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The military chaplain who pretended to be a criminal to rescue a boy from organ trafficking

This priest came up with a daring plan to rescue a vulnerable child from a horrifying death.

By Francisco Veneto



A priest who pretended to be a criminal to rescue a boy from organ trafficking was recently highlighted in an article in the Spanish newspaper *El País*, a periodical generally not given to praising the Church and the clergy.

The story of Fr. Ignacio María Doñoro de los Ríos, however, is hard to ignore. The 57-year-old former military chaplain was nominated for the Princess of Asturias Award for Concord for working for 25 years on behalf of young people who are victims of extreme poverty and the abomination of human trafficking.

“Defective merchandise”

In the 1990s, Fr. Ignacio was part of a special mission of the Spanish National Police in El Salvador. There he witnessed, to his great shock, an unexpected commercial transaction surrounding a “piece of defective merchandise.”

A family in abject poverty with five children was offering to sell their 14-year-old son, Manuel, who was suffering from paralysis, for just

\$25. With the money from the transaction, the family intended to buy food to feed their remaining four daughters. At the same time, the prospective buyers, by selling Manuel’s organs, intended to make a profit thousands of times greater than the investment made.

Although “defective” as a complete product, he would still yield sufficiently acceptable parts for sale. The boy would be “slaughtered”, dismembered, and packed into separate containers, like an ox or a pig in a slaughterhouse, to supply the demands of the international traffic in human organs.

Organ trafficking

Everything is shocking in this horrific true story. The misery of a family that reaches the extreme desperation of selling a child; the cataloging of a vulnerable and defenseless child as a defective product; the purchase of a human being by others—who are already consciously predisposed to murder him, butcher him and sell him in pieces within a network of murderers without even elementary moral parameters.

It’s also shocking to know that Manuel’s case is far from being an isolated aberration from two decades ago. **Human beings continue to be traded in this way in the 21st century.**

A tense rescue in the mountains

When he learned that a paralyzed boy was about to be handed over to an organ trafficker, **Fr. Ignacio didn’t hesitate to risk his life to save him.**

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He went a week without shaving, rented a truck, and dressed in plain clothes. With extraordinary self-control, **he drove to the poor family's home in the remote mountains of Panchimalco, posing as a human trafficking buyer.** He offered the family a dollar more than the price agreed upon by the other buyer, took the poor boy, put him in the truck, and drove away.

Manuel had just been rescued from an abominable death.

Fr. Ignacio told *El País*:

In tenths of a second, I realized that this was a train that would pass only once in my life and you have to take it or leave it. And if you take it, it will take you where you never thought you'd go ... **I was very aware that that child was going to change my life.**

But what about the family that sold their own child? Did they know what he was being bought for? Did they know that it was organ trafficking? The priest simply comments:

One thing you learn over time is that you can't judge them. That child was going to die and they sold him out of desperation.

Manuel, however, just needed the right help to avoid what seemed like certain death. Father Ignacio got him the treatment he needed, with intensive rehabilitation therapy, **to not only survive but recover from his paralysis.**

Twenty-five years later, Manuel is alive and grateful for the blessing of life. And Fr. Ignacio, back in his native Spain, was made sure of this when he received a letter from Manuel declaring that the priest had been "the most important person in his life."

Fr. Ignacio did not stop after Manuel's rescue, nor did he stop at the borders of his country.

In the Peruvian Amazon, he and a group of local partners founded *Nazareth Home*, an institution entirely dedicated to caring for orphaned children and the children of desperate families, like Manuel's in El Salvador. **These families find themselves facing an overwhelming battle against poverty and are vulnerable to falling into the most tragic attempts at escape:** prostitution, crime or, still today as 25 years ago, the horror of human trafficking, dead or alive.

Fr. Doñoro received the 2021 Solidarity Award earlier this year from Telva magazine. He used the \$20,000 prize money to buy farming equipment to plant rice, part of a project to make Nazareth House self-sufficient through agriculture.

On June 30, it was announced that the Princess of Asturias Award for Concord, for which Fr. Doñoro had been nominated, was being awarded to chef and philanthropist José Andrés, about whom we've written before, and his NGO, World Central Kitchen.

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August 8, 2021

Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

1 Kgs 19:4-8 | Eph 4:30—5:2 | Jn 6:41-51

Written by
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GROW AS A DISCIPLE | PRAY, STUDY, ENGAGE, SERVE

We have apps that monitor our sleep and calories, and remind us to get our steps in. Short on time? We order takeout or subscribe to a meal service. Yet, despite these modern conveniences, I would guess that most of us don't sleep enough or consistently eat well. And we pay the price, whether in the short or long term. Enter Elijah, who had reached his limit physically and mentally. Yet after an angel provided him food and drink, Elijah found the strength to walk 40 days and 40 nights. Impressive! But that's God for us! And in the provision of his Son, we have food and drink - bread from heaven - that not only sustains us for our journey on earth but offers the possibility of eternal life. This is our belief; this is what Jesus says to us. And that alone can give us strength, and hope, even when we're having an "Elijah" moment. For at each and every holy Mass, Jesus invites us to the table, offering us food that not only sustains but also transforms us. Taste and see the goodness of the Lord, indeed!

GO EVANGELIZE

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

Just as a good night's sleep and proper nutrition help us function our best, the Word of God and the Eucharist, and our communal life of faith, provide the spiritual nourishment we need as we strive to be imitators of God in our daily lives, as Saint Paul says. As we partake of Christ in the Eucharist, perhaps we can say a prayer of thanksgiving and ask Jesus to help us grow in the ways of love that Paul outlined: kindness, compassion, and forgiveness toward the people we encounter. It could mean letting go of a grudge, becoming more conscious of the needs of others, listening respectfully to someone with whom we disagree, or perhaps forgiving ourselves. The Holy Spirit will guide us.

REFLECT Think about the ways the Mass transforms you.

It may be something subtle - the spirit of consolation and the feeling that things are right in your world - or you may have been particularly moved by the readings, homily, music, or silent prayer. Tell someone about it!

Are You Looking to Receive One of the Seven Sacraments With Us?

Matrimony

Congratulations on your engagement! Every Diocese in Florida requires at least six months preparation before marriage. Please call our Pastor, Fr. Wayne Genereux, at the Parish Office for an appointment before setting a date.

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We are honored that you would like to choose Blessed Trinity Catholic Church for the baptism of your child! We ask that you please call our Pastor, Fr. Wayne Genereux, at the Parish Office for information regarding the pre-baptism class before scheduling a baptism.

Office Hours

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Website Mass

The church is open for our regular schedule of Masses. Recognizing that many will still be unable to attend Mass we will continue to record the Mass and upload it to the website. To view the Mass go to our website: btsp.org and click on the red words to start the video. The recorded Mass is from the Saturday vigil.

We are very grateful to Brent Beauchamp who has been volunteering his services to record the Mass each week. Thank you Brent for your continued support!

Mass Intentions

Saturday, August 7, Saint Sixtus II, Pope, and Companions, Martyrs;
Saint Cajetan, Priest

4:00 p.m. Bob Hettinger (Liv)

Sunday, August 8, Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 a.m. Margaret Mays (Dec)

9:30 a.m. For Parishioners

11:30 a.m. Gerald Hayman (Dec)

Monday, August 9, Saint Teresa Benedicta of the Cross, Virgin and Martyr

8:00 a.m. Phyllis Trypue (Dec)

Tuesday, August 10, Feast of Saint Lawrence, Deacon and Martyr

8:00 a.m. Carol Blankle (Dec)

Wednesday, August 11, Memorial of Saint Clare, Virgin

8:00 a.m. For Vocations

Thursday, August 12, Saint Jane Frances de Chantal, Religious

8:00 a.m. Chris Roberts (Liv)

Friday, August 13, Saints Pontian, Pope, and Hippolytus, Priest, Martyrs

8:00 a.m. Kayla and Nathan Roberts (Liv)

Saturday, August 14, Memorial of Saint Maximilian Kolbe, Priest and Martyr

8:00 a.m. Fr. Angelo Maraldo (Dec)

4:00 p.m. John Lawler and Patricia Sullivan (Dec)

Sunday, August 15, Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

8:00 a.m. Albin and Roberta Zaweski (Liv)

9:30 a.m. For Parishioners

11:30 a.m. Fr. Wayne Genereux,
24th Anniversary of Ordination



"IT IS JESUS, TRULY PRESENT IN
HIS BODY AND IN HIS BLOOD
WHO SUSTAINS US AS WE
JOURNEY THROUGH LIFE."

BISHOP GREGORY PARKES

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EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

What's Your Hearth Cake?

"Get up and eat, or the journey will be too much for you." I've been to a lot of meetings in my years of work in the Church, and you can take my word for it: the ones with snacks just seem to go better.

I don't know what it is exactly. Maybe it's just that people are in a more agreeable mood if you show up with donuts. Or maybe it's about the very real sense of community and camaraderie that is created at a table where people are engaging in that most human of tasks — eating — beside one another. I think a big part of it comes down to the simple fact that we're all just nicer people when we're fed.

This rings true spiritually, too. We simply must remain fed if we, in turn, are to feed others. Think of a time when you have neglected your relationship with God — when you haven't fed yourself with whatever it is that you need to remain committed to the journey of a Christian life. Is it Mass attendance? Is it prayer or Scripture reading? Is it time with your small group, or conversation with a trusted friend who knows your soul? What sustains your ability to be a good disciple, a good steward? What inspires you to give more freely, to love more abundantly?

Whatever it is, that's your hearth cake. That's your jug of water. Don't neglect it. The Angel of the Lord is nudging you in your sleep: "Get up and eat, or the journey will be too much for you."

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS
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Electronic Giving Information

A lot of people have requested information on our Electronic Giving Program. Making contributions electronically is really easy, whether you would like to make a one-time gift or make it a recurring gift for a specific or indefinite period of time.

All you have to do is go to the parish website at www.btsp.org and click on the big green box on the home page that says



Then, click on "sign in" and then, if you're new to online giving, "register for an account". If you need help, our business manager, Alice Coston, will be happy to help in walking you through it. You can reach her at the parish office at (727)867-3663.

Magazine Articles



If you wish to put anything in the weekly parish magazine, please email any items to be published to parish office at amc@btsp.org



Weekly Giving

Online Giving July 26-August 1

Offertory	\$ 2,070
Building Fund	\$ 20
SVDP	\$ 100

August 1, 2021

Offertory	\$ 5,700
Gift Shop	\$ 275
SVDP	\$ 391
Building Fund	\$ 821
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Funeral	\$ 365

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Helping Kids in Need

Mitchell Wilson is requesting donations for his Eagle Scout Project. He is gathering and consolidating supplies into backpacks to give to children and teenagers who have been displaced from their homes. Items requested are:

- Hairbrushes/combs
- Rolled blanket/throw
- Boxes of colored pencils (10 or 12 count)
- Puzzle books for teens
- Coloring books
- Adult coloring books for teens
- Travel size lotion
- Pens
- Mechanical pencils
- Bath/bar soap
- Deodorant for teens
- Flashlight and batteries
- Shampoo and conditioner—travel size
- Tooth brush/travel size toothpaste



The supplies requested can be placed in the labeled cardboard box at the main entrance.

Thank you for your donations!

Prayer for Protection from Hurricanes

God, Our Father, Creator and Lord of the universe, you have set the earth on its foundation and all the elements of nature obey your command.

We humbly beseech you to keep us safe from all dangers and calm the storm that threatens us.

May we be secure in your loving protection and serve you always with grateful hearts.

We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, One God, forever and ever.

Amen.

Prayer for Priests & Future Priests

Eternal Father,

we lift up these and all the priests of the world.

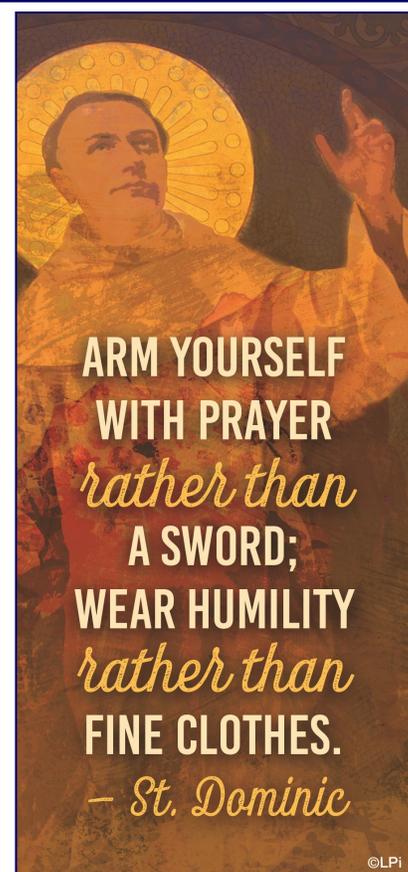
Sanctify them. Heal and guide them.

Mold them into the likeness and holiness of your Son, Jesus, the Eternal High Priest. May their lives be pleasing to You.

In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

- 08/08 • For All Seminarians
- 08/09 • Rev. Emery N. Longanga
- 08/10 • Rev. Viet Nguyen
- 08/11 • For Vocations to Priesthood & Religious Life
- 08/12 • Rev. Theodore Costello
- 08/13 • Rev. Edwin Palka
- 08/14 • Rev. Arthur Proulx

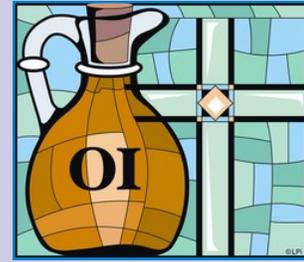
These are the names of the active priests and seminarians in our Diocese. Remember our Bishop has designated Wednesdays as Diocesan Day of Prayer for Vocations. Please continue to pray that more young people will hear and answer God's call to the Priesthood and Religious Life.



Antczak, Harriet
Arnold, Barbara
Bento, Ron
Bestow, Shawn
Boss, Kristin
Brown, Bob & Beverly
Brown, Buck
Brown III, George
Brown, Shaquita
Carfora, Palma
Cary, Joan
Chavez, John
Christ, Kathryn
Cline, Wayne
Deacon Lionel Roberts
Detore, Alice
Deuel, Fred
Devyn & Donna
DeZarn, Vickie
Doiron, Gary
Dow, Bob
Dutilly, Dennis
Feltes, Chuck & Lauren
Ferrara, Antoinette
Forbes, Monica & Tom
Fr. Jim Klima
Garcia, Jose M.
Gaskin, Douglas
Genereux, Carol

Gregg, Joan
Griffin, Lynda Butler
Grimberg, Carol
Grondin, Gaetane
Hawkins, Ashlyn
Hawkins, Barbara
Holley, Gerry
Huff, Walt & Carole
Irvin, John and Marsha
Kirkpatrick, Donna
Kirkpatrick, Susan
Lanigan, John
Lashley, Diana
Lawler, Annette
LeVan, George
Lyons, Laura
Maharne, Cecile
Maitland, Steve
Maloney, Rich
McAfee, Riley
McGarry, Jean
Membreno, Mary & Gus
Mesick, Phil & Nancy
Meyer, Patricia
Moore, Richard A.
Nicholson, Maria
Noguez, Armida
Oliphant, Brian
Parmigiani, Valerie

Phillips, James
Preeper, Helen
Privitera, Sandy
Privitera, Peter
Quinn, Timothy
Roberts, Amanda
Romani, Angelo & Marlene
Schaefer, Jake
Schneider, Mary Jo
Scotlight, Kristin
Seaquist, Tim
Shelby, Ron & Montez
Smith, Anita
Stankiewicz, Cy
Storey, Barbara
Thompson, Susan E.
Thuline, James
Velez, Carmelita
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