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TOPIC

Note to regular CPATS

brethren: The purpose of this article is for others who read this newsletter for the first time.

What is CPATS ?

When I started to get an extra spark of interest in catholic apologetics and evangelization I came into contact with not only people from the Natick area, where I live, but also the Boston and Westborough area. The common interest all these friends had is that they were loyal to the Holy Father, John Paul II, and strive to obey daily the church's teaching and yes, **submit** to them. At one point I thought that it was a shame that loyal Catholic's who loved the Holy Father and accepted all the church's teaching could easily pass each other at the store, in a mall or at work and not even know the great interest and common love they had. This is especially true in an age where you can hear 'catholic' religious say, "The Eucharist makes me Catholic, I don't have to obey the pope, oh no." After gathering a mailing list with address' and phone number's,



His Holiness, Pope John Paul II
(Matt. 16:13-20)

we started to periodically meet, called out for pizza, and talked about questions we had about church teachings and concerns

about church practices, evangelization and apologetics but with the emphasis being social. I know, CPATS (**the Catholic Pizza and Theology Society**) may not be the greatest name for a catholic fellowship, but it strives to combine the social love which should spring among Catholic's because of the "Real Presence" and address the theological and pastoral issues that, with due respect to our catholic priests, can sometimes be aired out more freely among the *Christifideles Laici* (the lay faithful of Christ).

We all strive to love, support and pray for our priests and thank the Lord for those fine examples of priests he has given us, while at the same time praying for those who could give a better example.

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Currently we have anywhere from ten to twenty people that get together about every 6 months or so.

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Why a Newsletter ?

Over the past few CPATS meetings, several people have wondered how a group of loyal Catholics can actively, manifest Christ more in our daily lives whether it be by addressing: the continuing questions that our fellow Catholic's have about the Church from time to time, the questions our separated brethren have about the Church that we may or may not be able to answer, how to be better evangelists who have the "Gospels on our lips" in the secular world, or developing a network of lay people who can assist Catholic's and non-Catholic on their spiritual journey to Christ.

To this end I've decided to try to send out a periodical newsletter that will:

1.) Keep people on the CPATS mailing list up-to-date with what is happening with others they may have not seen for a while. People have family obligations, religious or catholic social activities they want to attend and should attend as we are all lead by the Holy Spirit. Some may want to attend a CPATS meeting but may not be able to. Here, I think it is still important to keep in

touch. Why? Because we make up the Body of Christ here on earth, working out our salvation with fear and trembling. (Phil. 2:12) If we get into a mode where we think of only me or only my families, then I think we have missed what it means to be one big Catholic family: one in faith, one in hope and one in baptism, as Christ, Our Lord intended. Even if you can't make it to a get-together. Your Catholic friends *care about you, and want to know how you are doing.*

The only thing I ask is that you be patient with how this newsletter develops, pardon my punctuation, spelling and grammatical errors and be loving enough to lift any censure you or others who read this newsletter may place on me for what I may mistakenly write.

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SPECIAL NOTE FOR INTERNET SURFERS:

Although all Catholics are partakers of Divine nature by grace, I still feel hesitant sending out the mailing addresses and telephone numbers of Pizza party members to interested Internet

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surfers outside of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts for reasons of privacy. I don't think my members will mind though if I distribute their name, town and e-mail addresses. **I have an interest in sharing these newsletters in the hope that someone in YOUR AREA may be interested in starting a CPATS periodical get-together and Newsletter.**

It's been awhile since I've done a newsletter mainly due to my efforts in establishing and maintaining a good CPATS website. When I have some free time, I hope to produce another one.

What we talked about at the last meeting.

What I heard at the last meeting has been summarized into the following issues. If I mis-stated something, please accept my repentance. I tried to compile the spoken words of the different people who were able to attend:

- 1.) A need to do more with our group and to suggest new ideas for action.
- 2.) The problem of fallen away Catholic's and what we can do to prevent it. We can't rely on the priest alone but have to aid and assist them. We have to

train ourselves to be the secular priests in lay clothing and have the Gospels on our lips at home and in the workplace. We may be the only lay minister a non-Catholic or atheist will come in contact with. We have to do a better job evangelizing than we have been, and not be ashamed of it. How many of us take time out privately to read the Scriptures? (These days' hearing the daily readings at Holy Mass is not enough. Why? There is no time for meditation and study; we have to get to work.) There was a suggestion to read "Evangelization in the Modern World" by Pope Paul VI.

3.) A latent problem, at certain parishes, of converts going through RCIA programs only to have their souls longing for more support, more friendship and fellowship yet receiving a kind of "Well, you're on your own now".

4.) The concern that not enough Catholics are drawing on the graces and blessings of Eucharistic Adoration, whether it be at St. Patrick in Natick, where they have perpetual adoration or at other parishes that have adoration on the First Friday and/or First Saturday of the month. OUR PRESENCE in front of THE REAL PRESENCE is the solution to the world's sin and OUR sin.

5.) Need for a network of reliable Catholic Apologetic and Evangelical sources (people, organizations, and material) that are loyal to the Magisterium and possibly can cross dioceses lines.

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What's happening with our brethren?

I thought the title of this article would be an appropriate regular section where CPATS members who couldn't show up for a pizza get-together could find out about how others are doing.

Due to personal privacy issues. I have replaced the CPATS member's names and the towns or cities they live in with humorous alternatives. I hope my pizza friends will have no problems with the way I handled this. Mike.

St. Brain the Great

St. Brain works at Company XYZ. A company that makes milling machines. He still teaches CCD at St. John's in the town of "Hoping to Convert". (the 7 grade level.) He says things are spiritually going OK and that he's always trying to find church's in the town of "Not Ready for Remdemption" area that are open, and not locked so he can go in and say some extra prayer's and spend some extra reparation time with the Lord for the sins of mankind. He thinks of and prays for everyone on the CPATS list regularly as he thinks of us one big Catholic family. He also wants to wish

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everyone a Blessed Christmas and Happy, Holy New Year.

Clayton the Contemporary

Clayton is currently working in California. (For those of you unfamiliar with Clayton, he is a long time Catholic friend and native of the town "Neutral in Spirit") He plan's to be back in the "Neutral in Spirit" area a little before Christmas for awhile. He still is giving talks on the Papacy and the Shroud of Turin at parishes. He originally left "Neutral in Spirit" to go to California to join "**Catholic Answers**". After a bitter experience with Catholic Answers he went on and is currently trying to start a Catholic apologetics and evangelization organization a little different to Catholic Answers. He has recently joined the computer hacker ranks. He currently belongs to a organization called the Chesterton Society where they are currently studying G.K. Chesterton's book, "Orthodoxy".

Bob and Margaret the Marian's

Bob and Margaret are involved in a lot of ministries at St. Patrick's in "Neutral in Spirit". They have especially been involved in St. Patrick's RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults) program. They recently came back from Mexico. They also run periodically "Little Rock" Bible studies. Bob has a special interest in evangelizing with separated brethren and being an apologist for the Catholic church on various issues.

Richard the Gregorian

Richard sings Gregorian chant as a member of the choir “**Schola Amicorum**” in Boston, and operates Catholic mailing lists on his home PC. When not translating prayers for the Internet, visiting Eastern-rite churches, or searching used book stores for the elusive “*Liber Usualis*”, he works on World-Wide-Web applications at the ABC Corporation in Bedford, Mass.

[He’s also associated with Holy Trinity Church in Boston. The **only** church in the archdiocese of Boston that has an approved Tridentine Mass.]

Mike and Eileen the Educated and family

The Mike and Eileen the Educated and family have completed their move to “Neutral in Spirit” and currently live on 12 Holiness Road in “Neutral in Spirit” and they have a new baby boy, John Paul the Educated. They now have a family of two, Judith and now John. Mike has a strong interest in catholic apologetics and has previously been a member of the apologetics advisory board in the archdiocese of Boston.

Eric the Enlightenment

Eric is also a software engineer who works at DBD Inc. in Littleton, Mass. He’s interested in creating Web pages and developing things related for the Internet. Like Richard the

Chonak, his partner in crime, (ha, ha,) he is a UNIX techie. He has an interest in catholic apologetics and is a lector at St. Bridget’s in “Hollow with Holiness. His roots also trace back to the Ukrainian Rite.

Ron and Gerrie the Grace-fulled and family

Ron and Gerrie have a Rosary Cenacle every Sunday Night from 8:15 to 9:15 plus social time after. They also are knowledgeable on issues like home schooling and Natural Family Planning. They can also give advice on starting up *in-house* “Catechism of the Catholic Church” studies. They live in the town of “Lowlife” and have four children. (Patrick, Laura, Manny and Thomas)

Paul and Cindy Crazy Catholic

Paul is a CAD/CAM Engineer and Cindy is a Seamstress. Note: She does clothing to order, tailoring and alterations.

John and Kathleen Courageous

John is a personal lines insurance representative for BBBB Insurance. Kathy works part time at Walgreen’s in the town of “Hollow in Holiness”. John is currently taking the Catholic Home Study Institute course. This is a self-paced study course in which Mother Terese is on the board. After finishing all required course work he will have received a Catechetical Diploma. Currently he has completed the first course in Sacramental

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Theology I and is currently taking Sacramental Theology II. After Sacramental Theology II he’ll have 10 more courses to complete. Anyone who is interested in starting the Catholic Home Study Institute course should call 1-800-258-2474. John and Kath. are also in the process of getting a PC for the home. They live in the town of “Hollow in Holiness” and have one child, Jennifer.

Kent and Linda Loyalty

Kent now lives in East of Eden, Mass. and currently has his own business in software duplication and packing. He is currently in the process of a career change and is attending school at Boston University where he is working toward a LAN Administration certificate, which involves a lot of studying. Around June ‘96 he will graduate as a CNE (Certified Netware Engineer.) Kent has a interest in catholic apologetics and has previously been a member of the apologetics advisory board in the archdiocese of Boston. He’s also been thinking about joining Opus Dei.

Mike the Moron

Mike’s is also involved in a career change. In April ‘95 Mike graduated from Clark University Computer Career Institute in the town of “Hollow in Holiness” with a certificate in Client/Server development. He’s currently in a coop with Computervision in Bedford,

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Mass. using Visual Basic until Dec. 22nd. he works with 4 people from India. The coop will may or may not be extended, but he is still looking for a permanent entry-level Visual Basic or Powerbuilder software developer position, preferably in the "Hollow in Holiness" /Neutral in Spirit" area. He's a April '95 graduate of Clark University's Computer Career Institute and has Client/Server Development certification. Mike has a strong interest in catholic apologetics and has previously been a member of the apologetics advisory board in the archdiocese of Boston. If anyone needs any spiritual pamphlets, books or apologetic audio tapes or magazines, he can probably help them with some extra's he has. He also has free EWTN VHS video's from 2 years back for those interested in Northern Mass. where Catholic Cable TV is rare.

Bob the Killer Kepha

Bob is currently attending classes full time at Boston College with the intent of receiving a Master's in Theology. He originally started at B.C. taking courses part time. This is his first year taking courses full time and is currently taking 3 courses in the Psalms, Natural Law, and Christology. He also is pondering an idea to develop an apologetic's guide or kit for loyal Catholic's who want to learn how to defend the catholic faith better; an evangelization kit/guide is also an obvious

component to this. He currently hosts a radio talk show devoted to Roman Catholic apologetics and evangelization. (See Event Information, in this newsletter) Bob has also been a previous member of the apologetics advisory board in the archdiocese of Boston.

Rex the Righteous

Rex is currently an unemployed bioscience professional who has a Phd in Biology. He's currently looking for work in the city of Crisis area where he may relocate. Recently he's been in ecumenical dialogues with Presbyterian ministers and laymen discussing the issues of grace and free will. This entails outlining what the catholic church allows catholic's to believe and listening to different Calvinist and pelagianist positions, like predestination to reprobation or double predestination. On this issue, Fr. Most has been very helpful. He also recommends a magazine called, "Regeneration" which says it's "A Forum for orthodox engagement." The magazine has both evangelical Catholic and Protestant contributors. He also belongs to the Chesterton Society and recommends reading "Orthodoxy" and "The Everlasting Man".

Ed Kharism

Ed and his wife Robin live in town of "Loyal to Life" Mass. Ed currently works GGG Inc. His new son, John Paul, recently had lip surgery. Your prayers would be appreciated.

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Roger the Theologian

Roger is a long time catholic native of "Neutral in Spirit" who has attended Magdalen College in N.H. He has a strong interest in Thomism and deep theological issues. He also is involved in other computer-related projects that are church related.

Rick the Religious

Rick has joined the Oblates of the Virgin Mary and is at St. Miscellaneous in Boston. If you are interested in dropping him a note, he can be reached @:

Rick the Religious
Oblates of the Virgin Mary
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(Corner of Boylston and Ipswich) Rick has a strong interest in catholic apologetics and has previously been a member of the apologetics advisory board in the archdiocese of Boston.

Frank and Martha Martyr's

Frank and Martha have recently moved to the town of "Morally Mad". They are currently involved with a new catholic home schooling program. Frank is a Clinical Director for the "Morally Mad" Emergency Service team.

Justin the Jester

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Justin is a clerk who works for the Department of Defense @ YYYYYY. He is looking for Catholic choristers who are interested in singing in the "North Wild" diocese. Give him a call if interested.

Maureen the Meek One

Maureen works at Sun Life of Canada in Worry Wart, Mass.

Martha the Marvelous

Martha goes to St. Tarcisius in "Hollow in Holiness" where she teaches CCD and is an extraordinary minister of the Eucharist. She enjoys prayer meetings where the rosary is said.

Perry the Prayer

Perry is an accountant who works at Ike's ice cream in "Worry Wart". He is currently attending classes part time at Providence College with the intent of receiving a Master's in Biblical Studies. He is 50% through his studies and is currently finishing up on two courses; one in Christology and one called "Modern Moral Problems". Before attending Providence College, Perry had completed most of his philosophy requirements at Thomas More and Bentley College. After he finishes these two courses, he will be officially accepted into Providence's graduate program.

Final note: I wanted to find out more about everyone but didn't

want to force people to share things they didn't want to.

If you want to share what's new with you for the next issue, just give me a buzz @ 508-653-3777.

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Recent Vatican happenings.

I thought that this section would be an appropriate place to put up-to-date, late events in the news from the Holy See.

(ANSA) - Vatican City, November 18 - Women can never become priests in the Catholic Church because doing so would violate the 'irrevocable' and 'infallible' doctrine of the Catholic faith, according to an official declaration approved by Pope John Paul II and released here on Saturday. The Vatican's latest entry in the controversy over women priests seeks to settle the issue once and for all.

Editor's note: there was more to this article, but I just wanted an intro. paragraph. Here is the content of the declaration that was on Page 2 of the November 22nd edition, No. 47, of L'Osservatore Romano:

Responsum ad Dubium

October 28, 1995

Concerning the Teaching Contained in *Ordinatio Sacerdotalis*

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Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith

Dubium: Whether the teaching that the Church has no authority whatsoever to confer priestly ordination on women, which is presented in the Apostolic Letter *Ordinatio Sacerdotalis* to be held definitively, is to be understood as belonging to the deposit of faith.

Responsum: In the affirmative.

This teaching requires definitive assent, since, founded on the written Word of God, and from the beginning constantly preserved and applied in the Tradition of the Church, it has been set forth infallibly by the ordinary and universal Magisterium (cf. Second Vatican Council, Dogmatic Constitution on the Church *Lumen Gentium* 25, 2). Thus, in the present circumstances, the Roman Pontiff, exercising his proper office of confirming the brethren (cf. Lk 22:32), has handed on the same teaching by a formal declaration, explicitly stating what is to be held always, everywhere, and by all, as belonging to the deposit of the faith.

The Sovereign Pontiff John Paul II, at the Audience granted to the undersigned Cardinal Prefect, approved this Reply, adopted in the ordinary session of this Congregation, and ordered it to be published.

Rome, from the offices of the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith, on the Feast of the Apostles SS. Simon and Jude, October 28, 1995.

+ Joseph Card. Ratzinger

Prefect

+ Tarcisio Bertone
Archbishop Emeritus of Vercelli
Secretary

**HOLY FATHER TO
DOCTRINAL
CONGREGATION**

Magisterium exercises authority in Christ's name.

Editor's note: This article was taken from the 29 November, Issue No. 48 of the L'Osservatore Romano. [The Italic's is the Holy Father's & L'Osservatore Romano; Bold and underlining **inside a section** is the editor's, mine.]

The Magisterium's power and authority "are actually the power and authority of Christian truth, to which it bears witness. The Magisterium, whose authority is exercised in the name of Jesus Christ, is an organ of service to the truth and is responsible for seeing that the truth does not cease to be faithfully handed on throughout human history", the Holy Father said to the members and staff of the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith when he received them in audience on Friday, 24 November, at the conclusion of their plenary assembly. The Pope devoted his address to a discussion of the role of the Magisterium and the proper response owed to it, particularly on the part of theologians.

Here is a translation of his speech, which was given in Italian.

Your Eminence,

Venerable Brothers in the
Episcopate and Priesthood,

1. I would first of all like to express my joy at being able to meet you at the end of your plenary assembly. This is a fitting occasion to show you my gratitude. Your work, difficult and demanding in so many respects, is of fundamental importance to the Christian life. Indeed, it seeks to promote and defend the integrity and purity of the faith which are essential conditions so that the men and women of our time can find the light to embark on the way of salvation.

I thank Cardinal Joseph Ratzinger for the sentiments expressed in his address and for explaining the work you have done during your plenary assembly, which was particularly devoted to the problem of the reception of the pronouncements made by the ecclesiastical Magisterium.

2. The continual dialogue with Pastors and theologians throughout the world enables you to be attentive to the demands of understanding and reflecting more deeply on the doctrine of the faith, which theology interprets, and at the same time, it informs you of the useful efforts being made to foster and strengthen the unity

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of the faith and the Magisterium's guiding role in understanding the truth and in building up ecclesial communion in charity.

The unity of the faith, for the sake of which the Magisterium has authority and ultimate deliberative power in interpreting the Word of God written and handed down, is a primary value, which, if respected, does not involve the stifling of theological research, but provides it with a stable foundation. Theology, in its task of making explicit the intelligible content of the faith, expresses the intrinsic orientation of human intelligence to the truth and the believer's irrepressible need rationally to explore the revealed mystery.

To achieve this, theology can never be reduced to the "private" reflection of a theologian or group of theologians. ***The Church is the theologian's vital environment, and in order to remain faithful to its identity, theology cannot fail to participate deeply in the fabric of the Church's life, doctrine, holiness and prayer.***

Magisterium is a service to the truth

3. This is the context in which the conviction that theology ***needs the living and clarifying word of the Magisterium*** becomes fully understandable and perfectly consistent with the logic of the Christian faith. The meaning of the Church's Magisterium must be considered in relation to the truth of

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Christian doctrine. This is what your Congregation has carefully explained and spelled out in the Instruction *Donum veritatis* on the ecclesial vocation of the theologian.

The fact that the dogmatic development which culminated in the solemn definition of the First Vatican Council has stressed the Magisterium's charism of infallibility and clarified the condition of its exercise must not lead to the Magisterium's being considered only from this standpoint. Its power and its authority are actually *the power and authority of Christian truth, to which it bears witness*. **The Magisterium, whose authority is exercised in the name of Jesus Christ** (cf. *Dei Verbum*, n. 10), is an organ of service to the truth and is responsible for seeing that the truth does not cease to be faithfully handed on throughout human history.

4. Today we must note *a widespread misunderstanding of the meaning and role of the Church's Magisterium*. This is at the root of the criticisms and protests regarding its pronouncements, as you have particularly pointed out with respect to the reactions in not a few theological and ecclesiastical circles to the most recent documents of the papal Magisterium: the Encyclicals *Veritatis splendor*, on the principles of moral doctrine and life, and *Evangelium vitae*, on the value and inviolability of human life; the Apostolic Letter *Ordinatio sacerdotalis*, on the impossibility of conferring

priestly ordination on women; and the *Letter of the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith on the reception of Eucharistic Communion by divorced and remarried faithful*.

In this regard, it is certainly necessary to distinguish the attitude of theologians who, in a spirit of co-operation and ecclesial communion, present their difficulties and questions, and thus positively contribute to the maturing of reflection on the deposit of faith, from the public stance of opposition to the Magisterium, which is described as "dissent:"; the latter tends to set up a kind of counter-magisterium, presenting believers with alternative positions and forms of behaviour. The plurality of cultures and of theological approaches and systems themselves has its legitimacy only if the unity of the faith is presupposed in its objective meaning. **The very freedom proper to theological research is never freedom with regard to the truth, but is justified and realized when the individual complies with the moral obligation of obeying the truth presented by Revelation and accepted in faith.**

5. At the same time, as you have rightly considered in your assembly, it is necessary today *to foster a climate of positive reception and acceptance of the Magisterium's documents*, calling attention to their style and language, so as to harmonize the solidity and clarity of the doctrine with the pastoral concern to use forms of

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communication and means of expression that are incisive and effective for the consciousness of contemporary man.

It is not possible, however, to overlook one of the decisive aspects that lies at the base of the malaise and uneasiness in certain parts of the ecclesiastical world: it is a question of the way *authority* is conceived. **In the case of the Magisterium, authority is not exercised only when the charism of infallibility is involved**; its exercise has a wider field, which is required by the appropriate defense of the revealed deposit.

For a community based essentially on shared adherence to the Word of God and on the resulting certainty of living in the truth, authority for determining the content to be believed and professed is something that cannot be renounced. That this authority includes *various degrees of teaching* has been clearly stated in two recent documents of the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith: the *Professio Fidei* and the Instruction *Donum veritatis*. This hierarchy of degrees should not be considered an impediment but a stimulus to theology.

Authentic concept of authority must be recovered

6. However, this does **not** entitle one to hold that the pronouncements and doctrinal decisions of the Magisterium call for irrevocable assent **only** when it states them in a solemn judgment or definitive act, and that consequently, in all other

cases one need only consider the arguments or reasons employed.

In the Encyclicals *Veritatis splendor* and *Evangelium vitae*, as well as in the Apostolic Letter *Ordinatio sacerdotalis*, I wished once again to set forth the constant doctrine of the Church's faith with an act confirming truths which are clearly witnessed to by Scripture, the apostolic Tradition and the unanimous teaching of the Pastors. These declarations, by virtue of the authority handed down to the Successor of Peter to "confirm the brethren" (Lk 22:32), thus express the common certitude present in the life and teaching of the Church.

It therefore seems urgently necessary to recover the authentic concept of authority, not only from the formal juridical standpoint, but more profoundly, as a means of guaranteeing, safeguarding and guiding the Christian community in fidelity to and continuity with Tradition, to make it possible for believers to be in contact with the preaching of the Apostles and with the source of the Christian reality itself.

7. As I rejoice with you, dear Brothers in Christ, over the intense, arduous and valuable ministry you carry out in service to the Apostolic See and for the benefit of the entire Church, I offer you my encouragement to continue firmly and confidently in the task entrusted to you, in order thus to help guide and preserve everyone in the freedom of the truth.

With these sentiments I cordially impart my Blessing to you all, as a pledge of affection and gratitude.

TOPIC

Solid Catholic Apologetical and Evangelical Resources.

I thought the title of this article would be an appropriate regular section where CPATS members, other Christians and non-Christians would in the future have recourse to finding a solid network of resources to enhance and challenge their spiritual journey.

1.)

"The Magazine of Catholic Apologetics and Evangelization."

This Rock Magazine
P.O. Box 17490
San Diego, CA 92177
Phone: 1-(619)-541-1131
Fax: 1-(619)-541-1154

2.)

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1-617-232-1689

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Event Reminder

I strongly encourage you to remember the following events that will help us on our journey to Heaven:

Perpetual Adoration

St. Patrick' Church in Natick has 24 hours Perpetual Adoration. Vespers and Compline (part of the Divine Office) is said @ 7:00pm and @ 10:00pm, respectively. Our Lord awaits all visitors of any faith or of no faith.

Organizational note: If you have an assigned hour and want to change it, contact first your list of adorer's using the phone list for your hour. If no one can cover your hour, call your Hour coordinator. If you don't have an assigned hour and want to make a permanent Holy Hour weekly commitment, call Peg Branagan by calling St. Patrick's in Natick, Mass. If you can't, think about being a non-committal volunteer as an "Adorer Substitute". One who can be called upon for a certain hour during certain day's in case an adorer can't make his/her Holy Hour. If you can't make one time, no problem; if you can, Praise the Lord, literally. Call Peg if interested.

Side note: There is a directory of times and places where parishes in the archdiocese of

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Boston have Eucharist Adoration.

NO, THERE ARE OTHERS.

Churches that *have or plan to have* Perpetual Adoration are:

Holy Rosary in Gardner, Mass.

A church in Greenfield, Mass.

A French-Canadian church in Spencer, Mass.

St. Christopher's in Worcester is in the planning stages.

Thanks go to Justin the Jester for this information.

P.S. If some one can update this info. for me it would be appreciated. Mike.

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“Catholic Forum”

Tune in to your Faith !!!

Helping Catholics to know, understand, defend and proclaim their faith for the love of Truth.

On WROL 950 AM on Saturday mornings at **9:30am** Bob Kirby hosts the **Catholic Forum**. *I recommend you tune in and financially support.*

Adoration @ St. Clement's Eucharistic Shrine

At the corner of Boylston and Ipswich, in Boston.

Adoration Hours:

Weeknights: 5:30pm - 9:30pm
Weekends: after 11:00am Mass until 6:00pm.

Questions: Call (.....)

Ron and Gerrie Grace-fulled Sunday Rosary Cenacle.

Rosary Cenacle every Sunday Night from 8:15 to 9:15 plus social time after.

For directions to the house they can be reached @ (.....)

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Mike's Theology Corner

I thought this could be a section that I could share a meditation, throw out a thought or commentary. I submit all my thoughts to the bishops in union with the Holy Father for correction:

Has anyone else every wondered why the Church celebrates with so much joy and glory at Christmas? **Wait now, hear me out.** I'm not saying that the first epiphany or manifestation into the world of Our Lord isn't a great Christian celebration and shouldn't be celebrated as such. I've been wondering, for us Catholics who believe that life begins at the moment of conception, why don't we celebrate the **Annunciation** like or even **GREATER** than Christmas. The Annunciation is when Divinity and Humanity were brought together wasn't it? As THE church Christ founded, what are we saying about the importance of human life BEFORE birth, when we celebrate Christmas more than the Annunciation? If the Annunciation falls on a Monday or the preceding Saturday, it may NOT even be a Holy Day of Obligation. (Via a recent decide the American bishops made, still to be approved by the Holy See.)

Something to think about maybe?

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If you think there is any way of improving this newsletter, your *con*-structive criticism would be appreciated. Send any opinions, suggestions or criticisms to:

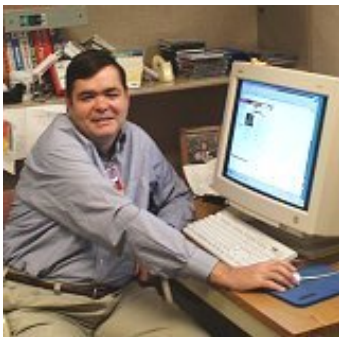
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