church, we have sown the wind, and now we are reaping the whirlwind.

Many, these days, like to criticize the Church of the past for any number of failings. But I wonder how the future members of the Church will remember the Church in our times. Columnist Joseph Sobran, writing over 15 years ago, wondered the same thing and wrote:

[Catholics of the future] certainly won't accuse us of excessive zeal. They might be shocked by our lukewarmness, our cowardice masquerading as tolerance, our laxity, our willingness to countenance heresy, sacrilege, blasphemy, and immorality, even within the Church itself, our eagerness to ingratiate ourselves with the secular world ... (*Subtracting Christianity*, p. 268)

Yes, I too wonder. From St. Peter to Constantine there were 33 Popes. Thirty of them were martyred and two died in exile. Countless clergy and lay people too were martyred. It is hard to imagine the Church in the decadent West being willing to suffer so. Surely our brethren in many less affluent parts of the world *are* dying in large numbers. But I wonder: After all these years of "comfort Catholicism", would the average American parishioner or clergyman be willing or able to endure such loss?

It is time, past time, to retool. It is time to prepare for persecutions that will get bolder by the month and year. The dark movements that marched in under the banners of tolerance never meant it. And having increasingly gained power, they are seeking to criminalize anyone who resists their vision. No tolerance for us. Religious liberty is eroding, and compulsory compliance is already here. The federal courts increasingly shift to militantly secular and activist judges who legislate from the bench.

When will we as a Church finally say to the bureaucrats who demand we comply with evil laws: "We will not comply. If you fine us we will not pay. If you seek to confiscate our buildings, we will turn maximum publicity against you, but we still will not comply. If you arrest us, off to jail we go! But we will simply not comply with evil laws or cooperate with evil."

Right now, most of us can barely imagine our clergy standing so firm. Quiet compromises and jargon-filled "solutions" will be a grave temptation to a Church ill-prepared for persecution.

Call me alarmist or call me idealist, but I hope we find our spine before it is too late. It is usually a faithful remnant that saves the day in the Biblical narrative. I pray only for the strength to be in that faithful remnant. Will you join me too? Let's pray and start retooling now. Only our unambiguous faith can save us or anyone we love. Pray for strong and courageous faith.

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