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The Pallottines

An Old Sicilian Tradition in Modern Day America? St. Joseph's Table & Bread.

by Mary Edwards, a friend of the Pallottines

It may be true that in the United States Catholics, in general, do not celebrate many saint's days, but in Italy, and especially Sicily, the people celebrate dozens, if not hundreds. One of the more interesting of these celebrations is that of St. Giuseppe (Joseph), who is considered Sicily's most important saint.

According to one Medieval tradition, there once was a time of extreme drought throughout Sicily. No rain fell for such a long time that the crops would not grow, and countless people starved to death. So the people in the villages began praying to God for rain and to St. Joseph to intercede for them with God. The people promised that if God would send the rains, they would hold a special feast honoring Him and St. Joseph.

By a miracle, the rains came, the crops began to grow and the people were saved from starvation. When harvest time came, the people prepared a feast of foods from their crops. This celebration came to be known as Tavola di San Giuseppe. And behold, a tradition was born!

Through the centuries, people who have prayed for favors and have been granted them used this feast day to show their thanks by setting up elaborate altars and tables filled with many remarkable foods, such as St. Joseph's Bread and Fava beans. The Fava beans play an integral part in this St. Joseph's Day celebration because this was the food

that save the Sicilians from starvation. The bean is said to bring good luck. It is further believed that if the St. Joseph's bread is kept in the home, one's family will never starve.

According to this same tradition a person must not ask for any personal gain or benefit, but must seek a favor for another person. Some very common requests are for the safe return of a loved one from a war (which would seem to be very appropriate today with so many of our service men and women in Iraq.) Other requests often center around asking for the health or healing of a loved one.

While on the internet, I found page after page of information on other St. Joseph's Day traditions, bread recipes and pictures about the St. Joseph's altar. If interested, go to Google and do a search on "St. Joseph". You'll be amazed at all that you will find.

Let me end by sharing with you one of many St. Joseph's Day bread recipes. Have fun making it and don't forget to celebrate St. Joseph's Day on March 19th. [We Pallottines will be celebrating the feast of St. Joseph with a special novena of Masses from March 19th-27th.](#)

Ingredients:

3 cups unbleached all-purpose flour
1½ teaspoons active dry yeast
1 tablespoon honey
2/3 cup hot water



An example of a St. Joseph's table with altar & breads.

- ½ teaspoon salt
- 2 tablespoons butter
- 3 tablespoons anise (optional)
- 1/3 cup golden raisins
- 1 tablespoon cornmeal

Directions:

1. In a large bowl, stir together 1½ cups of the flour, yeast, honey, hot water, salt, butter and anise seeds (optional). Mix into a smooth batter. Stir in the raisins, and beat for another 10 minutes, gradually adding flour until dough pulls away from sides of bowl.
2. Turn the dough out onto a lightly floured surface. Knead for another 8 to 10 minutes, until the dough is smooth and elastic. You may not need to use all of the flour. Place the dough into a lightly oiled bowl, and turn to coat. Cover with plastic wrap, and place in a warm place until doubled in size, about 1 hour.
3. Grease a baking sheet and dust with cornmeal. Turn the dough out onto a lightly floured surface, and punch out all of the air. Roll into a long tight loaf, and place seam side down onto the prepared baking sheet. Use a sharp ser-

rated knife to make three or four diagonal slashes on the top. Cover with a tea towel, and let rise until double in size, about 30 minutes.

4. Preheat the oven to 350° F. Mist the loaf with water of vinegar* before baking, and twice during.

5. Bake for 35 to 40 minutes in the preheated oven, or until the crust is golden brown, and the loaf sounds hollow when tapped on the bottom.

*mix 1 quart water with 1 tablespoon of white vinegar for this purpose.

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Getting to Know the Caritas Christi Community

by Betty Reichertz

Not too long ago, Fr. Leon asked me to speak on our Caritas Christi Community: What we are about, what we do. It just so happened that we wrote an article on our group for the Soundings (St. Vincent Pallotti Parish's newsletter), so I will use a few things from the article.

Our group consists of laypersons, religious brothers and clergy in the Mother of God Province. St. Vincent Pallotti founded the Union of Catholic Apostolate in 1835 in Rome and only recently in 2003 the Congregation for the Laity approved the UAC for the Church throughout the world. Imagine, clergy and laity working together.

We are one of many UAC cenacles throughout the world. As I looked back over the minutes of our meetings, our first ones were written in February 1990. I, myself, joined in May of 1990. Currently, we have 10 members and 1 collaborator. Some of our members are from different parishes, but mainly from St. Vincent Pallotti Parish. Presently we are mainly an elderly group but would welcome younger members to keep the UAC going on in our area. We meet on the first Monday of each month from September through June. Last September we voted to pay a \$10.00 dues from which we pay our expenses. In 1992 Fr. Greg Serwa designed our logo. (See next page.)

We have an ongoing formation program in which we read and study selected materials from the Manual of Formation of the UAC, Called By Name, which was

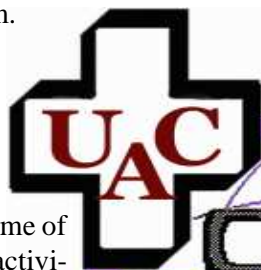
difficult to understand until the UAC of Alberta, Canada revised the manual. We also have discussed and studied the Memories and Prophecies of the UAC, UAC Project 2000, Guidelines for Formation, some formation tapes from Canada, the Charism of St. Vincent Pallotti, the Appeal of St. Vincent and much more. The last few years we spent substantial time discussing the General Statutes that were declared on October 28, 2003 - a day to celebrate. Fr. Greg and Fr. Leon helped us understand these new Statutes and answered our questions.

In 2005 Fr. Leon, Dorothy Schweitzer and I went to see Archbishop Dolan to tell him about the Caritas Christi and the UAC since we would like to be included in the diocesan Catholic Directory.

St. Vincent Pallotti was a very prayerful, humble and quiet man who helped people whenever he could. As members we make an Apostolic Commitment and promise to carry on his vision: to revive faith and enkindle love. The motto "The Love of Christ Urges Us On" helps us follow in his footsteps.

We pray together at our monthly Holy Hours and at our weekly Thursday adoration of the Eucharist, and as individuals in our daily life. We celebrate Mary Queen of Apostles at Mass on the Saturday after the Ascension and we gather for a social afterwards. We also have socials after our Holy Hours. You are invited to attend. We have had a couple of over-

night retreats at our Elkhorn Retreat Center, but in more recent times we have a Day of Reflection, usually in October. A few years back the UAC's of Australia made a commitment to pray for the UAC groups around the world at 9 AM and 9 PM, and we decided to join them. Fr. Greg made us reminder cards that we have put on our refrigerators, in our wallets, and wherever we can see them.



Some of the activities we engage in are: Going to Golden View Nursing Home

once a month to play bingo with the residents who especially enjoy winning the \$1.00 prizes that we members donate, we help at the Blind Home, visit the sick and lonely, and help the parish when needed as greeters. We have sold note cards and have given the proceeds to the youth of the parish for their trip to Germany for World Youth Day. We have written reflections on the Advent readings and compiled an Advent book, and are now working on a Lenten book. We have given donations to Bluemound Interfaith and to victims of Hurricane Katrina. Recently we assembled the Advent and St. Vincent Pallotti home kits for the parish Celebrations of Faith program. Our big annual project is to promote the National Service Week, which is held by all Pallottines in the United States. This is a time to celebrate St. Vincent's birthday by giving him gifts of service to others. We invite all to recognize his birthday by doing a project or activity for others.



When the week ends we celebrate with a social during which people can share what they have done for others.

Almost forgot! Each year we also plan a trip (tour) as a way to raise money to help us continue our work. Our first year we went to Philadelphia and the Pallottine Horizons which was held in the Pocono Mountains. Everyone enjoyed it so much that the travelers asked why not a trip (pilgrimage) next year, and that is how it

all began. We've been to Branson, St. Louis, a Mississippi Cruise, and New York.

Last year we journeyed to Canada and this year we are off to Mt.

Rushmore, the Badlands and the Shrines of Iowa.

We make it a point to visit a church to have a liturgy or two while on tour. It's a fun time.

In 2005 we had our first General Congress meeting in Poland. Fr. Greg went as the representative for the Mother of God Province and I for Caritas Christi. UAC members from all over the world attended and will meet again between now and 2011. Rome, Australia or Brazil was suggested for our next meeting.

Even though our group has many older members, we certainly remain active and have seen and done things that we probably would never have seen or done if we hadn't joined Caritas Christi. In our effort to help others, we have also helped ourselves become better, happier and more spiritual people. Thanks, St. Vincent, for your vision of the UAC.

And Now You Know!

Excerpts from the book: *Like An Evangelical Trumpet: A History of the Mother of God Province of the Society of the Catholic Apostolate*, written by Steven M. Avella.

Question 20: What is the story of Queen of Apostles Seminary in Madison? Part I

With permissions in hand from the local Bishop and the Generalate, the progress on the Madison seminary went forward. The building committee's carefully laid out plans for the new edifice were conveyed to Rome in February 1948. The Flad design was for a single flat-roofed facility, five hundred feet in length with an imposing facade that

ing Provincial Otto Boenki and Brother Bernard Scholten had taken up residence in the old cream brick farm house on the property to oversee day-to-day affairs. On New Year's Eve, 1948, the official cornerstone laying of the seminary took place with Bishop O'Connor presiding and the Rector General Adalbert Turowski in attendance.



1960's picture of students standing on steps in front of seminary facade.

faced toward the State Capitol in Madison. Fiscal realities compelled that the top floor be left unfinished and a proposed chapel-wing, gymnasium, and residential wing be deferred. Later, it was reasoned, as the student numbers grew and the financial picture improved, those could be added. Ground-breaking was scheduled for mid-1948. Already in May of that year, outgo-

The severe winter weather of 1948 slowed progress on the building, but by early February, most of it was under a roof and the plans for faculty and staffs proceeded.

Anxious to secure a quality kitchen and housekeeping staff for the new endeavor, DeMaria sought the transfer of the Pallottine Sisters who had served so effectively

for the small Holy Cross school in Milwaukee. However, the Sisters were unwilling to move with the new endeavor, even for a short interim. In a decision that would have important ramifications for the future, the Pallottines then secured the Schoenstatt Sisters of Mary for the all-important domestic work in the seminary. The broker for this was no less than Father Joseph Kentenich, the Founder of the Apostolic Movement... On November 3, 1949, the Sisters arrived at Queen of Apostles and the community took up residence in the farmhouse. The next day, Bishop O'Connor appeared and offered Mass for the newly arrived Sisters.

As mentioned earlier, the complete plans for the new facility could not be immediately realized because of the heavy costs involved. Indeed, even as it was being erected in its partial state, the cost of the building had jumped beyond its original \$400,000 estimates to nearly \$500,000. The Pallottines themselves had come up with more than \$100,000 through emptying their own savings and cashing in their war bonds. Mass stipends as well were solicited in droves. DeMaria even induced Ulric Proeller to sell land holdings he had accumulated in North Dakota for the new seminary. In this way, the resourceful Provincial scraped together every cent to launch the long-desired project. Despite high hopes on the part of the Pallottines, support from the Diocese of Madison was erratic at best. O'Connor had promised to assist the community in the construction of the building and did allow a Lenten collection to be taken up in 1949, but not much else. Funds were still in demand. The bulk of the money for the construction came in the form of a loan from the Northwestern Mutual Life Company for \$300,000. As collateral for this loan and a subsequent

one, the Province put up all its real estate.

One of the properties, the Jessup Novitiate grounds, proved to be a mini gold mine when substantial gravel deposits were found there in 1947 -- perfect for the development of roads and shoulders in the coming era of automobiles and later purchased in vast quantities by the State Highway Department of Maryland.

DeMaria ordered Christopher Meyer, rector of the house of studies, and Goldschmidt, the novice master, to investigate the matter. DeMaria himself made a flying trip to inspect personally. While it seemed "impractical" to connect the sale of the gravel directly to the Madison seminary as a kind of "endowment," it was determined to exploit the holdings and to use them as collateral for the \$300,000 loan from Northwestern Mutual Life. It was further determined to begin exploiting the gravel deposits and \$25,000 would be set aside for the start up of the business. After one "rocky" start (under a con-artist named Holopeter, who apparently used some of the start-up money to bet on horses) a fresh beginning was made when Brother Bernard Scholten took over the operation. To comply with canonical strictures against clerics engaging in business operation, a lay corporation was set up known as Company of the Society of the Catholic Apostolate (COSCA) which oversaw the concern until it ceased operation in 1957 when the Jessup house closed.

However, winter weather and cost-overruns brought about delays in construction that taxed DeMaria's abilities to raise money. By April, the shortfalls were so serious that DeMaria wrote to Turowski, "In Madison, work continues apace on our new seminary. But alas, the contractors have revised the

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Ask Father

Are Your 10 Commandments the Same as Mine?

Dear Father,

Recently I was in a discussion with some friends of mine and we got to talking about the 10 commandments. I think we all came up with 10, but not in the same order. Why would there be differences?

*Signed,
Ellen S.*

Dear Ellen S.,

I too have run into the same situation with people whenever we get into a discussion about the commandments. There's always someone who recites them differently. Simply put, a lot has to do with the way we were taught them.

Throughout the course of history the way people divided up the commandment affected in turn how they would number them. There are two main places in the Old Testament in which the commandments are enumerated: Exodus 20:2-17 and Deuteronomy 5:6-11. The Exodus text tends to go into more detail about God who gave them to us, about punishment for not keeping them, and about how to practice them. Deuteronomy is much more succinct and to the point: "Do this, don't do that!" So the dividing lines between the commandments can get a bit blurred at some points in the two texts.

In the present day Catholic Church and most of the Lutheran confessions, we



are used to the division and numbering of the commandments that were established by St. Augustine. In the East "the Greek Fathers worked out a slightly different division, which is found in the Orthodox Churches and Reformed communities" still today. (Cf. The Catechism of the Catholic Church p.557)

I think it is very healthy for us all to have very frank, open and honest discussions about the 10 commandments. After all, we are supposed to be living by them every day of our lives. The more we come to know, understand and live by them, the better persons we will be, and then it really doesn't matter how we divide them up or number them.

If one or other numbering order works for you or your friends more power to you all. Just remember, how we number them isn't and will never be as important as how well we keep those commandments. Thanks for your question. It made me do a little thinking too!

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Just in Time for St. Patrick's Day:

Irish Soda Bread

by the "Pallotti House Chef"

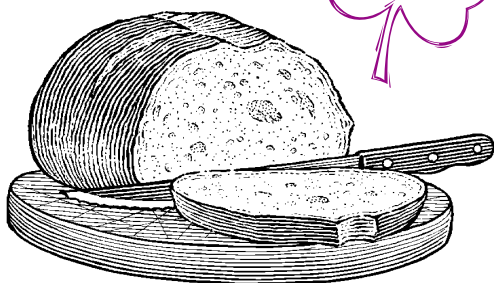
In recent years I have been accepting a generous invitation to come and celebrate St. Patrick's Day with some friends. And each year they outdo themselves with a absolutely wonderful Irish dinner of corned beef, cabbage, and boiled potatoes. Served along side this marvelous meal is another special treat: Irish Soda Bread.

I have always been a person who likes a good piece of bread (and butter) with my meal. This bread is one that keeps me coming back for more (and more, and more).

With the permission of my friends, Mike and Sue, I share this recipe (which they say they found in "Country Cooking" January 1986) with you for St. Patrick's Day, or for any day that you'd like to serve a special bread to family or friends.

Here is What You'll Need:

1½ cups all-purpose flour
3 cups whole-wheat flour
1½ tsp. baking powder
1½ tsp. baking soda
1 tsp. salt
3 Tblsp. sugar
½ Tblsp. caraway seed (optional)
1 cup dry currants
or raisins
2¼ cups buttermilk
butter/margarine (optional)
topping sugar (optional)



Here's What You Do:

Preheat oven to 375° F. Grease and flour a 9-inch circle in the center of a baking sheet. Combine both flours. Put 4 cups of flour mixture into a large bowl. Add the dry ingredients, mix, add currants/raisins and caraway seeds (optional).

Next, add all the buttermilk and stir to form dough.

Sprinkle about 1/4 cup of remaining flour mix onto your work surface, turn out dough onto surface and knead about 5 minutes until smooth.

Work on floured surface only, to prevent sticking. Then sprinkle remaining flour mix.

Form dough into a round loaf and place on baking sheet. With a very sharp knife cut a cross 1/2 inch deep into top of loaf.

Bake 45-55 minutes until loaf is lightly browned and sounds hollow when tapped on the bottom.

Removed bread to a wire cooling rack. Top with butter and sprinkle with coarse of fine sugar if desired.

After 1½ hrs. cut loaf into thin slices. Goes great with real butter spread!

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And Now You Know (continued from page 6)

cost estimates so that we are being obliged again to borrow, this time \$260,000 to complete the structure." DeMaria pledged, "This is the last time we will have to borrow thus" and predicted that "the Province should pay off the Madison project in 20 years." He even calculated it could be done sooner if the now precious novitiate property could be sold off and if some "large donations toward the seminary" came in. Turowski replied on May 4, "Yesterday the General Council granted the permission for the requested loan of \$260,000 . . . We granted it because it is necessary to finish the construction, but we did it with some anxiety. Surely in the

ordinary way it will not be easy to repay the debts, especially because economical conditions can and probably will change."

Despite the rebuke, DeMaria issued bonds for the desired sum. Turowski, however, took a dim view of DeMaria's hopes for the Jessup property, "The General Council is not in favor of the sale of the property in Jessup. In the past some similar properties of other Provinces were sold, and afterwards they were sorry."

The productive gravel pits would continue to send a flow of revenue to the Province until the mid 1950s.

Next Time: The story of Queen of Apostles Seminary in Madison: Part II

*If you want to learn more about the Pallottines of the Mother of God Province, the book **Like an Evangelical Trumpet** is now available in a 335 page soft-cover edition, complete with 33 pages of nostalgic pictures and photographs, for the price of \$19.95 plus \$3.50 postage and handling. To receive your copy, send your name, address and payment to:*

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The Ghosts of Easter Past, Present and Future

by Gladys Williams, A friend of the Pallottines

When Charles Dickens wrote "A Christmas Carol", I would guess he never imagined that his work would become one of the world's classic Christmas stories. Yet, if a person studies the content of his work and not just its setting, it becomes abundantly clear that his story contains one of those universal messages, a message transcending time, race, gender, language, culture and religious affiliation.



Interestingly enough, we Christians can say something similar about Jesus and his teachings that have come down to us through the centuries in the New Testament. His sacrifice on the cross, His teachings to his disciples, and the mystery of his resurrection apply as easily and as surely to us today as they did to those who lived some two thousand years ago.

Now, whereas Dickens chose Christmas and three ghosts to develop his message and bring about a human redemption in one named Ebenezzar Scrooge, I believe we Christians can use Lent (and to borrow for Dickens) three ghosts as a background for us to come to a better understanding of how Christ's message brings redemption to the one called "ME".

"I am the ghost of Easter Past!" If someone said that to us and showed us our past, what would we find? A time of spiritual innocence? A period in our life when Jesus would have said, "Let this child come to me..." and he would have put his hands upon us? For me, Easter Past is like Dickens' Christmas Past, a flashback in which we can look and see that there was a time, a time perhaps long ago, during which things were better between God and ME. But then I had to go and become more and more the "sinner".

And what about the ghost of Easter Present? Like Scrooge do we think our life is just the way we want it to be: we work hard, we amass possessions and fortunes, we are so wrapped up in our concern for our well-being that we can no longer see beyond the end of our noses? This Lent is the season, is our Ghost of Easter Present trying to remind us to LOOK, to LOOK at what is going on in our lives right here and now, and trying perhaps to shock us into seeing that not all is as well as we would like to think or believe.

But let us move on to our third ghost, the Ghost of Easter Future. Have we been given a wonderful grace in the season of Lent, like Scrooge was given at Christmas,

A Journey of Collaboration

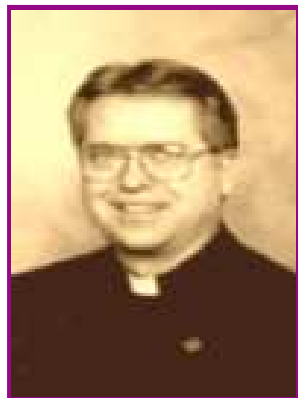
by Fr. Leon Martin, SAC - Provincial

Collaboration usually requires a lot of communication and consultation for it to be productive and meaningful. Often this can be done by phone, mail and the internet, but every once and a while collaboration requires a little face to face interaction and hence a "road trip" -- in this case a very LONG road trip!

My latest collaborative efforts found me boarding a plane and flying overseas to the Pallottine Provincial Assembly of the Nagpur Province in India. It was a journey halfway around the world and, as daunting as that may seem, it is a journey so common for so many people that the planes are filled with families and business men and women coming back and forth all the time.

At the Assembly in India the limits of time, talents and treasures were spoken of. Being present to the Pallottines there and sharing in the journey of trying to bring the teachings of Jesus and the values of the Gospel to the situation at hand is always a challenge. Working together is a key aspect of our Pallottine charism.

When I returned home from India, I shared my experiences with my community, and when our Provincial Assembly in Milwaukee convened near the end of January, we too looked again at our time, talents and treasures for the sake of the Gospel.



As a result of the two days of meetings and discussions at our Assembly, we, as a province, have decided to work with the Nagpur Province to support the new Pallottine mission in Zambia, Africa.

Two Pallottines from the Nagpur Province have taken over a parish in Lusaka and will be responsible for establishing an English speaking House of Formation in the area. Through the collaborative efforts of our two provinces, the Church will continue to grow in Zambia. In this case, it will take the time, talents and treasures of at least our two Provinces and many people to develop and sustain this new mission.

More to come on this at another time as we too count on your support and collaboration in this new endeavour.

I wish you the joy and hope of our Lord Jesus during the 2007 Lenten and Easter Seasons of the Church.

Peace,

Fr. Leon Martin, SAC

Fr. Leon Martin, SAC

Pope Benedict XVI's First Encyclical

"Deus Caritas Est" Part 3 (Series began in Summer 2006 issue)

5. Two things emerge clearly from this rapid overview of the concept of EROS past and present. First, there is a certain relationship between love and the divine: Love promises infinity, eternity -- a reality far greater and totally other than our everyday existence. Yet we have also seen that the way to attain this goal is not simply by submitting to instinct. Purification and growth in maturity are called for; and these also pass through the path of renunciation. Far from rejecting or "poisoning" EROS, they heal it and restore its true grandeur.

This is due first and foremost to the fact that man is a being made up of body and soul. Man is truly himself when his body and soul are intimately united; the challenge of EROS can be said to be truly overcome when this unification is achieved. Should he aspire to be pure spirit and to reject the flesh as pertaining to his animal nature alone, then spirit and body would both lose their dignity. On the other hand, should he deny the spirit and consider matter, the body, as the only reality, he would likewise lose his

greatness.

The epicure Gassendi used to offer Descartes the humorous greeting, "O Soul!" And Descartes would reply, "O Flesh!" Yet it is neither the spirit alone nor the body alone that loves: It is man, the person, a unified creature composed of body and soul, who loves. Only when both dimensions are truly united does man attain his full stature. Only this is love - EROS - able to mature and attain its authentic grandeur.

Nowadays Christianity of the past is often criticized as having been opposed to the body; and it is quite true that tendencies of this sort have always existed. Yet the contemporary way of exalting the body is deceptive. EROS, reduce to pure "sex," has become a commodity, a mere "thing" to be bought and sold or rather, man himself becomes a commodity. This is hardly man's great yes to the body.

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to have one last chance to think about what COULD happen to us if we continue living as we do, ignoring the message and life of Jesus that is given to us to follow? Or is the Ghost of Easter Future opening our eyes to a new reality in which we can see ourselves as better, more human and more Christ-like if, and that's a big "if", we are willing to turn from our sinful ways now?

Lents come and lents go, just as Christ-mases came and went many times for Ebenezzar Scrooge. Thank goodness there was one Christmas that afforded him the

opportunity to change his life and find his human redemption.

Perhaps THIS lent can be that one very special one that begins in us our Spiritual redemption from this point on until we one day stand before our Lord and Savior. Into which group will He place us: the sheep or the goats?

Behold the three Ghosts of Easter! Never underestimate the great gift we have been given through them in this season we call LENT.

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The damage caused by ice and snow in many parts of our country, the fires in California and the rains in Texas have made us all take a closer look at the frailty of our lives. This year, the season of Lent offers us yet another opportunity to reflect on how we are living, and a chance to correct our shortcomings and to seek reconciliation with God, our neighbor and even ourselves. This can be a time for praying for family and friends who may be struggling with sin and evil in their lives. It can also be a time for remembering those who have died, who may need our prayers and sacrifices. Why not light a vigil light for them or yourself this Lent or Easter? Just fill out this slip and sent it to us in the envelope included in this newsletter. We will light a 7 day vigil light for your intentions at the statue of St. Joseph in our house chapel.

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