



Families Matter

Catholic, Charismatic, Evangelistic & Family-Oriented

Families in Christ Jesus Community

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F.C.J.C. DISCIPLESHIP

by Arch Tunnell



Matt. 28:18-20 "And Jesus came and said to them, 'All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations,

baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age.'"

Jesus came to this earth to be an example. He came here to show us the Father. He came here to take our sins in His own body on the cross and He came to destroy the works of the devil. And while He went about His ministry, along the way He also gathered up people to follow Him – called disciples. God has a perfect plan that He tells us about in Ephesians 1:9-10 he has made known to us the mystery of his will, according to his good pleasure that he set forth in Christ, as a plan for the fullness of time, to gather up all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth. FCJC is a part of this plan. Thus we need to know clearly what God's call to us is, what kind of people we ought to be, and how God can use us for His work. FCJC is not just an organization, or social club, or self-

improvement course, or even just a religious program. FCJC in reality is a way of life. FCJC is our way to discipleship. Discipleship consists of our relationship with God and Jesus. It also involves our relationship with each other.

Let's look at our relationship with God.

Luke 9:23 "Then he said to them all, 'If any man would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow me.'" Broken down this Scripture basically calls us to be servants, soldiers, and sons and daughters. To deny yourself is equal to being a servant. We belong to Jesus, we were bought at a price, at the cost of Jesus' blood. We have no rights. Our part is only to obey our Master. Our proper posture should be "thy will be done." **Luke 17:7-10** "'Will any one of you, who has a servant plowing or keeping sheep, say to him when he has come in from the field, 'Come at once and sit down take at the table?' Would you not rather say to him, 'Prepare supper for me, put on your apron and serve me while I eat and drink; later you may eat and drink?' Do you thank the slave for doing what was commanded? So you also, when you have done all that you were commanded to do, say, 'We are unworthy servants, we have only done what was our duty.'"

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Next let's look at being a soldier. To take up the cross is equal to becoming a soldier. 2 Cor. 10:4 "for the weapons of our warfare are not merely human, but they have divine power to destroy strongholds." To be a soldier is to evangelize and take territory from Satan. A soldier will undergo suffering and pain. It is right to suffer from obedience to Christ.

Matt. 5:10-12 "Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you."

How are you doing on being a son or daughter? Are we walking in Jesus' steps which is equal to being a son or daughter. We have the same relationship with the Father. If we want to please God, then we follow Jesus and His ways. We are trying to become Christ-like. The fundamental requirement to be a son or daughter is to be set apart; to be holy. 1 Peter 1:14-16 "Like obedient children, do not be conformed to the desires that you formerly had in ignorance. Instead, as he who called you is holy, be holy yourselves in all your conduct; for it is written, You shall be holy, for I am holy. This also means that we share Jesus' fate, even unto death. Jesus demands total dedication, commitment, sacrifice, disregard for self. Being a disciple isn't an easy thing, it is hard and serious."

As disciples we are to be sons/daughters of God and brethren to one another. We are to be servants of the

Lord and co-workers in His vineyard. We are to be soldiers in the King's army and comrades-in-arms in FCJC. This is a difficult call but is also a blessing. God wants the fullness of the Christian life for us, thus He call us to discipleship. This is a blessing for us living in community because we are called on to live lives of holiness and can imitate Christ Himself. We are called on to serve God Himself and can become channels of His love and life to others. We are called on to participate in the work of evangelization thus being co-workers with the Lord in the salvation of mankind.

EVANGELIZATION IN THE CATHOLIC CHURCH

by Ross Federico

The new evangelization calls each of us to deepen our faith, believe in the Gospel message and go forth to proclaim it. The new evangelization invites each Catholic to renew their relationship with Jesus Christ and his church.

In the final chapter of St. Matthew's Gospel (28:19-20), Jesus tells the Apostles, "Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, to the close of the age."

The message seems pretty clear!

Why is it, then, that we Catholics seem so strangely resistant to the idea, the command actually, to go out and spread the Good News?

In an article written by Regis Martin, Theology Professor of Steubenville University, Titled, "Evangelizing Our Faith", asks how can something so central to the teaching of the Gospel become an impediment among those who already believe in the Gospel? Pope Francis tells us that Christians who are afraid to build bridges prefer to build walls and are Christians who are not sure of their faith, not sure of Jesus Christ."

Therefore, to evangelize is not just a task undertaken from time to time or even most of the time. It is the Church's identity. It is what defines her existence. Faith is only worth having when you give it away. This point has been made again and again by Pope Francis.

Evangelization is simply sharing our story, our witness within trusting relationships, with those to whom our experiences and stories matter, as theirs matter to us. When our lives revolve

around our relationship with Christ, it defines all that we do and everything we are. Our relationship with Him influences everything within trusting relationships as naturally as we would talk about any other important person in our lives. As we begin to deepen our faith together, we must make ourselves available to those who need to hear the good news of Jesus Christ.

Pope Francis tells us that "too polite are those who speak of theology calmly over tea, we have to include the flesh of Christ to every human being on the planet, this will require the resources of the Holy Spirit. So let us ask him, "to give us the grace to be annoying when things are too quiet in the Church, the grace to go out to the outskirts of life. The Church is in so much need of this. And if we annoy people, blessed be the Lord.""

Jesus last words to His disciples were to "go into all the world" and teach them. He told us that "the harvest is plentiful." If that does not seem to be the case for us, then we are looking in the wrong places." He also called us to pray to the Father that He would send laborers into His harvest to share the Gospel.

We are those laborers!



Bobby's Corner



Our city of hope is Cleveland. It was founded by Moses Cleveland. Moses is not an accident here, because we know another holy man named Moses. Moses Cleveland was a surveyor and the first survey of Cleveland was completed in 1796. It included 220 lots. If you need hope today, remember where you live, Cleveland. Let Jesus part your red seas, let the Holy Ghost fire up your cooker and get in a lot of prayer and a lot of fasting today = Holy Ghost Revival.

Without prayer and fasting we get luke warm milk, with prayer and fasting we get high powered Jesus Spirit Juice. This is your choice, hmmm, no brainer. From 220 lots to what Cleveland is today, to me, is great great growth and spirituality. Grow today. Get spiritual today. If Moses Cleveland was discouraged, we would not have big Cleveland surveyed, let alone founded. Jesus found your spirit, Moses found your city, what could be better???

Never sell Cleveland short, and never

bash Cleveland. It is a city of hope founded by Moses and sanctified by Jesus Holy snikies. We have more churches in Cleveland than China has rice. This is a lot of churches.

Bring this hope to household, assembly, strangers and those who need to be saved (millions around the city of hope). If Moses parted the Red Sea, then we can part from our sinful ways, and live a life of hope in the city of hope. Great challenge here, embrace it! If Moses Cleveland forgot his equipment, there might not be a Cleveland. Our equipment is the gifts and fruits of the Holy Ghost. Don't leave home without them. Onward Christian soldiers as marching on to war, with the cross of Jesus like never before. A soldier without equipment is a foolish soldier with no Armor Of God.

Survey your life and read this often.

We praise enthusiastically because we are enthusiastic (enthusiasm has THEOS as its root, THEOS is God). Make God the root of your hope in the city of hope. Doggone it, it seems you are surrounded, rooted in and drowning in hope. Thank you Jesus and thank you Moses (both of you).

Love and prayers,
Bob Roach

Why the Catholic Bible Has More Books than Protestant Bibles

from "Counting the Canon" by Steven L. Kellmeyer

The Catholic Bible has 7 more books in the Old Testament than do Protestant Bibles. These books are Tobit, Wisdom, Sirach, Baruch, Judith, 1 & 2 Maccabees and parts of Ester & Daniel. These books are called the deuterocanonical books, or second canon. This is not because they are "second rate" or inferior, but because their status as being part of Scripture was settled later in time than books like Genesis, Isaiah, and Psalms.

In order to understand why this is, we have to go back to our Judaic ancestry. While the Ark of the Covenant resided in the Temple, Judaic worship centered on ritual Temple sacrifice & the Torah – the first 5 books of the Old Testament. However, during the Babylonian exile Jewish people had no access to the Temple and they could no longer offer sacrifices. At the same time they began to speak Aramaic due to the influence of the Persian Empire. By 530 BC, when the Jews returned from exile, only the rabbis understood Hebrew, the language in which the Torah was written. Then in 334 BC Alexander the Great conquered the Near East, and people began to speak Greek. The Jews began using Greek translations of Hebrew scripture, a set of translations commonly known as the Septuagint – meaning "The Seventy". This translation was named for 70 scholars who supposedly translated the sacred Hebrew books into Greek.

Apart from the Torah, the teachers of Israel never made clear distinctions about which books were or were not considered sacred. The Septuagint did not have a standard list or ordering of books. By the time Jesus was born, synagogues would

have been using versions of the Septuagint that included Tobit, Judith, Wisdom, Sirach, Baruch, Maccabees, and others such as Ezra.

This situation was not considered a serious problem since Jewish religious instruction relied on oral tradition. Consider that Jesus never wrote anything down, not did he instruct his disciples to do so.

After Jesus died, Jewish Christian oral teaching competed successfully against traditional Jewish oral teaching, and it used Jewish Scripture to do so. This sparked two movements within non-Christian Judaism. First, Jewish scholars began debating whether or not the Christians' "Greek Scripture" was really Scripture. Second, around the year 200, the rabbis began writing down Jewish religious and civil law and their commentaries on it, creating what would become the Talmud six centuries later. These Jews ultimately refused the deuterocanonical Old Testament books. There were probably two reasons behind this. First, the theology of some of the books was very "Christian." For example, 1 and 2 Maccabees teach the resurrection of the dead and the first 5 chapters of Wisdom contain a prophetic description of Christ's passion and death. The second reason for their rejection was that they were written in Greek, not Hebrew.

In 382 Pope Damasus convoked a synod which produced the Roman Code, a list of official scriptural books that was accepted by all Christians until the sixteenth century. It was not until five hundred years later, between 800 and 925 AD, that the Jews solidified their canon. Martin Luther discarded the deuterocanonical books in the 16th century because of a theory popularized

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by one of his Jewish contemporaries, Elias Levita, that Ezra had closed the canon in the fifth century BC. Luther claimed to accept the Hebrew canon because the Jews knew better than anyone what books constituted the Old Testament. He ignored the fact that all first-century Jews accepted the Septuagint.

Did you know?

There are only two requirements for a man to validly receive sacred ordination?

1. That he be baptized.
2. That he live a celibate life

The 10 Essentials Elements of a Member of FCJC

1. Adhere to the teachings of the Magisterium of the Roman Catholic Church
2. To have a daily personal prayer time & Scripture reading time.
3. To receive the Holy Eucharist and spend time before the Blessed Sacrament as frequently as possible.
4. Go to the Sacrament of Reconciliation at least once a quarter.
5. If married, pray with my spouse daily.
6. Keep Holy the Lord's day as a family by planning some kind of Spiritual family activity.
7. Having a weekly husband/wife meeting using a specific format, focusing on relationships and responsibilities.
8. Making available to God my time. (Priority attendance to Gatherings, Household meetings, and other FCJC functions.)
9. Make available to God my talents. (Serving the FCJC community and others with my gifts.
10. Make available to God my treasure. (Through tithing and voluntary contributions to my parish and the FCJC community.

THE MUSIC MAN AND HIS WIFE:



Ken and Elaine Posavad, married 17 years, reside in Mentor and are members of St. John Vianney parish. They have 5 adult children between them, twins Jim and Lori (45), Jeff (43), Kelli (32) and Kate (28). They also have 4 grandchildren. Ken was a caregiver the past 3 years after spending 35 years in sales and management. Elaine is retired from Lakeland Community College where she spent 22 years as an administrative assistant.

They became members of FCJC (formerly CFC) 18 years ago while they were still engaged. During that time, Ken and Elaine have served in the ministry of praise and worship for Catholic Renewal Ministries and for FCJC. Ken is also a member of the Men of Praise and serves on the General Service Committee for Catholic Renewal Ministries. They also share their gifts and talents as members of the St. Padre Pio community which is part of Presentation Ministries. Ken and Elaine are in the Skilton household.

Being part of FCJC has had a major impact in their lives. Belonging to a weekly small group as husband and wife has given them an opportunity to share and grow in their faith together, as well as develop life-long Christian relationships. Also, reading the articles and watching DVD's and discussing them has not only enriched their lives, but has cultivated a deep bond within

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their household. The warmth and love that exists within FCJC is an intimate example of what it means to be part of the body of Christ.

Families in Christ Jesus



Upcoming Events:

September 19-20, 2014

A New Way of Living

Looking for peace and purpose in your life?

This one day and half program is being held on Friday, September 19, 2014 from 7 to 10 pm, and on Saturday, September 20, 2014 from 8:30 am to 5 pm.

Location: Borromeo Seminary/The Center for Pastoral Leadership

28700 Euclid Avenue / Wickliffe, Ohio

A registration form is attached.

Be sure to tell your friends and family about this wonderful program!

October 10-12, 2014

National Prayer Gathering

"Rejoice in hope, be patient under trial, persevere in prayer." (Romans 12:12)

Location: Borromeo Seminary/The Center for Pastoral Leadership

28700 Euclid Avenue / Wickliffe, Ohio

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March 2015

St. Patrick's Day Party

More information coming

Kids Corner Updates – See September Issue

Youth Group Updates – See September Issue

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Sponsored by: Families in Christ Jesus
Catholic Men's Fellowship
Men of Praise

Mail this registration form to: Families in Christ Jesus
1736 Edgefield Road / Lyndhurst 44124

Name: _____

Address: _____

Home Tel: _____ Cell Tel: _____

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For more information, or to register by phone, contact
Arch and Marlyn Tunnell at (tel) 440-442-7538



FAMILIES IN CHRIST JESUS
13th NATIONAL PRAYER GATHERING
OCT. 10 – OCT. 12, 2014 CLEVELAND, OHIO

"Rejoice in hope, be patient under trial, persevere in prayer." Romans 12:12

REGISTRATION FORM

Last Name: _____ **ID Name:** _____

Spouse's ID Name: _____

Street Address: _____

City, State, Zip Code: _____

Home Telephone: _____ Cell Telephone: _____

E-Mail Address: _____

Names of Children _____ Special Needs / Allergies _____ Kidwatch / ages 6-12? <yes or no> _____

REGISTRATION INFORMATION

- \$75 for each adult
- \$30 for each youth (13 to 18 years of age inclusive)
- \$20 for each child 6 to 12 years of age inclusive
- (No charge for children under 6 years)

DEADLINE FOR CONFERENCE REGISTRATION: SEPTEMBER 15, 2014

- Payment in full required with registration; partial payments will not be accepted
- Checks (U.S. funds only) should be made payable to "FCJC."
- There will be a \$25 fee for all checks returned by the bank for insufficient funds.
- Registration fees will be refunded if cancellation is received in writing no later than September 22; after that date, fees are entirely nonrefundable. All refunds will be processed after the conference.

HOTEL INFORMATION - Attendees are responsible for making their own reservations at any of the following three recommended hotels:

Hilton Garden Inn Cleveland East

700 Beta Drive

Mayfield Village, Ohio 44143

To make reservations, call (tel) 440-646-1777 or go to <http://hgiclevelandeast.com> Group Reservation Code:

"FCJ"

- A room rate of \$109 plus state tax / local tax of 16.5% per night will be honored the evenings of Fri. October 10, and Sat. October 11.
- At this rate, guests are not eligible for free breakfast.
- Reservations must be made by August 29, 2014 to take advantage of this rate. Reservations made after this date will be subject to regular hotel room rates.
- Quoted rates will be offered, based on availability, to our attendees three days before and three days after the dates listed above (from October 7 through October 14)
- Please note the hotel has blocked off 70 rooms for our event.

Holiday Inn Mayfield Village

780 Beta Drive

Mayfield Village, Ohio 44143

To make reservations, call (tel) 440-461-9200 or go to <http://www.ihg.com/holiday>

[inn/hotels/us/en/mayfield/clemf/hoteldetail](http://www.ihg.com/holiday) Group Reservation Code: "CI4"

- A room rate of \$107 plus state / local tax of 16.5% per night will be honored the evenings of October 10 through 12.
- All rooms must be reserved with a credit card. This does not guarantee the room for late arrival.
- At this rate, guests are not eligible for the "Kids Eat Free" program.
- Reservations must be made by September 12, 2014 to take advantage of this rate. Reservations made after this date will be subject to regular hotel room rates.
- Guests wishing to extend their stay a few days before or after the event must make their reservations via telephone to secure the rate of \$107 / night.
- Please note the hotel will block off ten (10) rooms at a time for our event until the deadline of September 12.

Marriott Courtyard Willoughby

35103 Maplegrove Road

Willoughby, Ohio 44094

To make reservations, call (toll free tel) 1-800-MARRIOTT or (local tel) 440-530-1100 Please identify yourself as members of the "FCJC Community group."

- A room rate of \$129 plus state / local tax of 13% per night will be honored the evenings of October 9 through 12.
- Reservations must be made by September 12, 2014 to take advantage of this rate. Reservations made after this date will be subject to regular hotel room rates.
- Please note the hotel will block off 15 rooms at this rate.

TRAVEL INFORMATION

Recommended airport is Cleveland Hopkins International Airport (airport code CLE). Transportation will be provided from and to this airport only, and will not be provided from the Akron-Canton Airport (CAK).

Mode of Transportation: Air ☐ ☐ **Bus** ☐ **Car** ☐

Arrival Date:

Time:

Airline:

Flight #

Departure Date:

Time:

Airline:

Flight #

Do you require transportation from the airport to the hotel?

Do you require transportation from the hotel to the airport? ☐ [SUNDAY BOXED LUNCH](#)

Please indicate whether or not you wish to have a boxed lunch on Sunday to take with you at the end of the Conference?

☐ **Yes**

☐ **No**

If yes, please check:

Turkey

☐ White Bread

☐ **Ham**

☐ Wheat Bread

☐ **Roast Beef**

EMERGENCY CONTACT INFORMATION

Name:

Relationship to You:

Telephone Numbers:

KINDLY INCLUDE ALL PAGES OF THIS REGISTRATION FORM AND MAIL TO:

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HIGHLAND HTS., OHIO 44143

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Contact Susan at (home tel) 440-646-2556
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