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“Encourage one another daily while it is still ‘today’...” Hebrews 3:13

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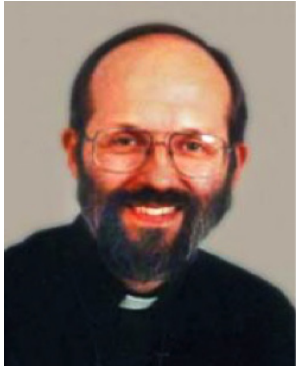
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A HISTORY OF FAITH, PROPHECY, AND GOD’S PROVIDENCE

A HISTORY OF PRESENTATION MINISTRIES - PART 4

“GO MAKE DISCIPLES”

“Come let us climb the Lord’s mountain... that He may instruct us in His ways”(Isaiah 2:3)



Since 1984 many people have travelled to the remote hill country in Adams County, Ohio to attend a day of renewal, a retreat, or a youth camp held in a rustic old farmhouse or later held in a renovated dairy barn. This old farm lacked the conveniences of city life, so why did so many people come? Why did the Apostles leave their homes to follow Jesus, Who had “no place to lay His head”? The answer can be found in the prophetic words of Isaiah: “Come let us climb the Lord’s mountain, to the house of the God of Jacob, that He may instruct us in His ways and we may walk in His paths” (Is 2:3a). Father Al listened to these prophetic words, prayed, and acted on them. He referred to the early retreats as spiritual “Boot Camp”.

The following two excerpts are from Father Lauer’s reflections in his book, *The Presentation Story*, where he describes the events leading up to the development of the Our Lady of Guadalupe Discipleship Center located on the 54 acres in Adams County, OH.

THE DEATH OF A JUST MAN

“Precious in the eyes of the Lord is the death of His faithful ones.” —Psalm 116:15

One of our most faithful workers had a heart attack and died. The night before his death he shared at our men’s Bible study and joined in the outdoor prayer meeting. Often, in the Bible, the death of a good person results in a new outpouring of divine life. After this man’s death there was a ministry explosion.

For years we had given teaching after teaching on the responsibility of the lay person to minister, but we had little effect. Our people seemed paralyzed, and they refused to be set free. As in most churches, the same few souls were doing most of the parish work and getting more and more tired. After our brother’s death more ministries developed in three months than in three years previously. Evangelization blossomed, renewal took a quantum leap. Ministries to children, teens, and retarded adults began. Later, this man’s farm became a renewal center, where hundreds of people, especially teens, have met the Lord. From very meager beginnings, we saw a ministry explosion which was the catalyst for expanded evangelization and many miracles. At our brother’s funeral Mass, we proclaimed God’s word: “You can depend on this: If we have died with Him we shall also live with Him; if we hold out to the end we shall also reign with Him” (2 Tm 2:11-12).

Prayer: *Jesus, may we continually carry about in our bodies Your death so that Your life may be revealed through us (2 Cor 4:10).*

DOWN ON THE FARM

“He sold a farm that he owned and made a donation of the money, laying it at the apostles’ feet.” —Acts 4:37



A woman (his widow) in our parish community owned a 120-acre farm. [Editor’s note: The night before this man’s death, he had shared an inspiration he had, to offer the use of his farm to Presentation Church for retreats, especially for inner city youth.] After the death of her husband, she realized she had to make a decision about the farm. She offered it to the parish community for a retreat center, but we encouraged her to sell the farm to provide for her family. How could we start a retreat center when those retreat centers already established were going out of business? In two years, she nearly sold the farm on two occasions. Each time the deal fell through.

Finally, we accepted the fact that God wanted to use the farm for renewal. Then once again it looked as if the farm would be sold. But once again the Lord changed the circumstances and it was back in our hands.

The farm had been unoccupied for over a year. Someone had broken in and taken some of the furnishings. There was no heat in the house. At this point, a handful of us celebrated the Eucharist in that cold, barren farm house. We received God’s word that He would use this farm for renewal and the building of His kingdom (Haggai 1:8-9; 2:3-4) With God’s word as our strength, we proceeded to develop the farm into a renewal center. We had no money, no personnel, and little facilities. Most of the land was not tillable, but over the years God has done the impossible (Haggai 2: 6-9). He has raised up workers for this ministry. The payments on the farm have been miraculously paid, and the Lord has raised up the people and money to build a discipleship center.

Prayer: *Jesus, nothing is impossible for You. Do in my life more than I can ever ask or imagine (Eph 3:20).*

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“THE SOULS OF THE JUST ARE IN THE HAND OF GOD”

(Wisdom 3:1)

MARY HANDERMANN, BIBLE INSTITUTE ADMINISTRATOR FOR OVER 30 YEARS, ENTERS INTO ETERNAL REST



On Monday, June 8, 2020 at the age of 84, Mary Handermann, one of Presentation Ministries’ strongest leaders went home to Jesus.

Mary was the devoted wife of the late Carl Handermann and loving mother of six devoted children. She was grandmother to 25 and great grandmother to 37. For over thirty years she served the Lord Jesus as a member of Presentation Ministries, and was the gifted administrator of PM’s Annual Bible Institute at Xavier University for much of that time. Mary and Carl organized and led the New Creations HBC, one of PM’s first home based communities. Carl and Mary had a special gift of hospitality and their home was a welcoming place for many new faces, community gatherings, and ministry meetings.

The following is excerpted from an interview with Mary. She described the mammoth task of organizing PM’s Annual Bible Institute held at Xavier University.

THE BIBLE INSTITUTE: WE ARE CALLED TO EQUIP PEOPLE TO BE DISCIPLES OF CHRIST BY USING THEIR SPIRITUAL GIFTS

“It is He Who gave apostles, prophets, evangelists, and pastor-teachers in roles of service for the faithful to build up the Body of Christ til we become one in faith and in the knowledge of God’s Son, and form that perfect man who is Christ come to full stature” (Ephesians 4:11-13).

From the beginning Fr. Al envisioned a ten day Bible Institute, offering a variety of equipping seminars. General sessions were held on the weekends. Individual equipping seminars on the gifts of prophecy, intercession, leadership, healing, and administration were held on the weekdays. From the second year onward we followed that format. More recently, for practical reasons, we had to cut to eight days. The length of time has changed, but the purpose has not. We wish to equip people to be Disciples of Christ by using their spiritual gifts.

FRUITFULNESS: THE BIBLE INSTITUTE BORE GREAT FRUIT IN THE LIVES OF THOSE WHO CAME

“As generous distributors of God’s manifold grace, put your gifts at the service of one another, each in the measure he has received” (1 Peter 4: 10).

The people who come to the Institute love it; for them it’s a mountain-top experience. Of course, that’s not the purpose, but it does get people excited about the Lord. Many go back home and have started ministries from what they’ve learned at the Institute: perhaps an intercessory group, or a home-based community, or a Bible study. That’s very gratifying! People often return since there is so much to absorb in eight days. The Institute bore great fruit in the lives of those who came. I remember one

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**MARY HANDERMANN,
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woman who said it really impacted her life, just by attending that one time! Later she was still handing around teaching tapes which she had brought home from the Institute seven years previously so people could learn about the Spiritual Gifts.

**THE CHALLENGE:
A YEAR-ROUND MINISTRY**

“I charge you to preach the word, to stay with this task whether convenient or inconvenient – correcting, reproving, appealing – constantly teaching and never losing patience” (2 Timothy 2). One of the biggest challenges of putting on the Institute every year is that you have to begin almost immediately after one event ends and start preparations for the next year. It is a year-round ministry because there is so much to do.

**CARL AND I LED THE INSTITUTE FOR SIXTEEN YEARS,
WE BUILT ON WHAT CHARLIE AND CHARLOTTE HIRT HAD DONE**

Initially, Charlie and Charlotte Hirt lead the Bible Institute for two years. Even though in their 70’s they did an amazing job. They set up a good structure for many years to come. We were very surprised when they announced that they would step down from leadership. However, considering their age and the responsibilities involved, we understood. Then, Carl and I assumed leadership for the next sixteen years, building on what Charlie and Charlotte had established. We added more sessions, and reorganized others. Recently, Mark Mussman has stepped into leadership. He had helped in the early days of the Institute and felt called to come back and offer his gift of vision.

“As for you, be steady and self-possessed; put up with hardships, perform your work as an evangelist, fulfill your ministry” (2 Timothy 4).

**FAITHFUL PM AND
“MY PEOPLE” SUPPORTERS,
TESS AND HARRY HUMPERT,
ENTER ETERNAL REST**



Beth (Humpert) Dunn, former co-leader of PM’s Co-Worker Ministry, lost both her parents, Tess and Harry Humpert, in this past year. Therese (Tess) passed to her eternal home on Monday, September 30, 2019 at age 92, and ten months later, Harry joined his beloved wife of 69 years on July 25, 2020 at the age of 94. Tess and Harry were the proud parents of eight children, eighteen grandchildren and sixteen great-grandchildren. For 60 years, Harry owned the Klingenberg’s Hardware & Paint Stores in Covington and Latonia, KY (still family operated). In the 1980’s, Harry and Tess served as co-leaders of the Diocesan Catholic Charismatic Mustard Seed Community. Their connection with PM came after the Humperts met Father Al Lauer. They were inspired by his teaching and frequently invited him to preach and celebrate the Healing Mass for the Mustard Seed Community in Covington’s beautiful Mother of God Church. Later the Humpert Family faithfully supported PM’s “My People” Newspaper Ministry, by advertising Klingenberg’s Hardware and Paint Stores.

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ENCOURAGING AND PROPHETIC WORDS FROM ISAIAH AND HAGGAI PROVIDED DIRECTION FOR THE FUTURE USE OF THE “FARM”

In 1984 when Father Al Lauer had gathered with a small group to pray for prophetic words the following passages from the Bible seemed to be the answer. In PM’s booklet, *The Presentation Story*, Father Al cited the following passage:

“Come let us climb the Lord’s mountain... that He may instruct us in His ways” (Isiah 2:3).

In addition, he cited:

“Go up into the hill country; bring lumber, and build the house that I may take pleasure in it and receive My glory, says the Lord” (Haggai 1:8)... “Who is there among you that saw this house in its former glory? And how do you see it now? Does it not seem like nothing in your eyes? ... But now take courage, all you people of the land, says the Lord and work! For I am with you, says the Lord of hosts” (Haggai 2: 3-4).

“...FOR FROM ZION SHALL GO FORTH INSTRUCTION AND THE WORD OF THE LORD FROM JERUSALEM” (Isiah 2:3c)



YOUTH CAMPS - Father Al and the community prayed for workers to start ministering to youth at the farm and God inspired two couples to volunteer to lead the first weeks of summer camp. Children and youth were transported from Our Lady of Presentation Church in Cincinnati, OH and the surrounding urban neighborhoods to the scenic beauty of Adams County, OH. There they had an opportunity to hear the life giving words of His Gospel and experience the glory of the Lord in His creation. In the follow-

ing years a young family and a number of young single adults volunteered to reside at the farm and lead the ministry. The youth camps and retreats grew and the community developed a troop called the Emmaus Players to minister the word of God through skits. This troop traveled to many places bringing the “Good News” to young and old in parishes and even in public parks.

[Later the PM John Bosco Youth Group took up this youth ministry. Gifted members wrote and produced full length plays on various books of the Bible to present at the Bible Institute.]



ADULT RETREATS OVERFLOW

THE OLD FARMHOUSE - For seven years youth camps and adult retreats were held in the farmhouse. The retreatants were housed in the old farmhouse, and in five small cabins in the woods. When the popular “Mothers’ Retreat”, which included lots of toddlers and babies, overflowed in the late 1980s, it was time for a miracle. By a very surprising gift from the Lord, the farm was paid off and Presentation Ministries received the title to 54 acres of the land including a concrete block dairy barn and an old tobacco barn.



PM Co-Workers, volunteers, and members of PM’s Home Based Communities (HBCs) continued to travel 70 or more miles to renovate and maintain the retreat center. The Annual “Work Fests” (sometimes semi-annual) became a great time for the large group of PM communities to gather, to use their skills to work together to build a place for the Lord. In addition to work, they enjoyed fellowship with pot luck meals, the rosary, and songs of praise around the bonfire.

“GO MAKE DISCIPLES OF ALL NATIONS”

The old dairy barn was transformed into PM’s Paul Jansen Discipleship Center where Father Al developed and taught the 40 Day Discipleship Program for many years. People came from all over the United States, Canada and as far away as Malaysia for Discipleship Retreats. It became obvious PM needed to provide more housing and larger facilities for the growing attendance. The home based communities (HBCs) and volunteers once again answered the call to trust in the Lord, “take courage ... and work” (Haggai 2:4).

“AND TAKE COURAGE ALL YOU PEOPLE ... AND WORK! ... I AM WITH YOU... MY SPIRIT CONTINUES IN YOUR MIDST” (Haggai 2: 4)

The ministry celebrated a blessing of the fields at the “ground-breaking ceremony” and the work on the new Our Lady of Guadalupe Discipleship Center and Chapel began. Many PM members and volunteers came faithfully for years to work on this massive construction project. Certain projects had to be completed by professionals, especially placing the trusses, installing the plumbing, the heating and air conditioning and electrical wiring, etc.



“WAIT FOR THE LORD WITH COURAGE; BE STOUTHEARTED AND WAIT FOR THE LORD” (Psalm 27:14)

Our Lady of Guadalupe Center was under roof and water proof by 2002, but it was a shell inside and the well we dug was dry. No water, no building permits. After five years of hard work, the construction came to a halt. Faithful donors continued to send money and supplies, but the state would not certify the building until we could satisfy environmental requirements for the septic system and provide an adequate water supply. Since city water was not available in this remote area, we were unable to get the necessary permits to continue construction.

In 2010 the Word Gifts Ministry and Directors discerned that the Discipleship Team and Our Lady’s Holy Mountain Community should take a sabbatical year and have no retreats during that time. It was a time of prayer and listening. Our prayers were answered.

Stay tuned! The next newsletter will reveal the marvelous work of the Lord and how He brought this long, long project to a fabulous conclusion.

PM CELEBRATES 25 YEARS OF GIL TEPE'S FAITHFUL VOLUNTEER SERVICE



Gil Tepe holds the beautiful cake which was decorated with the PM logo.

Gil Tepe volunteered on Tuesdays filling orders for over 25 years. A couple of PM Directors and some "Tuesday Workers" celebrated a "thank you" lunch with Gil. This "thanksgiving party" was a sendoff, since Gil will no longer be able to come on Tuesdays.

One of his fellow volunteers said he was so faithful that he even worked every Tuesday through the early months of the pandemic! His presence will be sorely missed.



A QUIET WORKER WHO GOT THE JOB DONE!



Marilyn Cook

A wonderful worker for Presentation Ministries (PM), Marilyn Cook, passed away in May of 2020. Before stepping down from her work due to physical reasons, she faithfully traveled each week to the Ministry

Center to fill orders on Tuesdays, rain or shine. Most often she took the bus both ways. She served for many, many years. If you ordered publications from Presentation Ministries during the 80s, 90s and early 2000s, she probably had a hand in seeing that you received it! Before PM handed over the two big *One Bread, One Body* shipping tasks to a mailhouse, Marilyn would assist on both the "bookpacking" days, and also "book-labeling" days. Both of these recurring bi-monthly jobs were huge undertakings, but she was always up for it. She quietly and steadily got the job done.

A Memorial Mass was celebrated Sept 17th at St. Teresa Church in Cincinnati, OH. Then on Sept 23rd the family held a peaceful ceremony of prayers and internment at Holy Guardian Angels Church in Cedar Grove, IN.

Please pray for Marilyn and ask her to pray for you.



PRAISE REPORTS:

"DEAR PRESENTATION MINISTRIES..."

PM'S DAILY E-MAILS ENRICH MY FAITH

Your daily e-mails [*One Bread, One Body*] enrich my faith. God bless dear Fr. Al Lauer and all who serve Presentation Ministries (PM). I first became aware of PM on AM radio from McKeesport, PA in the 1990's. I donate so that your outreach can continue, in order to save souls.

~Christine
Pittsburgh, PA

ONE BREAD, ONE BODY AND MY PEOPLE NEWSPAPER BEAR FRUIT IN THE LIFE OF A PRISONER

Hello, my name is Michael. I am incarcerated. I have been receiving *One Bread, One Body* (OBOB) and My People (newspaper) for maybe 5 years now. I want to take this chance to thank you for helping me to grow in love for the Lord Jesus through knowledge of His Word. Reading the Holy Father's messages in My People helps me to feel especially united to the Church.

OBOB has been my calendar for the liturgy for this time as well. I truly love how PM teaches primarily from the Bible, supported with the Church's documents.

Be assured of my prayers especially at this time. Thank you for yours, and please keep sending me OBOB and My People, God willing. May He bless and keep you now and forever Amen. And may the love of Christ bring us all together to everlasting Life. Amen. Truly,

~Michael

MUCH COMFORT, PEACE, AND UNDERSTANDING

My dear friends in Christ at Presentation Ministries, For maybe a year now you have mailed me a couple extra copies of *One Bread, One Body*. I am so grateful—I have given the reflection prayer books away to others and I know much comfort, peace, and understanding comes from these thoughtful reflections on daily scripture.

Personally, my faith has grown and may that be true for anyone that prayerfully reads the daily "Prayer/Promise/Praise".

PS. Send more books if possible! Thank you! & God bless you!

– Marnie

LED BACK TO THE CATHOLIC CHURCH

Thank you for this booklet. I have been led back to the Catholic Church through your ministry (An anonymous former non-denominational Christian).

LIFE-SAVING

Fr Al's preaching is life-saving to me. Keep up the Classical Edition of "Daily Bread". I am a senior who tunes into his message every day. He makes me smile.

~Josephine

EXCELLENT JOB OF HELPING US BRING JESUS TO EVERYONE

I received the box of booklets today (*One Bread, One Body*) and immediately took them to church where there were people still around... All were very thankful to get them! Father also took extras! I am so glad to see their wanting OBOB. You are doing an excellent job of helping us get JESUS to everyone we can!!!

Thank you. Thank you. THANK YOU!!!

–Susan,
North Dakota

AN OUTSTANDING SPIRITUAL GUIDE!

Dear Directors: God bless you all! Thank you so much for your commitment to our Catholic Faith!

One Bread, One Body is such an outstanding spiritual guide! I have been a reader for years! May our God continue to renew you and rejoice over you, especially in these days.

–Russ

PLEASE CONTINUE THE PAPER COPY OF OBOB

I love this daily meditation. Please continue the paper copy! You are doing an amazing job of evangelizing!

~Barbara
Chino Valley, AZ

OBOB NOURISHES JUST BEFORE PASSING TO ETERNAL LIFE

This donation is made "In memory of my sister, Conzuela, who passed on May 17, 2020. She had just read her *One Bread, One Body* when she passed. I miss her."

~Deborah

OBOB: SHORT, BUT FILLED WITH INSIGHT AND LOVE.

Praise God for the work you are doing! I appreciate the messages to accompany the daily Mass readings. Short, but filled with insight and love.

~Andi
Kenner, LA

AN EXTRA SPECIAL GET AWAY WITH JESUS

I am writing to let you know how special "Daily Bread" with Fr Al has been to my family and me. My sister shared the podcast with me (praise Jesus, she recently returned to the Church and this podcast has been so helpful to her) and I can't stop listening to it. Even my husband loves it! It has been so special to us and during this time of COVID, I feel like it is an extra special get away with Jesus. In no way is it Mass, but it feels like a mini daily Mass (or at least homily).

Thank you, thank you, and thank you for this podcast! Is there a way for us to support your ministry? God Bless!

Sincerely,

~Sarah

DAILY BREAD RADIO: "TIMELESS TREASURES THAT CONTINUE TO FEED OUR LORD'S FLOCK"

This donation is to support the radio ministry that continues even though Fr Al Lauer has gone on to his eternal reward. His daily reflections on the readings of that day's liturgy are timeless treasures that continue to feed Our Lord's flock. Thanks to all of you who make the continuation of his ministry possible.

With gratitude,

~Betty Ann



A Prayer of Blessing

by Debbie McDaniel

Thank you for your great love and blessing over our lives. Thank you that your favor has no end, but it lasts for our entire lifetime. Forgive us for sometimes forgetting that you are intimately acquainted with all of our ways, that you know what concerns us, and you cover us as with a shield.

We ask that we would walk in your blessing and goodness today. That your face would shine on us. That you would open the right doors for our lives and for our loved ones, that you would close the wrong doors and protect us from those we need to walk away from.

Establish the work of our hands and bring to fulfillment all that you have given us to do in these days. We pray that you would make our way purposeful and our footsteps firm out of your goodness and love. Give us a heart of wisdom to hear your voice, and make us strong by your huge favor and grace. In Jesus' Name, Amen.

DISCIPLESHIP RETREATS BEGIN
LIVE STREAMING ON ZOOM
Guadalupe Discipleship Center in Peebles, Ohio



Mark Mussman (left) and Betty Orlando (right) record and observe Paul Egan (on monitor) teach the first live stream 40 Day Discipleship session on ZOOM.

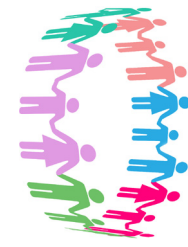
The PM discipleship center staff presented summer retreats in the standard format this year and in addition they initiated something new: a virtual retreat experience. This is an example of the Lord turning something bad to good. It was brought about by mandated restrictions due to health concerns about the Covid 19 virus. This year the Forty Day Discipleship sessions were made available to participants in the classroom as well as on the internet. The teachings were live streamed on Zoom for retreatants at home. Not since Father Al Lauer taught seminars back-to-back throughout the 1990's has such a marathon presentation rolled out at Our Lady of Guadalupe Discipleship Center in Peebles, Ohio.

Mark Mussman trained staff on the technical aspects of conducting retreats on the meeting app Zoom. A simple computer camera erected on a tall stand in front of the speaker along with an external microphone provided enough equipment to make it happen. Staff normally accustomed to making audio recordings only, made their video production debut.

Betty Orlando, leader of Discipleship Retreat Ministry, relates some of the highlights: "Praise God for Mark Mussman and his constant support for this endeavor. We have begun something new and now we know it can be done, but I will need continued help and technical support to carry it forward."

The sessions were recorded and are being reviewed for future use on PM's website, www.presentationministries.com

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DECEMBER 4-5, 2020 - MEN'S RETREAT

The Holy Spirit's Call: "Ignite the holy Fire!"

"Just as we must turn on the ignition before we can drive a car, so we must be fired up by the Holy Spirit before we can go anywhere for Jesus." (OBOB July 15, 2006)

Jesus said, "I have come to light a fire on the earth. How I wish the blaze were ignited!" (Lk 12:49)
Hear and answer His call, "Come Holy Spirit, Let the fire fall!"

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FEBRUARY 19-20, 2021

LIVING the BEATITUDES

Jesus said, "Blest are you poor; the reign of God is yours" (Lk 6:20).

Because "the Beatitudes are at the heart of Jesus' preaching" (Catechism, 1716), they are extremely important. "The beatitudes are 'paradoxical promises' which confront us with decisive choices concerning earthly goods" (CCC 1717, 1728 and *One Bread, One Body*).

Let us live and love the Beatitudes!

MARCH 19-20, 2021 - WOMEN'S RETREAT

Women in the Gospel of Luke

Women close to Christ discover themselves in the truth ... even when it concerns their 'sinfulness'. They feel "liberated" and loved with "eternal love". Jesus said, "Her sins, which are many, are forgiven, for she loved much..." (Lk 7:47) At the foot of the Cross the women showed "a special sensitivity... characteristic of their femininity" (Lk 24:8-11; *Mulieris Dignitatum* 15, 16).

APRIL 23-25, 2020

The Spiritual Gifts of Healing and Miracles

"Then He summoned His twelve disciples and gave them authority to expel unclean spirits and to cure sickness and disease of every kind" (Mt 10:1). "The sick upon whom they lay their hands will recover" (Mk 16:18). Accept healing through the sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick and other healing prayers.

MAY 21-23, 2021

Discover Your Spiritual Gifts

"Since we have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us, let us exercise them" (Rom. 12:6). The Lord has given His children great gifts. These gifts are charisms of the Holy Spirit, i.e. prophecy, faith, ministry, teaching, exhortation, almsgiving, leadership, and mercy (see Rom 12 and 1 Cor 12). None of us has all these gifts, but we have many of them. Let us discover all the gifts we have so we can build up the Body of Christ.

JUNE 18-20, 2021

40 Hours Devotion AND Family Camp

JUNE 21-25, 2021

Family Vacation with the Lord

JUNE 25, 2021 – August 1, 2021

"40" Day Discipleship Retreats

JUNE 25-27 - *Living in Reality*

JUNE 28-30 - *How Do I Seek the Kingdom of God?*

JUNE 30 - JULY 2 - *Life Style in the Spirit*

JULY 2-4 - *Poor in Spirit, (Laudato Si)*

Stewardship, and Sustainable Life Style

JULY 5-7 - *Intimacy with God in the Sacraments*

JULY 7-9 - *Who Am I in Christ?*

JULY 9-11 - *Discover Your Spiritual Gifts*

JULY 12-14 - *Prophecy and Discernment*

TESS AND HARRY HUMPERT,
ENTER ETERNAL REST

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One of their greatest gifts from the Lord is their daughter, Beth, who is a great asset to our ministries. She brings enthusiasm, many spiritual gifts, and technical skills to help PM spread the Gospel, especially through the media! We join Beth and John Dunn in thanking God for the lives of Tess and Harry and in prayer for their eternal rest.



Autumn Blessings

by Deborah Ann Belka

Autumn brings to the soul relief,
as hot Summer days slip to an end
God sent the season for weary hearts
to restore, repair, and mend.

Unlike the Autumn trees,
that shed their changing leaves
God sent the season for failing hearts
to adhere, embrace, and cleave.

Just as with the Autumn winds,
there comes a new refreshing rain
God sent the season for fraying hearts
to increase, grow, and gain.

The Autumn sun is slow to climb
and dips much earlier into the night
God sent the season for sleepy hearts
to rise, shine, and unwind in His light.

God gave to us the Autumn season,
so we could have a respite and rest
for it is the season for our beset souls
to see how much we are blessed!