

THE IMPORTANCE OF HAVING DOCTRINE AND DEVOTION

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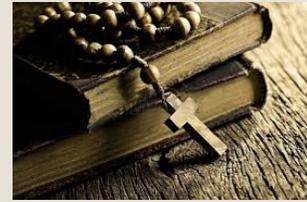
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Dear Brothers and Sisters:

With great joy we are presenting to you one of our newest apostolic projections - the Newsletter, "Hope of Humanity." This newsletter is dedicated to proclaim the truths of our Catholic faith and to promote a solid devotion to the Hearts of Jesus and Mary. We have entrusted the fruit of this new apostolate to the intercession and protection of Saint Maximilian Kolbe, on whose feast we are publishing our first edition. We have felt most enthusiastically that the Lord is calling us to utilize all the means of communication that are available to evangelize and to lead many hearts, in a simple way, to the knowledge of the truth that is taught to us by the Church, to a profound devotion to the Heart of Jesus and the Immaculate Heart of Mary, and to the experience of the living action of the Holy Spirit.



Our mission of evangelization is sustained on two pillars: doctrine and devotion. These two elements - even though today they are much forgotten and rejected- are essential for acquiring a solid and healthy spiritual life. Doctrine illuminates our minds with the truth, and devotion moves our hearts to love by directing our affections and sentiments towards God. Devotion without doctrine runs the risk of being like the man that constructs his house on sand; when the trials, rains, and winds come, the house falls (Mt 7,26-27). Doctrine without interior devotion runs the risk of becoming a cold faith, in which we give God our intellect but not our hearts.

In the historic moment in which we live, where error has subtly entered into all spheres, we have the great responsibility of forming ourselves seriously in our faith so that in every moment, circumstance, and place we know how to "give a response to all those who ask the reason for our hope" (cf. 1 Pt 3:15), to those who reject or deny truth, to those who are seeking it, or even to those who run in fear of the commitment it requires. To transmit the truth is a work of mercy because the truth frees hearts from lies and free people from the practical consequences of lies - consequences that destroy lives, relationships, families and societies.

However, just as teaching the truth of our faith is so urgent in our times, in the same manner, it is urgent to reveal the love of God for us and our love for God. The human heart bears deeply within it a desire for God, which nothing, absolutely nothing, can satiate except for God himself. Love is the only thing that moves the human heart, and the world needs precisely to find the love that it has forgotten, the love that it has put aside, believing that it could live without it. At this time many may feel empty, without purpose, and without direction because they have gone after other loves and have abandoned the one, true Love. As Jeremiah 2:13 tells us, "they have forsaken me...They have dug themselves cisterns, broken cisterns, that hold no water." Today's world needs to find men and women who are enflamed with the love of God and who joyfully live all Truth He teaches us. I invite you to take time to study daily the Catechism of the Catholic Church and to grow in a life of total dedication, love and unconditional service to the Lord. May the light of our love and faith shine in a world so in need of it!

I thank you for all your prayer and support that made this project a reality. In the name of all the Sisters I present to you this Newsletter, and we intercede before the Lord for fruits of conversion and sanctification in your lives. May the graces that flow from the Pierced Heart of Jesus pour forth abundantly upon each one of you through the Immaculate Heart of Mary.

In the Love of the Pierced Hearts,
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