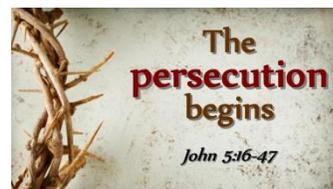


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TO INSTRUCT THE FAITHFUL

The Christian Genocide

This is the Year of Mercy and we continue to explore the Works of Mercy. Today's discussion is on the Spiritual Work of Mercy: To Instruct the Faithful.



A recent article in NORTHEAST OHIO CATHOLIC Magazine entitled "Why are Christians being persecuted in the Middle East" has sparked many conversations as the world is awakening to the new genocide taking place today. We will use this article as a springboard to focus on the Jubilee Year of Mercy that Pope Francis has declared. The Pope has repeatedly stressed the importance of the corporal and spiritual works of mercy.

Pope Francis has given his appeal even more weight by confirming the promise of a Jubilee Indulgence for performing such merciful acts. The first spiritual work of mercy is to instruct others.

This applies to us today as much as it did in the first century. While much of the world has heard about Jesus Christ, most are ignorant of what Jesus actually taught. This is due to many factors, including the numerous false interpretations of the Gospels. What doesn't help is the fact that we are sheep. We follow blindly whatever the current culture tells us, or even what our government preaches. This means that many in our world do not have the fullness of the Faith.



The situation for Christians in the Middle East is quite dire. Christians suffer and die for their faith all over the world in real, tangible ways. The Middle East is the focal point and center of this mass agony and torment today. The suffering of our brothers and sisters is most intense and mostly public. Yet our Modern Media turns a blind eye because it is not core to the Liberal Atheist narrative derived from Marx.

The suffering of Christians in the Middle East is not theoretical: it is very real. Reports from the region have been corroborated and validated. They inform us from many independent sources of the genocide that is taking place. According to Fr Joe Krupp as written in Northeast Ohio Catholic, "Christians are being hunted, trapped and killed like wild animals. Christians are being forced to watch their children starved, taken away from them and treated in unspeakable ways. This is happening because they will not abandon the faith we share with them."

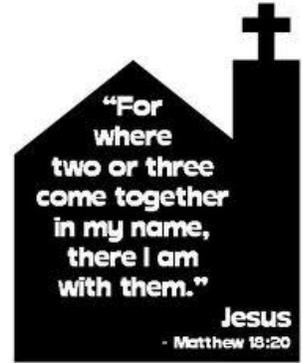
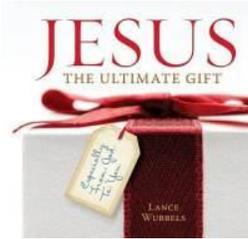
It is important to recognize that Evil is real. Evil exists and is a very strong force in the world. It is also important to note that Jesus Christ is our help, solace and as the Lion of the Tribe of Judah: Our Salvation.

It is important to put energy into looking for ways to help, instead of wasting energy by desiring to inflict violence on those who so would so brutally bring suffering and death upon innocents. It is important to pray and allow the Holy Spirit to strengthen us to take action as God's servants.

What happens to our lives when we make a shift in our attitude and admit that Jesus is our Savior and invite Him into our heart of hearts?



Short Video: "Muslim Woman Gives Jesus One Week To Prove Himself Before Ending Her Life. Then This Happens!" Here is the link:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TJUh-Jeqfrg>



Questions to Focus on:

1. What part of this message spoke most clearly to you?

2. Why are Christians being persecuted in the Middle East? What bothers you most about today's Christian Genocide? Explain.

7/23/2016	Leadership Meeting	8 AM Sacred Heart Library
8/13/2016	Men's Group	7 AM Mass
8/27/2016	Leadership Meeting	8 AM Sacred Heart Library
9/10/2016	Men's Group	7 AM Mass
9/24/2016	Leadership Meeting	8 AM Sacred Heart Library

Men's Group Calendar



A Man who never quits is Never Defeated.



Saints are holy people, just regular human persons who lived extraordinary lives. Saints responded to God's invitation to use their unique gifts. They are teachers and guides for us. God calls each one of us to lead a life of exceptional holiness.

In 1274, on his deathbed, Saint Bonaventure longed for Holy Communion. But because of his unknown type of epidemic, he was not allowed to receive Communion. Still, as far as possible to appease his pious longing, the Consecrated Host was brought into his room and placed beside him, so that his eyes might rest upon it.

This only intensified his desire, until it would appear that the Lord could no longer withstand the ardor of his pleadings.

It was witnessed that without any visible human intervention, the Sacred Host left the ciborium and, moving through the air towards the dying Saint, vanished within his breast! He died shortly thereafter.

Men do not fear a powerful hostile army as the powers of hell fear the name and protection of Mary. Saint Bonaventure



Lord, God and Savior, by your love you draw me to yourself. Forgive me – the sinner that I am, and fill me with every good thing, not withholding even the gift of your most beloved son. Come dwell in my heart.

Send forth your Holy Spirit to guide me in your path. Make me worthy of your love, and teach me how to forgive as you forgave.

Thank you for your tender mercies. I ask you to bless my family, friends and those who I meet in my comings and goings. Where there is joy, give them continued joy. Where there is pain or sorrow, give them your peace and mercy. Where there is self-doubt, release in them a renewed confidence. Fill their every need with your Holy Grace.

You are indeed my Lord, God and Savior. Amen

ACTION PLAN

This week I will do my best to listen to God's will in my life by:

- Creating a daily prayer practice.
- Seeking God in prayer and being quiet in His presence.
- Paying more attention to God's Blessings in my life.
- Asking Jesus for help in becoming a better servant.
- Helping to Instruct Others.



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The Corporal Works of Mercy	The Spiritual Works of Mercy
To feed the hungry.	To instruct the ignorant.
To give drink to the thirsty.	To counsel the doubtful.
To clothe the naked.	To admonish sinners.
To harbor the harborless.	To bear wrongs patiently.
To visit the sick.	To forgive offenses willingly.
To ransom the captive.	To comfort the afflicted.
To bury the dead.	To pray for the living and the dead

Our best response to Evil is to Pray. Allow a place for Jesus to reside in your heart. What you are to do will come in the Sacred place where Jesus resides.

May God Bless You.
St. Hilary Men's Group