

October 18, 2020

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Today we mark World Mission Sunday throughout the universal Catholic Church. This is the day when we pray for all missionaries spreading the faith in every country of the world. We also pray to the Lord of the harvest that he will call many others to share the gospel message to every person on earth. We especially remind ourselves that each one of us by our baptism is called to be an Evangelist, to bring Jesus Christ to other people in everything we say and do. In our time, it is especially important that we ask the Holy Spirit to help us be Evangelists. As we know, many people are far from God and we need to make Jesus real for them. Come Holy Spirit fill the hearts of your faithful and enkindle in them the fire of your love. Send forth your spirit and they shall be created and you shall renew the face of the earth!

We continue to encourage everyone to take our moral obligation to vote as seriously and prayerfully as possible. Bishop Bradley, in his recent letter that was sent in the mail to all families, laid out clear principles for discerning the degree of importance of many issues in our moral and political life. These issues need to be clearly understood before casting our votes. Above all is the importance of the dignity of human life. It is our understanding that one may register to vote even up until election day itself. If you are eligible, please do so. The bishop most especially asked us to base our votes on policies and platforms that are consistent with our beliefs and moral understanding. It is unfortunately very common for people to base their votes on emotion rather than logically considering the various positions. This is indeed the time for calm, level-headed thinking. Please read the platforms of the various parties carefully when considering your vote to see how closely those platforms and policies conform with sound, godly, just, and moral principles. For your reference, visit these websites for the platforms and policies of the various parties:

Democrat Platform: <https://bit.ly/2GdHKIV>

Republican Platform: (note the 2020 republican platform was voted to remain the same as 2016)
<https://bit.ly/34cymab>

Libertarian Platform: <https://www.lp.org/platform/>

US Taxpayer Party Platform: <https://www.ustpm.org/about-the-ustpm/ustpm-platform>

Green Party Platform: <https://www.gp.org/platform>

Natural Law Party: <https://www.natural-law.org/platform/index.html>

In addition to voting, the most important thing that we may do during this election season is to pray very intensely for our country and all her citizens. We encourage everyone to participate in our 90-Day Novena for the Country and the World by attending a Holy Hour which is held every day at one of the three parishes in our collaborative. If you are unable to attend in person, we encourage everyone especially during this month of October to pray the rosary every day at home for our beloved nation and for every person on the face of the earth.

Over the course of the last several months we have been considering various apparitions the Blessed Virgin Mary and various messages from heaven that point to The Coming of the Kingdom of God and the Second Coming of Christ. We have been featuring spiritual seers and messages from recent decades especially highlighted from the website: countdowntothekingdom.com.

This week we mention Pedro Regis, a seer from Brazil. The above mentioned website states:

“With 4921 messages allegedly received by Pedro Regis since 1987, the body of material associated with the purported apparitions of Our Lady of Anguera in Brazil is extremely substantial. It has attracted the attention of specialist writers such as the well-known Italian journalist Saverio Gaeta, and has lately been the subject of a book-length study by researcher Annarita Magri.

At first glance, the messages may appear repetitive (an accusation also frequently leveled at those in Medjugorje) in terms of their consistent emphasis on certain central themes: the necessity to devote one's life wholly to God, faithfulness to the True Magisterium of the Church, the importance of prayer, the Scriptures and the Eucharist. However, when considered over a longer span, the Anguera messages touch on a wide variety of subjects containing nothing incompatible with Church teachings or approved private revelations.

The position of the Church towards the Anguera apparitions is understandably one of caution; as with Zaro di Ischia, a commission has been established for the purposes of evaluation. However, it should be

said that the position of Msgr. Zanoni, the current Archbishop of Feira de Santana, with diocesan responsibility for Anguera, is broadly supportive, as can be seen from this short interview (in Portuguese with Italian sub-titles): (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=aKaLUI8hyNM>)

And Archbishop Zanoni has appeared publicly in Anguera alongside Pedro Regis, and blessing pilgrims.

It should be obvious that the content of these messages cannot have a demonic origin because of their strict theological orthodoxy. It is true that the influential Canadian Dominican François-Marie Dermine has accused Pedro Regis in the Italian Catholic media of receiving the messages by "automatic writing". The seer, himself, has rebutted this hypothesis directly and convincingly (see website).

On closer inspection of the opinions of Fr. Dermine with respect to the general question of contemporary private revelation, it quickly becomes apparent that he has a theological *a priori* against any prophecy (such as the writings of Fr. Stefano Gobbi) and considers the coming of an Era of Peace a heretical view. As for the possibility that Pedro Regis could have invented nearly 5000 messages over a period of nearly 33 years, it has to be asked what possible motivation he could have for doing so. In particular, how could Pedro Regis have imagined the extensive message #458, which he received publicly while kneeling for nearly two hours on November 2, 1991? And how could he have written it down onto over 130 sheets of paper numbered in advance, with the message stopping perfectly at the end of page 130? Pedro Regis, himself, was also unaware of the meaning of some of the theological terms employed in the message. It is estimated that around 8000 witnesses were present, including TV journalists, because Our Lady of Anguera had promised the previous day to give a "sign" to skeptics." (<https://www.countdowntothekingdom.com/why-pedro-regis/#messages>)

Here are the most recent messages from the above mentioned website:

Our Lady Queen of Peace to Pedro Regis on October 13, 2020:

Dear Children, I am your Mother and I have come from Heaven to lead you to the One who is your Way, Truth and Life. Know that the way of holiness is full of obstacles, but you are not alone. The Angels of the Lord are with you. Do not be afraid. God's victory will come for the righteous. The Church of My Jesus will be persecuted and the consecrated will be humiliated. Be faithful. Do not be discouraged. Whatever happens, stay with the true Magisterium of the Church of My Jesus. If you happen to fall, call out for Jesus. Seek Him in prayer and in the Eucharist. Give me your hands and you will be safe. Onward without fear. This is the message that I give you today in the name of the Most Holy Trinity. Thank you for having allowed Me to gather you here once more. I bless you in the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. Amen. Be at peace.

October 12, 2020:

Dear children, I am the Mother and Queen of Brazil. I ask you to be men and women of prayer, for only thus can you contribute to the Victory of God with the definitive Triumph of My Immaculate Heart. Do not forget: in your hands the Holy Rosary and Sacred Scripture, in your hearts, the love of truth. Bend your knees in prayer for Brazil. The enemies will act and My poor children will carry a heavy cross. Seek strength in the Eucharist and in the Gospel of my Jesus. Give the best of yourselves to the mission that the Lord has entrusted to you. Heaven will be your reward. Everything in this life passes, but the Grace of God within you will be Eternal. I have come from Heaven to call you to conversion. Listen to Me. You have freedom, but it is best to do the Lord's Will. Take care of your spiritual life and do not allow the things of the world to lead you away from My Jesus. Go forward on the path that I have pointed out to you. This is the message that I give you today in the name of the Most Holy Trinity. Thank you for having allowed Me to gather you here once more. I bless you in the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. Amen. Be at peace.

Please share these messages with others as a way to fulfill our baptismal call to bring the Gospel to the ends of the earth!

As we have mentioned week after week, the best way to prepare for whatever is to come is to pray, especially the Rosary and the Chaplet of Divine Mercy, to repent and come to Confession, to come to Eucharist Adoration and Holy Mass if you are physically able, and to fast and do penance and acts of charity for the conversion of others. As we also have been encouraging for the last six months, please remember that the grace of Christ that we receive in His Sacraments is our sure refuge during these days. We are all being called to find refuge in Confession and to Jesus present in the Holy Eucharist. Please remember the Catholic precept to confess sins in the Sacrament of Penance and to receive Holy Communion at least once during or near the Easter Season. Confessions are done in a socially distanced way in the church or outside on the parish grounds. If you are unable to come to church or someone is home-bound and in need of any of the Sacraments, please let us know and the priest or deacon will come to you!

In Our Lady Queen of Peace, Fr. Derda, Fr. Steve, Deacon Russ and Deacon Ed