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Dear Co-Disciples:

We are blessed with church leaders who provide us with clear interpretation and direction of Christ's intention for each of us in the world. Recently I was rereading John Paul II Apostolic Exhortation *Christifideles Laici*, On the Vocation and the mission of the Lay Faithful in the Church and in the World. In what is, as a whole, a document of great clarity, the following words struck me from part 3: "The entire mission of the church, then, is concentrated and manifested in *evangelization*." Our mission is clear. As Christ's follower we are to be Evangelizers.

The exciting news is that this week a dedicated group of lay people, parish staff members, clergy and religious will be gathering at Old St. Mary's Parish for the third Evangelization Institute. They will learn not only how to put together an effective evangelization plan for their parishes, but also how to become leaders in evangelization. Those skills should translate nicely into other areas of their lives. Although we are all set and ready to go, if this is the first you are hearing about the Institute that will be held at Old St. Mary's on July 21, 22 and 23, you can call the Office to see if there is still room. (312) 751-5353. You can get info from our website: www.goingforth.org.

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Who Will You Reach Out and Touch Today?

Hello to Mary in the Ukraine! We recently received a request via e-mail from Mary with the Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church in the Ukraine saying she would like to receive our Newsletter and find out what we are doing here in Chicago with respect to evangelization. That was a joyous reminder of the importance of every little act we do to build up the kingdom of God. It should also serve as encouragement to those of us working in evangelization. Some days it will seem as if we are making no progress whatsoever. The truth is, however, we will never know the full impact of what we do. We can employ all the metrics we want to measure our successes, but there will be untold successes that only God can measure. Remember that almost 2000 years ago and 6204 miles from Chicago, a handful of disciples set out to change the world. Do you think they imagined that, because of their work, I would be writing this Newsletter to you and sending it back across the globe to Mary in the Ukraine? You may never have the satisfaction of knowing how you have touched the lives of others, but be assured that if you toil in the fields of evangelization faithfully, the seeds you plant will bear fruit. Mary is our proof of that this month. Hopefully, Mary will share what they are doing in the Ukraine with us too.

The Daughters of St. Paul

Thinking of Mary, reminded me that you should know about the Daughters of St. Paul if you do not already. Many of you are familiar with the Pauline Bookstore at 172 N. Michigan Avenue, Chicago. Do you know why this Order of nuns has a bookstore- well, many bookstores? Their founder, Fr. James Alberione, an Italian priest, founded the Society of St. Paul in 1914, and a year later, he founded a similar group for women, the Daughters of St. Paul. His ideal, like that of St. Paul, was universal—to use all the means of modern communications to spread the Gospel. So what does that mean to you and me?

Would you like to find someone who can talk about "Leading an MTV Generation to Christ?" Would you like to know how to put on a movie night for the young adults in your parish or what books to use for a parish book club? If so, you need to talk to the Daughters of St. Paul. In fact, you can join them for their First Friday Movie Night to see how it's done. You can also join them for their First Saturday Women's Book Club. To give you a sample of what they do, here were the announcements for this month:

A **First Friday Movie Night** meets at Pauline Books & Media, 172 N. Michigan Ave., between Lake and Randolph in the Loop. The July movie was "Romero."

When's the last time you took your Bible out for a movie? Ever want to have an in-depth discussion relating your faith to movies? Now's your chance! We'll be using "**The Movie Lectionary—Lights, Camera, Faith,**" which matches a movie to every Sunday Gospel.

Gathering at 6:30pm, movie at 7:00. Potluck munchies. All are welcome.

Please RSVP: 312-346-4228, chicago@pauline.org

A **First Saturday Women's Book Club** meets at Pauline Books & Media, 172 N. Michigan Ave., between Lake and Randolph in the Loop. The August book will be "The Red Tent."

The group meets from 12:00—2:00pm (bring your own lunch). Discussions center on personal faith-journeys as they relate to a broad spectrum of literature: secular and sacred, classic and contemporary. Women of all ages are welcome!

Please RSVP to Blanca Arellano: 773-585-6753, blancestella@aol.com

For more information about how the Daughters of St. Paul can help you reach out and touch someone, contact Sr. Helena Burns, fsp, at Daughters of St. Paul / Pauline Books & Media 172 N. Michigan Ave., Chicago, IL 60601 or Helraphaelfsp@aol.com Check out Sr. Helena's website and the cool picture of her with Darth Vader, at www.members.aol.com/helraphaelfsp (for a listing of media workshops & resources / essays) Also check out <http://www.pauline.org/> for other resources and information about the Daughters of St. Paul. We have a handful of them here in Chicago, but they are each a blessing to Chicago. Stop in and visit them at the bookstore.

Daughters of St. Paul – Paulist Fathers Related?

You ask: Fr. Frank DeSiano and Fr. Charlie Brunick are Paulist Fathers. Is their Order affiliated with the Daughters of St. Paul? Well, no, actually it is a different Order with a different founder and a different mission, albeit still focused on evangelization. Next month, we'll tell you about the mission of the Paulist Fathers. Meanwhile, if you want to do the research yourself, you can check out <http://www.paulist.org/index.html> and in particular the Paulist National Catholic Evangelization Association website: <http://www.pncea.org/>

CATHOLIC CHURCH EXTENSION SOCIETY

I also want to talk about another way you help spread the Gospel, yet may never actually see the benefit of what you do. Many of you contribute generously to the Catholic Church Extension Society. Over the last year, you may be aware of how your donations helped others since the Extension Society was designated to head up and coordinate the Catholic Church's Parish Partnership Program for the Hurricanes Rita and Katrina relief efforts on the Gulf Coast. Beyond that, though, what does Extension do?

For over 100 years, Catholic Church Extension Society, located in Chicago, has worked to sustain and extend the Catholic Faith in poor and remote mission areas of the United States where diocesan resources are insufficient. Now under the guidance of the most gracious and wonderful Bishop William Houck, Catholic Extension continues to build national awareness and raise funds for the Church's needs in these communities so as to enable the essential mission of Catholic evangelization. Catholics who live in large urban areas might not have the opportunity to reflect on the number of very small mission areas in our own country. To learn more about Catholic missions in America check the website www.catholicextension.org or call 1-800 842-7804. You may also begin receiving the monthly magazine *EXTENSION* free of charge by making contact with the website or calling the above number. Catholic Extension helps the work of the Church in dioceses where there are few Catholics or much poverty or both.

I have witnessed first hand the importance of the work of the Extension Society. My cousin is the Bishop of Juneau, Alaska, (Most Rev. Michael Warfel). He has thousands of square miles of territory to serve with few roads. Priests have to fly in to remote missions to serve people who may only be able to participate in mass once a month. A few years ago, I was fishing with Michael off the coast of Gustavus, and while he was "trying" to catch "the big one," I was talking to the captain of the boat, a local parishioner. I will never forget the tone of his voice as he expressed how much he missed not being able to receive the Eucharist every week. I had never even seen a grown man talk about his faith that way! Ah. The things we take for granted. So my cousin, Michael, thanks all of you who support the Extension Society. Your dollars make it possible for the faith to survive in such areas of the United States. If your cruise ship stops in Juneau, be sure to look him up and tell him I sent you. He has the smallest Cathedral in the United States (and after all, you, through the Extension Society, help keep the lights on!) Thanks again!

The Catholic New World

The July 9 issue of the Catholic New World featured articles about "Finding Grace." Reporters asked people around the Archdiocese where they found God's presence. You can find my answer on page 12a, along with Deacon Abram Salley's comment and picture on page 11a. Remember Deacon Salley from the piece on Zaccheus House last month? If a reporter called you and asked: "Where do you find grace?" what would your answer be? To subscribe to the Catholic New World, you can contact Lea Dacanay at (312) 382-3346 or Ldacanay@archchicago.org

Relevant Radio- New Programming

Relevant Radio recently announced the addition of five new programs to its line up. While all sound great, there are a couple that may be of particular interest to evangelizers working on the Personal Mandate, i.e. deepening their own personal relationship with God: *Searching the Word*, weekdays at 12 noon Central/1 pm Eastern, and *The Inner Life*, immediately following at 1 pm Central/2 pm Eastern. Those of us who work and can't tune in during the day, can get extra inspiration from *Changed Forever* at 7 pm Central/8 pm Eastern. Here is a brief description of these programs from the Relevant Radio website:

Searching the Word: From the Bible to the Catechism to papal teachings to Christian history, some of the brightest minds in the Catholic Church are now accessible to answer questions and present clarity, instruction and knowledge where there is doubt or confusion. Join contributors like Patrick Madrid, Father Mitch Pacwa SJ, Rhonda Chervin, Steve Ray, Mark Brumley and others, in a daily, live interactive program that captures the heart of the New Evangelization with pastoral teaching. *Searching the Word* is focused on equipping listeners with a firm understanding of their faith, so they can be informed, proud, and active Catholics.

The Inner Life: God has an individual plan for each of our lives. How do you develop a personal relationship with God and discern how His Holy Spirit is leading you in your life? Through spiritual direction. But there is a deep and widespread trend of spiritually starved Catholics searching for reliable spiritual direction. *The Inner Life* strives to serve listeners as a spiritual compass and as a teaching tool to learn about spiritual growth.

Changed Forever!: A captivating speaker, preacher and retreat master - as well as a gifted speaker - Fr. Larry Richards holds the answer to some of life's most profound questions. Fr. Larry speaks from experience as a pastor of an inner city parish, a high school chaplain for eight years, a counselor and evangelist. Fr. Larry has directed hundreds of retreats for young and old, parish missions and conferences. His inspirational talks and presentations, which are always authentic and enthusiastic, have changed the hearts, minds and lives of thousands of listeners worldwide.

For a complete description of these programs and of the other new programs and schedule, go to www.relevantradio.com. Some programs are re-broadcast at other times too. For those of you who cannot get Relevant Radio (like Mary in the Ukraine, perhaps), you can download podcasts from the website. (I could do it too if I only knew how to operate the IPOD I bought in May.... For anyone else who is IPOD-challenged, they have classes on how to use it at the Apple Store on Michigan Ave.) To hear these programs, in Chicago, tune in to 820 AM (930 AM in the Western Suburbs); NW Indiana-- 1270 AM. Snowbirds can tune in to 1410 AM in Ft. Myers FL, and 1660 AM in Naples FL. Wisconsin has about 9 stations!

MISSION CHICAGO

Be sure to keep checking the Mission Chicago website: www.missionchicago.net for some exciting events that will be coming this Fall, including an old-timey tent revival. Also, watch for the return of Fr. Robert Barron in another series of inspiring speaking events!

Fr. Barron on EWTN in August

The first two segments of Fr. Barron's UNTOLD BLESSINGS: THREE PATHS TO HOLINESS will be broadcast on EWTN in August. The first, *Find the Center*, will be shown on Wednesday, August 23, 2006 at 9:00 p.m. The second, *Knowing You Are a Sinner*, will be shown the following Wednesday, August 30, at 9:00 pm. This sequence of

talks, revolving around the premise that the goal of every Christian is to become a saint, echoes the talks he gave during Lent here earlier this year. Father Barron outlines how to accomplish this goal in three 'paths' to holiness. The first 'path' is recognizing that if Christ is the center of your life, everything else will be harmonious. Otherwise, everything will be disjointed and unfulfilling. The third path: *Your Life is not about You*, will air Sept. 6th, also at 9 p.m. Central time.

CORRECTION

Last month I listed the website for St. Peter's in the Loop incorrectly. The correct website is www.stpetersloop.org

EVANGELIZATION CONTEST

The info on the contest is really too long to put in the newsletter, so watch for it to be posted on the www.goingforth.org website on or about August 1. I'll have to have it posted by then, because from August 1 – 11, I'll be in Spain on pilgrimage with my beautiful daughter, Sara; Fr. Michael Sparough, Fr. John Ferone and a group from Charis Ministries. We will be visiting the sites of St. Ignatius, primarily, but also Teresa de Avila and John of the Cross. While there, I'll keep an eye out for the visible signs of evangelization since we will be celebrating mass in a different church every day. Hopefully, I will have some new insights on evangelization to share with you when I get back.

Faithfully yours,
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The Recipe

Did you ever wish you could serve those great candied nuts at a party, but they cost a little more than you wanted to pay? Here is a really simple way to make them yourself. A couple of people have asked that I move beyond desserts. So next month, I'll give you a recipe for an easy dish you can take to a pot luck. In fact, I think I'm going to make it today to take to the St. Peter's picnic. My mother-in-law makes it for their church potlucks, and they have to limit the little kids on how much they can take because everyone loves it so much. In the meantime, here's the recipe for Candied Pecans, because you just never know when you're going to feel like a nut. (Sorry...)

Candied Pecans

1 egg white
1 T. water
5 c. pecan halves
1 c. sugar
3/4 tsp. salt, 1/4 tsp. cloves, 1/4 tsp. nutmeg, 1 tsp. cinnamon

Beat the egg white and water. Stir in pecans and sprinkle with the dry ingredients (already blended together). Mix well to coat each pecan well. Pour on to well buttered cookie sheet. Bake at 300 degrees for 30 min. Cool. Break apart and enjoy.

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