

# Our Lady of the Family Herald



## REGNUM CHRISTI OF ST. PAUL & MINNEAPOLIS

Our Lady of the Family, Pray for Us!



**Above:** "Family Photo" taken at the Renewal kick-off convention in October at Our Lady of Grace in Edina.

**Right:** Prayer for the Renewal of Regnum Christi. Please pray this prayer individually and at Encounters. Thank you!

Watch the Renewal made by a Young Men's RC team from Dallas.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hOcSYSkNLgU>

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 (Rev. 14:6)  
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 Update

Over 30 members were able to gather in small groups to review Study Packet I on the theme of ***The Ecclesial Identity of the Laity***. People discussed the deep and rich descriptions of the call of the laity rooted in Baptism, as articulated in various Vatican II documents, Canon Law, and additional writings of Saint John Paul II and Pope Benedict XVI. One topic of interest was ways in which the laity share in Jesus Christ's three-fold office of Priest, Prophet, and King. Namely, the priestly (to sanctify), prophetic (to teach), and kingly (to govern). Being a passive Church member is not an option; we have an elevated dignity and call by nature of our baptism. All these discussions help to lay the vocabulary for us to be able to knowledgably comment on proposed statutes in the coming year. ***Not to worry if you missed the discussion of the first theme: there will be a make-up session held in the new year.***

## Welcome to New Regnum Christi Members

We are grateful for the work of the Holy Spirit in calling new members this year to the Women's Section, including Kim Day, Erin, Murphy, Kristen Basgall, and Nicole Moudry. We are thankful as well for all those men and women who are participating in Encounter teams, various apostolic activities, and youth events. Let us strive to be always faithful to the inspirations of the Holy Spirit and fulfill them with authenticity and hope. We congratulate our new members and give them a warm welcome to our local RC family!

Our Lady of the Family, Pray for Us!

All Regnum Christi members are invited to participate in study and reflection of the first theme: ***The Apostolate of the Laity***. You can find the study packet on the website [RCStatutes.org](http://www.rcstatutes.org). Click on the Resources tab. Or here: <http://www.regnumchristi.org/comissione/resources/study-packet-2-the-apostolate-of-the-laity/>

**The next discussions will take place on Thursday, January 8, and Friday, January 9. (See below for details of time and place.)**

#### CALENDAR — CLIP 'N SAVE

December 10, 7pm	Advent Retreat at the Center with Soaring Souls team. Contact: Joanne Newman <a href="mailto:newmans9@comcast.net">newmans9@comcast.net</a>
December 16	Christmas Novena begins
December 25	Merry Christmas!
January 1-4	Christmas Games at Sacred Heart Apostolic School Contact Al or Kathy Loch at <a href="mailto:servantjmj@aol.com">servantjmj@aol.com</a>
January 3	Epiphany party (details to follow)
January 8, 7pm	Renewal Discussion at the Center, Study Packet II Contact Jennifer Kellar (Moderator), <a href="mailto:jenkellar@outlook.com">jenkellar@outlook.com</a>
January 9, 9:15am	Renewal Discussion at the Center, Study Packet II Contact Anne Hajek (Moderator), <a href="mailto:amhajek@gmail.com">amhajek@gmail.com</a>
February 12, 7pm	Renewal Discussion at the Center, Study Packet III
February 13, 9:15am	Renewal Discussion at the Center, Study Packet III
February 26-March 1	Men's Spiritual Exercises, Marathon WI
March 19-22	Women's Spiritual Exercises, Marathon WI
March 26, 7 pm	Renewal Discussion at the Center, Study Packet IV
March 27, 9:15am	Renewal Discussion at the Center, Study Packet IV
April 25	Renewal Discussion, Study Packet V (place and time t/b/d)

#### Marriage Renewal with "Cana in Cancun" with Fr. Simon Devereux February 26—March 2, 2015

Give your marriage a "check-up" this coming February. The dates of the 5th annual "Cana in Cancun" retreat will be February 26 through March 2, 2015.

Directing the retreat will be Fr. Simon Devereux, LC and Fr. John Williams, pastor of Epiphany parish in Cheshire, Connecticut.

*"As a priest I see that spouses are constantly pulled in different directions by work, looking after their own parents and children, volunteering, social engagements, and so on," said Fr. Simon. "Little time is left over for the love of their lives. I suggest you make an investment of your time to become the spouse you know God wants you to be. Let the sun shine anew on your marriage!"*

Not only will participating couples enjoy plenty of rest and relaxation at the Gran Caribe Real resort, but there will be daily mass and spiritual direction available, as well as a mission trip to the City of Joy in nearby Quintana Roo.

The cost of retreat is \$600, not including airfare and hotel accommodations. To register, contact Minerva at [minera@elitetravelct.com](mailto:minera@elitetravelct.com) or call her at (203) 271-0623 before Feb. 4, 2015.

## 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**

### December Formation Tidbit: Courage

Bravery means standing one's ground in danger. And it means facing the conditions of our existence and standing firm before them--indeed, standing firm before life as it comes, first of all, because one overcomes danger more easily if one goes to meet it than if one is intimidated by it; also, because one surmounts pain more easily if one bears it freely than if one becomes wrapped up in it. Moreover, difficulties are a part of our life. They are sent to us. If we meet them bravely, they prove to be a gain. Every situation contains a possibility for growth, for becoming a better person--the one we were meant to be. We waste this opportunity if we seek to evade the difficulty.

The courage that accepts life and meets it bravely in each instance implies a conviction that there is something within us that cannot be destroyed, but rather which derives nourishment from everything, becomes stronger, richer, and deeper through every experience rightly faced and carried out, because this something comes from the creative power of God.

Here courage means placing our hand in His and following Him, in small things and in great. The way may lead us very far. We know of persons who follow it so far that they escape our comprehension; these are the saints. We hear them speak, we read their writings, but essentially they have gone beyond us, with God. This is the highest challenge.

Let us consider how we act amid the dangers of this world: how energetically we protect ourselves by all manner of means. Jesus never protected Himself, but He accepted everything that the violence and unscrupulousness of men inflicted upon Him. We do not take the world as it is, but choose from it what pleases us. He accepted what the course of events brought upon Him, for this was the will of the Father. We know how to conform, to evade, and to seek advantages. His nature was such, and He spoke and acted in such a manner that what was most evil in men was challenged; in such a manner that, as we read in Luke's Gospel, "the thoughts," the hidden disposition, "in the hearts of many were revealed."

He truly lived in the conditions of the world and endured them. The hour of Gethsemane lets us surmise what that meant. If we try to fathom all this, we may well shudder before what we can call the courage of God in Christ.

*Excerpts from: "Learning the Virtues that lead you to God" by Romano Guardini originally published in 1963, this edition by Sophia Institute Press, pp. 103-107.*

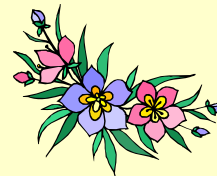


### Pope Francis' Prayer Intentions December 2014

Universal prayer intention: "That the birth of the Redeemer may bring peace and hope to all people of good will".

Evangelization prayer intention: "That parents may be true evangelizers, passing on to their children the precious gift of faith".

### Recent Prayer Intentions and Announcements



Welcome to Noelle Frances Schmitz, daughter of Andy & Jolene, born on Tuesday November 25th. Congratulations!

Please send other prayer intentions and announcements to Rosanne Petersen and [rosannepetersen1@gmail.com](mailto:rosannepetersen1@gmail.com)