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## Message From the Publisher

This is the 30th edition of the newsletter I have published on behalf of the Guanellian Cooperators since February 2016 and sadly, it will be my last. Recently developed degenerative arthritis in my spine makes it difficult for me to sit/stand long enough to complete the work.

It has been a labor of love and one from which I have benefitted greatly. I have been inspired and educated by the words others have written. I have looked forward to the research required each month on all the topics that have been covered and the broadening of my knowledge that has resulted. I only hope that you who read the newsletter have derived similar benefits.

Blessings always,

*Sharon*

## SEPTEMBER - NOVEMBER EVENTS

- 9/1 - World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation
- 9/8 - Feast Day of Fr. Franklin
- 9/14 - Birthday of Fr. Dave
- 9/14 - Anniversary of the Confirmation of Blessed Clare Bosatta in 1868
- 9/28 - Birthday of Fr. Leo Joseph
- 10/4 - Feast Day of Fr. Satheesh
- 10/6 - Respect Life Sunday
- 10/8 - Birthday of Fr. Satheesh
- 10/23 - Anniversary of the Canonization of St. Louis Guanella in 2011
- 10/24 - Feast Day and Anniversary of the Death of St. Louis Guanella in 1915
- 10/25 - Anniversary of the Beatification of St. Louis Guanella in 1964
- 11/1 - All Saints Day
- 11/10 - Feast Day of Fr. Leo Joseph
- 11/12 - Feast of Our Lady of Divine Providence
- 11/17 - Birthday of Fr. Enzo
- 11/21 - Feast of the Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary
- 11/24 - Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe (Feast of Christ the King)

## GUANELLIAN MISSION PRINCIPLES

The Innate Value of the Human Person  
The Treasure of the Person is His Heart  
Dignity of the Poor  
Family Spirit



## ***A Christian prayer in union with creation***

*By Pope Francis\**

Father, we praise you with all your creatures.  
They came forth from your all-powerful hand;  
they are yours, filled with your presence and your tender love.  
Praise be to you!

Son of God, Jesus,  
through you all things were made.  
You were formed in the womb of Mary our Mother,  
you became part of this earth,  
and you gazed upon this world with human eyes.  
Today you are alive in every creature  
in your risen glory.  
Praise be to you!

Holy Spirit, by your light  
you guide this world towards the Father's love  
and accompany creation as it groans in travail.  
You also dwell in our hearts  
and you inspire us to do what is good.  
Praise be to you!

Triune Lord, wondrous community of infinite love,  
teach us to contemplate you  
in the beauty of the universe,  
for all things speak of you.  
Awaken our praise and thankfulness  
for every being that you have made.  
Give us the grace to feel profoundly joined  
to everything that is.

God of love, show us our place in this world  
as channels of your love  
for all the creatures of this earth,  
for not one of them is forgotten in your sight.  
Enlighten those who possess power and money  
that they may avoid the sin of indifference,  
that they may love the common good, advance the weak,  
and care for this world in which we live.  
The poor and the earth are crying out.  
O Lord, seize us with your power and light,  
help us to protect all life,  
to prepare for a better future,  
for the coming of your Kingdom  
of justice, peace, love and beauty.

Praise be to you!  
Amen.

*\* Pope Francis published this prayer in his *Laudato Si'* encyclical, and is meant for us Christians to ask for inspiration to take up the commitment to creation set before us by the Gospel of Jesus.*

SUNDAY, 9/1/19 IS THE WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR THE CARE OF CREATION

# *Christ Our Hope: In Every Season of Life*

From the time we are knit together in our mothers' wombs until we take our final breaths, each moment of our lives is a gift from God. While every season of life brings its own challenges and trials, each season also gives us new opportunities to grow in our relationship with God.

Today the gift of life is threatened in countless ways. Those who are most vulnerable, rather than receiving the protection they deserve, are all too often seen as a burden and as expendable. As new attacks on human life continue to emerge, we can be tempted to despair, but Christ instead offers us unfailing hope.

Hope is not false optimism or empty positivity. Christian hope is something much more profound and goes to the very depths of our identity as followers of Christ.

Hope is the virtue "by which we desire the kingdom of heaven and eternal life as our happiness, placing our trust in Christ's promises and relying not on our own strength, but on the help of the grace of the Holy Spirit" (CCC, 1817).

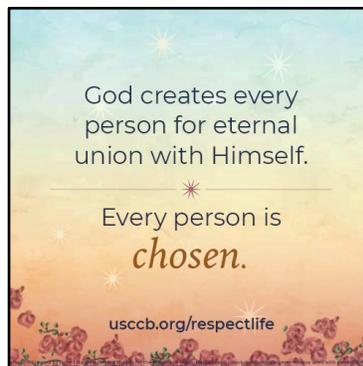
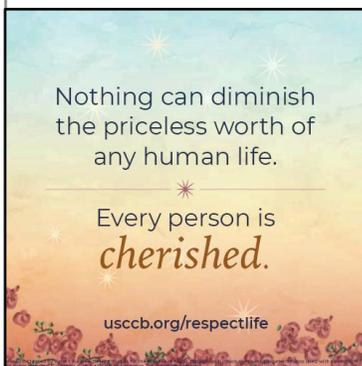
Like us, Christ entered the world through the womb of a woman. He willingly experienced the fullness of human suffering. He breathed his last on the Cross at Calvary in order that He might save us. Therefore, "God is the foundation of hope: not any god, but the God who has a human face and who has loved us to the end" (Spe salvi 31).

Christians know "they have a future: it is not that they know the details of what awaits them, but they know in general terms that their life will not end in emptiness" (SS 2).

For this reason, a woman experiencing a difficult pregnancy can find the strength to welcome her precious child into the world. A man facing a terminal diagnosis can see that the end of his earthly life is only the beginning of eternal life with Christ.

The Church teaches us that "the one who has hope lives differently" (SS 2). Christ's promise of salvation does not mean that we will be spared from suffering. Rather, the promise of salvation ensures that even in the darkest moments of our lives, we will be given the strength to persevere. By virtue of this Christian hope, we can face any challenge or trial. When the seas of life swell and we are battered by the waves, hope allows us to remain anchored in the heart of God. May we hold fast to Christ our hope, from the beginning of life to its very end. ✚

*(From the website [usccb.org](http://usccb.org).)*



## Pray Without Ceasing for Your Children

by Kelly Flaherty, Guanellian Cooperator

The days of summer are all too quickly fading into history and our minds are now forced to think about sending our children back to school. The bittersweet feelings we have of our children returning to school can wreak havoc with our serenity. We worry about what they will encounter in the classroom including but not limited to curriculum, indoctrination by teachers and staff, influence of peers, bullying on the playground. And to make things worse, parochial schools and even Christian homeschool cooperatives are not free from these influences and worries. What can parents do to protect their children?

We all have learned that the parents are a child's first teachers, so the first thing to do is to teach your children the faith as diligently as other important things that kids need to learn. Faith first, because we know that one day children become adults and even if they stray we will have some comfort that this was instilled in them as firmly as polite manners, tying their shoes and washing their hands. As Fr. Fortunato Turati, SdC is famous for saying, "Always remember to save your soul." When faith is instilled, they will hopefully always hear that phrase, "save your soul," their eternal life depends on it.

The second thing is to teach them to pray. It is not enough to just know the faith; we must help them to develop a personal relationship with Jesus. By teaching them to pray for His guidance and the guidance of the saints in heaven, we can empower them to remain steadfast in times of trial: academic tests, emotional battles against the bullies of the world and battles against the invisible evils that are always trying to keep us from knowing, loving and trusting in our Savior. When we develop relationships amongst our peers, they are deepened by spending time with them and having conversations with them. Let us guide our children to spend time with Jesus in Adoration and in quiet contemplation wherever they happen to be listening and talking to the One Who truly will be their BFF.

Next, we ourselves must pray. It often feels like a futile effort, but it is one thing that we can do continually and with fervor. And neither are we left to pray on our own. The saints in heaven who are very close to God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Spirit are more than eager to take our prayers to the heavenly throne. Here are just a few examples of saints to help:

St. Michael the Archangel – we all know this prayer. Say it with your kids before they walk out the door or while you are in the car on the way.

Guardian Angels – we all have them. Instruct your children to pray for the intercession of their own guardian angel, and then speak to their guardian angel yourself.

*I humbly salute you, O you faithful, heavenly friends of my children! I give you heartfelt thanks for all the love and goodness you show them. At some future day I shall, with thanks more worthy than I can now give, repay your care for them, and before the whole heavenly court acknowledge their indebtedness to your guidance and protection. Continue to watch over them. Provide for all their needs of body and soul. Pray, likewise, for me, for my husband, and my whole family, that we may all one day rejoice in your blessed company. Amen.*

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Hedge of Thorns – this is to surround your child with protection, keeping all that is evil away. Pray that a barrier or hedge surrounds them like your or Jesus’ loving arms.

Rosary - this is the prayer the Blessed Mother always recommends to save souls, families, countries and the entire world. Learn it and pray it daily.

I found this from another saint to strengthen you and comfort you when you have done all that you can do for salvation of your children’s souls.

St. Louise de Marillac: “The faults of children are not always imputed to the parents, especially when they have instructed them and given good example. Our Lord, in His wondrous Providence, allows children to break the hearts of devout fathers and mothers. Thus the decisions your children have made don't make you a failure as a parent in God's eyes. You are entitled to feel sorrow, but not necessarily guilt. Do not cease praying for your children; God's grace can touch a hardened heart. Commend your children to the Immaculate Heart of Mary. When parents pray the Rosary, at the end of each decade they should hold the Rosary aloft and say to her, ‘With these beads bind my children to your Immaculate Heart’, she will attend to their souls.” †

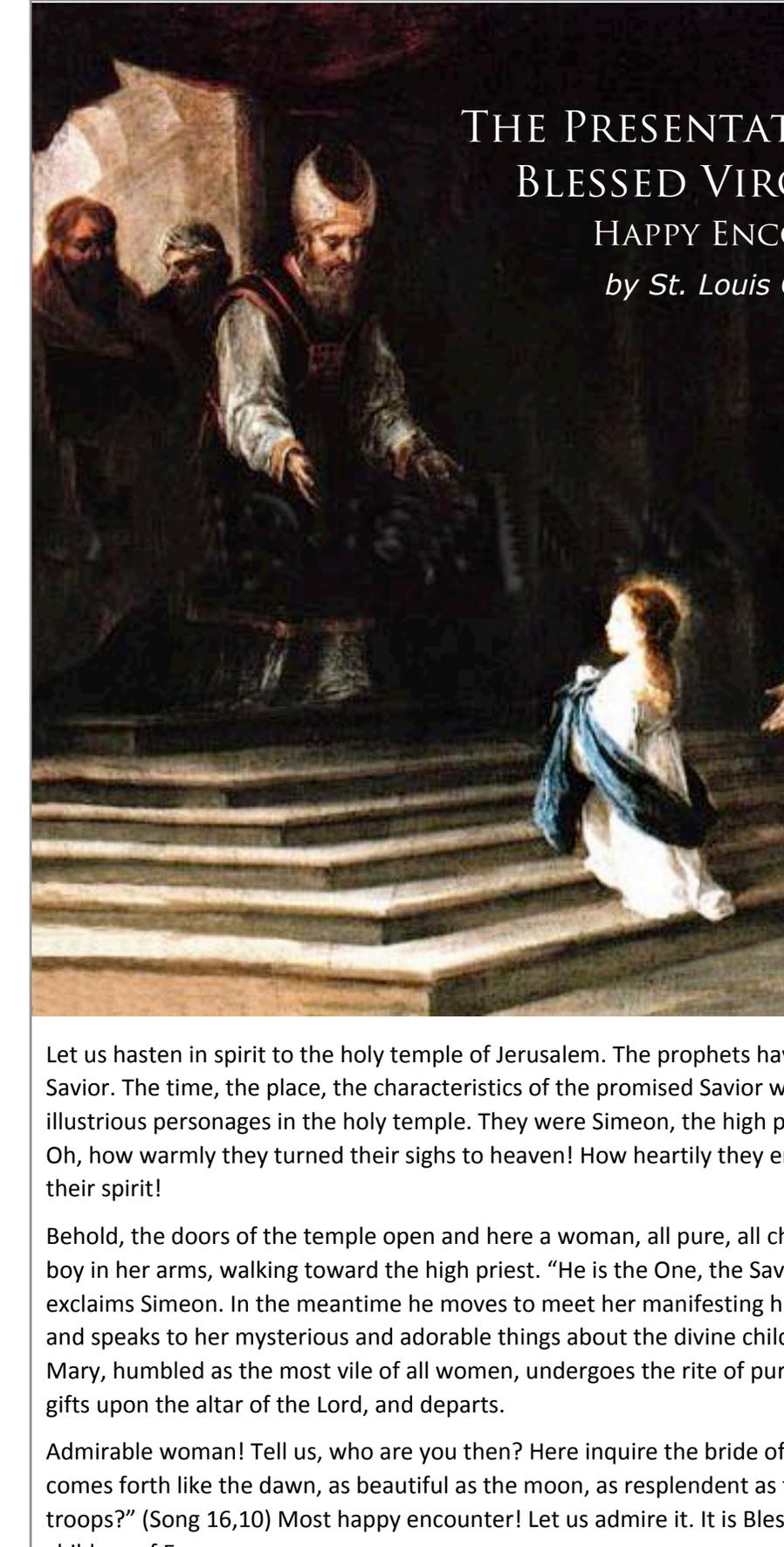


*Happy birthday to Fr. Dave, Fr. Leo Joseph,  
Fr. Satheesh, and Fr. Enzo!*

HOWEVER MANY YEARS A MAN MAY LIVE,  
HIM ENJOY THEM ALL.

ECCLESIASTES 11:8





## THE PRESENTATION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

HAPPY ENCOUNTER

*by St. Louis Guanella*

Let us hasten in spirit to the holy temple of Jerusalem. The prophets have spoken signs of the Messiah and Savior. The time, the place, the characteristics of the promised Savior were clear in the mind of two illustrious personages in the holy temple. They were Simeon, the high priest, and Anna, a prophetess herself. Oh, how warmly they turned their sighs to heaven! How heartily they embraced the longed for Savior with their spirit!

Behold, the doors of the temple open and here a woman, all pure, all chaste, comes in. She carries a baby boy in her arms, walking toward the high priest. "He is the One, the Savior, the Infant of a virgin woman," exclaims Simeon. In the meantime he moves to meet her manifesting his affection, bows to Blessed Mary, and speaks to her mysterious and adorable things about the divine child. Likewise Anna, the prophetess. Mary, humbled as the most vile of all women, undergoes the rite of purification. Then, she offers her poor gifts upon the altar of the Lord, and departs.

Admirable woman! Tell us, who are you then? Here inquire the bride of the Song of Songs: "Who is this that comes forth like the dawn, as beautiful as the moon, as resplendent as the sun, awe-inspiring as bannered troops?" (Song 16,10) Most happy encounter! Let us admire it. It is Blessed Mary who comes to us, wretched children of Eve.

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Visit with your thoughts the lands of Tunisia, or go to Algeria and Morocco. Those lands were called lands of Barberia because the barbarian Turks, upon invading Italy and the civilized nations of Europe, were taking unfortunate Christians captives and were transporting them to live in those lands. There the Turks would employ all means to make them apostatize their Christian faith, brutally mistreating them, like sheep to be slaughtered or beasts of burden. The Christian brethren of Europe were deeply shaken up by the weeping of those wretched ones. They rigged vessels, filling them with goods. They named them Mary and sailed to the land of slavery. The slaves, seeing the vessels would exclaim, "Mary! Mary!", clasp to the vessel as to a deliverer.

Let us go back now to the temple of Solomon. Mary enters carrying the infant Savior. Humankind, after being enslaved for four thousand years under that Turk of hell, Satan, seeing her exclaimed, "Behold the Mother of the Savior! Behold the Savior Himself!" And it prostrated itself to adore Jesus. It bowed to Mary who came as the mother of the Savior.

Humankind, then, exclaimed with jubilation, "Who is this that comes forth like the dawn, as beautiful as the moon, as resplendent as the sun? It is Mary!" Fill her with praises as much as you like. Tell her that she is full of grace, full of virtue, that she is immaculate. Thus you tell the truth, because 'her foundations are upon the holy mountains' (Ps 87,1) Mary possesses more virtue than all the saints put together. Call her Co-Redeemer, call her Mediatrix, call her Hope of Salvation and Life. In so doing you do not overdo, because Jesus is the Sun of Salvation, Mary is the moon that receives from that Sun all splendor. The Son of Justice, Jesus Christ Himself, surrounds the Virgin. Mary, enveloped in that most splendid mantle, appears to us today and with loving words says to us, "Love the Mother of the Savior, for Jesus, the fruit of my womb, will take you up to love you with pure affection."

Strange sight indeed! Mary, besides, appears also under the terrible form of an army terribly ready for battle? Have no fear! Mary comes forth in this terrible way not to destroy us, but to help us.

Who is not aware that the devil is our deadly enemy? And you also know that Hebrews, pagans and heretics are in every time the ministers of the devil willing to subdue, if they could, the faithful Christians. Yet, these have Mary Most Holy as their mediatrix and captain. How the adversaries tremble at the sight of Mary! They know that she is the exterminator of heresies; there they shudder just in seeing her. What will happen, then, when she not only shows herself ready to do battle, but actually comes down to fight openly? We have seen her many times. When soldiers made the name of Mary resound and rushed upon their enemies, they quickly overpowered them, conquered and embarrassed them.

Mary, Mary! What a joy having encountered you! We embrace you with lively affection and cry out incessantly: O Mary, save us! O Mary, save us all! †

*(Taken from **Oh Father! Oh Mother! Little Sermons for the Feasts of the Lord and the Blessed Mother** pp. 218-220.)*

The Feast of the Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary  
is on November 21, 2019.



## THE FEAST OF CHRIST THE KING NOVEMBER 24, 2019

### The Gospel LK 23:35-43

The rulers sneered at Jesus and said,  
"He saved others, let him save himself  
if he is the chosen one, the Christ of God."  
Even the soldiers jeered at him.  
As they approached to offer him wine they called out,  
"If you are King of the Jews, save yourself."  
Above him there was an inscription that read,  
"This is the King of the Jews."

Now one of the criminals hanging there reviled Jesus, saying,  
"Are you not the Christ?  
Save yourself and us."  
The other, however, rebuking him, said in reply,  
"Have you no fear of God,  
for you are subject to the same condemnation?  
And indeed, we have been condemned justly,  
for the sentence we received corresponds to our crimes,  
but this man has done nothing criminal."  
Then he said,  
"Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom."  
He replied to him,  
"Amen, I say to you,  
today you will be with me in Paradise."

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It's the least likely place to find a king: beaten, bloody, dying upon the horrific Roman instrument of crucifixion, in the midst of two common criminals. That's the scene selected by the Church to portray Christ our King, today.

The scene sums up so much of the Gospel of Luke. At the beginning of Luke's account, Jesus is placed in a manger: another unlikely setting for a king. In his infancy stories, Luke wants us to recall Israel's great King David, and then tells us what true kingship is all about.

With these portraits of our King comes an understanding of the reign of God which he proclaims. That heavenly reign is populated by those who seek it in humility; by the poor and those rejected by society, by those who imitate their crucified King in love, forgiveness and reconciliation, even as he hangs on the cross.

We live in a world with a lot less royalty than in past centuries. And yet we still can be tempted by our own brand of royalty and a love for the trappings of wealth and power. The voice of our crucified King, inviting us to Paradise along with the repentant thief, cuts through all that is shallow and cannot truly satisfy. Will we hear it today? †

*From the "Sunday Soundbite" for St. Anthony Messenger Press, on the Web at FranciscanRadio.org by Father Greg Friedman.*

## **Direction, Correction, and Instruction: Jesus Speaking to Us**

*by Dr. James N. Phillips, Jr, Guanellian Cooperator*

In 2015, I published a paper titled *Direction, Correction, and Instruction*. The paper focused on three actions that a supervisor had to perform to be effective. Since that time I have seen how these three actions are not just unique to supervisory management, but to organizational life in general. Specifically, I have noted that the theme of Direction, Correction, and Instruction suggest how the Gospels were formed as announcing the Good News of Jesus Christ. These three actions are recognized specifically in the ministerial life of Jesus.

Jesus, as Son of God, is also the invisible head of the Church, and as head, he rules over the mystical body. The Gospels give examples in Jesus' ministerial life where He provides us an opportunity to see **Direction, Correction, and Instruction** in action.

### **DIRECTION**

When Jesus directs, our response is to act. Direction is similar to instruction, in that, direction and instruction have the same desired outcome, holiness. Yet where direction differs from instruction is that direction occurs with a person in the present, while instruction is changing or influencing future behavior. Jesus' directions lead us to greater holiness, however His directions are challenging. Yet we should take heart as He says in St. Matthew's Gospel (MT 11:30), "For My yoke is easy and My burden light." Here are some examples of how and when Jesus gives us direction.

In St. John's Gospel (JN 13:14), He provides direction to the apostles when at the Last Supper He sets the example of service, the washing of feet, where Jesus says, "If I, therefore, the master and teacher, have washed your feet, you ought to wash one another's feet."

Similarly, in the the Gospel of St. Luke (LK 22:19) Jesus directed His apostles when He took the bread, said the blessing, broke it, and gave it to them, saying, "This is My body, which will be given for you; do this in memory of Me."

In St. John's Gospel (JN 2:7) the Wedding at Cana, Jesus directs the servers to "Fill the jars with water."

### **CORRECTION**

The reverse side of the coin of direction is correction. Correction is like direction as it does move to correct a behavior, however correction occurs only after direction has failed as the examples suggest.

In St. John's Gospel (JN 13:8-10), Jesus issues a sharp correction after Peter said, "You will never wash my feet." Jesus answered him, "Unless I wash you, you will have no inheritance with Me." Simon Peter said to Him, "Master, then not only my feet, but my hands and head as well." Jesus said to Him, "Whoever has bathed has no need except to have his feet washed, for he is clean all over. . . ." Here Jesus corrected Peter and then further corrected him from his overzealous response.

In another Gospel, St. Matthew (MT 16:23), records Peter rebuking Jesus, to which Jesus again corrected him by saying "Get behind Me, Satan! You are an obstacle to Me. You are thinking not as God does, but as human beings do."

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In St. Luke's Gospel (LK 9:49-50): Then John said in reply, "Master, we saw someone casting out demons in Your name and we tried to prevent him because he does not follow in our company." Jesus corrected John by saying, "Do not prevent him, for whoever is not against you is for you."

### **INSTRUCTION**

Jesus is a teacher par excellence! While His directions and corrections are well noted, it is His instruction, His teaching that are most remembered! Examples of instruction are found in numerous places, this is only a sampling.

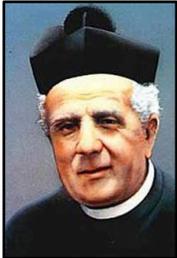
In St. Matthew's Gospel (MT 5:2-12), Jesus is giving instruction to the crowd in the section referred to as the Beatitudes.

In St. Mark's Gospel (MK 10:17-21), Jesus is giving instruction to a rich man about getting to heaven.

In St. Luke's Gospel (LK 8:4-8), Jesus gives instruction using an analogy of faith in the parable of the Sower. It is noteworthy as a teacher, Jesus provided an explanation of the parable to His disciples in St. Luke (LK 8:11-15)

The Life of Jesus as presented in the Gospels provide many more instances of direction, correction, and instruction, however the Gospels are not a management manual or a leadership lesson, but a book of faith. Yet we can glean elements of both leadership principles and good management practices from these examples. It is also good to know that Direction, Correction and Instruction actions are also found in all disciplines where two or more are gathered together to work, play, or worship! †

### **Prayer to St. Louis Guanella**



O St. Louis Guanella, apostle of charity, you spread the treasures of your heart to the poor and suffering, whom you dearly loved, in a world filled with hatred and selfishness. Obtain for us from Divine Providence an ever increasing love for God and our neighbors. Obtain for us also the favor we are asking for... and the grace of final perseverance. Amen

Pray: Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory Be  
St. Louis Guanella, pray for us!

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