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## A CALL TO ARMS - REVISITED

by Arch Tunnell

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

This is an article that I wrote for "Family Matters" four years ago. I do this because of several events that have occurred recently. Today I received an article from "LIFEWORKS OHIO" telling about Miller Brewing Company using it's logo in an obscene ad of the Last Supper. The Miller Brewing Company is sponsoring the "Folsom Street Fair" which is a sadomasochistic, anti-Christian homosexual parade which includes full nudity and public sex acts. The Miller Brewing Company at first said it would pull it's logo but hasn't done so yet and has refused to withdraw it's sponsorship of the event. The "Catholic League has called for a boycott of the Miller Brewing Company. Sounds like a good idea. Many of the new TV shows are truly anti-family & anti-Christian, yet they stay on the air. A year ago a simple cartoon about Muhammad set the world ablaze because the Moslems took affront to the cartoon. Where is the Christian outrage to all that is directed against Jesus and His Church. When will the Church of Jesus Christ finally say "ENOUGH" and start to take some action.

#### A CALL TO ARMS

When we read the headlines these days, it becomes more and more evident that we are engaged in a Spiritual battle. The media proclaims it every day. We need to take time to reflect on that battle - a battle that all Christians have waged since the earliest days of the church, but that is even more acute today. We should be sickened by what is happening in our country against the Church, the body of Christ. The family is being assaulted from every direction. What can we do to become more involved in this battle and fight for the Lord?

First and foremost we must be informed about what is going on. If we continue to sit in our pews and take no action, the enemy will continue to assault us. I just read a paper published by an organization called "Operation Save America" and in that paper it talked about how our Supreme Court has made six rulings that have greatly affected the Church of Jesus Christ. Let me list them for you: (From "Operation Save America")

- 1. Engle vs. Vitale (1962) The Supreme Court silenced the prayers of our children in the public schools of America. Since this ruling, untold devastation has come upon our children, our families, our schools, and our nation.
- 2. Abington vs. Schempp (1963) The Supreme Court removed the Bible from the education of our children in public schools.

The knowledge of God was replaced with metal detectors, condoms, drugs, and violence of unprecedented magnitude.

3. Roe vs. Wade (1973) - The Supreme Court removed the humanity and person hood of the unborn. With

one stroke of a pen, the laws that once protected the most vulnerable among us were struck down and it became open season to kill precious babies in the wombs of their mothers. Our nation is defiled, and the innocent blood of our children cries out to God for vengeance.

- 4. Stone vs. Graham (1980) The Supreme Court stripped the Ten Commandments from the walls of our public classrooms, removing the foundation upon which the moral, legal, and ethical freedoms of America rest.
- 5. Planned Parenthood vs. Casey (1992) The Supreme Court reiterated the lie of the serpent in the Garden (Genesis 3) that man can become as God. It declared that man can determine his own reality, standards, and meanings apart from the objective truth of Almighty God. The majority opinion stated "At the heart of liberty is the right to define one's own concept of existence, of meaning of the universe, and the mystery of human life."
- 6. Lawrence vs. Texas (2003) The Supreme Court ruled, on June 26, 2003, in this decision that there is a constitutional right to homosexual sodomy. In one fell swoop, this court threw out God, His law, over 4,000 years of history, and it's own past precedent, to declare sodomy, in all of its perverse forms, a constitutional right in America. Even though in Leviticus 18:22 it says "You shall not lie with a male as with a woman. It is an abomination."

The logical question is what can we do about all these things? As I first stated, become informed about them. We as a Church must also repent for sitting in our pews and not getting involved while these things were happening. Next, it you have a computer, visit some web sites that are involved in the Spiritual battle. Our mission in FCJC is to evangelize, lead individuals and families to Christ and to

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#### Call to Arms

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protect & promote family life as God intended it. Just as Nehemiah was called to rebuild the wall, God has given FCJC the task of rebuilding family life and God has blessed our efforts in this task. However, I truly believe that He is asking us to look at the different areas that are facing the family. Perhaps God is speaking to you about all the explicit sex on the TV. Maybe, He is asking some of us to call the local station and complain about that, or maybe to write the sponsors of those shows and tell them we aren't going to buy their product because they are sponsoring a show that is detrimental to the morals of family life. Perhaps the Lord is speaking to you about the abortion issue.

Tom Raddell is one of our members and has a pro-life ministry and I'm sure that there is something all of us can do to help him (see "The Vigil" below). I truly feel that the Lord is calling us to widen our scope of family life and all the ways that the evil one is attacking it. Brothers and Sisters, it is time for us to take a stand for families and for God's Kingdom. We must become people of courage and fortitude. We must make the Word of God our Sword and stand up for the truth, even when it won't make us the most popular people around. We must know our faith, read the Catechism, know what the Church teaches.

Finally we must become great prayer warriors. Brothers and Sisters, the Lord is calling us to arms, are we ready to answer the call.

### THE VIGIL

Sponsored by Tom Raddell & LifeLink

"Could you not pray with me" Mark 14:37

Jesus knew He would be condemned to die. He asked His friends to hold a vigil with Him. Join us for one hour or 24 hours as we cry out to God for mercy on the innocent unborn children who are condemned to die, and for our nation. Come to 12000 Shaker Boulevard, Friday, Oct 12, 12:00 Noon until Saturday, October 13, 12:00 Noon. We will be there in a spirit of prayer, fasting and repentance, For more information call LifeLink at 216-548-4444.

## Gathering Reminder

November Set-Up: Powall & Roach
November Clean-up: Tunnell & Youth

November Greeters: Rihtar

December Set-Up: Kristanc & McIlroy
December Clean-up: Federico & DelValle

December Greeters: Bennett

Questions? Please call Bob Perusek @ (216) 731-5531

#### NOVEMBER GATHERING

The FCJC Youth Group will be hosting the November Gathering.

Don't miss it...bring your young (and older) family members and friends!

#### DECEMBER GATHERING

## Dr. Ray Guarendi



Dr. Ray Guarendi will be our guest at the December 6th Gathering at St. Williams and will speak on the topic "Why Be Catholic".

Dr. Ray Guarendi is a father of 10, clinical psychologist, author, public speaker and radio host. His radio

shows are "On Call™ with Dr. Ray and Friends" and "The Doctor Is In". Dr. Ray's experience includes school districts, Head Start programs, mental health centers, substance abuse programs, inpatient psychiatric centers, juvenile courts, and a private practice. Dr. Ray has been a regular guest on national radio and television, including Oprah, Joan Rivers, Scott Ross Prime Time, 700 Club, Gordon Elliot, and CBS This Morning. He's appeared on regional radio and television shows in over 40 states and Canada. He has been the program psychologist for Cleveland's Morning Exchange, Pittsburgh 2-Day, and AM Indiana. He has written several books, including Discipline That Lasts a Lifetime, You're a Better Parent Than You Think!, now in its twenty-fifth printing, Back to the Family, and his newest book, Good Discipline, **Great Teens.** 

Don't miss the December Gathering and please feel free to bring family and friends who could benefit from Dr. Ray's widsom and insight.

Please send Families Matter articles/contributions & advertisements to Debbie Finomore preferably by e-mail to deb@finomore.com or mail to 12115 Burlington Glen, Chardon OH 44024.

## The Message of Fatima

"If my people who are called by my name humble themselves, and pray and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and will forgive their sins and heal their land." II Chronicles 7:14

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Ninety years ago, the Blessed Mother appeared in Fatima to three shepherd children. Through a series of six apparitions from May 13 through October 13, the Blessed Virgin Mary invited all mankind to prayer conversion, consecration and reparation.

Growing up in the 40's and 50's I remember most Catholic families strived to live the Fatima message and prayed the rosary daily. I even remember the rosary being prayed on the radio at 7:00 pm nightly. Times have certainly changed, but the message of Fatima and the power of the Rosary have not. They are even more important today. I am sure that your heart, like mine, is grieved as we daily see and hear of the many shocking blasphemies uttered against our Lord Jesus and against the Blessed Virgin Mary. How much we ourselves and our nation are in need of God's mercy.

Most of us are familiar with the Fatima message, but it is always good to hear, once again, what Mary's message contained and the importance of living it. So, I would briefly like to share what occurred in Fatima, Portugal in 1917.

Through three small shepherd children, Our Lady spoke to the whole world, "Do not offend the Lord Our God any more, because He is already so much offended" She asked for personal conversion, the daily rosary for world peace, prayers and sacrifices for sinners who have no one to pray for them, and reparation to the Eucharistic Heart of Jesus and the Immaculate Heart of Mary. The Blessed Mother warned, "if my requests are heeded, Russia will be converted, and there will be peace; if not she will spread her errors throughout the world, causing wars and persecutions of the Church. The good will have much to suffer, and various nations will be annihilated."

However, she prophesied, "In the end my Immaculate Heart will triumph. Mary also promised special graces at the hour of death to all who on the first Saturday of five consecutive months; go to confession and receive Holy Communion, recite five decades of the Rosary and keep her company for 15 minutes by meditating on the mysteries of the Rosary, all with the intention of making reparation to her Immaculate Heart.

The late great Pope John Paul II said the following in Fatima on May 13, 1982 and in Vatican City on May 15, 1991: "The evangelical call to repentance and conversion, uttered in the Mother's Fatima message, remains ever relevant. It is still more relevant than it was sixty-five years ago, still more urgent. Mary's message at Fatima can be synthesized in these clear, initial words of Christ: *The kingdom of God is at hand. Repent, and believe in the Gospel*" (Mark 1:15)

I think we probably would all agree with John Paul II. We are living in very turbulent and evil times. Blasphemy is rampant, God's law is transgressed, our future is clouded

by terrorism, broken families, and the grave sin of abortion - the killing of our own children.

What is the solution to so many problems? At Fatima the Blessed Mother said: "You shall obtain all you ask of me by the recitation of the rosary." The rosary is a powerful prayer of the Gospel and weapon against evil. If anyone is not in the habit of praying the rosary perhaps this October 7, the Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary, is a good time to begin. Let us join together as we pray for an end to abortion, for peace in the world, for personal conversion, for conversion of sinners who have no one to pray for them, and for the conversion of our country.

The rosary has always been a powerful instrument of conversion. Saint Louis de Montfort testified that the rosary "has power to convert even the most hardened hearts." Saint Alponsus Liguori said, "The walls of Jericho did not collapse more quickly at the trumpet call of Joshua than false teachings disappear after the earnest praying of the rosary." The rosary has brought deliverance to those facing illness and natural disasters and according to Saint Pio, "it is like a great sword that Mary puts into the hands of her children to defend themselves against the evil one." What more do we need to see the value of the rosary and living the Fatima message?

Finally, Brother and Sisters, I want to encourage and exhort each and every one of us to make our voices heard and publicly take a stand for our faith and for our love for Jesus Christ. We can begin by joining our brother Tom Raddell and his family, along with many others, as they pray and keep vigil at the abortion mill at 12000 Shaker Blvd. They will be praying on Friday, October 12 from 12:00 noon until Saturday, Oct. 13, 12:00 noon. They will be there in a spirit of prayer, fasting and repentance as they pray for the unborn children condemned to die, and for our nation. Please come for at least an hour or more. For more information call Life Link at: 216-548-4444. See you there.

To conclude the vigil on Shaker Blvd. let's honor the 90th Anniversary of Our Lady of Fatima's apparitions, 1917-2007 by joining in the Public Square Rosary coordinated nationally by American Needs Fatima.

Where: Public Square, at Superior and Ontario When: 12:00 noon, Saturday, October 13, 2007 Contact Edward Ritchie at 330-734-7325 or 440-574-3302 for more information

Brothers and Sisters, in these times we are still offending God, experiencing false teaching and facing many illnesses and natural disasters.

Jesus and or Mother Mary are calling us to pray and repent. Let's pray for one another that we will all respond to that call ad with the help of grace live the Fatima message

Queen of the Holy Rosary, pray for us that we may bring Jesus to our world and be instruments of His love and mercy. *In His Love, Marlyn Tunnell* 

### Evangelization

by Ross Fderico

We are all called to evangelize. We meet in our households on a weekly basis to become filled with the Holy Spirit and to pass that enrichment on to our brothers and sisters outside of FCJC.

As Pope Benedict XVI indicates in his spiritual vision of "Let God's Light Shine Forth," to evangelize means: to reveal the path to true happiness - to teach the art of complete living. At the beginning of his public life Jesus says: I have come to evangelize the poor (Luke 4:18). This means, 'I have come to respond to the fundamental question of your existence. I am here to show you the path of life, the path to happiness. I am, in fact, that path.'

We need to share that the path to true fulfillment is through Jesus Christ and teach the right way of life by example. He wants to show us the right path of life, the path to happiness. Jesus is, in fact, that path.

I find myself evangelizing to total strangers at the most unexpected time and place. Be it at restaurants or hardware stores, the local grocery store, we are all called to evangelize and share the word.

Please email your most unusual experience of evangelizing to others and I can share them in the next edition of Family Matters. (Federir@ccf.org) May God be with you and your family always!

#### **Suggestions for the Household**

by Mike Powall

Arch or Marlyn Tunnell have a multitude of resources available that can be used at household meetings or for your personal growth. They are all housed in their Catholic basement! Items range from Tapes, CD's, Video's, DVD's, Teachings, Bible Studies and books. These can assist household leaders to enhance the message FCJC is trying to convey. You can call first and stop by to choose what is best for you.

## Happy Thanksgiving!

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good. His love endures forever.



## Youth Calendar

#### **October Schedule**

Thu., Oct 4 Gathering @ St. Williams 8 - 10 pm

Sun., Oct 7 Leaders' meeting

Sun., Oct 14 General Meeting @ Borromeo 6 - 8 pm

Sun., Oct 21 Social

Sun., Oct 28 General Meeting @ Borromeo 6 - 8 pm

#### **November Schedule**

Thu., Nov 1 Gathering @ St. Williams 8 - 10 pm

Sun., Nov 4 Leaders' Meeting

Sun., Nov 11 General Meeting @ Borromeo 6 - 8 pm Sun., Nov 28 General Meeting @ Borromeo 6 - 8 pm

For more info call Becky Roach @ 216-691-3706

Schedule subject to change - please call for updates.

### **Catholic Renewal Ministries**

Catholic Renewal Ministries invites you to a **Praise**and Healing Mini-Conference with Bill

Richart (our guest speaker at the September Gathering) on Saturday, October 27th, at Sts. Cosmas and Damian Parish. Bill is a gifted praise and worship leader, and we encourage you to come and praise the Glory of God with us. The day session will be from

9:00 am. to 3:30 pm. During the break from 3:30 to 7:00 p.m., you can attend Mass at 5:00 p.m. and get dinner at a nearby restaurant. The evening session will run from 7:00 to 9:15 p.m. A free will offering will be taken during each session. Sts. Cosmas and Damian Parish is located at 10419 Ravenna Rd. in Twinsburg, 44087. For additional information, please call Jerry or Grace Wrobel at 330-425-2678.

The Healing Prayer Institute is sponsoring an all day Workshop on November 10th with Moira Noonan, author of Ransomed From Darkness. The title of the workshop is "My People Perish for Lack of Knowledge". Registration will open at 8:30 a.m. and there is a \$35 registration fee that includes continental breakfast, box lunch, and dinner. The workshop will run through 9:00 p.m., and it will be held at the Center for Pastoral Leadership, 28700 Euclid Ave., Wickliffe, 44092. Moira will talk about her journey through the New Age movement, which has crept into the Church. For more information, please call HPI at 216-371-5133, Martha Miniello at 440-238-8060, or Bill and Sandy Zorn at 440-238-7856.

## **ACT OF REPARATION**

O Sweet Jesus, whose overflowing charity for men is requited by so much forgetfulness, negligence and contempt, behold us prostrate before your altar eager to repair by a special act of homage the cruel indifference and injuries to which Your loving Heart is everywhere subjected. Mindful, alas, that we ourselves have had a share in such great indignities which we now deplore from the depth of our hearts, we humbly ask Your pardon and declare our readiness to atone by voluntary expiation, not only for our own personal offenses but also for the sins of those who straying from the path of salvation, refuse in their obstinate infidelity to follow You, their Shepherd and Leader, or renouncing the vows of their Baptism have cast off the sweet yoke of Your law.

We are now resolved to expiate each ad every deplorable outrage committed against You; we are determined to make amends for the manifold offenses against Christian modesty in unbecoming dress and behavior, for all the foul seductions laid to ensnare the feet of the innocent, for the frequent violation of Sundays and holy days, and the shocking blasphemies uttered against You and Your Saints.

We wish also to make amends for the insults to which Your Vicar on earth and your Priests are subjected for the profanations by conscious neglect or terrible acts of sacrilege of the very Sacrament of Your Divine Love, and lastly for the public crimes of nations who resist the rights and the teaching authority of the Church which You have founded.

We now offer in reparation for these violations of Your divine honor the satisfaction You did once make to Your eternal Father on the Cross, and which You do continue to renew daily on our altars; we offer it in union with the act of atonement of Your Virgin Mother and all the Saints and of the pious faithful on earth, and we sincerely prometric.

faithful on earth, and we sincerely promise to make recompense as far as we can with the help of Your grace for all neglect of Your great love, and for the sins we and others have committed in the past. Henceforth, we will live a life of unwavering faith, of purity of conduct, of perfect observance of the precepts of the Gospel and especially that of charity.

O loving Jesus, through the intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary, our model in reparation, deign to receive the voluntary offering we make of this expiation; and by the crowning gift of perseverance, keep us faithful unto death in our duty and allegiance we owe to You so that we may all one day come to the happy home where You, with the Father and the Holy Spirit, lives and reigns, world without end. Amen .



This pro-life movie is amazing! Its is so well done that those who know Christ or don't will be deeply touched. It has won numerous film festival awards (including the Toronto Film Festival's People's Choice award) which is a miracle because of its decidedly PRO-LIFE message. It will be in Cleveland for only a short time. Bella is scheduled for Richmond Town Square Theater on Oct 26 and hopefully more days after that. We will e-mail updates as we get them. Take everyone you know! Go to their website <a href="https://www.bellathemovie.com">www.bellathemovie.com</a> for more info.

The people behind Bella need our help to market the movie by grassroots, person-to-person networking. If they can get people to commit to do a little bit for Bella, even so much as forwarding the trailer and the web site information to friends and family they can do more than ever imagined. They want to change our culture...they want to touch hearts and change as many lives; this is their driving mission. This is a group of committed Christians...after all, what other production company has a statue of Jesus and Mary on the set "watching" to make sure everything they do meets their approval!

## "The Golden Compass" an Absolute DON'T SEE!!



Atheist Pullman wants to convert your kids... A film called "The Golden Compass" opens December 7th. It is based on the first book of a trilogy titled "His Dark Materials". The author of this children's fantasy is Philip Pullman, a noted English ATHEIST. It is his objective to bash Christianity and

promote atheism TO KIDS! "The Golden Compass" is a film version of the book by that name, and it is being toned down so that Catholics, as well as Protestants, are not enraged.

The second book of the trilogy, "The Subtle Knife", is more overt in its hatred of Christianity than the first book, and the third entry, "The Amber Spyglass", is even more blatant. At the end the children triumph and kill GOD!

The Catholic League encourages Christians to stay away from this movie knowing that the film is bait for the books: unsuspecting parents who take their children to see the movie may be inclined to buy the set of books as a Christmas present. Parent who wants to bring their children up in the faith will NOT want any part of these books. For more important info visit this site and stay informed www.CatholicLeague.org



# The Most Holy Rosary

October is the month of the Most Holy Rosary. Pope John Paul II called the rosary the "sweet chain linking us to God". This is so true as many pray the rosary daily. This beautiful prayer links us especially in time of need, as families and parishes come together to pray for critical and ongoing needs of friends and family. Many knitting ministries have started during which the rosary is prayed. The rosaries are knit into each scarf or shawl and then given to comfort a person who is ill. **The Rosary is a gift from heaven which has miraculous powers**.

THE ROSARY WINS NAVAL BATTLES! The mightiest of all Rosary victories was the Battle of Lerpanto, in 1571, off the western coast of Greece. The Mohammedans, at the peak of their naval power in the Mediterranean, threatened to overrun Christian Europe. Pope Pius V formed a league against them. As early as September 17th, Pope Pius asked all Christendom to pray the Rosary, for the success of the Christian arms. He had ordered all churches to have the Forty hours Devotion, with public processions and recitation of the rosary. On the fateful October 7th, he himself spent the entire night in prayer. Before moving to the attack at Lepanto, the Christian sailors devoutly recited the Rosary. For three hours the sixty-five thousand men, all of whom had received Holy Communion that morning, continued to recite the Rosary. The attack began. The wind which was against the Christians, suddenly dropped. The battle raged until late in the afternoon, when the Turks gave way. The victory gave the naval power of the enemy a blow from which it never recovered and ended their threat in the Mediterranean Sea. From the very first, the commander, Don Juan, ascribed the triumph of his fleet to the powerful intercession of the Rosary Queen.

"It was not generals nor battalions nor the arms that brought us victory; but it was Our Lady of the Most Holy Rosary." To commemorate this victory and the power of the Blessed Virgin, Pope Pius V established the Feast of Our Lady of Victories, celebrated on October 7th. Later this was changed to Our Lady of the Most Holy Rosary.

THE MEANING OF THE ROSARY The word Rosary means "Crown of Roses". Our Lady has revealed to several people that each time they say a Hail Mary they are giving her a beautiful rose and that each complete Rosary makes her a crown of roses. The Holy Rosary is considered a perfect prayer because within it lies the awesome story of our salvation. With the Rosary in fact we meditate on the mysteries of joy, of sorrow and the glory of Jesus and Mary. It's a simple prayer, humble so much like Mary. With the Hail Mary we invite Mary to pray for us.

Our Lady always grants our request. She joins Her prayer to ours. Therefore it becomes ever more useful, because what Mary asks She always receives, Jesus can never say no to whatever His Mother asks for. In every

apparition, the heavenly Mother has invited us to say the Rosary as a powerful weapon against evil, to bring us to true peace. With your prayer made together with Your heavenly Mother, you can obtain the great gift of bringing about a change of hearts and conversion. Each day, through the prayer of the Rosary, you can drive away many dangers and evils from yourselves, your families, your community and your country.

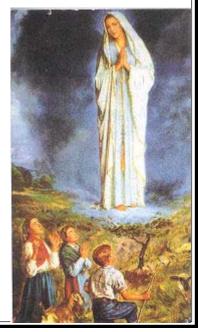
THE ROSARY: A FAMILY PRAYER "The family that prays together stays together." Many of the problems facing contemporary families, especially in economically developed societies, result from their increasing difficulty in communicating. Families seldom manage to come together, and the rare occasions when they do are often taken up with watching television. To return to the recitation of the family Rosary means filling daily life with very different images, images of the mystery of salvation: the image of the Redeemer, the image of his most Blessed Mother. The family that recites the Rosary together reproduces something of the atmosphere of the household of Nazareth: its members place Jesus at the centre, they share his joys and sorrows, they place their needs and their plans in his hands, they draw from him the hope and the strength to go on.

**OUR LADY OF THE MOST HOLY ROSARY SOLVES** 

**EVERYTHING** In 1917, our Blessed Mother appeared to three young, poor children at Fatima. She told them she was "Our Lady of the Rosary". Sister Lucy, one of the children, lived 97 years and left us with this reflection: "The Most Holy Virgin, in these last times in which we live, has given a new efficacy to the recitation of the Rosary, to such an extent that there is no problem, no

matter how difficult it is, whether temporal or above all spiritual, in the personal life of each one of us, of our families... that cannot be solved by the Most Holy Rosary. There is no problem, I tell you, no matter how difficult it is, that cannot resolve by the prayer of the Holy Rosary."

PRAY THE MOST HOLY ROSARY. MARY, OUR MOTHER, HELP US IN ALL OUR NEEDS!



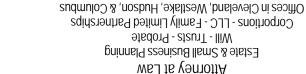




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