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Our Right to the Truth (So That We Can Attain Heaven)



Never before in the history of the human race has there been more need for knowledge of the truth. Why can we say this? Because so many people, especially in "developed" countries, are so restless, so unsettled, that people are looking for *something* to provide them with some semblance of **peace of mind**. Peace of mind is the experience of possessing the truth. Millions are living in a dream world of unreality. Inevitably they cannot be at peace **because** they are out of contact with reality. Whereas truth is conformity of the mind with reality.

We have a right to the truth **because** God wants us to be at peace. There are two basic implications: We have a right to the truth because, without the truth, we cannot be at peace in this life, nor reach our heavenly destiny in the life to come. But others also have a right to the truth, and this places a heavy obligation **on us** to share the truth that we possess. The most *fundamental* duty we have in life is to love others by giving them what others have given to us, namely, a *knowledge of the truth*.

We have a right to the truth because we have the duty to save our souls. That is why God became man, to enable us to reach heaven. Christ, we repeat, is the **Truth**. By our obedience to Him, we attain our eternal destiny. Immediately the question arises: **Where** are we to find this truth? We find it in the teachings of the Church which Christ founded precisely to enlighten the human race until the end of time. In the words of *Pope St. John Paul II*, the Catholic Church is the "*expert in humanity*." It is an expert in humanity **because** it is the divinely authorized guide for the moral conduct of the human race.

The Church's moral teachings are intended **not only** for professed members of the Catholic Church. They are intended also for those who are not Catholic or even Christian. The Church's moral doctrine is intended for all the members of the human family. After all, God wants **everyone** to be saved. And the Catholic Church is the universal sacrament of salvation.

But, **every** basic area of Christian moral teaching is now on trial. There is a flood of errors in our day which either distort or deny the whole spectrum of Christian morality. It is no longer a question of *limited* dissent. It is a **systematic** calling of Catholic moral doctrine into question. We have a right to the truth **because** there is so much untruth being taught and promoted and defended.

Given the widespread *secularization* of modern culture, it is not surprising that recent popes have so strongly encouraged family religious instruction in our day. They tell us that this instruction at home is "*irreplaceable*." It places on the **parents** "the *gravest obligation*" of educating their children in the Catholic faith: undiluted, unambiguous and uncompromising with the philosophy of the world. It is in this context that **family catechesis** must precede, accompany, and enrich all other forms of religious instruction.

One **priest** suggested to a faithful Cardinal that what the Church needs is bishops like **St. John Fisher**, who was martyred by *King Henry VIII* because, St. John Fisher as a bishop in England, **refused** to follow Henry in rejecting the pope. The cardinal agreed, but he added, "*Sometimes I envy St. John Fisher. He refused to obey the king, was put in prison, beheaded, and became a martyr. As Cardinal and bishop, I am being martyred every day by the media for standing firm on the moral teachings of the Catholic Church and my loyalty.*"

We should remind ourselves of the **price** we shall have to pay to obtain this truth, and to live this truth. The price is nothing less than being *ready to die* for the truth. The **world** claims that each person is to decide for himself what is right or wrong regarding contraception, direct sterilization, homosexuality, masturbation, pre-marital sexual relations, and artificial insemination. They reject the constant moral teachings of the Church.

We, who believe that the Church was founded by Christ and is the teacher of the human race, should have **no** illusions. If we are to be **faithful** to the *Divine Master*, we must condemn errors in teaching. We must proclaim that they contradict the two thousand years of Catholic moral doctrine. But then, we must be ready for the *consequences*.

Some of us may be **privileged** to die a martyr's death. But all of us who believe must be ready to *live a martyr's life* by witnessing to the truth. This **Truth**, we know, is Jesus Christ who is the only *Way* that we can reach that eternal Life for which we were made.

(From: *The Real Presence Association*)

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

(ANY CHANGES, PLEASE CALL THE OFFICE.)

Jim Dunnigan, Heidi Schwartz, Patty Durand, Lori Hill, Millie Laxdal, John Christianson, Pauline Dusek, Patricia Rodvold, Jane Zidon, Marla Zidon, Rex Grill, Heidi Gustafson, Adriane Wellman, Isabelle Copeland, Tracy Letzring, Kelly Morrison, Jody Deibert, Allison Bleick, Dale Hultin, Bob McCartney, Susie Dimsha, Sherry McDonald, Shelbie Goodoien, Oliver Goodoien, Brent Collins, Merle Larson, Robert O'Toole, Ruth Rieger, Melanie Fischer, Ruth Ivesdahl, Mae Jackson, Carol Smith, Mary Louise, Bernard & Aletha Schommer, Brianna Fernandez, Brett & Rick Letzring, Jane Grazadzieleski, Rick Kilichowski, Donald Denault, Gary Olson, Fr. Finnestad, Joan Kerian.

ST PATRICK ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Pray the Rosary: Sun at 8:00 am. **Adoration with Confessions:** Sat at 8:00 am. **More Confessions:** Sun 8:00 am. **June Church Cleaners:** Dan & Deidre O'Keefe, Tom & Linda O'Toole, Jim & Melissa Young. **Collection:** Don & Duane (Jun 20); Paul & Blanca (Jun 27). **Reader:** Scott (Jun). **Sanctuary Lamp:** Don & Keith Dusek (Jun 20); Pat & Clementine O'Toole (Jun 27). **Sacristan:** Duane (Jun 20); Scott (Jun 27). **Rosary:** Mary T (Jun 20); Mary S (Jun 27)

ST BRIGID ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pray the Rosary: Sun at 10:00 am. **Adoration with Confessions:** Wed & Fri at 11:00 am; **More Confessions:** Sat 4-5:00 pm, Mon 5-5:15 pm. **Jun Church cleaners:** S-W. **Collection:** Lynette & Cathy (Jun 20); Doug & Gary (Jun 27). **Readers (Jun):** Sat-Trevor; Sun-Larry. **Rosary:** Larry C (Jun 20 & 27). **Sanctuary Lamp:** Dan & Mindy Miller (Jun 20); Helen Kirking (Jun 27)

Postcards were sent out: For cemetery upkeep. Thank you for your generosity in whatever donation you can make.

Lent is Over. Can We Now Eat Meat on Fridays?: No! Unless you substitute it with another penance. Every Friday in the year is a day of penance. It's just that, here is the US, outside of Lent, you can choose your penance.

Calling All Men: Become a Knight of Columbus. Men of both parishes, contact Gary Robinson of St. Brigid.

Protect our brothers and sisters in the womb, go to: <https://www.notaxpayerabortion.com/>

Sign up for "Formed"! We need everyone with an e-mail address to sign up! It is **free** to all of our parishioners. This is the week to sign up. It's easy; see the front of this bulletin. Go to: formed.org. **Another** note: Once you sign up and sign-in for the first time, if you never log out, you never have to log in again! So, "X" out, but don't log out.



This week on "Formed" Martyr **St. Thomas More** (feast day is Jun 22); the birth of **St. John the Baptist** (Jun 24)! Both were martyred for Christ!



Mon	<i>St Aloysius</i>	June 21	5:15 pm	St Brigid	Rita Kraft
Tues	<i>Sts Paulinus, John Fisher, Thomas More</i>	June 22	8:00 am	St Patrick	JR Williams Family
Wed		June 23	Noon	St Brigid	+Brayden Schwartz
Thu	<i>The Nativity of St John the Baptist</i>	June 24	8:00 am	St Patrick	+Louise Dolan
Fri		June 25	Noon	St Brigid	+Stan Jackson
Sat		June 26	9:00 am	St Patrick	St Brigid & St Patrick Parishes
			5:00 pm	St Brigid	+Richard Lorenz
Sun	13th Sunday in Ordinary Time	June 27	8:30 am	St Patrick	+Glenn Johnson
			10:30 am	St Brigid	St Patrick & St Brigid Parishes

Stewardship (as of 6-13-21)	St Brigid	St Patrick		St Brigid	St Patrick
Adult Envelope	2010.00	1202.13	<i>St Patrick's Care Collection June</i>		225.00
Plate	91.00	200.00	Cemetery	3,750.00	4,481.69
Weekly Total	2101.00	1402.13	St Anthony Cemetery \$1390.00		
Yearly Actual Total	52,622.26	23,028.44	St Brigid Gods Gift Appeal	11,698.00	
Monthly Envelope Building Fund	1,980.00	2,435.00	St Patrick Gods Gift Appeal		5,752.00
Ascension	495.00	105.00	St Helen Cemetery \$475.00		
			St Bernard Cemetery \$262.00		