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Religious Ramblings

Become Yourself in Christ

On the feast of all saints, we celebrate the great multitude of holy men and women, those whom the Church has recognised and the vastly greater number whose names we do not know. The number of canonised saints seems to be increasing dramatically. Pope John Paul II canonised more saints than all previous Popes combined, and now he and Blessed John XXIII are soon to join the swelling number. Isn’t this all a bit exaggerated? Isn’t sanctity becoming a bit too thinly spread? As in Gilbert and Sullivan’s Gondoliers: “when everyone is somebody, then no-one’s anybody”.

No, because sanctity is not a common feature that is shared by lots of people, like being right handed or ginger haired. In the third Eucharistic Prayer we say, ‘You give life to all things and make them holy.’ Holiness is being fully alive, as God created each thing uniquely to be. There are as many ways of being a saint as there are human beings.

This can sound like the common mantra of today: Just be yourself. Even the Girl Guides have changed their promise. They now promise ‘to be true to myself.’ Embrace the inner slob! But here we come across a paradox which is central to the Christian understanding of holiness. We can only really be ourselves, most authentically who we uniquely are, by conforming to Christ. St Paul said ‘it is no longer I who live but it is Christ who lives in me.’ (Galatians 2.20). This does not mean that St Paul’s individuality has been extinguished but that in Christ it comes to complete fruition.

Thomas Merton said to his novices at Gethsemane Abbey: ‘What you came here for is to become yourself, to discover your complete identity, to be you. But the catch is that of course our full identity as monks and Christians is Christ. It is Christ in each of us... I’ve got to become me in such a way that I am the Christ that can only be the Christ in me. There is a Louis Christ [Louis was his name as a monk] that must be brought into existence and hasn’t matured yet. It has a long way to go.’ We need the courage to let go of what might look as if it makes our special – a superiority based on our looks, or intelligence, or amazing skill in Scrabble or whatever – to attain that unique identity in Christ, which is beyond all rivalry and competition.

This is wonderful news for a society in which many people have insecure identities, and for whom celebrities seem to be the only real people. We see them on the TV and so they must be real! If only we could wear what they wear, eat the same food and have the same hair, then we would be real too, perhaps. But these pseudo-identities of the market place, off the peg self images, are illusory.

The film Of gods and men tells the story of a small community of Trappist monks living in Algeria in the 1990s. Slowly they find themselves caught up in the rising tide of violence, caught between the Islamist terrorists and the military. They struggle, together and individually, to discern whether they should stay with the villagers or find safety back home in France. Finally, their separate mental journeys converge in a common decision to stay and share the lot of their Muslim neighbours. When the Prior describes this process shortly before they are murdered, he sees it as a journey towards sanctity, each monk becoming the person he was created to be. He says: ‘I think that each of us discovered that to which Jesus Christ beckons us. It’s to be born. Our identities as men go from one birth to another. And from each birth to birth we’ll end up bringing to the world the child of God that we are. The Incarnation, for us, is to allow the filial reality of Jesus to embody itself in our humanity. The mystery of the Incarnation remains what we are going to live.’

We celebrate the vast throng of saints today, each utterly different; each themselves by being one in Christ.

fr Timothy Radcliffe is a member of the community at Blackfriars, Oxford, and was Master of the Order of Preachers from 1992 to 2001.

Financial Update

Year-To-Date
July 1 - October 28, 2014

Budget 113,368

Actual $104,956

GIFTS AS OF OCTOBER 28, 2014
(Gifts: Pledged, non-restricted and Sunday Collections)
YTD Gifts Budget Shortfall <$8,412>

from our Pastor

RCIA:
Considering becoming Catholic? Haven’t been Confirmed? Or just want an adult perspective on the Catholic Faith? Want to be a sponsor to some on the journey of faith? Why not join the RCIA? Starting October 5th at 2:30 pm in the Rm 301 in Old Union. If the schedule does not work for you, contact me! xavierop@stanford.edu or 415-336-4203

Good News About You!
Gallup has a wonderful book called “Living Your Strengths”, and by using a unique code in the book you can take an online inventory that identifies your top 5 signature talents. Each person is richly blessed. You are using these talents even now, but people often don’t recognize what their talents are and misuse them. With knowledge and practice you can turn those talents into strengths, i.e. near perfect performance. “Strength Finders” is also a wonderful way of learning how to understand and appreciate others.

We would investigate your leadership talents. Everyone is a leader at one time or another. Let’s explore how you can use your talents in leadership. My proposal is simple. I would be willing to conduct in your homes mini-workshops. Gather a small group of permanent community members or just friends, and at a time convenient for your group, I would lead you in taking the inventory and in applying the results. We would meet three or four times, and explore!

Xavier OP, xavierop@stanford.edu or 415-336-4205
**Immaculate Conception Academy,**
An all-girls, College Prep Catholic High School located in the Mission District in San Francisco has implemented a work-study program and is looking for organizations to sponsor their students. Currently, just to cite a few, the girls are working at companies such as GAP, Bank of the West, UCSF, Jones Day Law Firm, Heffernan Insurance Brokers, etc. Nationally this program is already succeeding in 25 other cities coast to coast. A team of 4 students works at an organization to cover one full-time position, rotating work days. For more information please contact Sister Lilly at (415) 824 2052 ext 28 and/or visit ICA’s website at www.icacademy.org

**Sister Ramona -- Here for You:**
How may I be of service? A companion to walk with You:
- Spiritual Direction  -Prayer
- Discernment  -Daily Life ups and downs
- Relationships  -Other
Where?  Old Union, 3rd floor
When? Tuesday 1-5pm; Wednesday 1-5pm, Thursday 1-4pm or by appointment.
How? email: ramonabascom@gmail.com

**Support the Fall Service Team and Eat Baked Goods**
A team of students will be traveling to Las Vegas during the Thanksgiving break, to serve at the St. Therese Center, a ministry that reaches out to people affected by HIV/AIDS. We will help assemble and distribute 400 food boxes to their clients! Participants who have attended in the past have called it “life changing”. Students are paying fees and raising funds to donate to the St. Therese Center. We hope to raise $1,000 to cover the cost of supplies and PIES. Would you consider supporting the team with your prayers and if you feel called, by providing a donation? Also, check out our Bake Sale happening after all the Masses next week, November 9. Contact Lourdes, lalonso@stanford.edu for more information.

**Newman Nights:**
Tuesday, November 11 7:30pm Join us for our next Newman Night, “Is God a Democrat or a Republican (or Independent)?: The Hebrew Bible on the Justice Question,” with guest speaker David Pleins from Santa Clara University. Newman Nights is a program designed to form the faith of the Catholic Community at Stanford University. All members of the community are invited. Sessions generally consist of a forty-five minute presentation on the breadth and depth of Catholic Theology, followed by break-out groups for further reflection. We meet in the Common Room located on the 3rd floor of Old Union.

**Korean Catholic Community At Stanford (KC@S):**
KC@S (/ka:s/) is a Korean catholic community at Stanford consisting of a number of Korean under/grad students, post-docs and community members at Stanford. During the academic year, we have a Friday night prayer meeting with various topics and activities to deepen our faith in addition to a weekly lunch gathering. New students and summer visitors are all welcome to join us. For more information, contact Kyoungjin at kjlee99@stanford.edu.

**Reading Group:**
Our next meeting will be on Monday Nov. 17th at 7:30 at the Gelpis’ house on campus; 870 Tolman Drive. We will discuss Pulitzer Prize winner Marilynne Robinson’s recently published novel “Lila,” available in bookstores and as a Kindle book. All are welcome to join the conversation “Lila” is the third and last of a trilogy of novels— along with “Gilead” and “Home”— by Robinson.

**ESTEEM:**
Engage your Faith as a Leader in the Catholic Church. ESTEEM (Engaging Students to Enliven the Ecclesial Mission) is looking for new members who desire to learn what it takes to be a leader inside and outside of the Catholic Church. By focusing on our Catholic theological traditions and the example of Christ leading his disciples, ESTEEM teaches its members how to be disciples focused on leadership at both Stanford and in the real world. ESTEEM meets Tuesday nights in the Sanctuary on the third-floor of Old Union. Please contact Lourdes Alonso, lalonso@stanford.edu.

**Discernment Day:**
Are you seeking for Truth? Are you yearning for the infinite and for happiness? Christ is the Answer! Come and See! During the Year of Consecrated Life, the Dominican Nuns of Corpus Christi Monastery located at 215 Oak Avenue in Menlo Park, CA will host a Discernment Day for young women on January 17, 2015. RSVP by January 12th or for more information contact Sr. Joseph Marie O.P. at vocations@nunsmenlo.org or visit our website at nunsmenlo.org/vocation-discernment-day-january-2015. The day begins with Mass at 8:00 a.m. followed by Divine Office, Rosary, Conferences, and much more given by our Dominican nuns and friars.

**Interested in Missions to Hong Kong?**
Do you feel God calling you to serve as a lay missionary in Asia? Are you interested in the challenge of living in a diverse foreign culture to share the beauty of your faith and relationship with Jesus Christ, and to touch others’ lives in a profound and meaningful way? The St. Francis Xavier Lay Missionary Society is currently recruiting Catholic laity who are interested in serving as lay missionaries for a year in Hong Kong and other parts of Asia through a diverse ministry of evangelization, faith formation and social justice. Our upcoming mission in Hong Kong begins in Fall 2015. Application deadline is: April 10th, 2015. Summer formation program begins June 19th. Apply online at: www.laymissionary.org/apply or contact Tricia at: (650) 260-3799 or tricia@laymissionary.org

**Dinner at Bierhaus:**
Tues. Nov. 18th at 7:30PM, 383 Castro St., Mountain View The Young Adult group meets for its monthly social gathering. Please confirm your attendance on our Facebook Page “Young Adult Circle” or contact us at yacircle@gmail.com.
Sunday, November 2, 2014

All Souls Day on Nov. 2 is a day when we pray for deceased souls. These prayers may be general in nature or they may involve specific members of our families and our faith communities, including perhaps physically visiting the graves of our family members. On All Saints Day, we acknowledge the presence of those who have departed this life. Today, we recognize and honor them to an even greater extent. To practice stewardship completely we need to be aware of our personal families and our faith families. Just prior to today’s Gospel reading Jesus reminds us that “I am the bread of life.” Seven times in Holy Scripture, Jesus states, “I am…” followed by various statements which allow us to grasp more fully what He is and what He has done for us. Bread is considered one of those essentials “for life.” Jesus is reminding us that He is essential for life, for eternal life. Jesus is not speaking of the physical life on this earth, but about “eternal life.” It is that hope which allows us to trust in Him by living stewardship. This past June at Mass, Pope Francis said, “He Himself is the living bread that gives life to the world.” Let us embrace that hope.

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Questions about this or stewardship ministry in general? Please contact M’Lis Berry at meberry@stanford.edu

Spaghetti Dinners:
Thursdays 5:15pm.
Join us Thursday for our weekly Spaghetti Dinners. Come feast on pasta and meet new friends every Thursday at 5:15pm. We meet in the Common Room of Old Union located on the 3rd floor.

Catholicism 101:
Grad students are invited to Catholicism 101, a forum for graduate students and young adults that fosters community and open discussion. Join us on Monday nights this quarter from 7-8:30pm for dinner and discussions. More information will be available in the weekly email. Let us know if you would like to be added to the grad email list by contacting Lourdes at lalonso@stanford.edu.

Volunteer Opportunities

St. Anthony’s Padua Dining Room
The CCAS is committed to serving the needy and homeless at St. Anthony’s Padua Dining Room in Menlo Park. If you are interested in volunteering on Saturday, Nov. 22 from 8:30 - 1 PM or a subset thereof, please contact gary.glover@stanford.edu to discuss and/or have a volunteer position reserved for you. We serve every first and fourth Saturday of the month, so plan ahead and let Gary know at least by the Wednesday before. You shall not lose what God has given you, when you volunteer at St. A’s.

Volunteer to Bake for our Bake Sale
Do you love to bake? You can make baked goods for the Fall Service Team Bake Sale. We need donations of all sorts of baked goods, like cookies, cupcakes and brownies. All treats are welcome, bring your baked goods to Mass on Sunday, November 9. Contact Lourdes at lalonso@stanford.edu to let her know what you are able to bring.

Volunteers Needed – Family Giving Tree – Christmas Toys for Needy Children Drive:
It is that time of the year again to begin recruiting volunteers for the Family Giving Tree (FGT) warehouse activity of rowing, sorting, shopping and bagging of Christmas Toys for needy children. This year we have two scheduled volunteer timeslots on Saturday, December 13th from 6:00PM – 8:00pm and Sunday, December 14th from 9:00am – 11:00am. The location of the FGT warehouse is to be determined. I will notify all volunteers as soon as I hear from FGT with the warehouse location. Volunteer slots fill quickly so please contact Peter Barling (peter_barling@hotmail.com) to reserve a volunteer slot(s) or for more information.
I believe in God, the Father almighty, Creator of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried; he descended into hell; on the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of God, the Father almighty; from there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting. Amen.

Jesus rejects no one who come to him. Everyone who believes in the Son will have eternal life and be raised up on the last day.
I am Resurrection and I am Life, says the Lord.
Those who believe in me,
Even though they die, will live.
And everyone who lives and believes in me will never die.

For I know that my Redeemer lives
And at the last will stand upon the earth.
And though worms destroy the body,
Yet in my flesh shall I see God,
Whom I shall see and my eyes behold.

None of us lives alone,
And none of us dies alone.
For if we live, we live in the Lord;
And if we die, we die in the Lord.
So then, whether we live or die,
We are the Lord’s.
Happy from now on are those who die in the Lord,
 Says the Spirit.
For they rest.
Rest in peace.

Communion 4:30  Pie Jesu  A. Lloyd Weber

Pie Jesu, pie Jesu, pie Jesu, pie Jesu
Qui tollis peccata mundi
Dona eis requiem, dona eis requiem
Pie Jesu, pie Jesu, pie Jesu, pie Jesu
Qui tollis peccata mundi
Dona eis requiem, dona eis requiem
Agnus Dei, Agnus Dei, Agnus Dei, Agnus Dei
Qui tollis peccata mundi
Dona eis requiem, dona eis requiem
Sempiternam, Sempiternam, Requiem.

Merciful Jesus, merciful Jesus, merciful Jesus, merciful Jesus
Father, who takes away the sins of the world
Grant them rest, grant them rest
Merciful Jesus, merciful Jesus, merciful Jesus, merciful Jesus
Father, who takes away the sins of the world
Grant them rest, grant them rest
Lamb of God, Lamb of God, Lamb of God, Lamb of God
Father, who takes away the sins of the world
Grant them rest, grant them rest everlasting everlasting rest.

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parish or in the Diocese of San José, please contact: EthicsPoint: dsj.
ethicspoint.com or hotline telephone number 1-888-325-7863. Teresa
Conville, 408-983-0241 or email:tconville@dsj.org.

Women’s Discernment Retreat:
Is God calling you to consider consecrated life as a Dominican
Sister of Mission San José? You are invited to our RELIGIOUS
LIFE DISCERNMENT RETREAT: Nov. 7-9, 2014 (Fri.
6pm - Sun. 2pm) with the Dominican Sisters of MSJ at 43326
Mission Blvd., Fremont, CA 94539-5829 (For single, Catholic
msjdominicans.org. For more information call Sister Marcia
Krause @510-502-5797.