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1. The joy of the gospel fills the hearts and lives of all who encounter Jesus. Those who accept his offer of salvation are set free from sin, sorrow, inner emptiness and loneliness. With Christ joy is constantly born anew. In this Exhortation I wish to encourage the Christian faithful to embark upon a new chapter of evangelization marked by this joy, while pointing out new paths for the Church's journey in years to come.

I. A joy ever new, a joy which is shared

2. The great danger in today's world, pervaded as it is by consumerism, is the desolation and anguish born of a complacent yet covetous heart, the feverish pursuit of frivolous pleasures, and a blunted conscience. Whenever our interior life becomes caught up in its own interests and concerns, there is no longer room for others, no place for the poor. God's voice is no longer heard, the quiet joy of his love is no longer felt, and the desire to do good fades. This is a very real danger for believers too. Many fall prey to it, and end up resentful, angry and listless. That is no way to live a dignified and fulfilled life; it is not God's will for us, nor is it the life in the Spirit which has its source in the heart of the risen Christ.

7. Sometimes we are tempted to find excuses and complain, acting as if we could only be happy if a thousand conditions were met. To some extent this is because our "technological society has succeeded in multiplying occasions of pleasure, yet has found it very difficult to engender joy".[2] I can say that the most beautiful and natural expressions of joy which I have seen in my life were in poor people who had little to hold on to. I also think of the real joy shown by others who, even amid pressing professional obligations, were able to preserve, in detachment and simplicity, a heart full of faith. In their own way, all these instances of joy flow from the infinite love of God, who has revealed himself to us in Jesus Christ. I never tire of repeating those words of Benedict XVI which take us to the very heart of the Gospel: "Being a Christian is not the result of an ethical choice or a lofty idea, but the encounter with an event, a person, which gives life a new horizon and a decisive direction".[3]

8. Thanks solely to this encounter – or renewed encounter – with God's love, which blossoms into an enriching friendship, we are liberated from our narrowness and self-absorption. We become fully human when we become more than human, when we let God bring us beyond ourselves in order to attain the fullest truth of our being. Here we find the source and inspiration of all our efforts at evangelization. For if we have received the love which restores meaning to our lives, how can we fail to share that love with others?

Given in Rome, at Saint Peter's, on 24 November, the solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe, and the conclusion of the Year of Faith, in the year 2013, the first of my Pontificate.

FRANCIS http://www.vatican.va/holy_father/francesco/apost_exhortations/documents/papa-francesco_esortazione-ap_20131124_evangelii-gaudium_en.html

Fr. Christopher Keenan O.F.M.

Do You See Yourself In This Picture? If Not, Then YOU Missed A Good Time!

Captian Timothy Stackpole Annual Retreat, October, 2013



BE NOT AFRAID

The Catholic Church had an incredible year in 2013, and 2014 does not seem to be any different. March 13, 2014 is the first anniversary of Pope Francis' pontificate, and no recent public figure has made the impact he has, not only on Christianity, but, on the whole world in such a short period of time. Everybody seems to be hanging on his every word, whether it is the Pope himself, or a bishop interpreting what was meant by his latest sermon, all our media (TV, Radio, Print, Social Media, and Web Blogs) are reporting on the teachings of Papa Francis. This is good news for a Church in the process of leading its adherents to a New Evangelization.

The term "new evangelization" originated during the pontificate of soon to be Saint John Paul and the initiative continued during Pope Benedict XVI's tenure, especially his declaring October 2012 to November 24, 2013, The Feast of Christ the King, a Jubilee Year of Faith. At the end of the 20th century the Church recognized that the faithful were falling away from their belief in God, Jesus, the Real Presence, and the moral way of life proposed by the Church. While we are still a missionary Church, called to travel to foreign lands proclaiming the Good News that Jesus has saved us, we are very much a Church in need of catechizing and inspiring to conversion people who already call themselves Christian, but who have a limited understanding of what Christ truly taught and why. At our Annual Mass and Communion Breakfast or watching him on TV I am always amazed how eloquently our own Archbishop Cardinal Dolan explains the tenets of the Faith in a compassionate, yet orthodox manner. Hopefully all Christians can follow the example of these religious leaders and participate in the new evangelization in a way appropriate to our state of life.

A major obstacle to the re-evangelization of a lost flock is that it doesn't happen if people are not willing to profess their faith publically and encourage others to practice the faith, especially by celebrating the sacraments and receiving our Lord with joy. Humility, modesty, shyness, and fear all complicate adult evangelization efforts because often those you engage in religious ideas can quickly see you are in as much need of conversion as themselves, which is absolutely true. Fortunately, parents have the benefit of not having to stand on a soap box to proclaim the good news. Children are inclined to listen to parents and accept the truths of our faith when taught by word and example. Every Catholic parent has the responsibility to educate the children under their care of sound Catholic doctrine and the example of worshipping God at Sunday Mass (as a family when practical). If we are uncomfortable with our knowledge of the Faith and our ability to teach Christianity to our children we must learn more, either from adult formation/bible study groups in our parishes or by reading the catechism and bible at home. Either way you are already evangelizing because you are showing your children that learning and practicing one's faith is important. Don't assume the Religious Education program is fulfilling this obligation, because that teacher is most likely juggling all the demands you face on a daily basis and is

constrained by time limits and behavior issues on what is actually taught and learned.

During this joyous liturgical season, where we see ourselves as fallen and lost yet redeemed and saved, may we understand ourselves and others as God knows us; wonderfully and lovingly made. A masterpiece created by a Spirit of love so powerful, that it brought us to life. At those times when we are tempted to judge, lose patience, curse, or become short with others, choose instead to be the light of love to a darkened world. An effective evangelizer consoles, nurtures, and illuminates children, co-workers, neighbors, and others, one person at a time. Pray that we might be that bright light, building and strengthening the faith in those we meet. Don't be afraid of what others might think of you, we already know we all need the grace of God. Be blessed, and be a Blessing, show others the Light of the world, and do not hide Him under a bushel basket. If you meet me and forget me, you have lost nothing; if you meet the Spirit of Christ and ignore the God Who loves you, you have lost everything! When you feel like you're drowning in life; don't worry, your Lifeguard walks on water.

The following poem helps me when I get discouraged and feel like a hypocrite.

I Am A Christian

When I say that 'I am a Christian', I am not shouting that I
am pure from clean living;
I'm whispering, 'I was lost from the Lord Who loves me,
but now I'm found and forgiven.'

When I say, 'I am a Christian', I can't always speak of this
with pride;
because I'm confessing that I stumble and need Christ to be
my guide.

When I say 'I am a Christian', I'm not saying I am strong;
I'm professing that I'm weak and need God's strength to
carry on.

When I say 'I am a Christian', I'm not bragging of any earthly
success;
I'm admitting I have failed and need God to clean my soul
and my mess.

When I say 'I am a Christian', I'm not claiming to be perfect;
My flaws are far too visible, but God believes I'm worth it.

When I say 'I am a Christian', I still feel the sting of pain;
I have my share of heartaches, so I call upon His Holy
Name.

When I say 'I am a Christian', I'm not saying I'm holier than
thou,
I'm just a simple sinner, who received God's grace somehow.

- Unknown

GOD BLESS YOU, ONE & ALL!

- Tom Roche



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JUBILEE 90th 2014

Communion Mass & Breakfast
In Memory of Our Fallen Firefighters

Sunday, March 30, 2014

St. Patrick's Cathedral

Communion Mass: 10:15 a.m.

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2014 New High School Scholarship

On behalf of the Monachelli family we would like to announce the addition of a new high school scholarship. **The Captain Larry Monachelli Scholarship.** It is a one time CASH award consisting of \$1500.00. This award will be paid directly to the winner, (not to the school).

HIGHER EDUCATION SCHOLARSHIP

The drawing for the higher education Scholarship will take place during the Annual Communion Breakfast. Members must be in good standing and be **PRESENT** at the breakfast to have their children eligible for the drawing. Applications will be available from our Scholarship Chairman Bill Treanor at (718) 885-0648. Or write to Bill Treanor, 98 Bay Street, Bronx, NY 10464. All applications must be returned to Bill by **March 21st** to be included in the drawing. Remember that the Higher Education Scholarship Award has been **INCREASED!**

January 2014

When someone mentions the Big Bang Theory the thought that comes to mind is the sitcom that is one of the most popular comedy shows on TV. Not only is it in production, but it is seen dozens of times during the week in syndication. However, there is another Big Bang Theory that explains the universe.

It is believed that our universe was once a very, very small infinitely dense, super hot collection of matter called a "singularity". At a point in time, it started to expand to the size of our current universe. It is said that the universe is still expanding.

We are incredible creatures living on a unique planet, circling a beautiful star clustered together with several hundred billion other stars in a galaxy soaring through the cosmos. The scientists can explain what happened, but they cannot explain where it came from.

Creation was a supernatural event. That is, it took place outside of the natural realm. We, as Christians, believe that there is a master Architect that created this universe. We believe that God is the "First Cause".

If we take some time to reflect on this, we cannot help but see how insignificant we are in comparison to the universe. At the same time, we see how significant we are due to the fact that Jesus, the Son of God, came into our world to become one of us. It makes us realize how much God and Jesus love us. They love us infinitely and unconditionally! How do we respond to this love?

If we are satisfied with our response, then we need do nothing more. If we fall short of a proper response to their love, then we had better do something about it. Pope Francis says that we should be bruised and dirty working for the Kingdom. We need spiritual strength to accomplish this quest. We get it by trying to get closer to Jesus. The Eucharist is the greatest source of strength. There are many other ways. One particular way to do this is by finding strength with brother firefighters who are on the same mission. This past October, 55 firefighters came together at the Bishop Molloy Retreat House for a mid-week retreat. It was a powerful spiritually strengthening experience for all of us and it brought us a little closer to God.

Please consider joining us next year so you too can experience the wonder of two spiritual days with your brothers. The food is great and the company is better. The dates have been set so you can mark your calendar in advance and keep the dates open. They are Tuesday, 6PM, October 21st to Thursday 10AM, October 23. Join us; you will be glad that you did.

- Steven Dmato

Come for a "24"

Do not forget about the "24" hour format for the Retreat! It was introduced to help those members who have limited time available to make a full retreat at the Bishop Molloy Retreat House. You may come for the day, come for a meal, or come for a conference. What ever you decide you have time for!



Captain Timothy Stackpole Annual Retreat

at the
**Bishop Molloy
Retreat House**
from **Supper on
Tuesday, Oct. 21, 2014**
through breakfast on
Thursday, Oct. 23, 2014

Call now and make your reservations:
Bishop Molloy Retreat House
718-739-1229

Fire

Fire has been with us since the beginning of time. It can be used for good or for evil. As firefighters we see it only for the damage, destruction, & the evil it causes. The name firefighter reveals our true name "the battle of fire". Today fire is not the only battle we face. Another battle goes on, not with the red devil but with the real devil. The battle to uphold our religious beliefs & to keep us free from sin. It is not always easy. Many times, we need to transmit a second or third alarm. Help can always come from headquarters. For our souls, the Bishop Molloy Retreat house is where we can defeat any battles. Come Join your fellow firefighters, stretch in open the nozzle & join the battle. Together we can overcome obstacles & defeat the devil. Step off the Rig & join the fight for our lives. Call today to make a reservation. - Retired Battalion Chief Jim Scheppel

\$10.00 Dues \$10.00

Reminder to members, Please forward your dues to :

Active Members

Joseph Bryant

4 Maple Drive, New Hyde Park, NY 11040

Retired Members

Joe Kelly

12 Bass Street, Staten Island, NY 10314

ONLINE DUES PAYMENTS FOR ACTIVE MEMBERS

To pay your dues online you need to **enroll in PAYROLL DEDUCTIONS: www.nyc.gov/ess**. Go to: **Payroll and Compensations**. Navigate to: **Deductions Information**. Go to: **Inquiries**. Go to: **FDNY Fraternal Organizations**. Click on: **Holy Name Society**

WALT'S RETIREE CORNER

Hi. I have been going up to the monthly Mahopac Retiree's Meetings for the last year; what a great group of guys! I was at a meeting a few months ago & the guest speaker, Montgomery Delaney, was running for New York State Supreme Court Justice. After his speech, he went around the room speaking to the brothers. At last, he stopped at my table & we spoke. I mentioned I worked in High Bridge, Bronx. He told me he lived two blocks from Lad 49- Eng 68 & spent a lot of time, as a kid, hanging around the firehouse. I asked him 'what years' & his reply floored me. "Late 60's into the early 70's." I said, "Wow". I so clearly remember a young boy who always stopped by the firehouse; he was around 10 - 12 years old. I have always wondered what happened to him. I am now of the belief Montgomery was that boy. Montgomery Delaney went on to become a police officer at the 44th Precinct. He rose to sergeant and after retirement, he became a lawyer. Unfortunately, he lost his bid to the incumbent. Stranger stories have been told.

I met a few guys at our last Holy Name meeting in Riverdale. One of them was, John Kearney. John came on the job June 1, 1959, Department Order 100. He did his 'probie' ladder training on 68th Street, behind a school. His engine training was done at Pier A in lower Manhattan. John tells me his first two weeks at Pier A were spent moving furniture. He said his was in the first Probationary Firemen's Class at Welfare Island. This turned out to be a great training center especially for ladder work, pulling ceilings in the old buildings on the island. He said, the trouble was, he spent a lot of time reading the newspapers he found stuffed in the walls. How true. I pulled walls and ceilings at Welfare Island and the walls were filled with old papers when the building initially went up. John worked in Lad 34 in with Engine 84. During his years, he was Assistant Chief Matty Mertaugh's driver. At one time, they both worked in Lad 34 as firemen. Asst. Chief Matty Mertaugh had started Fire-tech. His son, Captain Matt continues Fire-tech in his father's footsteps. John Kearney has five children. Two sons: Steven, who is in Rescue 3 & John who is out of the job on the Lung Bill. John's daughter, Donna is a school teacher. Maureen works in a psychiatric hospital &, Lauren is a manager in a department store. To say the least, I am impressed. John was married to his lovely wife, Helen, in 1954. Sad to say, Helen passed away in 1990. John still enjoys meetings every two weeks at Hogan's Restaurant in Stoney Point. He also told me 23 guys showed up for their most recent breakfast. By the way, John's grandson is in Ladder 34 & he runs the reunions every year. We, Lad 49-Eng 68 just had our annual reunion in Riverdale. A great number of men showed up, perhaps 100; all reminiscing war stories. A lot of the stories, some of us may have forgotten, are remembered when we meet at reunions. Oh, that story I had forgotten. Tell me what other job has the comradely that we have at F.D.N.Y. I can say I was lucky to be part of the job.

Lenny Pollock, who worked with me for many years, was at our reunion. Lenny came on the job in 1969 & spent all his years in Eng 68 & then went on to Lad 49, and retired September 10, 1989. He & his lovely wife, Barbara have four children. Laurie, is an Inspector in the N.Y.P.D., Adri, is a nurse anesthetist. His other daughter, is an executive at Bell & Lani also makes them proud. They have grand-children, Lilly, Connor & Olivia. Lenny says "Hello, grateful for the good times." A story:

Lenny wanted to join the Coast Guard however, they held up his application to check out something on his paperwork. Lenny was, shall I say, disappointed so he joined the Army Reserve. Obviously the Coast Guard's loss. Lenny went on to become a nurse & an officer.

A few 'shout outs': Congratulations to Eamonn McLaughlin & Paul McCahey on their promotions to Lieutenant.

Hello to our FDNY Father Christopher Keenan who is always there for the brothers. Hello to Bill Treanor & his wife, Eileen. Bill runs the Holy Name Society Scholarship Program. Hello also to a very special guy, Joe Bryant, Pres of H.N.S. [Figure this out: who would be more deserving of the honor of 'Man of the Year' than Joe? However, he says since he is president, he cannot be in the running.]

It is with great sadness, we mourn the loss of two well-liked firemen, Jack Featherstone & Mike Tarpey.

Pray for all of our troops especially those in harm's way.

There are many ways to cross an ocean. By sextant, compass and now, GPS. But there is only way to cross the ocean of life: with God the Father at our side.

If you have a message, a joke or wish to contact an old friend, call me at (914) 779-1826 or write: Walter Whitmore, 126 Windermere Drive, Yonkers, New York 10710; or email me at wpwhitmore126@gmail.com.

Take care and God Bless, Walt

Spring Schedule Meeting Dates

Monday, March 3rd

Burke's Restaurant, 645 Bronx River Road, Yonkers

8:00 PM

Monday, April 7th

Hillside Swim Club, Staten Island

8:00 PM

Monday, April 28th

Eleanor Rigby's, Mineola, LI

8:00 PM

ELECTIONS of Board MEMBERS

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Presidents Message

As we enter into a new year, let me wish you and your family a very happy and healthy New Year. Let us pause and reflect on all the gifts that we have received. Also, let us remember in our prayers all those who are still struggling from the affects of "Sandy". I ask you to support and turn out for our Annual Communion Mass and Breakfast which will be held this coming March 30th. Yes the breakfast is early this year, due to circumstances beyond our control. Please join us at our regular meeting this spring to share your ideas and talents to help the Holy Name Society go forward in 2014.

A reminder to our members who have children eligible to take our high school scholarship test next December, that in addition to our regular scholarships we now offer the Vincent A. McCarthy Scholarship which is \$2,000.00 & Captain Larry Monachelli Scholarship \$1500.00 for a child entering High School (Public, Private or Catholic). As with all of our scholarships you have to be a member in good standing for the last 10 years. If you have any doubts about your standing give me a shout by phone, email or by our web.

Our Higher Education Scholarship will be drawn during our Annual Communion Breakfast which will be held this coming March 30th. The Mass will be celebrated at St. Patrick's Cathedral at 10:15 am and the breakfast will follow at the New York Hilton Hotel. Members must be present at the breakfast and have submitted an application to be eligible for the drawing.

I would like to send out a special thank you to all of our former scholarship winners and our members who are a part of our sponsor program for supporting our scholarship program. You are allowing children of our members the ability to attend a Catholic High School!

Retired member's dues letter was mailed out this past December and our active members dues letter will be mailed out at the end of February. Active members now have the option to pay their dues by payroll deduction, by mail or by company delegate, whichever method is convenient for you. If you move, transfer, retire and all new members signing up by payroll deduction please go to our web site and click contact us and give you name, address, phone number, unit, rank and other information that has changed so that we can update our records.

We still are in need of new members for our board positions. So, step up to the plate and take over one of our board positions to help keep the Holy Name Society viable. If you have any questions give me a shout. Have fun and stay safe. Joe

ST. PATRICK'S DAY PARADE AND CELEBRATION COMMITTEE 2013 SCHOLARSHIP CONTEST

It is that time of the year! College level research paper contest worth **\$5,000.00** and a High School Level research paper contest worth **\$2,500.00**. For applications and eligibility requirements, call Joe Bryant (516)775-5120. Or you can go to the website:

www.NYC-St-Patrick-Day-Parade.org

All research papers have to be returned to the Parade Committee by April 1, 2013

WTC MEDICALS & PRESCRIPTIONS

Any FDNY retiree, Fire, and EMS, who participated for any amount of time, in the rescue & recovery efforts at the WTC, Land Fill, Morgue, etc., between 9/11/01-7/02 is eligible for free comprehensive medicals and free prescription drugs (NO COPAY). Drugs for respiratory problems, chronic sinus, gastro intestinal disorders, & mental health problems. Retirees can call 718-999-1858 for more information or to make an appointment. If it is over a year since your last medical, call today for a follow up medical now!

CASH SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS

We are so excited to have 2 cash high school scholarship awards. These scholarship awards get paid directly to the winner. The Vincent A. McCarthy Scholarship awards is \$2,000.00 and the Captain Larry Monachelli Scholarship Award is \$1,500.00. The winner receives a one time payment in cash for the high school of their choice!