



Apostolate of the Green Scapular

VOLUME 6

MARCH 2017

Dedicated to the Sacred Heart of Jesus and Immaculate Heart of Mary

Catechism For Today's Catholic

- *What are the Nine Ways of Being An Accessory to Another's Sin?*
- *What are the Sins Crying to Heaven for Vengeance?*
- *What is the satisfaction for Sins Committed?*

Without Discipline, Our Souls Can Perish

On March 1, we begin the season of Lent. This is the time of year that Jesus has called us to strive for holiness. And he expects it from everyone of us. If we want to be better, we must seriously strive to become holy. We need to become followers of Jesus. So who should we try to imitate? The saints, they effectively learned to put Jesus into every thought and deed they attempted to do. Its not easy because modern life is almost lethal to anyone who wants to become holy.

There are three philosophies that maim and kill holiness, yet they are universally sought and believed:

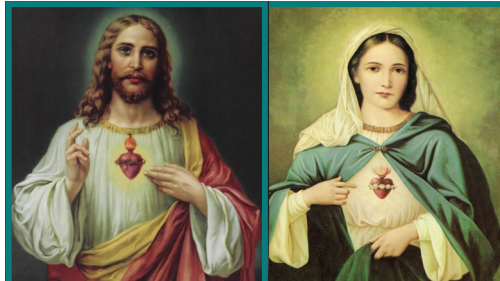
3) Minimalism: What is the least we can do and still be Catholics. No wonder we can be uncomfortable with the saints and even with Jesus. We see saints as if they are on a pedestal. After all they are Jesus' favorites. That is why Jesus always told people to

what God created each one of us to become. The main purpose of education is to provide us with opportunities to discipline ourselves—after all, God has a distinct purpose for every one of our lives.

But without discipline, we would never discover what it is. So without discipline, we content ourselves with superficiality or mediocrity, this is the curse of the world, without discipline our souls can perish.

Today's cultures reject the saints for the same reason it rejects Jesus, because He reminds us how indispensable is the need for discipline in our own lives.

Always remember, becoming holy is our main goal. It is the core theme of the Gospels. It is the only answer to the yearning for happiness that preoccupies everyone. All of the saints challenge us to become holy. If there will be a new *spring-time* in the Church like Pope John Paul II prophesized, it's because the saints remind us that holiness is possible for everyone who works and wants to believe it. —Fr. John



Jesus, Mary and Joseph, I love you, save souls!

imitate Him. And He showed us how to do it. His philosophy is based on discipline, which modern culture abhors and rejects. Dorothy Day, a social activist, often said that Jesus came on earth to affect the comfortable.

Yet discipline is the extraordinary teacher that challenges us to become the best we can, which is

1) Individualism: We act like we are god and so we judge religion from what we get from it.

2) Hedonism: We abandon any religious practice we don't like or that requires self discipline. So to fast from food or other temptations is like a dirty word.

Missing and Exploited Children

For many years we have been placing the names of missing children on a blessed Green Scapular. We are praying for them to be found so parents can reunite with their precious lost children. We invite all Apostles to help us in the crucial task.

Since we pray daily for souls who have their names written on a blessed Green Scapular, we hope that you too will write names on your own blessed Green Scapulars. If you

**DEAR JESUS,
PLEASE LEAD
ALL LOST
CHILDREN BACK
TO THEIR
PARENTS AND
FAMILIES.
AMEN.**

receive a weekly newspaper advertisement in your mailbox each week, look for the section, **"Have You Seen Me?"** Anna Marie has witnessed the finding of lost children she wrote on a GS, so will you!

Inside this issue:

40DaysForLife.com	2
Protecting Priests During Mass	2
Chief Works of Mercy	2
St. Catherine Labouré	3
Adopting and Fostering Children	3
Purging Sins of the Flesh	3
Catechism Answers to Questions Above	4
Memorare Prayer	4
Christians Do Not Hate Homosexuals	4

Www.40DaysForLife.com

There is an incredible pro-life movement spreading throughout the nation. It is led by Christians who are putting their faith into action during Lent.

This organization, 40 Days For Life, is sponsored by Archdioceses and other Christian denominations throughout the world. All those who register and get involved want to help women who are contemplating abortion, with another option—to choose life.

When you visit the website, you are invited to join the cause, to register with your local Chapter. Chapters meet, pray at Abortion Clinics, and fast during Lent.

Daniel Cardinal DiNardo, President of the USCCB and Archbishop of Galveston-Houston stated:

“A fast of forty days is inspired by Sacred Scripture, especially by Jesus Christ Himself. The Gospel message calls us to conversion and to defend

life. We must all work together to answer God’s call. This peaceful, 40 day fasting effort gives local Catholics ample opportunity to join with people of faith around the country in doing something significant to help put an end to abortion.

I encourage members of our local Church to participate in this important national event.”

A worldwide campaign being conducted in hundreds of cities simultaneously!

Pastor Laurence White from Our Savior Lutheran and Lutherans For Life, shares the following too:

“We profess to serve the Lord of Life. We bear the name of Christ in a world obsessed by death. We have allowed 50 million innocent children to be sacrificed to the idol of “Choice” ...

My soul is haunted by a question posed by one of the small handful of faithful pastors who protested the holocaust in Nazi Germany. He had dared to protest the murder of the Jews and had been thrown into prison.

The prison chaplain was horrified to find a clergyman locked in a filthy holding cell with the drunks and the prostitutes. The chaplain cried out to his fellow pastor,

“My brother, what did you do? Why are you here?” The imprisoned pastor replied, “My brother, given what is happening in our country, why aren’t you here?”

Brothers and Sisters in Christ “40 Days For Life” gives each of us the chance to witness to the love and the life of Christ.... The pastor’s haunting question remains unanswered, “Why aren’t you here?”

Protecting Priests During Mass

All Catholics are called to defend Jesus Christ and His disciples, Pastors. Our Catholic Priests endure great spiritual attacks, but what about the physical attacks? Persons suffering from mental illness (demonic oppression) causing any disturbance during Mass must be stopped from attacking a Priest too. When a person interferes or disrupts

Mass, **legally a Priest must tell the person to stop and leave now!** If the person doesn’t, any parishioner, **especially a Police Officer**, can intercede and escort him/her out of the Church and call for a police unit. All parishioners must be ready to defend a Priest. It is our responsibility to pray daily for our Parish Priests. Be ready at all times!

Chief Works of Mercy

During Lent, Christians dig deeper, work harder, invest more time, talents and treasures in honor of our Savior’s sacrifice, dying on the Cross.

The Lord established the “Works of Mercy” which are divided into two: Corporal Works of Mercy and Spiritual Works of Mercy.

The **Corporal Works of Mercy** are:

- ◆ Feed the hungry,
- ◆ Give drink to the thirsty,
- ◆ Clothe the naked,
- ◆ Shelter the homeless,

- ◆ Visit the sick,
- ◆ Visit the imprisoned,
- ◆ Bury the dead.

The **Spiritual Works of Mercy** are the following:

- ◆ Admonish the sinner,
- ◆ Instruct the ignorant,
- ◆ Counsel the doubtful,
- ◆ Comfort the sorrowful,
- ◆ Bear wrongs patiently,
- ◆ Forgive all injuries,
- ◆ Pray for the living and the dead.

All Works of Mercy bear abundant grace and mercy for you because you are serving those in greater need.

In Sacred Scripture, we read in St. Matthew 25:35-36: *“For I was hungry, and you gave me to eat; I was thirsty, and you gave me to drink; I was a stranger, and you took me in; Naked, and you covered me; sick and you visited me: I was in prison and you came to me. And the king answering, shall say to them: Amen I say to you, as long as you did it to one of these least brethren, you did it to me.”*

Members of St. Vincent de Paul's "Sisters of Charity"

St. Catherine Labouré
(May 2, 1806 — December 31, 1876)

Known for the Miraculous Medal

St. Catherine, named Zoé at birth, was born in France in the region of Burgundy. Her father, Pierre, was a farmer and mother, Louise Madeleine Gontard. St. Catherine was the ninth of eleven children and at nine years, her mother died. It is said that after her mother's funeral, St. Catherine picked up a statue of the Blessed Mother and kissed it saying, "*Now you will be my mother.*"

St. Catherine's aunt, took both St. Catherine and her little sister, Tonine, to raise in Saint-Rémy, France. The Lord's grace and calling would forever lead her to her mission. She helped with the nursing order founded by St. Vincent de Paul. After experiencing a dream about St. Vincent de Paul, she joined the Daughters of Charity.

In April 1830, St. Catherine began having visions. On July 19, 1830, she was awakened after hearing the voice

of a child calling her to the chapel. She heard Mother Mary say: "*God wishes to charge you with a mission. You will be contradicted, but do not fear; you will have the grace to do what is necessary. Tell your spiritual director all that passes within you. Times are evil in France and in the world.*"

On November 27, 1830, Blessed Mother returned displaying herself inside an oval frame, standing upon a globe. Rays of light came out of her hands in the direction of a globe. Around the margin of the frame appeared the words: "**O Mary, conceived without sin, pray for us who have recourse to thee.**"

While St. Catherine was looking at this heavenly vision, the frame seemed to rotate, showing a circle of twelve stars, a large letter **M** surmounted by a



Cross, and the stylized Sacred Heart of Jesus and Immaculate Heart of Mary underneath it.

St. Catherine asked why some of the rays of light did not reach the Earth, Mother Mary told her, "*Those are the graces for which people forget to ask.*"

St. Catherine then heard Mother Mary ask her to take these images to her father confessor, telling him that they should be put on medallions. "*All who wear them will receive great graces.*"

It would take two years for the medal to be created. She died on December 31, 1876 at the age of seventy. Her body is encased in glass beneath a side altar in the Chapel of Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal at 140 Rue du Bac, Paris, France.

Her body is incorrupt!

Ref. Wikipedia.

Adopting and Fostering Children

Jesus has given us a clear example of how we are to love and take care of children. Jesus gathered His twelve Apostles and said: "*And taking a child, He set him in the midst of*

them. Whom when he had embraced, he saith to them: Whosoever shall receive one such child as this in my name, receiveth me. And whosoever shall receive me, receiveth not me, but

him that sent me." (St. Mark 9:35-36)

If anyone can open their heart to either be a foster parent or adopt a child, you are receiving the Holy Trinity into your own home.

Purging Sins of the Flesh

During Lent, Christians around the world consider what they can deprive themselves of, as Jesus did when He fasted 40 days and nights in the desert. We too want to demonstrate that we thank, glorify and praise Jesus for dying on the cross for our sins so we can be saved from damnation.

Jesus knows we are sinners, we are weak humans; but He wants us to try to change our life, to work hard on

our idiosyncrasies, our faults, our sinful behaviors. Jesus promises us that if we seek His mercy, we will receive it if we repent! We must ask for His forgiveness and mercy in the Sacrament of Confession, where we receive an exorcism from demonic spirits!

Sins or works of the flesh are: Fornication, uncleanness, immodesty, luxury, idolatry, witchcrafts, enmities, contentions, emulations, wraths, quarrels,

dissentions, sects, envies, murders, drunkenness, and revellings. St. Paul says: "*That they who do such things shall not obtain the kingdom of God.*" (Galatians 5:17-21)

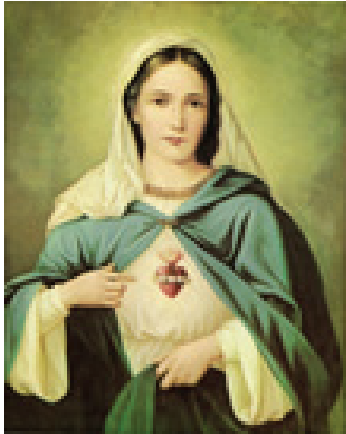
If we repent from the heart of any sins of the flesh, go to Confession, do our Penance, and are conscience of the temptations that trouble us, Jesus will have mercy and lead us to eternal life with Him in Heaven! Thank you Jesus!

Dedicated to the Sacred Heart of Jesus and Immaculate Heart of Mary

Apostolate of the Green Scapular
7710 Cherry Park Dr., Suite T417
Houston, TX 77095
USA

Web: www.greenscapular.org

The Memorare Prayer



Remember, O most gracious Virgin Mary, that never was it known that anyone who fled to thy protection, implored thy help, and sought thy intercession was left unaided.

Inspired with this confidence, I fly unto thee, O Virgin of virgins, my Mother. To thee I come; before thee I stand, sinful and sorrowful. O Mother of the Word incarnate, despise not my petitions, but in thy mercy hear and answer them. Amen.

*Immaculate Heart of Mary,
pray for us now and at the hour of our death.*

Answers to the Catechism

What are the Nine Ways of Being An Accessory to Another's Sin? 1) By Counsel (ex. Counseling someone to have an abortion). 2) By Command (ex. A parent ordering their daughter to have an abortion). 3) By Concealment (ex. A person hides another's illegal actions). 4) By Consent (ex. Supporting someone who is gay). 5) By Defense of the Evil Done 6) By Partaking (ex. Practicing Witches cursing others). 7) By Provocation (ex. Tempting someone to do something illegal). 8) By Praise or Flattery 9) By silence (ex. A parent not contacting the police and reporting their spouse molesting or raping their son or daughter).

What are the Sins Crying to Heaven for Vengeance? 1) Willful Murder; 2) Sodomy; 3) Oppression of the poor; 4) Defrauding laborers of their wages.

What is the satisfaction for sins committed? 1) After the confession of sins, the penitent must atone for his/her failure to love God and the harm done to him/herself and others. 2) The penitent must do the penance assigned by the Priest whose absolution restores supernatural life to his soul and removes the eternal punishment and some of the temporal punishment due to his/her forgiven sins. 3) The assigned penance can be a prayer, an offering, Works of Mercy, self-denial, sacrifice, and acceptance of a personal cross. 4) Penance is a part of the sacrament which conforms the penitent to Christ, Who expiates all sin.

Christians Do Not Hate Homosexuals

As homosexuality becomes more accepted in our culture, Christians still are misunderstood as to why we reject its practice. **We DO NOT hate homosexuals, we hate the sin!** A homosexual spirit can attach to persons in two ways: 1) In the womb of the mother called **generational demons** or 2) by a confused person who endured sexual abuse as a child and acts out by their own volition.

Generational demonic bondage takes place by attaching itself to a baby in the womb of the mother. Many gays state they have been so since birth, it is true because the spirit was passed down for generations as indicated in Exodus 20:5: *"Thou shalt not adore them, nor serve them: I am the Lord thy God, mighty, jealous, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children, unto the third and fourth generation of them that hate me."*

A gay person should be able to name a past family member who also practiced homosexuality. The demonic temptations may be so great that a non-practicing Christian doesn't have the

graces necessary to fight temptations from these demons.

For those who were abused as children, but have no ancestral demonic bondage, they voluntarily participate in gay behavior because they have not forgiven the person who violated them. When anyone is violated by another, they become angry. Anger is one of the most deadly sins for a reason, it will send us to hell. When a child is sexually abused, they are NOT gay because someone abused them.

Whatever sin we commit, Scripture tells us we will be tormented by those demons of that sin. In Wisdom 11:17-18, it states: *"That they [humans] might know that by what things a man sinneth, by the same also he is tormented. For thy almighty hand, which made the world of matter without form, was not unable to send upon them [humans] a multitude of bears, or fierce lions, or unknown beast of a new*

kind, full of rage..." A description of demons.

Sodomy, like murder, is a sin against God. In Genesis 19:13 & 24, the Angels said to Lot: *"For we will destroy this place, because their cry is grown loud before the Lord, who hath sent us to destroy them."* *"And the Lord rained upon Sodom and Gomorrha brimstone and fire from the Lord out of heaven. And He destroyed these cities, and all the country about, all the inhabitants of the cities, and all things that spring from the earth."* Christians cannot support any sins otherwise, **Christians will also be held accountable and an accessory to the sin!**

Many Catholic families struggle with their loved ones living in a gay relationships. We suggest the following: Discuss your objections with him/her, let him/her know you will not be able to support his/her homosexuality or partner but that you will never stop loving or praying for him/her. Write his/her name on a blessed Green Scapular and also the partner's name and pray! God is merciful and saves those we are praying for. **Trust in Jesus' mercy!**