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A Quick Journey Through the Bible!

Over 400 are rediscovering God’s Word through
A *Quick* Journey Through the Bible!

“...we need to make every effort to share the word of God as an openness to our problems, a response to our questions, a broadening of our values and the fulfillment of our aspirations.”

Pope Benedict XVI Post Synodal Apostolic Exhortation *Verbum Domini*, 72

By Maureen Srinivasa

Coming from far and near, more than 400 people are attending this exciting 8-week program *A Quick Journey Through the Bible* offered in seven parishes throughout the Archdiocese!

Every parish hosting the Quick Journey study has had phenomenal turnout - well beyond its expectations. St. Elizabeth of Hungary Parish in Wyckoff, NJ has over 100 attendees and is now offering the program on both Tuesday and Thursday evenings. People are still signing up at Our Lady of Peace Parish in New Providence, where their ranks have swelled past 75 attendees and leaders. St. Joseph Parish in East Rutherford may soon reach 80 participants. At their initial meeting on Saturday, April 2nd, Corpus Christi Parish in Hasbrouck Heights experienced double the number of initial registrants! St. Philomena’s Parish in Livingston has over 60 registrants. Only a few miles away, Our Lady of the Blessed Sacrament Parish in Roseland has over 40 participants, double the number they initially expected. On Sunday evenings participants at St. Peter and St. Paul in Hoboken are experiencing renewal through their study.

The hunger for Scripture study is evident and answers the desire of the bishops who have sought a “rediscovery of God’s word in the life of the Church as a well-spring of constant renewal.”

Pope Benedict XVI Post Synodal Apostolic Exhortation *Verbum Domini*, Introduction

“There is no greater priority than this: to enable the people of our time once more to encounter God, the God who speaks to us and shares his love so that we might have life in abundance (cf. Jn 10:10).” Pope Benedict XVI Post Synodal Apostolic Exhortation *Verbum Domini*, Introduction
Facilitators from St. Philomena's Parish in Livingston concluded their 8 week Quick Journey to the Bible on May 19, 2011.

Participants from Corpus Christi Parish Hasbrouck Heights

Participants from St. Philomenas’ in Livingston
As we anticipate again this year the great feast of Pentecost we reflect upon the role of the Holy Spirit in our world, our Church and our lives. The role of the Holy Spirit in the history of the Church has been like the rising and the falling of the tide, sometimes high and other times low. There have been times when the third person of the Holy Trinity has been given a prominent place in the spirituality of the people. At other times the role of the Holy Spirit has been minimized; having little to do with our daily lives and the practice of our faith.

It is more important than ever that we as 21st Century Catholics recognize the importance of the Holy Spirit today. This is an era of the Holy Spirit. The growth of the Catholic Charismatic Renewal and other movements in the Church has helped bring the Holy Spirit back to the forefront of our Catholic spirituality. Jesus told us in the Gospel of John: “I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate to be with you always, the Spirit of truth, which the world cannot accept, because it neither sees nor knows it. But you know it, because it remains with you, and will be in you” (John 14:16-17). What a wonderful way to live each moment of our lives, knowing that we have the Holy Spirit with us guiding our steps and participating in every moment of our lives.

We have much to learn from the example of Mary, the Mother of Jesus and our Mother, who conceived her Son and brought him into the world through the power of the Holy Spirit. If Mary had not been open to and accepting of the action of the Holy Spirit in her life, Jesus would not have been incarnated, been born or redeemed the world. Mary’s cooperation with the work of the Spirit was necessary in order to bring the Messiah into the world to save the world. We read in the Catechism that “In Mary, the Holy Spirit fulfills the plan of the Father's loving goodness. Through the Holy Spirit, the Virgin conceives and gives birth to the Son of God. By the Holy Spirit's power and her faith, her virginity became uniquely fruitful.” (CCC #723)

“In their joint mission, the Son and the Holy Spirit are distinct but inseparable. To be sure, it is Christ who is seen, the visible image of the invisible God, but it is the Spirit who reveals him.” (CCC # 689) Today the Holy Spirit continues working for the salvation and sanctification of the world. However, he needs our help today, as he needed Mary’s cooperation twenty centuries ago. “But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, throughout Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.” (Acts 1:8) Are we open to the actions of the Holy Spirit as Mary was? Are we willing to allow the Holy Spirit to come into our lives as Mary did? Are we willing to let ourselves be touched by the Holy Spirit and be transformed by him? I certainly hope our answer is a resounding “Yes”. Come, Holy Spirit, and renew the face of the earth!
There’s More Than One Way to **Collaborate with God**

By Maureen Srinivasa

The theme this year of the Women’s Commission of the Archdiocese of Newark Annual Day of Reflection was “Our Collaboration with God.” It was held on the Feast of St. Joseph, Saturday, March 19, 2011 at Seton Hall University. In addition to the usual full day English program, the day of reflection offered a first annual, full day Spanish Track and a Young Adult Track. Overall more than 900 women attended this Day of Reflection!

Dr. Susan Selner-Wright, Chair of the Philosophy Department and Director of the Pre-Theology Cycle at St. John Vianney Theological Seminary in Denver, Colorado, was the keynote speaker for the English track. Her specialty is the teachings of St. Thomas Aquinas. As a wife and mother of both a typical child and a child with special needs, she reflected on the application of the Church’s profound wisdom to women’s lives in and out of the home.

Azeneth Gonzalez, formerly a reality show celebrity in Mexico, and now serving God full-time as a singer and missionary, was the keynote speaker for the Spanish track. Azeneth has traveled all over Central and South America preaching the Gospel of life in word and song. She was an inspiration to the over 400 Spanish speaking participants. The Spanish track was organized in collaboration with the Hispanic Apostolate Office.

Haley Timmon’s lively and personable style brought tremendous excitement to the Young Adult Track. She shared with the young women on the themes: “Relationships and Dating 101” as well as “Just the Way You Are: Girl, you are Amazing!” and other things every young woman should know. Haley spent five years as a full-time youth minister in Colorado and is now involved in the ENDOW (Educating on the Nature & Dignity of Women) programs and in the Archdiocese of Denver. Learn more about ENDOW at [www.endowonline.org](http://www.endowonline.org).

Because of space restrictions, it was impossible to gather all the women for one Mass. Most Reverend Manuel A. Cruz, D.D. graciously agreed to be the main celebrant for both the English and Spanish Mass.
Rise Up, O Men of God!
Catholic Men’s Conference 2011

By Maureen Srinivasa

Enthusiasm and excitement filled Seton Hall University gym and field house on Saturday, March 5, 2011 as over 2,200 men filled the two large meeting spaces for the parallel English and Spanish tracks.

Gregory Floyd, leader of the People of Hope covenant community, was the Master of Ceremony for the English track. Darrel Miller, former MLB Player and current Director of Urban Youth Academy in California; Chris Godfrey, former NY Giants player and founder and President of Life Athletes, Inc.; Steve Wood, founder of St. Joseph’s Covenant Keepers; and Chris Bell, co-founder of Good Counsel Homes gave inspiring talks. Fr. Mariusz Koch, C.F.R. Community Servant (Fr. Provincial) of the Franciscan Friars of the Renewal led the hour of Adoration which is such an important part of this conference.

Genry Batista, Founder and President of Radio Inmaculada, was the Master of Ceremony for the Spanish track. Rousing talks were given by Paco Gavrilides, Coordinator of Evangelization and of Ministry for Men in the Archdiocese of Detroit; and Luis Alejandro Medina from Telemundo.

Both the English and Spanish track were blessed by the anointed worship music of Tony Melendez. Bilingual Holy Mass was celebrated by Most Reverend Edgar M. da Cunha, S.D.V., D.D.

For more pictures of the conference and to read about it on the new blog site, go to www.rcan.org/menscommission

Sign up table for “A Quick Journey through the Bible” at this year’s Men’s Conference 2011.
**Blessed John Paul II’s Gift to the Church**

**Encyclicals:**

- *Ut Unum Sint*, “On Commitment to Ecumenism” (25 May 1995)
- *Veritatis Splendor*, “The Splendor of Truth” (6 August 1993)
- *Sollicitudo Rei Socialis*, “The Social Concerns of the Church” (30 December 1987)
- *Redemptor Hominis*, “The Redeemer of Man” (4 March 1979)

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Excerpt from

APOSTOLIC LETTER
**NOVO MILLENNIO INEUNTE**
OF HIS HOLINESS
**POPE JOHN PAUL II**
TO THE BISHOPS
CLERGY AND LAY FAITHFUL
AT THE CLOSE
OF THE GREAT JUBILEE OF THE YEAR 2000

**Listening to the Word**
39. There is no doubt that this primacy of holiness and prayer is inconceivable without a renewed *listening to the word of God*. Ever since the Second Vatican Council underlined the pre-eminent role of the word of God in the life of the Church, great progress has certainly been made in devout listening to Sacred Scripture and attentive study of it. Scripture has its rightful place of honour in the public prayer of the Church. Individuals and communities now make extensive use of the Bible, and among lay people there are many who devote themselves to Scripture with the valuable help of theological and biblical studies. But it is above all the work of evangelization and catechesis which is drawing new life from attentiveness to the word of God. Dear brothers and sisters, this development needs to be consolidated and deepened, also by making sure that every family has a Bible. It is especially necessary that listening to the word of God should become a life-giving encounter, in the ancient and ever valid tradition of *lectio divina*, which draws from the biblical text the living word which questions, directs and shapes our lives.

**Proclaiming the Word**
40. To nourish ourselves with the word in order to be "servants of the word" in the work of evangelization: this is surely a priority for the Church at the dawn of the new millennium. Even in countries evangelized many centuries ago, the reality of a "Christian society" which, amid all the frailties which have always marked human life, measured itself explicitly on Gospel values, is now gone. Today we must courageously face a situation which is becoming increasingly diversified and demanding, in the context of "globalization" and of the consequent new and uncertain mingling of peoples and cultures. Over the years, I have often repeated the summons to the *new evangelization*. I do so again now, especially in order to insist that we must rekindle in ourselves the impetus of the beginnings and allow ourselves to be filled with the ardour of the apostolic preaching which followed Pentecost. We must revive in ourselves the burning conviction of Paul, who cried out: "Woe to me if I do not preach the Gospel" (I Cor 9:16).

By Liliana Soto-Cabrera

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Concern for others, dedication to church guided Teaneck woman's every step

Sunday, April 17, 2011
BY JAY LEVIN

The Record

Mary Sause, a selfless servant of church and community, lived her life the way she concluded her e-mails: God bless, and remember to keep your eyes on Jesus and view everyone else through His eyes.

The oldest of five siblings, Miss Sause (pronounced SAUCE) grew up in Teaneck, faithfully attended St. Anastasia R.C. Church there and graduated from Academy of the Holy Angels. She went to college in Montana and then worked in retail, eventually landing in human resources for the Caldor discount chain.

Human resources was a good fit for Miss Sause, who never met a person she didn't want to help, said her brother, Frank Sause.

By the time Caldor went under in the late '90s, Miss Sause was back at the family home, caring for her mom and volunteering as a youth minister at St. Anastasia. She jumped when the Rev. Hilary Milton asked her to work full time.

"Mary had a wonderful way about her," said Milton, now the pastor at St. Cecilia R.C. Church in Englewood. "She had this glowing smile and sunny disposition, and a deep interest in people and their needs."

Miss Sause's role at St. Anastasia quickly expanded. She organized youth trips, drove senior citizens and worked as the parish secretary. Soon she was splitting her time between St. Anastasia and another Carmelite parish, St. Joseph in Bogota.
Four years ago, she became St. Joseph's pastoral associate — the parish's point-person in the community.

Miss Sause took charge of the Discipleship Team, which trains teenagers to pass on their faith to others. She called on the ill. She drove the elderly to medical appointments. And in her signature accomplishment, she overhauled the food pantry.

Before she took over, the food pantry occupied a closet in the church rectory and helped 25 families a month. Miss Sause had a better idea. The convent was vacant; why not use its kitchen and all those empty cabinets, and ramp up contributions?

"Mary proposed it to me and it was a good use for the space. It was a perfect use for the space," said the Rev. Richard Supple, St. Joseph's pastor.

Miss Sause went further. She computerized pantry operations, even noting the food allergies in families receiving provisions. And she aligned St. Joseph's operation with the North Jersey Media Group Foundation's Action Against Hunger food drive.

Today, St. Joseph's pantry feeds 130 families a month, and 180 families get holiday packages.

"Mary was wonderful with people and was able to organize a group of volunteers who give their life to this pantry," said Michele Palladino, St. Joseph's faith formation program coordinator.

"I never met a pastoral associate like her. She worked with teenagers as easily as she worked with 90-years-olds. It didn't matter who you were; she knew how to connect with you."

Miss Sause was diagnosed last summer with mesothelioma, an aggressive cancer caused by the inhalation or ingestion of asbestos fibers. How she was exposed to asbestos is a mystery to her family.

She died Tuesday morning at Hackensack University Medical Center. She was 59.

Hours later, Frank Sause answered the phone at his sister's.

It was an elderly woman. She had old clothes for Mary to pick up and deliver to those in need.
Pentecost Sunday Celebration

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Sunday June 12, 2011
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REV. MARIUSZ KOCH, CFR

Father Mariusz Koch, CFR was ordained for the Archdiocese of Newark in 1969. He served in the Archdiocese as parish priest, vocation director, campus minister at Seton Hall University and rector of the College Seminary. He has an MA in Spiritual Theology from the Angelicum in Rome, Italy.

Father Mariusz has been a member of the Franciscan Friars of the Renewal for fourteen years. In January, 2010 Father Mariusz was elected as the community servant (Father Provincial) of the Friars. His ministries have included post abortion retreats, formation for brothers in temporary vows, priests' missions, priests' retreats and spiritual direction. He lives at Most Blessed Sacrament Friary where there is a center for priests' retreats.

KEVIN McCORMACK

Kevin McCormack is a Deacon with the Diocese of Rockville Centre, assigned to Our Lady of Peace Parish in Lynbrook, NY. He has been involved in Catholic education for over 20 years.

Deacon Kevin is currently principal of Xaverian High School in Brooklyn, NY; an adjunct instructor of Theology at Malloy College and Co-Host of WABC Radio's Sunday morning show, Religion on the Line, with Rabbi Joe Potsnak. He brings the Catholic perspective on various topics in the news, as well as introducing Catholic moral teaching on topics such as abortion, post-abortion healing and various other topics.

Deacon Kevin is married with four children and lives in Long Island, NY.

Kyle A. Beiter, MD

Dr. Kyle A. Beiter is a board certified obstetrician and gynecologist who is associated with “Gianna-The Catholic Healthcare Center for Women” out of St. Peter’s University Hospital in New Brunswick. Dr. Beiter is one of only a handful of fellowship-trained NaPro Technology surgeons in the United States with special training in pelvic reconstructive surgery which forms the cornerstone of the NaPro approach to infertility. He completed his OB/Gyn training in 2008 and his NaPro Technology Fellowship in 2009. Dr. Beiter provides general gynecological services as well as NaPro Technology medical and surgical consultations for the Gianna Center.

Dr. Beiter is a graduate of the Franciscan University of Steubenville and medical graduate of Ohio State University in Columbus, Ohio. He completed his post graduate studies at St. Vincent’s Hospital in Manhattan (New York Medical College), Phoenix Integrated Residency in Obstetrics and Gynecology—Phoenix, AZ where he served as Administrative Chief Resident from 2007-2008. He also completed his Post Graduate Fellowship in Medical and Surgical NaPro Technology at the Pope Paul VI Institute, Omaha Nebraska. Prior to working at the Gianna Center in New Brunswick, Dr. Beiter was the Faculty Attending in the Department of Ob/Gyn at St. Vincent’s Hospital and Medical Center, NY, NY and Medical and Surgical Infertility Consultant at the Gianna Center in NYC.

Dr. Beiter is married to Lisamarie and has 4 young children ages 6 months to 6 years.

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by Brian Butler, Jason Evert, and Colin and Aimee MacIver

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