

2009 Call to Holiness Conference set for National Shrine of the Little Flower in Royal Oak

Now is the time to make plans to attend the 12th Call to Holiness Conference to be held Saturday, October 10 at the National Shrine of the Little Flower on Woodward and 12 Mile in Royal Oak.

The only way to hear the internationally known speakers coming for this one day conference is to attend. It will NOT be on the radio. However, recordings will be available later from Saint Michael's Media and Henry Root at hjroot@sbcglobal.net.

Information about the speakers is on page 2. The registration form is on page 3 and the website: www.calltoholiness.com. Invite friends and family!



National Shrine of the Little Flower Photo by Maria Hoefflein

Year for Priests began June 19

The following are excerpts from Pope Benedict's Letter proclaiming the *Year for Priests* found at www.vatican.va

Dear Brother Priests,

On the forthcoming Solemnity of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus, Friday 19 June 2009 – a day traditionally devoted to prayer for the sanctification of the clergy –, I have decided to inaugurate a “Year for Priests” in celebration of the 150th anniversary of the “*dies natalis*” of John Mary Vianney, the patron saint of parish priests worldwide.¹

VIANNEY

A Drama by Leonardo Defilippis

Previous Call to Holiness speaker, Leonardo Defilippis, founder of St. Luke Productions and director and producer of the movie *THERESE* has developed his newest drama on the life of Saint John Vianney, to be performed during the *Year for Priests*.

He will be in the Detroit area the week of March 22-27, 2010. For information, call 800-683-2998 or see vianneydrama.com.

This Year, meant to deepen the commitment of all priests to interior renewal for the sake of a more forceful and incisive witness to the Gospel in today's world, will conclude on the same Solemnity in 2010. *The priesthood is the love of the heart of Jesus*, the saintly Curé of Ars would often say.² This touching expression makes us reflect, first of all,

with heartfelt gratitude on the immense gift which priests represent, not only for the Church, but also for humanity itself. I think of all those priests who quietly present Christ's words and actions each day to the faithful and to

the whole world, striving to be one with the Lord in their thoughts and their will, their sentiments and their style of life. How can I not pay tribute to their apostolic labors, their tireless and hidden service, their universal charity? And how can I not praise the courageous fidelity of so many priests who, even amid difficulties and incomprehension, remain faithful to their vocation as “friends of Christ”, whom he has called by name, chosen and sent?

To the Most Holy Virgin I entrust this Year for Priests. I ask her to awaken in the heart of every priest a generous and renewed commitment to the ideal of complete self-oblation to Christ and the Church which inspired the thoughts and actions of the saintly Curé of Ars. It was his fervent prayer life and his impassioned love of Christ Crucified that enabled John Mary Vianney to grow daily in his total self-oblation to God and the Church. May his example lead all priests to offer that witness of unity with their Bishop, with one another and with the lay faithful, which today, as ever, is so necessary. Despite all the evil present in our world, the words which Christ spoke to his Apostles in the Upper Room continue to inspire us: “In the world you have tribulation; but take courage, I have overcome the world” (*Jn* 16:33). Our faith in the Divine Master gives us the strength to look to the future with confidence. Dear priests, Christ is counting on you. In the footsteps of the Curé of Ars, let yourselves be enthralled by him. In this way you too will be, for the world in our time, heralds of hope, reconciliation and peace!

With my blessing. From the Vatican, 16 June 2009.

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Speakers will focus on the *Treasures of the Mass*

Bishop Athanasius Schneider, ORC will discuss *The Sacredness of the Holy Eucharist and the Fathers of the Church*.

Bishop Schneider's book **Dominus Est – It is the Lord, Reflections on Holy Communion** was published in Italian by the Vatican Press in 2008 and is now available in English, published by Newman House Press. This book offers readers insights into the sacrality which ought to surround the distribution and reception of Holy Communion. The book comes with the endorsement of the two highest officials in the Vatican's Congregation for Divine Worship and the Discipline of the Sacraments.

Most Reverend Athanasius Schneider has a Ph.D. in Patristics from the Augustinum in Rome. He was ordained in the Order of Canons Regular of the Holy Cross and served on the General Council of the Order before being sent to Kazakhstan. He is also, as a member of the Order, a member of the Opus Sanctorum Angelorum. He brings a unique perspective to the faith, having made his First Holy Communion in secrecy within the former Soviet Union. He was named auxiliary bishop of Karaganda, Kazakhstan in 2006.



Altar of National Shrine of the Little Flower Photo Rod Sypitkowski

Michael P. Foley, Ph.D. will address *How the Mass Shaped the Western World*. Dr. Foley plans to present his view that nothing has transformed Western civilization like the celebration of the Mass. He will discuss how, from architecture to music, from city names to scientific terminology, from urban design to the judicial system, the Eucharistic liturgy of the Roman rite has left an indelible mark on our lives.

Michael Foley holds a doctorate in Catholic Systematic Theology and is an associate professor of Patristics in the Great Texts Program at Baylor University, a published author, and frequent speaker. Dr. Foley's articles have appeared in *First Things*, *Homiletic and Pastoral Review*, *Lay Witness*, *Crisis*, *The Latin Mass*, *Touchstone Magazine* and *The Wall Street Journal*. He discusses a number of topics dealing with faith and culture, films, theology and liturgy.

Father Eduard Perrone will address *Treasures of the Mass Explored*. Fr. Perrone will present a sequential commentary to explain the why and wherefore of the various parts of the Roman rite employing actors to simulate the ritual gestures. He will explain that the ceremony of the Catholic Mass was developed from Apostolic tradition under the guidance of the Holy Spirit. This talk aims to be a fascinat-

ing, factual and fast moving explanation of the Mass that answers the often contemplated but seldom addressed questions about why the Mass is the way it is.

Fr. Perrone, ordained for the Archdiocese of Detroit in 1978, has been the pastor of Assumption Grotto Church since 1994. Father has a degree in Music composition and a master's degree in Theology. Besides his pastoral work, he often gives talks to special groups and directs the parish choir in some of the great choral and orchestral Masses of the Church's heritage. He also is a founder and spiritual director of Call to Holiness, Inc. and spiritual director of two Carmelite Communities in Detroit.

Father John Zuhlsdorf will address *Mystery Both Fearsome and Alluring: Holy Mass and True Active Participation*.

Fr. John Zuhlsdorf, aka, "Fr. Z" of the well-trafficked blog, *What Does the Prayer Really Say?* and column of the same name in *The Wanderer* is a convert from Lutheranism. He was ordained by Pope John Paul II in 1991. He is a collaborator with the Pontifical Commission Ecclesiae Dei, EWTN guest speaker, and contributor to *Sacred Music* and *Catholic World Report*.

Ronald Prowse, Ph.D. will lead the discussion / demonstration of sacred music entitled "Let's Sing Sacred Music."

Dr. Prowse is the Associate Professor and Director of Music at Sacred Heart Major Seminary in Detroit. He has served as Dean of the Executive Board of the Detroit Chapter of the American Guild of Organists and was the organist for the 1987 Papal Mass of Pope John Paul II in the Pontiac Silverdome. He has a doctorate in Organ Performance from the University of Michigan and studied organ improvisation and composition at La Trinite in Paris. Dr. Prowse is a member of the adjunct faculty at Wayne State University.

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Seeing the Mass through the Mist

Compiled by Ed Leslie from sources at end

Father David Santoro, OP often tells his Bible study group at the Monastery of the Blessed Sacrament (Farmington Hills, MI) that if only Catholics knew and understood the Mass, they would need to build more churches to contain the crowds of attendees. Perhaps some will find this summary on the Mass of help.

Sacrifice of the Mass

At the Last Supper and under forms of bread and wine, Jesus replaced the Passover with His impending suffering and death on the cross at Calvary. He then completed the sacrifice by becoming the sacrificial Lamb on Calvary. Elevation of the host and chalice represent Christ's elevation on the cross. The separate consecration of the bread and wine further signifies the separation of body and blood, Jesus' sacrificial death for us. In the Old Testament, Abel established the standard for sacrifices when he offered a real, living lamb, the most important first fruit of his flock to God who accepted it (Gen 4:1-5).

The Mass with Jesus as Priest according to the order of Melchizedek (the first priest to offer a sacrifice of bread and wine, Gen 14:18 - 20) is the best way to worship God; to thank Him for all His blessings; to honor the Sabbath; to make reparation for our sins; to obtain blessings we desire; to preserve us from dangers; to console us at the hour of death; to intercede for us at our final judgment and to protect the Church and its leaders and members.

During the Mass a miracle occurs at the Consecration. The priest, in persona Christi, consecrates the bread and wine using the same words Christ used at the Last Supper and they become the glorified Body and Blood of Jesus. "By celebrating and also partaking of the Eucharist we unite ourselves with Christ on earth and in heaven **who intercedes for us with the Father**," writes Pope John Paul II in his encyclical *Redemptor Hominis*. He continues: "... we share in that unique and irreversible restoration of man and the world to the Father that was carried out **once for all** by Him, who is both the eternal Son and also True Man."

The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass is the sacred official worship liturgy of Catholicism. It is the supreme prayer form which contains four kinds of prayer: contrition (e.g., Confiteor); adoration (e.g., Gloria); petition (e.g., Prayer of the Faithful); and thanksgiving (after Communion). The Mass in the Roman Rite has two parts: The Liturgy

of the Word and the Liturgy of the Eucharist. This Sacrament fulfills the Old Covenant sacrifices including the Passover and the Day of Atonement. First celebrated at the Last Supper, this Sacrifice makes Jesus perpetually present to people on earth. Three levels of the Church converge during the Mass, united in prayer as one: the saints in heaven, the faithful on earth and the souls in purgatory.

The faithful receive these spiritual effects of Holy Communion: an increase of sanctifying grace, actual graces, forgiveness of venial sins as to their guilt and the penalty due to sin, preservation from future mortal sin, and an increase of the supernatural virtue of charity for a greater love of God and neighbor and a closer union with Christ. The bodily effects of Communion include a weakening of concupiscence and an increase of one's title to eternal happiness.

St. Catherine of Siena expressed the Eucharistic gift of the Holy Trinity in one of her prayers when she asked: "Was it still necessary that You should give us even the Holy Trinity as food for our souls?" This reflects upon the true presence of Christ in the Eucharist, His divinity and His unity with God the Father and the Holy Spirit.

Old Testament Sacrifices Pre-figured the Mass

Thomas Nash writes in his book *Worthy Is The Lamb* that "Jesus instituted a memorial that sacramentally re-presents the very same Sacrifice of Calvary, a sacrifice that completes and surpasses all the sacrifices of the Old Covenant." Nash includes the Passover and the Day of Atonement sacrifices.

Abraham offered up his son Isaac (Gen. 22: 2) as a sacrificial lamb on Mount Moriah in the land of Melchizedek. Isaac was between 18 and 37 years old but did not resist Abraham's intentions. This sacrifice would pre-figure Christ's which became that of the sacrificial Lamb consistent with His Father's will. Christ actually was the sacrificial Lamb unlike Isaac who was replaced by a ram after an angel stopped Abraham from carrying out the plan to kill his son.

Moses told Pharaoh to let the people of Israel go home from their Egyptian slavery. Having experienced nine plagues of rising intensity, Pharaoh finally agreed and then reneged on Israel's release. God set in motion a plan whereby Egypt's firstborn men and livestock would be killed (Exodus 11). Wherever God or His An-

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Seek not the face of the priest in the Mass, but the face of Almighty God!

photo: Diane Korzeniewski

Priest Seminar & Private Lunch

A special session will be offered to priests at this year's conference. It will be led by Fr. Eduard Perrone, pastor of Assumption Grotto Parish, Spiritual Director of Call to Holiness, and one of this year's speakers.

The lunch time session will include a demonstration of how to celebrate the extraordinary form of the Mass. Invite your pastor to attend! Pre-registration is requested so that adequate materials will be available.

Registration for the conference is FREE for priests, religious, and seminarians. When registering for the conference, priests should indicate if they intend to participate in the Priest Seminar and Private Lunch.

The conference committee thanks those who make tax deductible donations to help sponsor clergy and religious.

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gels saw an Israelite's home marked with the blood of a lamb on the doorposts and lintel, God would "pass over" that home. The lamb had to be an unblemished male and the Israelites had to consume the sacrifice (Exodus 12). The lamb must not have had any bones broken (this was to be the case with Christ's crucifixion). Further, the Passover was to be continued year after year as a memorial and a communion meal just as the "once for all" Eucharistic liturgy of the New Covenant was to become a memorial of Calvary and a Communion with Christ.

The Letter to the Hebrews infers that the Day of Atonement sacrifices of the Old Law also prefigured Christ's sacrifice of Himself (Heb 9:11-14). On that Atonement day, the high priest would sacrifice a bull and two goats to atone for the sins of the nation. One bull and one goat were slaughtered on the courtyard altar and in the "holy of holies" respectively. The high priest would enter that most holy sanctuary to offer the victims to God and sprinkle their blood around and on God's "mercy seat." The remaining goat would carry the sins of the people away into the wilderness (i.e., the scapegoat). In a similar way Christ suffered, bled and died on Good Friday in atonement for our sins. He completed the sacrifice when He entered heaven, the most holy sanctuary, upon His Ascension. St Paul asks: "How much more than the blood of goats and bulls ... will the blood of Christ cleanse your conscience ... from the dead works to serve the living God?"

Miracle of the Eucharist Pre-figured

When Elijah asked the widow of Zarephath for some bread and water, she told Elijah she only had enough flour and oil to make one meal for herself and her

Volunteers needed:

Representatives are needed to publicize the conference at parishes throughout the Archdiocese of Detroit, as well as other nearby dioceses. Contact Ed Leslie (248-851-6253 or eleslie@mi.rr.com) for bulletin articles, posters, and brochures for your parish!

Many volunteers are needed for set up the night before and during the day of the conference. Can you offer an hour or two? Please contact Maria Hoeflein at 248-474-7024 or mjhoeflein@earthlink.net.

Vendor space is available

At every conference, one of the big attractions at the CTH conference is the vendor displays and sales tables. One of the conference goals is to make Catholic merchandise available and to support Catholic businesses at the conference and through the conference program booklet.

Space is still available for this year's conference! For vendor and advertising information, please contact Ed Leslie at 248-851-6253 or eleslie@mi.rr.com.

son. Elijah prophesied that she would not die of starvation: "the jar of meal shall not be spent, and the cruse of oil shall not fail ..." (1 Kings 17: 10-16).

Once when they feared death from starvation, God sent manna to the Israelites in the wilderness. The manna supported their exodus from Egypt to the Promised Land for 40 years (Exodus 16:35). This is like the Eucharist in its sustaining power during our journey to heaven.

The prophet Elisha, Elijah's successor, miraculously multiplied twenty bread loaves and one bag of grain to feed one hundred men with some left over (2 Kings 4: 42-44).

Jesus used five loaves and two fish to feed 5,000 men and many women and children (John 6:1-13). The very next day Jesus discussed the "Bread of Life" in Capernaum (John 6: 22-70) during which He told the Jews that "unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man, and drink His blood, you shall not have life in you – this is the bread that has come down from heaven; not as your fathers ate the manna and died. He who eats this bread shall live forever."

Sources: *Holy Bible*, Confraternity of Christian Doctrine Edition 1965; *Encyclicals of John Paul II*, Our Sunday Visitor Publishing Division; *The Question and Answer Catholic Catechism*, Fr. John A. Hardon, SJ, 1981; *Calvary And The Mass*, Right Reverend Fulton J. Sheen, 1996 ; *Worthy Is The Lamb, The Biblical Roots of The Mass*, Thomas Nash 2004; *Catholicism For Dummies*, Fathers John Trigilio Jr. and Kenneth Brighenti, 2003

National Shrine of the Little Flower: Site of Call to Holiness 2009

In early May 1925, Michael J. Gallagher, the Bishop of the Diocese of Detroit, traveled to Rome to witness the canonization of Saint Thérèse of Lisieux, also known as the "Little Flower." Determined to establish the first parish in her honor in the United States, he telephoned from Rome with instructions to name the new church after her. The Bishop chose Royal Oak for the new parish.

Late in 1928, the pastor, Father Charles Coughlin met with Henry McGill, of the New York architectural firm of Hamlin and McGill, to discuss plans for the construction of the church. The altar was to be in the center, an innovation that was 40 years ahead of its time. Father Coughlin wanted to illustrate that the sacrifice of the Mass is the center of the Catholic faith. A tower was to rise above the church—a tower so mag-

nificent that it would inspire all who saw it.

Fr. Coughlin, seeking a way to repay the \$101,000 cost of the new church, turned to creative fundraising and took the unprecedented step of renting airtime on the Detroit radio station, WJR. Commercial broadcasting in the United States was only six years old when Fr. Coughlin's Golden Hour program began in the fall of 1926. The priest's sermons clarified the principles of Christianity and answered thousands of questions concerning faith and morals. Catholics from Boston to Los Angeles bought bricks to finance the project.

In the autumn of 1998, the Shrine of the Little Flower Church was declared a national shrine by the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops.

(Source: www.shrinechurch.com)



Novena to Saint Thérèse

Please join in the Novena to Saint Thérèse for the intention of the Call to Holiness conference. Begin on her feast day, October 1 and continue each day until October 9, the day before the conference. You may use your own or one of the following prayers.

Little Thérèse, Joy of the Sacred Heart, through the intercession of the Infant Jesus, the Holy Face, and the Holy Family, hear my prayer and grant my petition.
(Nine times in petition and nine times in thanksgiving)

O Lord, who hast said: "Unless you become as little children, you shall not enter into the kingdom of heaven"; grant us, we beseech Thee, so to walk in the footsteps of thy blessed Virgin Thérèse with a humble and single heart, that we may attain to everlasting rewards: who livest and reignest world without end. Amen.

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