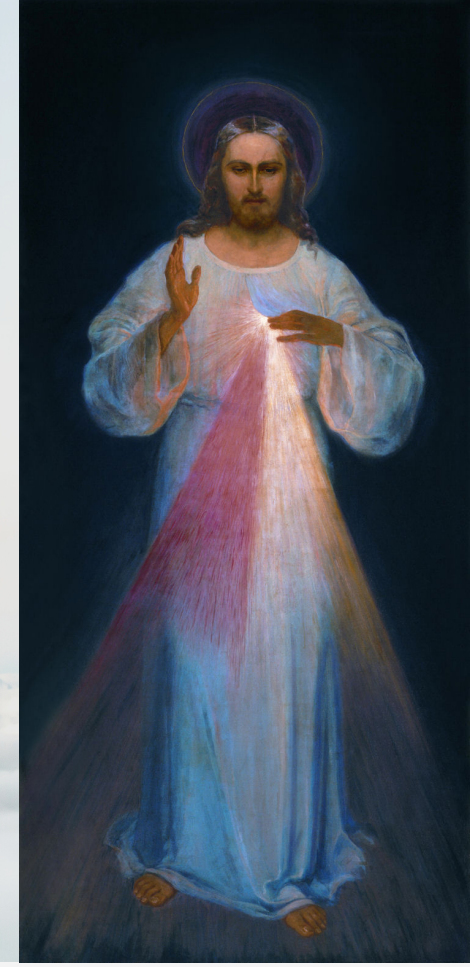
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FALL SEMESTER

OUR LADY OF THE HOLY ROSARY

BY DR. J. MARIANNE SIEGMUND

To all MAPS students, alumni, and faculty, "who are loved by God and called to be His holy people: Grace and peace to you from God our Father and from the Lord Jesus Christ" (Romans 1:7). This issue of *Into the Deep* is dedicated to Our Lady of the Holy Rosary.

On October 7, we celebrate the feast of Our Lady of the Rosary. Originally instituted in 1571 as Our Lady of Victory by the great Dominican Pope, Saint Pius V (1504-1572), the feast was re-named in honor of Our Lady of the Holy Rosary by his successor, Pope Gregory XIII (1502-1585). The victory of the greatly outnumbered Holy League at the Battle of Lepanto on October 7, 1571 is attributed to Our Lady in answer to countless faithful praying the Rosary.

Knowing the gravity of the moment, Pope Saint Pius V called upon all of Europe to pray the Rosary and they responded. The Pontiff himself led a Rosary procession through the streets of Rome and many of the faithful were gathered in prayer, especially at the great basilica of Saint Mary Major. Pope Pius V was given to know that the victory was complete, and he gave thanks, along with all Christendom. G. K. Chesterton (1874-1936) memorialized this decisive battle and its Christian leader, Don Juan of Austria (1547-1578), in his famous poem, Lepanto.

While the victory at Lepanto through the intercession of Our Lady of the Rosary is widely known, there are numerous other occasions throughout human history where she has saved Christian civilization in a similar manner. Read about the many victories achieved through praying the holy Rosary, including Austria in 1683 and 1955, the heroes of the Battle of the Alcazar during the Spanish Civil War in 1938, and more.

In these troubled times of our own day, we should be faithfully praying at least five decades of the Rosary every day. I would like to make my own the words of Pope John Paul I who, in his brief pontificate of thirty-three days, exhorts us.

"Do me a favor. Never omit the Rosary and recite it well. And even in the parishes, have it recited. I urge it so much" (Ogunu, For Centuries the Rosary Has Been Victorious Over Things Beyond Our Control). For more on the Rosary and How to Pray the Rosary, see the links.

> How beautiful is the family that recites the Rosary every evening.
>
> Saint John Paul II



Lúcia dos Santos and Jacinta Marto
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> The Rosary, though clearly Marian in character, is at heart a Christocentric prayer.
>
> Saint John Paul II
> Rosarium Virginis Mariae #1

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

Sister Lucia dos Santos of Fatima (1907-2005)



Our Lady of the Holy Rosary, Public Domain

Student and Alumni Accomplishments

I am the Chief Medical Officer for Midwest Surgical Hospital and a member of the Omaha Metro Coalition of CMO's. At the beginning of the COVID-19 pandemic, I authored the State of Nebraska Crisis Standards of Care, a document adopted by the State of Nebraska which provides guidelines for allocation of scarce resources during the pandemic. My education at Holy Apostles College and Seminary was very helpful in writing the section on the ethical principles guiding those recommendations.

I have also given lectures and authored a number of articles for several publications, such as *Linacre Quarterly*, *Omaha World Herald*, and *The Deacon* (a publication of Our Sunday Visitor).

I am in my final year of formation for the permanent diaconate for the Archdiocese of Omaha. Archbishop George Lucas encouraged me to obtain additional education in preparation for my eventual ministry as the medical ethicist for the Omaha Archdiocese. Many thanks to Holy Apostles College and Seminary for the outstanding education and preparation for ministry she has provided!

Dr. Stephen Doran

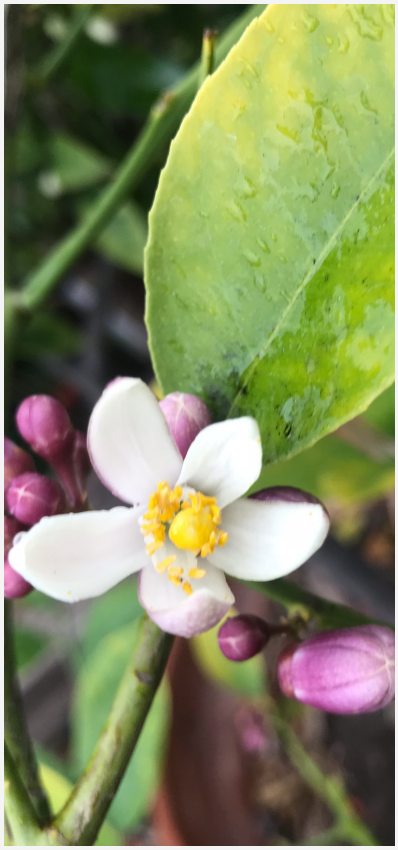


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Joyce Wilson has been accepted to the Clinical Pastoral Education (CPE) residency program at the New Hanover Regional Medical Center in Wilmington, NC. This is a competitive, year-long full-time program designed to help (student) chaplains grow in their pastoral skills and deepen their vocation as a pastoral care minister. Holy Apostles College and Seminary has been helping to prepare Joyce in the fulfillment of her vocation of service to others in chaplaincy for the past two years as a Pastoral Studies Graduate Candidate. She will continue her studies concurrently while she is a member of this CPE program.

Congratulations to all of our MAPS students and Alumni!

Please send comments or submissions to Dr. Siegmund at msiegmund@holyapostles.edu

"The Rosary is a contemplative and Christocentric prayer, inseparable from meditation on Holy Scripture. It is the prayer of the Christian who advances on his pilgrimage of faith, following Jesus and preceded by Mary."

Pope Benedict XVI, Angelus October 1, 2006

Student and Alumni Accomplishments

Greetings MAPS brothers and sisters in Christ and His Church! My name is Rachel Gehring and part of my MAPS journey was a heartfelt, final paper in PAS 785 – Pastoral Issues in Human Sexuality called "Conjugal Rights: Defined and Applied." Living sexuality in a truly human and holy way is essential to happiness and salvation, and married people often encounter complex situations.



Rachel Gehring at St. John Bosco Academy in 2018. Photo by Bob Nida: used with permission.

As a married woman, friend of many faithful Catholics, and in the ministry of spiritual direction, discerning sound and pastoral paths for women in dire situations has been heavy on my heart. My starting point was an excellent article by Dr. Gregory Popcak that spoke to these issues in which marital fidelity, indissolubility, and intimacy along with personal life, dignity, and relationship with God is at stake. What makes this a particularly "juicy" topic is that Dr. Popcak's advice was contrary that of a priest's – so, I set out to research who offered the best counsel. As I show in my paper, Popcak's advice seems to be in line with the Code of Canon Law.

With Dr. Siegmund's encouragement, I submitted my paper to Homiletic and Pastoral Review, which accepted and published it on September 22, 2020. Here is a link to the article if you are interested: Conjugal Rights: Defined and Applied.

As you will see, my aim with this paper was twofold: (1) to illustrate the significance of authentic development of doctrine related to conjugal rights in view of the Second Vatican Council and Pope St. John Paul II's writings; and, (2) to present seven basic and progressive principles that a priest, counselor, or spiritual director should consider in counseling married couples in such situations.

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The article is fully orthodox and utterly practical, adhering to the deposit of faith in light of real dynamics that married women, in particular, find themselves. The diversity of comments following my HPR article highlights its relevance. Enjoy! -Rachel Gehring



Rachel Gehring with her husband, Mark, in Idaho on July 12, 2020. Photo used with permission by Rachel Gehring.

Student and Alumni Accomplishments

I completed my MAPS in General Studies this summer and transitioned to the Rider University Life and Career Coaching Certification that works in conjunction with the Center of Credentialing & Education (CCE) to train and certify individuals as board certified coaches.

My aspiration is to help people grow in their faith with life coaching and spiritual formation. The Rider program has three options depending on your previous training. I have to finish two courses and complete 30 hours of training in coaching to sit for the examination.

Thank you, Holy Apostles, and God bless!
Shawn Tobin



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Graduate student Jimmy Mitchell recently accepted a full-time position as Director of Campus Ministry at Jesuit High School, and all-boys preparatory school in Tampa, Florida. He has spent most of the last 10 years traveling as a speaker and missionary.

With COVID-19 canceling or postponing most Catholic events through 2021, he could not be more excited to continue full-time ministry on a high school campus. God works in mysterious ways, even through times of crisis!

> Thank you for a wonderful course framework that has been Incredibly challenging. The resources you chose are top notch and good reads. I will not be selling these books but referring to them constantly as I edit my class lessons. The introduction to Fr. Hardon alone is worth more than the entire Master's program tuition itself. Both courses will make me a more knowledgeable Catholic with more understanding and edification.
>
> Richard M., NY

Thanks to all of you for being part of our MAPS family!

Please send comments or submissions to Dr. Siegmund at msiegmund@holyapostles.edu

"We earnestly exhort all Christians to give themselves to the recital of the pious devotion of the Rosary publicly, or privately in their own house and family, and that unceasingly" (Pope Leo XIII Encyclical Supremi Apostolatus Officio #8).

Announcements



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See WCAT Radio show, Inter Vitam et Mortem, hosted by Dr. Mary Anne Urlakis and Mary Kloska's The Heart of Fiat Crucified Love on WCAT TV.

Mark your calendar for the upcoming webinar on October 10, 2020 led by Fr. Kevin FitzGerald S.J. with Richard Doerflinger and Tim Hunt entitled, Do You Want to Be Genetically Engineered? The webinar takes place from 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM Central. Come for all of the webinar or as much as you are able.

From En Route Books and Media, see Fr. Aaron Agorsor's book entitled Jesus' Ministry of Liberation: A Companion After the Year of Mercy.

Also from En Route Books and Media, see Robert Hanley's book entitled, Do You See What I See? Discovering the Obvious.

"I would like to invite you...to recite the Rosary in the family, in the community and in parishes."

Pope Benedict XVI, Angelus October 1, 2006



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