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The Riches of Catholic Family Life

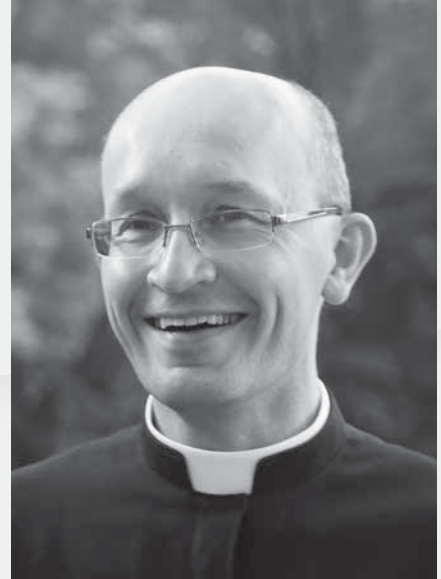
Certain vocations lend themselves to the single life, like education, healthcare, and missionary work. Indeed, in the order of redemption, the soul has a mission and relationship with God before the masculine and feminine aspect. Whatever our state in life, the most important thing is our spiritual life. Nobility and status consist primarily in intimacy with God.

This being said, the founding of a family is still the common lot of those facing life-long decisions. In the face of a society unsure of itself and unconcerned with defending the family, today's youth can experience the bitter taste of married couples

suffering spiritually because of God's absence in their lives. By contrast, true Christian couples make Him reign in family life with the blessings inseparable from His presence.

What did God have in mind when He created our first parents? How, by raising their children, can married couples achieve that intimate union with God? No marriage is perfect; no family is ever going to be a carbon copy of the Holy Family of Nazareth. Yet, along with the inevitable tears and crosses, no couple may doubt that God grants numerous blessings and profound joys to those faithful to His law.

Letter from the District Superior



Dear Friends,

It is my pleasure to offer you once more a short survey of our apostolate through the window of the *Regina Coeli Report*. This time, we are bringing families to the forefront, just as we do at the end of our daily Rosary for our faithful with the invocation: "O Lord, grant us many holy Catholic families!"

This theme is going to be very... *familiar* to all of you (pun intended). As time goes on, we cannot help but realize how Christian families are the building blocks of healthy societies. Allow me to simply echo our founder, Archbishop Lefebvre, who called for a crusade of the families 40 years ago in his Jubilee sermon:

"There is no greater gift the Good God can bestow upon your hearths than to have many children. Have big families; it is the glory of the Catholic Church! It has been so in Canada, it has been so in Holland, it has been so in Switzerland and it has been so in France—everywhere the large family was the joy and prosperity of the Church. There are that many more chosen souls for Heaven! Therefore do not limit, I beg you, the gifts of God; do not listen to these abominable slogans which destroy the family, which ruin health, which ruin the household, and provoke divorce.

And if it is necessary, yes, you yourselves will make the school for your children. If the schools should corrupt your children, what are you going to do? Deliver them to the corrupters? Rather that your children be poor—that they be removed from this apparent science that the world possesses—but that they be good children, Christian children, Catholic children, who love their holy religion, who love to pray, and who love to work; children who love the earth which the Good God has made.

Finally, a crusade as well for heads of families. You who are the head of your household, you have a grave responsibility in your countries. You must fight at the time of elections in order that you may have Catholic mayors, Catholic representatives..."

May we all, individually and within our families, continue this fight today.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jürgen Wegner".

Fr. Jürgen Wegner



Quiet Heroism

I have had the opportunity to observe a number of families who have quietly, modestly, persistently, and effectively managed to navigate the challenges of being fully Catholic in a culture that does not support it, and at times attempts to actively suppress it. Interestingly, most of these individuals are well respected in their communities and seen as upright citizens contributing to the common good. What are they doing to be so quietly heroic?

The parents of these families, I would say, from the perspective of natural science, are resilient, assertive Catholic men and women. They are resilient in the face of cultural pressures to not be so obviously Catholic, and when confronting those challenging life events that beset all of us humans, they remain Catholic in addressing

them. In the home, there especially, the parents are assertive regarding how their family will live their lives. Their parental recipe consists of an active, energetic approach, balancing firm insistence on certain standards of behavior with a flexible compassion for the defects that all humans possess. I have summarized the aspects of the heroic parental approach in the following ten points.

Many parents find it difficult to manage keeping the Christian view of life in raising children in the context of a dysfunctional society, while resisting the “victim mentality” syndrome.



1. Know and constantly explain the principles and reasons for your decisions, not simply the rule that is being followed. For this, you need to know your own Faith and attend to your own spiritual life.
2. Be an assertive parent. Know and filter what comes into your home. Know and guide what your children do outside of the home. Support and challenge family members to be Catholic when they go out into the world. Set limits. State clearly what you need from children and kindly, gently, firmly insist on it.
3. Have high expectations for your children and for yourself. Children mostly live up (or down) to the expectations that they believe the important people have for them. So do adults.
4. Aspire for your children to be good people. Hoping that they will just be happy, is setting the bar too low.
5. Be a role model of striving for virtue and holiness.
6. Be humble. Once you have a good grasp on who you are and how you fit in God's world, in all honesty you will have to be humble.
7. Do not insist upon everyone acknowledging that you are right.
8. Sacrifice. If you are to live in a Catholic family, it is given that you will sacrifice money, time, creature comforts, *etc.* You might as well embrace it.
9. Be willing to ask for help, and open to being guided.
10. Allow trusted others to help you raise children.

– Randy Flanery, M.D.





Fioretti of a Catholic Family

How would you describe the family as designed by God?

One man and one woman united in sacred matrimony through the Church, with the children God gives them.

It is a greenhouse, which gives temporary protection to the fruit of the marital union.

A family is a (pale) reflection of the Holy Trinity. While it is one, it is three. The Dad reflects the Father (as pro-creator and ruler). The children reflect the Son (furthering the parents' plan through obedience). The Mother in a special way reflects the Holy Ghost (sanctifying and fortifying the work).

How would you define a successful family? How is it achieved?

A family is successful when the parents sanctify each other and raise their children in the Faith. This is achieved through charity, patience, and respect, which demand much energy and endurance. It also requires mutual trust and an unwavering commitment to the indissolubility of the sacramental





bond of matrimony. This is best achieved by the “togetherness” of the family. Enjoying dinner together at the same table, and at the same time; sitting together at the same Sunday Mass, and in the same pew.

What is the most important thing your family is in need of?

Virtuous examples of exemplary parents. So many families around us are struggling in their own way.

A stronger spiritual life. It takes so much energy to observe our formal duties in the present cultural and ecclesiastical crisis that we often don’t adequately internalize our calling to love Our Lord and honor His saints. In the battle, we don’t always experience the full spiritual fruits of what they should bring.

Trust in authority. Since members of the Church hierarchy have proven untrustworthy in recent decades, many traditional Catholics struggle to find the proper balance in trusting parents, pastors, and others. And without that filial trust, parents are in the fog to get answers to crucial religious and family questions.

What was the turning point in your family life which changed things for the better?

Communication had been lacking throughout our courtship. As a couple we essentially had to relearn how to communicate. As we grew in our Faith, we learned our respective roles as husband and wife and, later on, as father and mother.

#1: the day we were married; #2: the day we were blessed with our first through 10th child; #3: the day the husband was laid off from his job and had to re-examine his career and life choices.

Without a doubt, the turning point occurred when we rejected the current culture. Abandoning the two-wage-earner family model, cutting the television cord, dressing appropriately, praying the Rosary daily, and putting a higher priority on our final end rather than on material things—these things made all the difference in our marriage.



How do you envisage the ideal situation of children growing up in this day and age?

I think it is essential to be part of a Catholic community. I do not mean this in an exclusionary sense, *i.e.*, live, work, and play only with traditional Catholics. That inward looking, walled-off-from-the-world approach would be more of a ghetto than a community.

A few of the elements of an ideal Catholic community are a church, a school, and a social life that does not constantly threaten to subvert your Faith. A church with priests available in order to have ready access to the sacraments and to daily Mass. A school to prepare our youth to be Catholic in thought, word and deed, as well as to become a competent member of our society. A social life with recreation, friendships, mutual support, and people willing to challenge us to get back to the true way when we start to wander off. Relationships with people who want the best for us instead of constantly dangling before us the bright, shiny objects of a materialistic, hedonistic existence that could seduce us away from what is fundamental and eternally important.



Any last words of encouragement to young families?

Implement a good day-to-day structure. Never fail to pray the daily Rosary as a family! Be generous with God who, in return, will be generous with His graces. Stay focused on your marriage vows. Avoid rash judgment of each other or of the children.

Although our society has passed the “tipping point” and a collapse seems inevitable, in the end, all that matters is your salvation and that of your children. Thanks to Our Lord’s sacrifice on Calvary, that is still possible, and in the end that is all that matters.

Although families struggle more than ever, God’s graces are also more than sufficient. Families must go to the source of grace to obtain the strength for the battle. Whether that means making sacrifices to afford a good Catholic school, or traveling long distances for Mass, or moving next to a school, these efforts will be repaid a thousand-fold.





The Holy Name Society at St. Anthony of Padua in North Caldwell, NJ with their Pastor, Fr. Carl Sulzen.

On June 17, 2018 Fr. Louis Alessio, returned to St. Anthony of Padua Church in North Caldwell, NJ, where he celebrated his silver jubilee to the sacred priesthood of Our Lord Jesus Christ. Fr. Alessio was a parishioner of St. Anthony's (then under Fr. Paul Wickens).



May Crowning and First Communion at The Child Jesus Church in Pittston, PA.



The Magnificat Theater Company's production of *A Little Night Singing: A Broadway Revue* was performed by members of St. Vincent de Paul Parish (Kansas City, MO) at the H&R Block City Stage at Union Station on June 29, 30, and July 1.



The Blessed Sacrament is incensed at an altar outside the chapel during the Corpus Christi procession in St. Louis, MO. The procession was held following the 40 hours devotion, which was held from the feast of Corpus Christi, May 31, until the following Saturday.



The Santa Fe Pilgrimage is a 33-mile walk to the Padilla Cross situated just outside of Lyons, KS. During this year's event, pilgrims carried a 14-foot-long "penance pole" inscribed with the prayer intentions of family, friends and parishioners.



A Nativity Play was presented by the youth of The Child Jesus Church in Pittston, PA, directed by the parents and complete with live violin & flute performed by the children.

Fr. Adam Purdy recently led a pilgrimage to Our Lady of Buen Suceso of the Purification in Quito, Ecuador. Each day, the pilgrims took to the streets of Quito for a dawn procession to various religious communities and churches.



A plaque recalling the assassination of President Gabriel Garcia Moreno on August 6, 1875.

The cathedral in Quito, Ecuador. In the background can be seen the Virgin of the Apocalypse: a 45-meter-tall stone monument of the Blessed Virgin Mary on a pedestal atop the Panecillo (a 200-meter-high hill of volcanic origin). It was made of 7,000 pieces of aluminum by Spanish artist Agustín de la Herrán Matorras.

Among the most notable relics kept in the Cathedral of Quito, the body of the Holy Child Urcisino, martyr of the Christian persecution. This sacred body was a gift from Pope Pius IX to President Garcia Moreno as proof of recognition and gratitude to Ecuador for having been the only state that had formally protested the violent deprivation to the pontificate of its territorial possessions in Rome.





The Benedictine Monks of Silver City, NM, visited St. Anthony of Padua in North Caldwell, NJ where they sang the Gregorian chant for the Mass and gave a presentation on the expansion of the Monastery and the foundation of the Benedictine Sisters.



International Pilgrimages

Catholic Treasures of Belgium, Germany & Holland

September 28 – October 7, 2018

Join Fr. Jürgen Wegner, USA SSPX District Superior, on this one-of-a-kind journey to discover and marvel at the Catholic treasures of Belgium, Germany, and Holland. Fr. Wegner was born and raised in Germany, and was District Superior of the Netherlands and Belgium. His extensive knowledge of the Catholic heritage of this European region will be an invaluable asset during the pilgrimage. Visit the sites in Beauraing and Banneux, where Our Lady appeared in 1933. Render homage to the Three Magi, St. Albert, St. Ursula, and the seven Maccabean brothers in Cologne. In Bruges, pray before a relic of Our Lord's Blood collected by St. Joseph of Arimathea. Also visit Brussels, Aachen, Ghent, Maatricht, and more!

The Way of St. James (last 70 miles) April 2 - 11, 2019

Take advantage of this unique opportunity to walk the Camino de Santiago de Compostela in Spain with fellow traditional Catholics. Walk 70 miles in six days, passing through charming villages that have seen Camino pilgrims since the 10th century. Have your Camino passport stamped along the way, earn your "Compostela" certificate, and gain countless graces. Begin the trip in Sarria, then walk to Portomarín, Palas de Rei, Melide, Arzúa, Pedrouzo, and finish in Santiago de Compostela. There will be an escort and transportation support during the pilgrimage. Accompanied by Fr. Scott Graves. Space is limited to 30 pilgrims.

Youth Pilgrimage

May 31 - June 11, 2019

Join the annual Youth Pilgrimage, this time traveling to Germany, Belgium, Holland, and France. Visit Cologne, Aachen, Maastricht, Brussels, Bruges, and Paris before joining thousands of pilgrims on the 3-day SSPX walk from Chartres to Paris. For youth between 18 and 35 years of age. Accompanied by an SSPX priest.

Marian Pilgrimage to Central Europe

June 3 - 14, 2019

Visit the Marian shrines of Austria, Hungary, Croatia, Slovenia, and Germany! Join this unique 12-day pilgrimage and render homage to Our Lady of Mariazell, Our Lady of Gyor, St. Stephen King of Hungary, Our Lady of Bistrice, St. Wolfgang, Our Lady of Altotting, St. Clement Mary Hofbauer, and many more! Visit Melk Abbey and enjoy a cruise on the Danube river. Accompanied by an SSPX priest.

The Holy Land & Jordan

September 16 - 27, 2019

Meditate and pray at the sites where Our Lord lived, taught, and suffered, while also visiting biblical sites in Jordan. Take advantage of this 11-day semi-retreat to increase your knowledge and love for Our Lord. Visit Jerusalem, Bethlehem, Nazareth, Ein Karem, the Sea of Galilee, Cana, Petra, Mount Nebo, Jerash, and much more! Accompanied by Fr. Paul Robinson, professor at Holy Cross Seminary in Australia. Space is limited to 40 pilgrims.

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U.S. Pilgrimages

19th Annual Mother Cabrini Pilgrimage August 17 - 18, 2018

A 50-mile pilgrimage from the St. Isidore's Church, Watkins, CO, to Mother Frances Cabrini's shrine of Golden, CO. This spiritual journey takes place over a 2-day period and begins and ends with the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass. The pilgrimage lends itself to confession, spiritual direction, meditations, group rosary, and more. To register online go to www.saintisidore.org/Cabrini_2018.html or for more information contact Glen Ocana at 303-875-5463.

Auriesville Pilgrimage of Tradition September 8, 2018

Join us on the 25th Anniversary of the SSPX making this penitential trek venerating the North American Martyrs. The 10-mile walk covers the grounds where St. Isaac Jogues and Companions were beaten and cruelly tortured by the Iroquois and Mohawk Indians. These glorious saints were subjected to indescribable tortures before being put to death. For information, please visit www.sspxridgefield.com.

Starkenburg Pilgrimage October 18-20, 2018

In 1852, German immigrants settling along the Missouri River built the first log building for a statue of Our Lady, whom they named the "Welsse dame" or the "White lady." The theme for this year is "Restoration of all families in the Sacred Heart." Join us on a one or three-day pilgrimage totaling 40 miles along the Katy trail, camping along the way. Shuttle assistance provided. For more information, please contact Megan Spencer at farleyspencers@yahoo.com or 816-668-4146.

Upcoming Retreats

Men:

Aug 6-11	Ignatian	Ridgefield, CT
Aug 31-Sep 3	3.5 Day Virtues	Phoenix, AZ
Oct 8-13	Ignatian	Phoenix, AZ
Oct 22-27	Ignatian	Los Gatos, CA
Nov 12-17	Marian	Ridgefield, CT
Nov 28-Dec 1	3 Day Ignatian	Los Gatos, CA

Women:

Sep 17-22	Ignatian	Phoenix, AZ
Oct 15-20	Ignatian	Ridgefield, CT
Nov 12-17	Ignatian	Los Gatos, CA
Dec 12-15	3 Day Ignatian	Los Gatos, CA

Mixed:

Oct 24-27, 2018 3.5 Day Matrimony Phoenix, AZ

Dates subject to change. For more information please contact:
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Eucharistic Crusade

Monthly Intentions

August:

To make amends for blasphemies against the Immaculate Heart of Mary



O my Jesus, I offer this for love of Thee, for the conversion of sinners, and in reparation for the sins committed against the Immaculate Heart of Mary. Amen.

September:

For the youth and for Catholic schools

O God, we pray and beseech Thee to guide and protect our youth from the dangers that are ever present in our world today. Grant them the courage and strength to make the right decisions as they journey through life. Through the power of the Holy Ghost, may they come to know Thee better and love Thee more. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

E-mail: eucharistic-crusade@sspx.org

Confirmation Schedule 2018

Chapel	Date	Bishop
Madison, WI	Sept 28	Tissier de Mallerais
St. Cloud, MN	Sept 29	Tissier de Mallerais
St. Paul, MN	Sept 30	Tissier de Mallerais
San Jose, CA	Oct 5	Tissier de Mallerais
Arcadia, CA	Oct 6	Tissier de Mallerais
Colton, CA	Oct 7	Tissier de Mallerais
Pittsburgh, PA	Oct 21	Tissier de Mallerais
Anchorage, AK	Oct 23	Tissier de Mallerais
Phoenix, AZ	Dec 1	Tissier de Mallerais
Albuquerque, NM	Dec 2	Tissier de Mallerais

Dates to Remember

Mark your calendars! The Angelus Press Conference in Kansas City, MO will take place October 12 - 14, 2018. This year's theme is "50 Years Since *Humanae Vitae*" and features keynote speaker Bishop Bernard Fellay.

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