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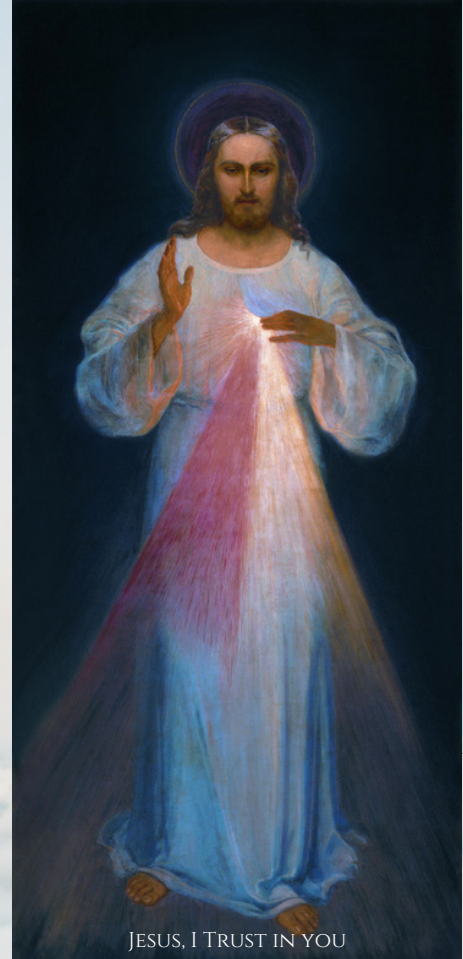
"Put out into the deep and let down your nets for a catch" ([Luke 5:4](#)).

Pastoral Studies Graduate Program Newsletter

Theology for the Heart

Transforming the Culture one Heart at a Time

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PATRONESS OF THE AMERICAS

BY DR. J. MARIANNE SIEGMUND

May Jesus Christ be praised, now and forever! This edition of *Into the Deep* is dedicated to Our Lady of Guadalupe, Patroness of the Americas. As we look forward to celebrating her feast on December 12, we also recall the Solemnity of Mary's Immaculate Conception, remembered on December 8 and Our Lady of Loreto commemorated on December 10.

It is fitting that we reflect upon Mary during Advent, for she always leads us to her Divine Son. For example, she asked Saint Juan Diego in 1531 to have a church built. There, the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass can be offered, and people can adore Christ Jesus, who is truly Present in the Most Blessed Sacrament of the Altar.

Consider the image of Our Lady of Guadalupe. The tilma of Our Lady cannot be explained by modern science. The very cactus fibers of the tilma should have naturally disintegrated some 475 years ago. The image of Our Lady also offers a catechesis in itself. Mary is greater than the sun "god" and she bows her head to the one, true God. She is pregnant with the Christ Child, as the belt around her waist testifies. For numerous miraculous details regarding the tilma, see [The Miraculous Image of Our Lady of Guadalupe](#). (continued on page 2)

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Saint Juan Diego, whose feast day is on December ninth, regarded himself as entirely unworthy to carry out Our Lady's wishes. In his great humility, he asked Our Lady to select someone else who was "more important" to convey her wishes to the bishop. He regarded himself as "a nobody ... a small rope [and] a tiny ladder" (Novena to Our Lady of Guadalupe). Should we ever become discouraged in our daily duty or in the many obligations and obstacles of daily life and apostolic work, consider putting aside the temptation right away. Christ Jesus has called us to the place and state of life where we can best serve Him.



Let us derive a new hope and energy from Our Lady's words to Juan Diego. "...I have many servants and messengers...[but] you yourself...assist ...that through your mediation my wish be complied. ... Am I not here, I, who am your mother? Are you not under my shadow and my protection? Are you not in the hollow of my mantle, the crossing of my arms? Am I not the source of all your joy?... Let nothing worry you or disturb you" (Our Lady of Guadalupe to St. Juan Diego)!

Over the next several days, as we celebrate these magnificent Marian feast days, let us thank our loving Father in Heaven for the graces and blessings He gives to the Americas under her patronage.



CAMPUS- WIDE PRAYING OF THE HOLY ROSARY



Announcement

Each Catholic campus, and even more, every seminary, is to be a cenacle of prayer and an oasis where the community can grow in holiness, faith, and charity. Placing ourselves in the Sacred Heart of Jesus through the Immaculate Heart of Mary, the Pastoral Studies department is pleased to announce a new initiative that contributes toward the spiritual growth and nourishment of the entire academic community, both on campus and online. We will be holding a campus-wide Rosary once a month for three months of the semester. All are invited, whether on campus or online, from your area of the world: undergraduates, graduates, alumni, faculty and staff.

The Logistics

Each semester, a Pastoral Studies student will be appointed as the Rosary Chaplain. He/she will organize and lead a Rosary via Zoom for the entire academic community each month for three consecutive months of the semester. He/she will take the initiative to advertise, in conjunction with the Program Director, for the event. In addition, the appointed Rosary Chaplain will be able to coordinate the campus community with our Vice-Rector, Fr. Danh, and the campus Liturgy Committee. Our Pastoral Studies Rosary Chaplain will be responsible for the entire Rosary event, which will last about 30 minutes.

Credit

Students who volunteer to serve as Rosary Chaplain will earn five spiritual formation hours at the completion of the semester. Should two students wish to work together in this initiative, each student earns 2.5 hours of spiritual formation credit at the completion of the semester. If three students would like to work together as Rosary Chaplains for the semester, each one earns 1.5 hours of spiritual formation credit. No more than three students may work together (for credit) in this initiative for any given semester.

Since daily prayer, especially the Holy Rosary, is part of our lives as Catholics, no spiritual formation credit will be given to students who attend the campus-wide Rosary event (Continued on next page).



“When we desire to spend time staying with Jesus whom we love and whom we especially behold in the Blessed Sacrament, we do not need to say anything, for He always understands us. He only wants us to be with Him in the silence of our hearts where we can hear His voice and we want to do His will.”

Sr. Mary Luyen Le, “My Diary With God,” page 20

“I wish that a church be erected here quickly so I may there an exhibit and give all my love, compassion, help, and protection, because I am your merciful mother, to you, and to all the inhabitants on this land and all the rest to love me, invoke and confide in me; listen there to their lamentations, and remedy other mysteries, afflictions and sorrows.”

Our Lady of Guadalupe to St. Juan Diego

When

Proposed dates for the spring campus-wide Rosary are February 15, March 15 and April 12. The proposed time is 7:00 PM Eastern time.

The Next Step

The Pastoral Studies Program Director is looking for a Rosary Chaplain to coordinate the spring 2023 semester. Students desiring to serve as a Rosary Chaplain for the academic community may reserve their spot up to two semesters ahead. In sum, interested students who are able to lead this initiative in either the spring or the summer semester are welcome to contact Dr. Siegmund (msiegmund@hoylapostles.edu) today in order to reserve one's place as Rosary Chaplain. Each Rosary Chaplain will be appointed on a first-come basis.

In the event that a Rosary Chaplain is unable to complete the three prayer events for the semester, he/she should let the Program Director know as soon as possible. Consequently, the Program Director is also accepting Pastoral Studies student volunteers to serve as substitutes, as needed. Appropriate spiritual formation credit will be given for substitutes.

Spread the word, and plan on attending the first campus-wide Rosary on February 15!

UPCOMING LIVE EVENTS IN THE GRADUATE PASTORAL STUDIES DEPARTMENT

- **FEBRUARY 8** **TAMING THE LION WITHIN BY DR. RONDA CHERVIN**
- **MARCH 1** **HUMAN FORMATION CONFERENCE, THE APOSTLES' CREED BY SAINT THOMAS AQUINAS (PROLOGUE, ART. 1)**

Events will be held at 7:00 PM Eastern time Via Zoom. Current M.Div./NE students and MAPS students who began in the summer semester of 2022 or thereafter will receive a Zoom link. For other interested students and alumni, please email the Program Director, Dr. J. Marianne Siegmund, at msiegmund@holypostles.edu to request a link. At the time of your request, please provide her with a working email so she can send you the link. For more information on each event, please see below.

TAMING THE LION

WITHIN: 5 STEPS

FROM ANGER TO

PEACE

DR. RONDA

CHERVIN, EMERITA

PROFESSOR OF

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Does anyone who
consults a pastoral
minister have
anger problems?

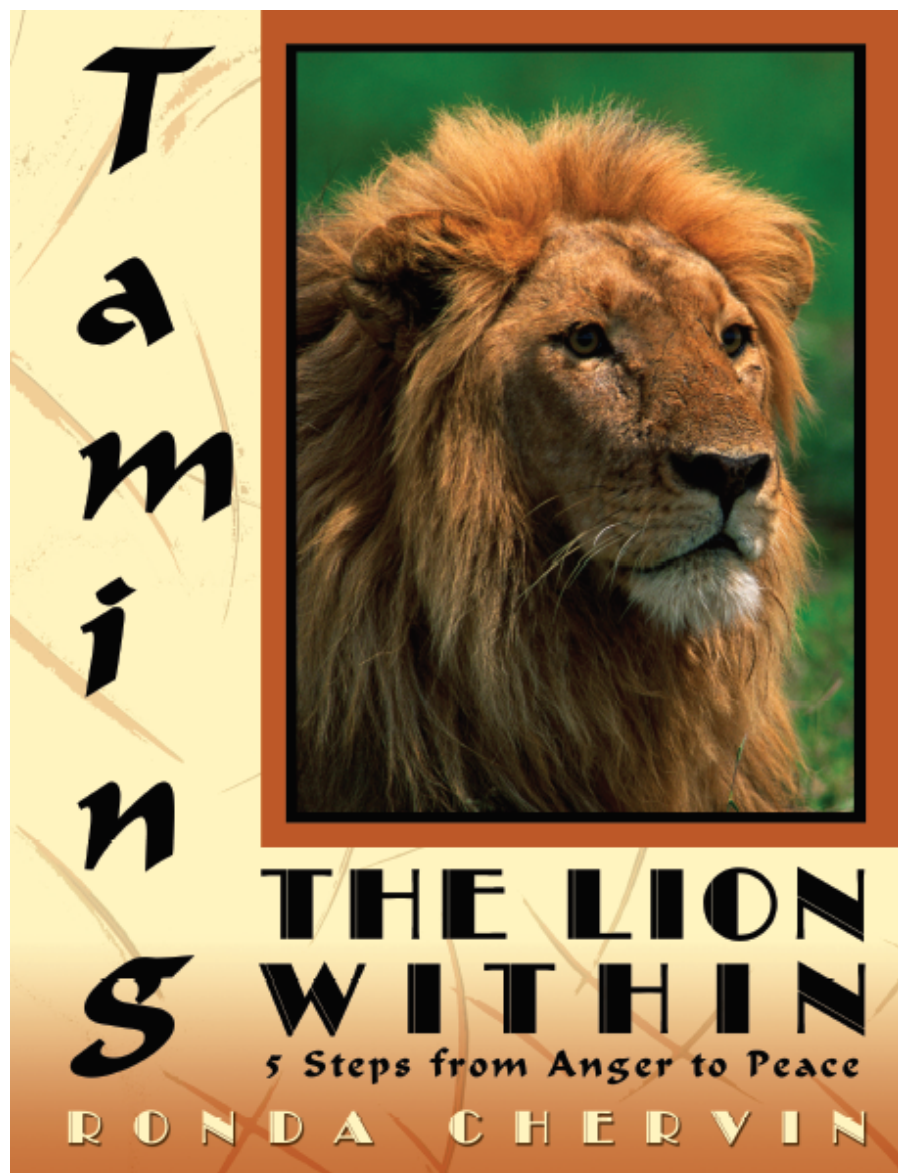


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Here is how I, Ronda Chervin, got deep into anger management for myself. I then progressed as a leader of anger management groups and then I wrote a book about Christian anger management.

I have been angry since I was 2 years old! In my fifties a confessor told me this: "Ronda, I can give you absolution, but have you ever looked into psychological reasons for so much anger?" Shortly after I found about Recovery International (not 12 Step) for anger, anxiety and depression. Going to support groups I found important ways to deal better with anger. But most of the people I knew in the Catholic Church did not trust psychology-based self-help groups.

What if I put together a method joining together those psychological insights with Christian spiritual truths? Taming the Lion Within: Five Steps from Anger to Peace is that book. It is published by En Route Books and Media. (Continued on next page)



Cover Design by Ronda Chervin

(Continued from previous page) My daughters, who are into computer programming and who are life-long victims of my anger, liked it so much they put together an illustrated power-point workshop program that can be ordered together with the book.

The five steps are: 1. Admitting I am an Angry Person; 2. Identifying my type of Anger; 3. Understanding Anger; 4. Taming the Lion Day by Day; 5. The Lion lies down with the Lamb.

Dr. Ronda Chervin is a professor of philosophy, author of some 75 books about Catholic spirituality, and presenter on Catholic TV and radio. Join us via Zoom on Wednesday, February 8, 2023 at 7:00 PM Eastern time to hear Dr. Ronda Chervin's presentation on the subject of Anger Management! Pastoral Studies students who request it will receive one hour of Human Formation credit for attending.

FALL HUMAN FORMATION CONFERENCE: "THE FOUR TEMPERAMENTS" BY SUBDEACON JOE WAKED

On Wednesday, October 26 the MAPS and M.Div./NE students met over Zoom for a Human Formation Conference to discuss "The Four Temperaments" as presented by Fr. Basil Nortz, O.R.C. Many of us have heard of the temperaments but do we know what they are and how they affect our lives and those around us. Fr. Nortz's lecture was not only enlightening, but also quite entertaining, as he explained the ancient terms and how they describe our personal innate patterns of inclination and tendencies.

This formation session dove deeply into the famed temperaments of Choleric, Sanguine, Melancholic and Phlegmatic as all the participants began assessing which of these represented our dominant personality traits. The Zoom participants asked each other questions and probed the various points of the lecture. It was such a remarkably engaging session!

The Greek philosopher, Socrates, is believed to have taught, "Know thyself." Studying the temperaments is an outstanding approach to better know oneself. Self-knowledge leads to humility and true humility leads to holiness. If our goal in this life is sanctification in order to attain eternal life, then it only makes sense that we should strive to better understand ourselves – and those we love – to help us achieve that goal.



Diego Velázquez, Thomas is girded by angels with a mystical belt of purity after his proof of chastity; Public Domain

HUMAN FORMATION CONFERENCE GRADUATE PASTORAL STUDIES PROGRAM

Each semester, students enrolled in either the Master of Divinity in the New Evangelization program or the Master of Arts in Pastoral Studies program participate in a one hour Zoom conference that builds friendship, charity, and human formation. Such formation is crucial to our work in the Church, for we strive to mold our "human personality in such a way that it becomes a bridge and not an obstacle for others in their meeting with Jesus Christ the Redeemer of humanity" (John Paul II, *Pastores Dabo Vobis* #43).

During each Human Formation Conference, we focus upon a relevant document in theology and pastoral studies and then we apply it to our work in the apostolate. Conference participants meet one another, share ideas, and come to a deeper understanding of how theology applies to life. Past conference themes include Pope Saint John Paul II's Encyclical, *Dives in Misericordia*, (Spring 2022 Conference), Saint Augustine's short treatise entitled *On Patience* (Summer 2022 Conference) and the audio presentation by Fr. Basil Nortz on "*The Four Temperaments*" (Fall 2022 Conference).

THE PASTORAL STUDIES DEPARTMENT IS PLEASED TO ANNOUNCE

that we will be beginning a series of Human Formation Conferences on Saint Thomas Aquinas' *Commentary on the Apostles' Creed*. On March 1 we discuss the Prologue (on Faith) and the First Article: "I Believe in God, the Father Almighty, Creator of Heaven and Earth."

In these days of media over-saturation, a discussion on faith, the Heavenly Father, and the world He created is crucial for Pastoral Studies students. For example, what is faith and what do we believe? Who do we believe and why? Who is our Heavenly Father? How do we know He loves us? What is creation? For those who confuse reality with what is on the screen in front of them most of the day, how do we explain what is really real?

Please join us for this exciting discussion on March 1 at 7:00 PM Eastern time. Pastoral studies students and alumni from our global community are invited to gather in friendship to reflect upon Aquinas' text. Conference participants who request it earn two hours of human formation credit for reading, preparing some points for discussion and for attending the one hour Zoom conference.

MEET FIRST-YEAR MAPS STUDENT, ERIC YARRINGTON

I am a first-year student in the MAPS program and my concentration is spiritual direction.

While awaiting confirmation on my acceptance into the Aspirancy Program of formation for the permanent diaconate in my diocese, I made the decision to begin formal studies in the Faith to help me be a better prepared deacon. But my decision also rested on the fact that I know that God may NOT be calling me to ordained ministry, but perhaps to other ways of serving the Church.

I could not be happier with my decision to enroll at Holy Apostles. If I was going to pursue a deeper knowledge of my faith, I wanted a traditional, authentic, and vibrant curriculum that was both affordable and able to meet my needs as a working father and husband. The online format has been great, and I think that we are blessed with a tremendously committed and accomplished faculty.

As someone with two graduate degrees from secular universities, I don't have words to express the depth and breadth of my gratitude to finally be studying alongside fellow Catholics as workers in His vineyard. There is nothing more important than becoming closer to Christ in order to spread the Gospel and win souls for Him. And I am blessed that He has seen fit to place me at Holy Apostles to do just that.

I am particularly interested in catechesis and spiritual direction. I hope to do my part in helping to form and educate the faithful, both intellectually and spiritually, to keep them dedicated to Christ and His Holy Catholic Church.

I believe that if any believer truly seeks to understand the gift we have been given in the Church, we would never be able to build enough cathedrals to hold everyone.



EARN SPIRITUAL FORMATION CREDIT

You can obtain Spiritual Formation credit for making a pilgrimage to your local Cathedral or to another shrine near you. Consider also the Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe in [La Crosse, Wisconsin](#) or in [Mexico City!](#)



MAPS and M.Div./NE Students!

Consider offering a human formation talk in partial or full fulfillment of your human formation hours. This student-led initiative involves offering a Zoom presentation (about 45-60 minutes in length) in one's area of expertise. Any student who leads a human formation presentation in one's area of expertise will receive approximately five hours of formation credit. For more information, please see the online Graduate Pastoral Studies Department [Handbook](#).



St. Margaret of Scotland in Maggie Valley, North Carolina;
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I WAS SO BLESSED BY THE RECENT ONLINE SEMINAR...

...regarding life coaching. I honestly had not considered the great need for life coaching, not only within the Church, but in the community.

People all around us are longing for truth and sometimes even professional counselors and licensed health care workers are limited in what they are allowed to say to their patients. Through life coaching we can point people towards dependence on Christ.

I am so excited at the possibility of using my degree in pastoral studies in this way. Thanks so much for all that was shared!

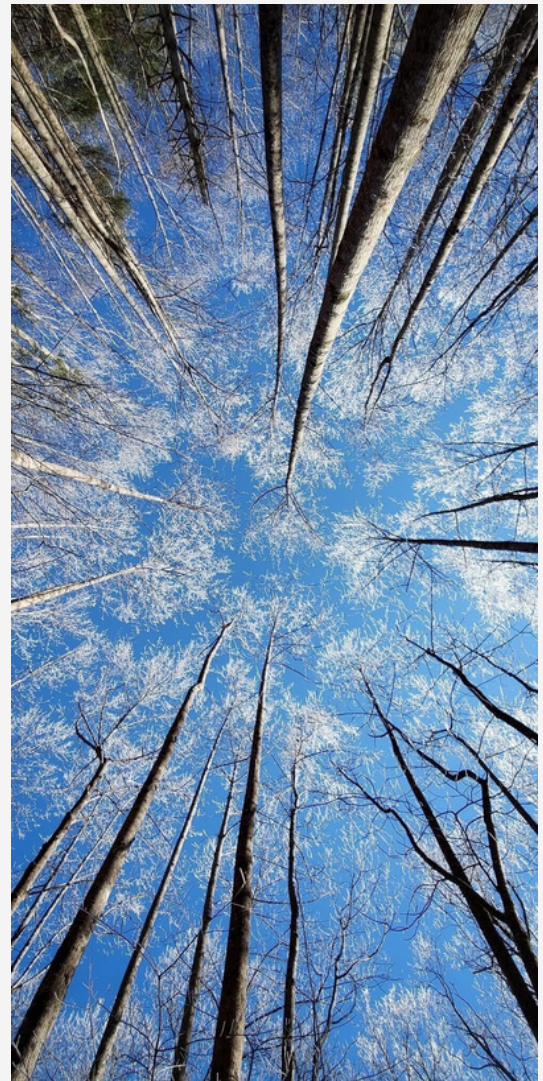
Joanna Downing, MAPS/Spiritual Direction



A REFLECTION ON THE SAN DAMIANO CRUCIFIX BY MARI LEE MCCLOSKEY

"Every genuine artistic intuition goes beyond what the senses perceive and, reaching beneath reality's surface, strives to interpret its hidden mystery" (John Paul II, "Letter to Artists," #6). On October 4th, Pat Maguire inspired a large group of Pastoral Studies students with an informative and enriching presentation on the San Damiano Crucifix of Assisi, Italy. Thank you, Pat, for a lovely presentation!

As an artist myself, I was moved to meditate on this major artwork of the Franciscan tradition in the method of Visio Divina (divine seeing). Not unlike Lectio Divina (divine reading), the abundant inspiration offered through imagery drew me into one area of focus: the Beloved Disciple, John, standing close to the breast of Jesus.(cont.)



Linville Gorge Wilderness, North Carolina; Photo by Eric Yarrington;; All rights reserved.

(Continued from previous page) I was drawn to meditate on the closeness of Jesus and John to one another on the Crucifix. Visually, John fits so perfectly into the curve of Jesus's side. The word "conformed" comes to mind. John acted in accordance with the will of the Father by standing at Jesus's side to the very end. And what a great privilege Jesus bestowed on John, to take His very mother into his home and to be called her son!

The intentionality of every choice the artist makes in this work communicates truth and beauty. John is standing beside the wound from which flows the blood and water of the Heart of Christ. Our Mother is standing on His other side. What a safe and comforting place to abide, even amid unspeakable suffering!

As I end this brief meditation, I ponder what this means to me, personally. The simple words "I am loved, I am protected, and I am called" come to mind. I am loved by a Man who died for me. I am protected by a God who saved me. I am called to act in conformity with God's will to the best of my ability. Lastly, Jesus so graciously allows me to call His mother my own as she calls me her daughter.



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BIRDS ARE NOT USUALLY FRIENDLY WITH STRANGERS.

However, if you persistently go to them, listen to them sing, and feed and care for them with love, I am sure the birds will come to you and stay close to you. Likewise, for human beings, when we reach out to others with our heart, love, and care for their basic needs, they become friendly and listen to us.

Fr. Mau Van Nguyễn



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THREE SAINTS TO FALL IN LOVE WITH!

BY MARIA SMITH

I propose that everyone should fall deeply in love with these three magnificent saints:

1. Our Lady of Guadalupe
2. Saint Joseph
3. Saint John the Apostle

Let's begin with the sweetest, wisest, holiest, and most powerful human being ever created: the Mother of God, Mary Most Holy. There is no human advocate more powerful, there is no human mother more gentle and tender. "De Maria numquam satis," - Of Mary, there is never enough!

Specifically, I invite all to fall in love with Our Lady under her title of Our Lady of Guadalupe. The sweetness of her face, the gentleness of her eyes, the humility of her hands in prayer for all her children. This supernatural image of God's Mother and our very own Mother is unlike any other image, for It is a masterpiece painted by the Divine Artist Himself in honor of His Mother - His greatest masterpiece of creation! Gaze upon Her Gaze, meditate upon Her thoughts, enter into her Immaculate Heart.

EARN SPIRITUAL FORMATION CREDIT FOR ATTENDING A RETREAT OR CONFERENCE, IN-PERSON OR VIRTUALLY

Consider attending the Divine Mercy Conference from June 7-9, 2023 in Stockbridge, Massachusetts for spiritual formation credit. For details, see the Master of Divinity in the New Evangelization Handbook and the Conference advertisement. Alternatively, call (413) 298-1303 for more information.

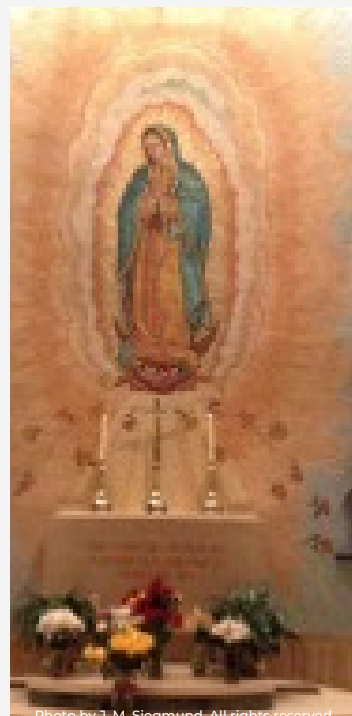


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CONSIDER GETTING A JUMP-START ON PASTORAL FORMATION

SEE THE [HANDBOOK](#) FOR DETAILS. FOR ADDITIONAL IDEAS, CONSULT FR. MICHAEL GAITLEY'S BOOK, "[YOU DID TO ME:](#)" A PRACTICAL GUIDE TO MERCY IN ACTION.

(Continued from previous page) Not enough honor Our Lady, not enough are totally devoted to her, not enough are deeply and entirely in love with her, for if we were, we would all be full of joy and hope and brimming over with desire to serve the most deserving Queen of Heaven and earth, our Queen and our very own Mama! As Saint Thérèse so beautifully put it: "Mary is both queen and mother, but she is more mother than queen!"*

Let us run to Mama and tell Her everything, like little children are wont to do, confiding all our thoughts and actions and desires to her. Whether our earthly mother was one of the best or not, we all have a perfect Mother who is always there for us. Our Lady will always listen attentively and help us with everything.

In future editions of *Into the Deep* I will speak on Saint Joseph and Saint John.

* See <https://carmelitesistersocd.com/2013/mary-is-more-mother-than-queen/>



The altar image of Our Lady of Guadalupe with St. John the Baptist, Juan de Zumárraga and St. Juan Diego by Miguel Cabrera; Public Domain

FROM RACHEL GEHRING... HELLO HACs FRIENDS!



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With prompting, I add a praise report and life update to the great testimonies I read in *Into The Deep*. After graduating from HACs in Pastoral Studies, I took a part-time faculty position with the Divine Mercy University Spiritual Direction Certificate Program. Every program has a niche, and the DMU SDC specialization is integrating faithful Catholic spirituality with what is authentic for the human person from the social sciences.

It is amazing to collaborate with mature Catholic Christian men and women, lay and religious, who are called to formation in the art of spiritual direction. My favorite responsibilities are teaching 400: Discernment and Spiritual Growth and facilitating group supervision of practicums. How good the Lord was to place me in the field of my passion: spiritual direction! (Continued on next page)

Spiritual direction is the art of walking with others in their spiritual journey. While catechesis is about faith content, coaching is about life goals, and counseling is about crisis solutions, spiritual direction focuses on personal experience of and real growth in Divine intimacy with eternal life in sight. Since certification with The Cenacle in 2013, I have accompanied those with whom the Lord has paired me. What a joy to witness to hearts laid bare so that He can enter, transform, and overflow! When I started my MA at HACS, I also constructed a website and opened Transformed By Mercy. This both fed my artistic streak and offered a virtual meeting place.

In addition to spiritual direction, the Lord gradually added pastoral supervision and the nineteenth annotation to my plate. Pastoral supervision is a “best practice” for anyone involved in ministry, especially spiritual directors. Supervision is a contemplative meeting and ongoing process that helps pastoral ministers, not so much with what they do, but with who they are in the Lord as they minister. Although ministry is a thrilling call from the Lord, it is also a difficult one at times. Thus, supervision affords an opportunity to look to prayer, balance, identity, and discernment so that ministry is not tainted by our woundedness and used as a crutch for the minister. Rather, real fruitfulness flows from remaining in Him — at all times.

Finally, the nineteenth annotation is the nineteenth note that St. Ignatius gave to directors of the spiritual exercises, encouraging them to take retreatants, who could not take thirty days away from work and family, though the same exercises over roughly nine months. In daily life, retreatants pray through: (1) creation, rediscovering who God is and who they are, (2) sin, in light of the Father’s mercy and healing, (3) discipleship, following Jesus from His Incarnation through His public ministry, (4) passion, going to the cross with Jesus, (5) resurrection, rising with Him, and (6) Pentecost, receiving the Spirit’s anointing for mission. Retreatants come to know the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit in a whole new way through the nineteenth school of prayer, healing, and discernment, often with the close attention of Mother Mary. The nineteenth annotation requires and forges great spiritual maturity.

I hope you are well and I would love to hear from you. You can find me at www.transformedbymercy.net or rachel@transformedbymercy.net. May you know every blessing in, though, and with our Loving and Triune God! (2 Cor. 3: 16-18)

Because Jesus is Lord,
Rachel Gehring

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LIVE WEBINAR FOR YOUR
OWN PERSONAL
ENRICHMENT**

Faith that Makes you Think on December 10 at 10:00 am Eastern, register here: Faith That Makes You Think - Institute for Theological Encounter with Science and Technology at: faithscience.org.

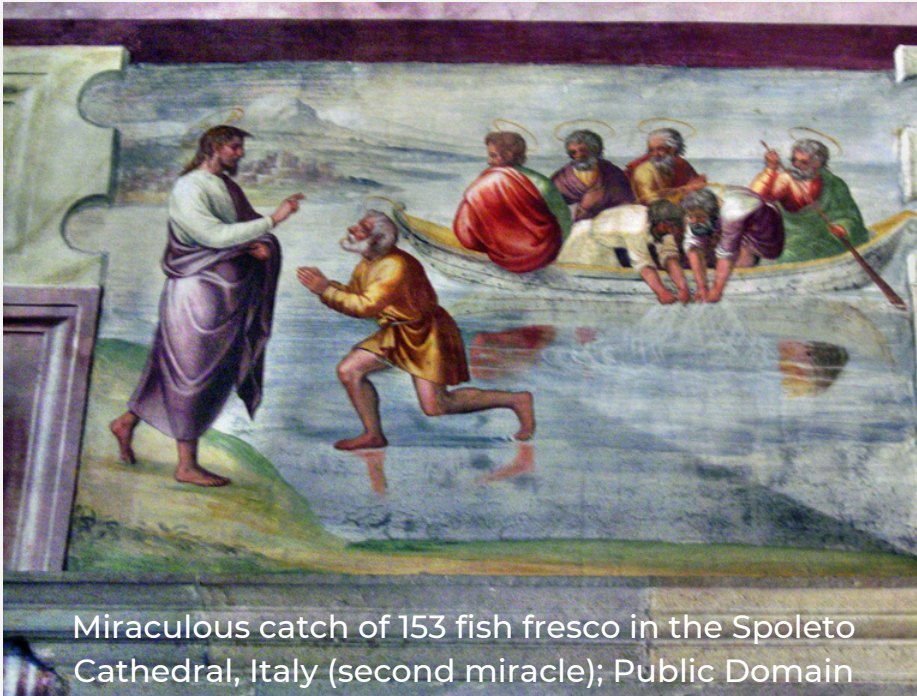


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Maria gave an informative and thoughtful presentation that summed up beautifully her calling as a Life Coach. Her focus on leading her clients to a trusting relationship with Jesus and Mary is much needed in our time of shifting psychological standards that often affirm rather than dissuade people's sinful lifestyle/choices. She answered every question candidly and thoroughly and the joy she experienced leading others to Christ was palpable. May God continue to bless her and her clients!

Ray Lawrence



Miraculous catch of 153 fish fresco in the Spoleto Cathedral, Italy (second miracle); Public Domain

HUMAN FORMATION CONFERENCES FOR 2023

Saint Thomas Aquinas,
Doctor of the Church

Commentary on the Apostles' Creed

Spring: Prologue and Article 1

Summer: Articles 2 and 3

Fall: Articles 4, 5 and 6

"INTO THE DEEP" (Lk. 5:4)

BY SR. MARY LUYEN THI LE

Each one of us is called by God to go out and to preach the Gospel to everyone, especially to those who do not know God. The Bible verse, "Go out into the deep and let down the nets," (Lk. 5:4) is like a special message that God sends to each one of us who are equipped by God to courageously and confidently talk about God's love for everyone, especially to those that He brings to us.

Anyone who has ever been to the sea has experienced that deep water is a dangerous place, and, if you are not careful, it can be dangerous to your life. Therefore, in order to "go out into the deep" water to cast a net, one must first know how to swim and to be courageous, to dare to take risks, to dare to accept hardships and sometimes even failure. If we "go out into the deep" water and don't know how to swim, that is, if we do not trust in God, we will surely drown before we "cast the net" and "catch the fish."

On the other hand, even if we do know how to swim, but if we are afraid to "go out into the deep" water (by not accepting the hardships), we will not be able to easily catch fish. After Peter and the other disciples heard the Lord's instructions, they cast the net "into the deep" water and caught a lot of fish. (Continued on next page)

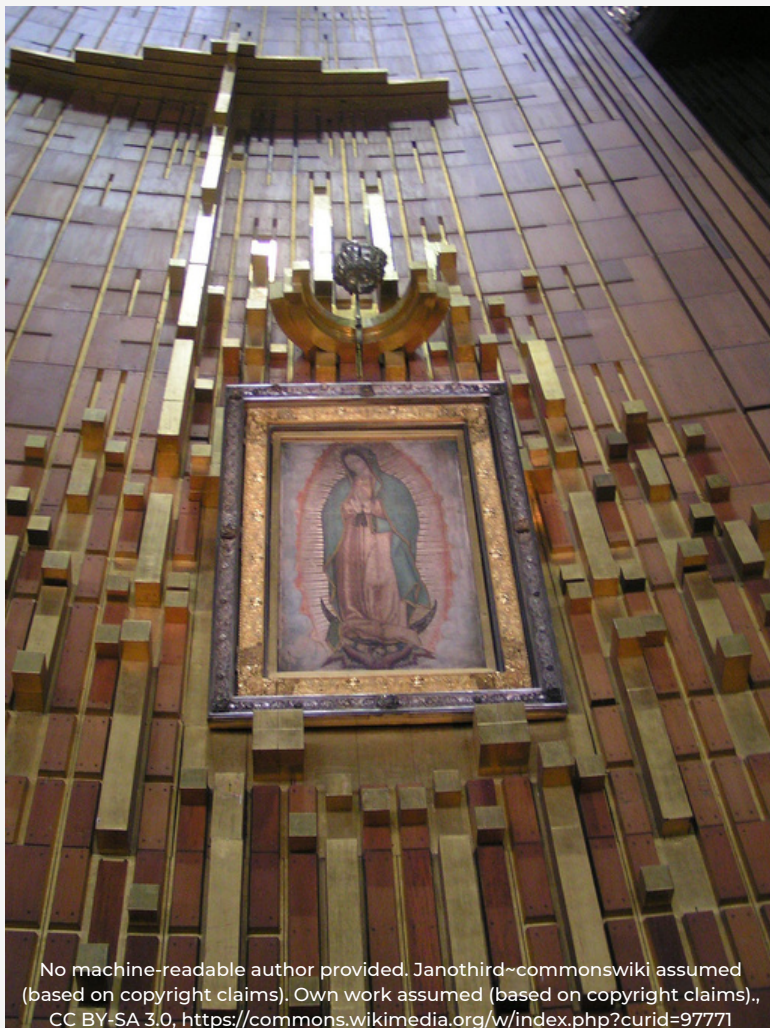
(Continued from previous page) On the missionary path, too, our faith life is not only about keeping our faith or focusing on taking care of our personal salvation or taking care of our family members, but we also have a mission. We need to share God's love and salvation with everyone, especially with those who have not yet heard of the Good News of God, and who have not yet known God's love and salvation.

Before we can share God with everyone, we must first be people who have God; we know Him, and we love Him. Therefore, we must first humbly ask God to use us as He wants, and at the same time, we must courageously respond to God's call to "go out into the deep." That is, we must be passionate about learning and living a life of virtue. We need to trust, to believe maturely and confidently, and to put into practice what we believe by our very own concrete acts of love. Moreover, each one of us is being led by God deeper into His knowledge and love through insights gained from lessons as well as from valuable experiences from Biblical sources and from the teachings of the Church.

The invitation of Jesus Christ to "Come out into the deep," is like a message that God wants to tell us. We need to open our hearts and to open our minds to the Holy Spirit so He can enlighten us, guide us, and sanctify us along the path that He wants us to travel. So, let us run to God with a heart that longs to love Him and wishes to share His love with everyone! The fact that God invites us to "go out into the deep" to cast a net to catch fish and to bring a lot of fish back to God means that we will bring a lot of souls back to God. And so, we rejoice!



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VIRGIN OF GUADALUPE, ORA PRO NOBIS!

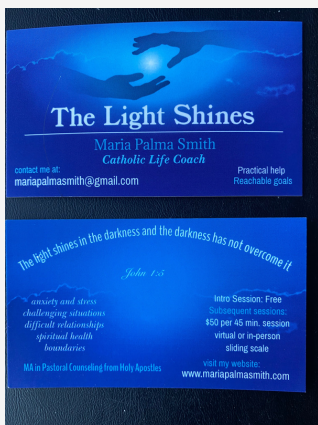


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faculty and staff in your prayers.

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Please send comments or submissions for *Into the Deep* to Dr. J. M. Siegmund at
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