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PANIS ANGELICUS, THE BREAD OF ANGELS!

In 1996, when Pope Francis was auxiliary bishop of Buenos Aires, a remarkable Eucharistic miracle happened. The results are truly astounding.

On the evening of August 18, 1996, Father Alejandro Pezet was celebrating Mass in a church located in the center of the city. As he finished distributing Holy Communion, a woman came up to him and said that she found a host that someone had thrown away at the back of the church. Father Alejandro went to the place in the church and picked up the very soiled host. The host was so soiled that he couldn't consume it, so he placed it in a small container of water which he put in the tabernacle.

On Monday, August 26th upon opening the tabernacle, to his great surprise he saw that the host had become a bloody substance. He informed Bishop Bergoglio, who gave instructions that the host was to be professionally photographed. The photos, which were taken on September 6th, show clearly that the host, which had become a fragment of bloody flesh, had greatly increased in size. The host remained in the tabernacle for several years. The whole affair was never publicized. Since the host showed no visible sign of decomposition, Bishop Bergoglio decided to have a scientific analysis done on the host.

On October 5, 1999, in the presence of representatives of Bishop Bergoglio, Dr. Castanon (an atheist at the time, later became a Catholic) removed a sample of the bloody fragment and sent it to New York for analysis. Since he did not want to influence the results of the tests, he did not reveal the origin of the sample to the team of scientists doing the testing.

One of these scientists was the acclaimed cardiologist and forensic pathologist, Dr. Frederic Zugiba. He determined that the substance being analyzed was **true flesh and real blood containing human DNA**. He stated that, "The analyzed material is a fragment of the heart muscle found in the wall of the left ventricle close to the valves. This muscle is responsible for the contraction of the heart. It should be kept in mind that the left cardiac ventricle pumps blood to all parts of the body. The heart muscle is in an inflammatory condition and contains a large number of white blood cells. It is my contention, wrote Dr. Zugiba, that the heart was alive, since white blood cells require a living organism to sustain them. White blood cells will die outside of a living organism. Thus, their presence indicates that the heart was alive when the sample was taken. What is more, these white blood cells had penetrated the tissue, which further indicates that the heart had been under severe stress, as if the owner had been beaten severely about the chest."

Two Australians, journalist Mike Willesee and legal expert Ron Tesoriero, were witnesses to these tests. When they became aware of origin of the sample that was analyzed, they were staggered by Dr. Zugiba's report. Mike Willesee asked Dr. Zugiba how long the white blood cells could have remained alive if they had come from human tissue that was preserved in water. Dr. Zugiba answered that *the white blood cells would have ceased to exist after a few minutes*. The journalist only then revealed to the doctor that the substance from which the sample had come had first been preserved in ordinary water **for a month**, and following that, had been preserved in a receptacle containing mineral water for **three years**, and that it was only after three years that a sample had been taken to be analyzed. Dr. Zugiba was at a total loss. He declared that there was **no way of explaining this fact scientifically**.

Dr. Zugiba then asked Mr. Wallace, "Please, can you explain something to me. If this sample was taken from a dead person, then how can it be that, while I was examining it, the **cells in the sample were in motion and pulsating?** *If the heart that I analyzed came from someone who died in 1996, how can it still be alive?*" Only then did Mike Wallace reveal to Dr. Zugiba that the analyzed sample came from a consecrated host (white, unleavened

bread), which had mysteriously been transformed into bleeding human flesh. Stunned at hearing this, Dr. Zugiba answered, *"How and why a consecrated host (white, unleavened bread) can change its character and become human flesh and blood will remain an inexplicable mystery for science - a mystery completely beyond its competence."*

After this, Dr. Castanon arranged for the laboratory reports, written about the Buenos Aires miracle, to be compared to reports produced after a similar Eucharistic miracle that took place in Lanciano, Italy in 1971. Again, **without revealing the origin of the test samples**. The experts who compared the two analyses concluded that the two laboratory reports had analyzed test samples taken from the **SAME PERSON**. They further pointed out that the **two samples revealed an "AB positive" blood type**. This blood carries characteristics of a man who was born and lived in the Middle East. Copied from "Peace will have the Last Word" by Sister Emmanuel Maillard Pg. 63

THE LANCIANO REPORT: The microscopic studies documented these facts: "The flesh was identified as striated muscular tissue of the myocardium (heart wall) having no trace whatsoever of materials or agents used to preserve the flesh from decay. Both the flesh and the blood were found to be of human origin. **The flesh and blood were found to belong to the same blood type, AB positive.**" The relics can be seen today in the church of St. Francis, Lanciano, Italy.

The Eucharist: What an ingenious way to be remembered!! Not by leaving a library, museum, university or airport but by *leaving Oneself behind as living food*. Such intimacy, such power! The Last Supper NOW! "Unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink His Blood you have no life in you..**for my flesh is real food and my blood real drink.**" Mt. 6: 52-55.

This is the reason Catholics celebrate the **Eucharist every Sunday**, indeed every day. -or have **hours of adoration** before the Blessed Sacrament, or just **visit the Blessed Sacrament** reserved in the tabernacle, or encourage people who are ill or dying to receive the Eucharist, or make special celebrations for a child's **First Communion**. A **REAL NOT SYMBOLIC PRESENCE!!** Can you imagine what it must have been like to watch Mary, the Mother of Jesus, receive her own Son in communion!!

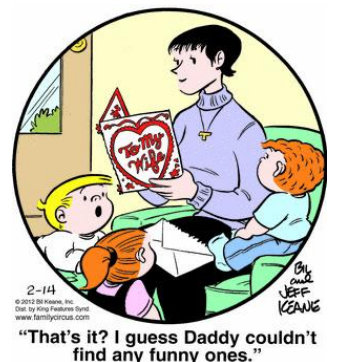
"One communion well received could make you a saint." St. Theresa of Avila. I have celebrated or participated in the Eucharist over 7000 times in my lifetime and I ask myself, *"Why have I not become a saint?"* How about you? One time, well done, could do it!! **JESUS IS NOT ONLY THE GREATEST WISDOM TEACHER IN HISTORY BUT ALSO THE GREATEST GIFT GIVER.** -THE GIFT OF HIMSELF TO US, BOTH ON A CROSS AND IN THE EUCHARIST.

Please, please, don't just read this newsletter but **PRAY** on it: Be impressed, let it become a part of you and be **OVERWHELMED** by its truth and next Sunday, **OVERWHELMED, by your communion**. - LIKE IT WAS THE FIRST TIME. - with a "beginner's heart". -a real life changer! Almost all people who have left the Catholic Church will say: "The one thing I truly miss is going to Holy Communion each Sunday." -And what should this speak **LOUDLY** to us who have stayed and receive Communion each Sunday?"



When I was 5 years old, my mom always told me that **happiness was the key to life**. When I went to school, they asked me what I wanted to be when I grew up. I wrote down "happy". They told me I didn't understand the assignment and I told them *they didn't understand life*.

One day, the late Bishop Paolo Maria Hnilica of Slovakia, asked Mother Teresa what was the secret behind her success with the poor. She recounted the following episode from her childhood: "I owe this grace to my mother! When I was seven, or eight years old, my mother took me for a walk in a park, holding me by the hand, and she said, 'My daughter, just as you have held my hand today, during all your life, always hold the hand of your Heavenly Mother, the Virgin Mary. She will be the one to **guide you to Jesus and to heaven**. With her, you will never lose your way, and never take the wrong path. Never let go of the Blessed Mother's hand!' That is the secret of my success!" Often, Mother Teresa's fellow nuns would hear Mother Teresa call Mary, "Mom". Near the cross stood his mother....Seeing his mother there with the disciple he loved, (St John), Jesus said to his mother, "Woman, *there is your son..*" In turn He said to the disciple, *"There is your mother."* From that hour onward the **disciple took her into his care**. John 19



VISION AND REALITY

Divorce rate shrinks churches. "Divorce is what's really kicking the heck out of American society", William V Bennett wrote recently. A new study from the public religion Research Institute links the decline of many churches to the high divorce rate. The study found that 35% of people raised by divorced parents consider themselves religiously unaffiliated. Many children lose faith in their church when their parents get divorced. The study concluded: *If you want your children to stay in church it helps to stay with your spouse. GEE, MARRIAGE AGAIN!!*

Moreover, when a couple divorces, one or both of them are also likely to divorce their church and go to another church, or stop going to church altogether. Moral: It's in the interest of all churches, if they wish to survive, to make an effort to restore the concept of the **sanctity of marriage. GEE, MARRIAGE AGAIN!**

PORNOGRAPHY: THE NEW LEPROSY. A recent study indicated that 23% of women and 39% of church going men are into pornography. Pornography is DANGEROUS, ADDICTIVE, PROGRESSIVE, AND DEADLY. Whenever I would mention the word pornography to my juniors and seniors in high school there would be **dead silence**. They knew I knew, especially among the boys. - another great marriage preparation course!!

WHAT DOES THIS HAVE TO DO WITH RELIGION, SPIRITUALITY?? *All of the above affects people and, as Pope Francis recently said, "People have souls, and the care of souls is my job".*

"The time will come when people will not listen to sound doctrine, but will follow their own desires and will collect for themselves more and more teachers who will tell them what they are itching to hear. 2 Timothy 4:3

"The future belongs to those who give the next generation reason to hope."

- Chardin

The average age of the world's great civilizations has been 200 years. These nations progressed through the following sequence:



From bondage to spiritual faith;
From spiritual faith to great courage;
From great courage to liberty;
From liberty to abundance;
From abundance to selfishness;
From selfishness to complacency;
From complacency to apathy;
From apathy to dependency;
From dependency back again into bondage.

WHERE ARE WE?

"In a time of universal deceit (think politicians, the media, political correctness, victimhood as vocation, lying for Jesus) telling the TRUTH is a revolutionary act." -

George Orwell

I wonder how many Christians who voted for the Governors of New York and Virginia, who recently made ghoulish decisions about the life of babies, are re-evaluating their votes? What is the next degenerative step, the ELDERLY? NOTICE, they seldom use the words "life or baby", always *freedom, mother's health, civil rights, women's rights, anti-men* etc.. Too often, many people, UNKNOWINGLY, vote against their own principles and self interest.

"Be not solicitous for the shadow of a great name" - Thomas a Kempis

SPEAKING SOFTLY

"How I need more simple faith and trust in my poor soul and only YOU can give it."

I wish I had all the time I have spent in my lifetime worrying over how to pay the bills and whether God **really** loves me and I **really** love Him!! The worrying was always a waste of time and energy. The bills always got paid somehow and ultimately I realized I was in good relationship with the Lord and that He has been so VERY GENEROUS in giving me and my family everything we absolutely needed, at the right time, and MORE besides. Instead of spending all that time worrying, I wish I had spent the time praying. As the saying goes: "If you have time to worry you have time to pray." Don't complicate your life. Don't be your own worst enemy. Don't torture yourself. Give yourself a hug! - some chocolate!

Remember the Novena given by Jesus in the October issue of "Of Seeds and Flowers"? The first day we were taught: "Why do you confuse yourselves by worrying? Leave the care of your affairs to me and everything will be peaceful. I say to you in truth that every act of true, blind, **complete surrender** to me produces the effect that you desire and resolves all difficult situations. Prayer: "O Jesus, I surrender myself to you, take care of everything!" -AND HE DOES!!

In our Mary's Field office we have the following words beautifully framed. I need to read and pray them more often. I share them, not to fill up the page, but to share the wisdom of the **greatest wisdom teacher of all time**. Words to BE LIVED.

Look at the birds in the sky. They do not sow or reap, they gather nothing into barns; yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are not you more important than they? Which of you by worrying can add a moment to his life span? Learn a lesson from the way the wild flowers grow. They do not work; they do not spin. Yet I assure you, not even Solomon in all his splendor was arrayed like one of these. If God can clothe in such splendor the grass of the field, which blooms today and is thrown on the fire tomorrow, will He not provide much more for you, **O weak of faith! Stop worrying**, then, over questions like, *"What are we to eat; or what are we to drink. or what are we to wear?"* The **unbelievers** are always running after these things. Your heavenly Father knows all that you need. **Seek first His kingship over you, His way of holiness**, and all these things will be given you besides. Enough, then, of worrying about tomorrow. **Let tomorrow take care of itself**. Today has troubles enough of its own. **AMEN!**

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