

Our Lady of the Family Herald



REGNUM CHRISTI OF ST. PAUL & MINNEAPOLIS

Our Lady of the Family, Pray for Us!



Family Photo: About 60 Legionaries, 30+ Consecrated men and women, and 250 RC members attended the Annual Convention in Atlanta in October. The convention was the official kick-off of the Regnum Christi Renewal.

Archbishop Wilton Gregory celebrated Mass on the last day (at left).

Local Renewal Process Explained

The **purpose** of the process is to have an updated edition of the Statutes, approved by the Holy See so as to **express, safeguard, and promote the charism** of Regnum Christi.

The life, spirituality and mission of the lay members of the Movement are explained in a part of the Statutes of Regnum Christi, which were approved by the Holy See and remain in force. **On Pentecost of 2016, a convention of lay members will draft a proposed revision of the part of the statutes that has to do with the lay members.** This proposal will be submitted to the Holy See for its approval. This process will give you the opportunity to contribute in preparing this proposal, "as good stewards of God's varied grace." (1 Peter 4:10)

From now until April, you are invited to participate in **group study sessions** in order to get to know the teachings of the Magisterium regarding the role of the laity in the Church. With this understanding, you will be able to contribute maturely and responsibly in discerning about the life, spirituality and mission of the 1st and 2nd degree members.

If you would like to know more about the purpose of the process and the plan to carry it out, we recommend that you listen to the conference that **Fr. Sylvester Heereman** gave in Atlanta on October 11. **You can find more details in the highly recommended Overview of the Revision Process.** <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=P5Lsa6vVmNg>

Thy Kingdom Come!



REGNUM CHRISTI

Prayer
for the renewal of
REGNUM CHRISTI

Lord Jesus, our King and faithful Friend, you have called us to be part of this spiritual family, born from your Heart.

In obedience to your Church, we live this special moment of grace for the Regnum Christi Movement. We feel called to an authentic renewal, which is born from a desire for holiness and a passion to evangelize, as our love for you impels us. (2 Cor. 5:14)

Today, Lord Jesus, we call your name (Isa. 14:9) with greater intensity. We are yours; we abandon ourselves to you with total confidence. You wish that we give glory to God by working for the coming of your Kingdom in all hearts and in society.

Help us to better know your will for us at this moment of our history. Send us an abundant outpouring of your Spirit, so that, in a spirit of prayer and under the gaze of your most holy Mother, we may contemplate our charism with new eyes and be able to incarnate it and articulate it more fully.

Amen

Renewal Cont.

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All Regnum Christi members are invited to participate in study and reflection of the first theme: ***The Ecclesial Identity of the Laity***. You can find the study packet on the website **RCStatutes.org**. Click on the Resources tab. Or here: <http://www.regnumchristi.org/comissione/resources/study-packet-1-the-ecclesial-identity/>

The first discussions will take place on Thursday November 20 and Friday November 21st. (Watch for details of time and place.)

At the local convention in October at Our Lady of Grace, RC members were asked what drew you to Regnum Christi? What kept you there? How has Christ changed your life through your participation in the Movement?

- **Regnum Christi is like a good pair of glasses.** It allows me to see Christ clearly. Can I see without my glasses? Sure, but it's sometimes fuzzy and unclear.
- Upon seeing RC members, I thought, "What do they have? **I want it.**"
- I was invited to a retreat and **my heart burned** (as opposed to heartburn).
- RC has helped me **raise my children** in the faith.
- I would not have the **solid marriage** I have right now if it weren't for the formation I've received in the Movement and the graces I've received through my participation.
- RC helped give me a **personal** relationship with Christ – each day.
- I know **I was called** to this. It's like marriage with its ups and downs – but you don't quit, even though it's hard.
- I was a Catholic learning and worshipping with Protestants when a Catholic friend invited me to join Familia. I met Catholic **women who were on fire for Christ** and was overjoyed! Familia and RC helped bring me back to the heart of the Church.
- RC helps me with my **commitment** to staying close to Christ. Having that **structure** is very helpful.
- My wife led me to RC. I've become a **better man, husband, father**. My faith **drives** who I am at **work**.
- RC **challenges** me to lead a good life. It's hard, but anything worthwhile is difficult.
- I have **stepped forward** as a man and being a role model to others. One of the fruits is the **leadership at work**. When others have crises at work, **they come to me because of who I am**, and not necessarily because of what I say.
- I've become a **real man** of Christ and a leader. **I have joy, happiness, fulfillment and purpose.**
- I was looking for a way to live my apostolate with others. I was tired of being a Lone Ranger. **Pooling talents** was very attractive.
- I was invited to a morning of reflection with Fr. Owen Kearns. He talked about **methodology and spirituality** of the Movement. I was very attracted to that.



Recommit to Christ our King at our annual Eucharistic Holy Hour, 7-8 pm

**Saturday November 22, 2014
Mary Queen of Peace, Rogers**

Social with refreshments to follow.

“Our [Regnum Christi Day] celebration gives us an opportunity to renew spiritually our decision to dedicate our lives to the love of Christ and to do all we can to make Christ’s Kingdom a forceful and ever-growing reality in society.” (Regnum Christi Handbook)



**Pope Francis’ Prayer Intentions
November 2014**

Lonely people. That all who suffer loneliness may experience the closeness of God and the support of others.

Mentors of seminarians and religious. That young seminarians and religious may have wise and well-formed mentors.

Welcome Patricia Camarero!



Patricia has been a Consecrated woman of Regnum Christ for the past 29 years and recently traveled here from Rhode Island, her first visit to Minnesota — but thankfully not her last! She joined the Movement as a lay member, invited by a friend in 1983 in Mexico City. She worked 14 years in Europe and was sent 15 years ago to the US. Her primary apostolic experiences have been in Regnum Christi sections, both women and young women, and with formation of Consecrated women.

She has a BA in Philosophy, a BA in Education and Management, a Master and Doctorate in Philosophy and Masters in Religious Studies. She wrote her Doctoral thesis on the topic of Human Love, comparing writings of Thomas Aquinas with the idea of empathy proposed by Edith Stein.

She loves nature, sports, swimming, and watercolor painting. She has a wonderful family who she loves!

Novena to Christ the King



Join us in praying together the nine day Novena to Christ the King (attached) which begins this year on **November 14th (mark your calendars!)**.

We ask the Kingdom of the Heart of Jesus Christ to reign in our hearts.

Recent Prayer Intentions and Announcements



For Shaun and Erin Kopp and their extended families on the loss of their infant daughter Evie.

Rest of the soul of Lee Backstrom, mother of Gregg Backstrom, and for her family and friends.

Please send other prayer intentions and announcements to Rosanne Petersen and rosannepetersen1@gmail.com

Virtue is a Living Treasure

By Formation Coordinator Kathy Vogel

The formation tidbits for the **2014-15 year** will be based on the virtues associated with the **PROCLAMATION OF THE KINGDOM**, excerpts taken from: "Learning the Virtues that lead you to God" by Romano Guardini. We will look briefly at one virtue each month:

Truthfulness • Patience • Loyalty • Disinterestedness • Courage • Kindness
• Understanding • Courtesy • Gratitude • Unselfishness • Recollection

November Formation Tidbit: Disinterestedness

A man who keeps interests in their proper place acquires power over others, but it is a peculiar kind of power. The power of personality becomes stronger in proportion to the absence of interests and stems from the genuineness of life, the truth of thought, the pure will to work, and the sincerity of one's disposition.

Something similar holds true of a man's relation to his work. When a man who is dominated by his interests works, then his work lacks precisely that which gives it value; that is, a sincere service to the thing itself. For him the first and chief consideration is how he can get ahead and further his career. He knows very little of the freedom of work and the joy of creation.

If he is a student, he works only with an eye to that which offers the most opportunities for financial gain and for prestige. He really works only for the examination; he learns what is required and what the professor in each case demands. We must not exaggerate; these things, too, have their rights. But if they are the sole motives, then the essential thing is lost. That kind of student never has the experience of living in the milieu of knowledge, of feeling its freedom and greatness. He is never touched by wisdom and understanding; his interests isolate him. What we have said of students also holds true of other forms of preparation for later life.

One of the most profound paradoxes in life is the fact that a man becomes more fully himself the less he thinks of himself. To the extent that a man departs from himself in selflessness, he grows into the essential self. This true self does not regard itself, but it is there. It experiences itself, but in the consciousness of an interior freedom, sincerity, and integrity. The way in which a man puts away the false self and grows into the real self is that which the masters of the interior life call "detachment". That man has opened himself for God, has become, if we may use the term, penetrable for God.

The saint is the person in whom the false self has been wholly conquered and the true self set free. He is the "door" through which God's power can stream into the world and can create truth and order and peace.

Excerpts from: "Learning the Virtues that lead you to God" by Romano Guardini originally published in 1963, this edition by Sophia Institute Press, pp. 77-81.

For this very reason, make every effort to **supplement your faith with virtue**, and virtue with knowledge, and knowledge with self-control, and self-control with steadfastness, and steadfastness with godliness, and godliness with brotherly affection, and brotherly affection with love.

~2 Peter 1:5-7

Got Virtue?