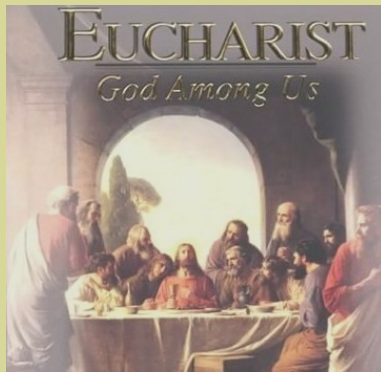


## THE NAVY CHAPLAIN IN PEACE AND WAR

( AN INSPIRATIONAL STORY OF THE EUCHARIST )

There is not a Holy Mass that I have celebrated since my ordination on May 26 1973, in which the reality of the real presence of Christ has not profoundly moved me.



**To make Christ present to others: THIS IS MY CALL— MY LIFE**

As a Navy Chaplain since June 1984, I have celebrated Holy Mass in the field: my altar has been a rock, a stretcher, piled ammunition boxes and even food boxes with a simple linen and corporal. The real presence of Christ was felt there, for those soldiers, whether in training or real war environment. *Christ was there!*

I have celebrated Holy Mass aboard ships: in the chapel, a classroom in the foç's'le, on deck, on the ledge of a missile launcher( this last one raised some eyebrows until II told the sailors: " *You may have to fire these, So let's pray for peace*". They did fire them, two days after I left the ship. *The real presence of Christ was important to them in a time of War.*

I have celebrated Holy Mass under the sea: aboard a submarine, and in the confines of the deep, *the real presence of Christ was brought to His people.*

I have celebrated Holy Mass in the field: during Operation Desert Storm and during war as the chaplain for Fleet Hospital Eight in Rota, Spain, where we cared for hundreds of wounded Marines, soldiers, sailors, air men and women and civilians from the battlefields of Iraq and Afghanistan. *The real presence of Christ was there for His Children.*

In all these places, God's Son, Our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ, was made present, to bring renewed faith, hope, love and healing, to the trusting and faithful men and women, in peace time and in war.

*The real presence of Christ, what an awesome gift, a daily blessing!*

And I have the honour to make present at the altar, this wonderful gift of His body and blood, soul and divinity. As I bring this gift into the world. I think of one thing... Every time you or I receive this real presence in the Eucharist, we hear Christ say: "*Behold, I make all things new.*"

No matter what is going on in our lives, one thing is for sure :

**THE REAL PRESENCE OF CHRIST IS THE GIFT OF THE HOLY EUCHARIST.**

*"Behold I am with you always even to the end of time" ... "*

*Behold the Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world. Happy are they called to His supper."*

*... I am not worthy... I shall be healed"*

*From Father Anthony M. Trapani*

*Bremerton, Washington.*

### Anima Christi "the soul of Christ."

Soul of Christ, be my sanctification;

Body of Christ, be my salvation;

Blood of Christ, fill all my veins;

Water of Christ's side, wash out my stains;

Passion of Christ, my comfort be;

O good Jesus, listen to me;

In Thy wounds I fain would hide;

Ne'er to be parted from Thy side;

Guard me, should the foe assail me;

Call me when my life shall fail me;

Bid me come to Thee above,

With Thy saints to sing Thy love,

World without end. **AMEN**



## Ta' Pinu Shrine Our Lady, Queen of the Family A CALL TO PRAYER



### CONSECRATION TO OUR LADY OF THE MOST BLESSED SACRAMENT

*We would like to share this beautiful prayer and hopeful you will be inspired by its content to entrust yourself to Our Mother...*

At the close of this beautiful month of May, which we have consecrated to thee, O Lady of the Most Blessed Sacrament, after having meditated upon thy greatness, admired the perfection of thy adoration and Eucharistic service in the Cenacle, it remains for us to give ourselves entirely to thee, in order that thou may guard and direct us in our vocation as adorers.

We confide then, to thy maternal care, the direction of our vocation and the graces of the sublime duties that it imposes upon us. **Our Vocation of adorers is a beautiful one**, the most beautiful of all, since it keeps us forever in the service of the Adorable Person of Jesus Christ in His Divine Sacrament. **It is a privilege, since it gives us the right to go directly to His Sacred Person without an intermediary**

**Our vocation is sublime since we share the functions of the Angels**, and if we dare to say it- we even those of the Blessed Virgin herself, in the service of Jesus Christ. Consequently, **for such a divine vocation, certain qualities are requisite, certain virtues, and at least ordinary piety.**

**But alas!** Each one of us is forced to say: " I have nothing, of all this; on the contrary, I have many defects, many bad habits; and I am made up of self-love. I have no humility at all, no sweetness, no spirit of mortification. I do not know how to pray nor how to make a meditation. I have nothing but a worn-out routine of piety, a few paltry ideas of virtue, niggardly and imperfect. **Alas! My GOD!**

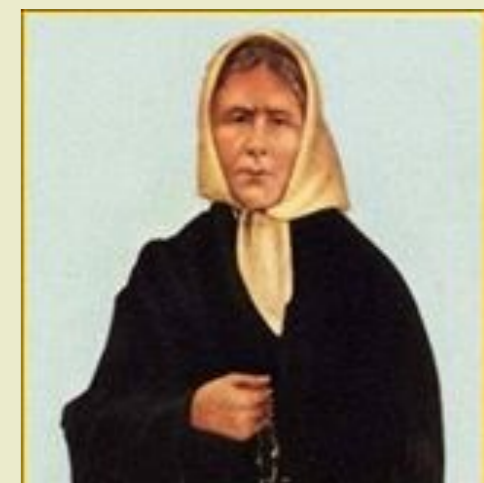
Thou who shouldst have at thy service all that is greatest, most perfect and most holy, how hast Thou chosen me, poor, infirm creature, full of miseries, still covered with the scars left by my sins, all leprous from the old man who still lives in me? **How dare I accept this grace? to dwell with the Angels, to be in the same house with Thy Holy Mother— to remain in Thy holy presence?**

O Mary, my celestial Queen and my divine Mother, I cannot accept the honour of becoming the happy servant of our Eucharistic Jesus, if thou does not consent to form me for this service, to clothe me with thy virtues, thy merits; if thou does not take me for thy child, O Queen and Mother of the servants of Jesus, you who live only for Jesus, who love us only in Jesus and for Jesus.

I entrust, then to thy keeping, O good Mother, the grace and the development of my vocation. I give myself to thee; do thou give me to Jesus. Formed and presented by thee, O Blessed Mother, Jesus, my sweet Master, will receive me willingly and love me in thee.

I shall tell thee, simply and artlessly, my faults, O my good Mother! I shall make my ignorance known to thee, my meagre knowledge, my small successes. I shall give the tiny flowers of virtue that I shall gather and thou wilt offer them to Jesus.. On this condition alone do I hope to become a true servant of the Most Blessed Sacrament. My God, behold thy humble Servant! May it be done to me according to Thy merciful goodness and thy most wondrous love!

**OUR LADY OF THE MOST BLESSED SACRAMENT, MOTHER AND MODEL OF ADORERS, PRAY FOR US WHO HAVE RECOURSE TO THEE!**



*Dar Karmni Grima, the peasant lady who heard the call of the Blessed Virgin Mary of Ta' Pinu. Gozo— Malta*

**OUR LADY TA'PINU SHRINE 'S WEBSITE IS UNDER CONSTRUCTION . WE HAVE NOW JOINED THE WEB !!!**  
**To Share with you highlights of Our past , present and future events**  
**But for now , please continue to check us out at**  
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**AN EXTRACT FROM THE CATECHISM OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH**  
**God did not make death**

God did not make death, and he does not delight in the death of the living...It was through the devil's envy that death entered the world. Satan or the devil and the other demons are fallen angels who have freely refused to serve God and his plan. Their choice against God was definitive. They try to associate man in their revolt against God.. "Although set by God in a state of rectitude, man, enticed by the evil one, abused his freedom at the very start of history. He lifted himself up against God and sought to attain his goal apart from him" (GS13.1) By his sin Adam, as first man, lost the original holiness and justice he had received from God, not only for himself but for all human beings. Adam and Eve transmitted to their descendants human nature wounded by their own first sin and hence deprived of original holiness and justice; this deprivation is called "original sin".

As a result of original sin, human nature is weekend in its powers; subject to ignorance, suffering, and the domination of death; and inclined to sin (concupiscence).

"We therefore hold, with the Council of Trent, that original sin is transmitted with human nature, 'by propagation, not by imitation' and that it is ... 'proper to each'" (Paul VI,CPG.16).

The victory the Christ won over sin has given us greater blessings than those which sin has taken from us: "where sin increased, grace abounded all the more"(Rom.5:20)

Christians believe that "the world has been established and kept in being by the Creator's love; has fallen into slavery to sin but has been set free by Christ, crucified and risen to break the power of the evil one..."

**Hypocrisy**: *Hypocrisy will certainly be exposed some day, Beware of it!!!!.*

**THE GOSPEL REFLECTION OF THE MONTH:**

**"The Counsellor, the Holy Spirit whom the Father will send you in my name, he will teach you all things, and bring to your remembrance all that I have said to you". (John 14:26)**

During the last supper, while Jesus was preparing his disciples for his passion, knowing that they will be frustrated by his sufferings and crucifixion, he promised them that when he goes he will send them, the Advocate, the Counsellor, the Holy Spirit.

The Holy Spirit is the third Person of The Most Holy Trinity. To confirm the necessity of the presence of the Holy Spirit in the Church, the first time Jesus appeared to his disciples after his resurrection, said to the Apostles, "As the Father sent me, so I am sending you"...."Receive the Holy Spirit. For those whose sins you forgive they are forgiven; for those whose sins you retain, they are retained". And as St Paul says in his 1<sup>st</sup> Letter to the Corinthians, "One cannot believe in Jesus Christ without sharing in his Spirit. It is the Holy Spirit who reveals to men who Jesus is." All this shows us how important is the presence of the Holy Spirit in Church and us.

Because as St Paul continues to teach us, the particular way in which the Spirit is given to each person is for a good purpose and he compares Christ's body, the Church, with the human body that is made up of many parts but form one body; so also we who are baptised form one body, each one to serve in his particular place and mission.

Jesus compares the Holy Spirit with water. Talking to the Samaritan woman said, "The water that I shall give him will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life". Jesus was talking of the Holy Spirit, the Spirit of God; because as all living things depend on water so our soul needs the Holy Spirit. Water comes down from heaven as rain and is always the same yet its effects are various, are according to the subject. It adopts itself to the nature of the things which receive it and it becomes what is appropriate to each. (St Cyril).

The problem is that when water dries up every living creature meets the same fate, it dies and disappears. So also happens with us human beings. If the Grace of the Holy Spirit in our souls dries up or becomes short it weakens and dries up. However what must we do not to experience such a disastrous end? In this month we have another big feast, The Corpus Christi Day, the feast of the Sacred Body and Blood of Jesus. Jesus warned us, "Truly, truly, I say you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of man and drink his blood you have no life in you; he who eats my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life" (John 6-53-55). The Holy Spirit and the Body and Blood of Christ go hand in hand, the Holy Spirit bring us close and increase our love towards the Holy Eucharist and the Holy Eucharist increase our faith and trust in the Holy Spirit.

However this happens under one condition, that we receive the Holy Eucharist with clean heart, with no stain of mortal sin and given due respect.

**Liturgical Celebrations for June 2014**

Date	June 2014 Celebrations
Sat 7th June	<b>First Saturday—Immaculate Heart of Mary Devotion at 2.00p.m</b> Rosary Confession followed by Holy Mass and Benediction
Sunday 8th June	<b>The Solemnity of Pentecost</b> <i>Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and kindle in them the fire of your love.</i> Our Lady of Lanka Oratory - Private Family prayer day
Wed 4 <sup>th</sup> June Then Wed 11,18 & 25 <sup>th</sup>	<b>5-8<sup>th</sup> of the 15 Wednesdays Devotion of the Assumption of Our Lady</b> <b>Rosary ,Confession and Holy Mass 11a.m</b>
Until Further Notice	<b>Mother and Child Oratory Novena at 7.30 p.m</b> Decision has been made by the Chaplain of the Catholic Filipino Community to hold their Wednesday Novena at St Brigid Parish Church, Fitzroy during winter seasons. Msgr Joselito Asis's correspondence explaining the reasons behind his decision is displayed on our notice board in church
Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> June	<b>Holy Mass and Devotions to the SACRED HEART OF JESUS from 2.00p.m.</b>

**Patience**

When we are made to suffer some pains, trouble or ill treatment, let us turn our thoughts to the sufferings of our Saviour. Immediately our own trials will become light and bearable, for no matter how bitter they may be, they will seem as flowers in comparison the Christ's thorns.  
**St. Francis de Sales**

CELEBRATING THE FIRST ANNIVERSARY OF OUR NEWSLETTER



**Inspire Goodness**

*Inspire more individuals, O Holy Spirit, to discover and develop the power of good which You have instilled in every teenager*



*Come, Ejja and Celebrate with Jesus & Mary*

**The Solemnity of Corpus Christi**

*Together with the commemoration of 131st Anniversary of The Blessed Virgin's Call to Karmela Grima And also welcome*

**THE MELBOURNE YOUTH CROSS**

**2.00 p.m** (weather permitting), the Youth Cross and the Icon of Our Lady Ta' Pinu will be carried together in procession along the Rosary Way

**FEEL FREE TO CARRY YOUR OWN BANNER DURING THE PROCESSION WITH THE WYD CROSS**

**2.30p.m** Holy Mass - Blessing of the Mothers & children.

**3.30 p.m** Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

**Followed by** Procession of the Blessed Sacrament round the church grounds and Benediction

**THIS IS OUR MAJOR CELEBRATION ALL ETHNIC COMMUNITY GROUPS ARE REQUESTED TO ATTEND.**

**Our Lady Ta' Pinu Shrine is pleased to welcome the Melbourne Youth Cross from 22<sup>nd</sup> June to 5<sup>th</sup> July 2014.**

We would like to invite **ALL the Youths** from the Catholic Parishes especially from the Archdiocese of Melbourne to seize this opportunity and come as pilgrims to this Sacred Place dedicated to the Blessed Virgin Mary on these two Solemn occasions or anytime during the next 13 days. Hopefully She touches their hearts and inspires holiness among them. **"Come away with others or by yourselves to a lonely place, and rest a while."**

*Your God walks with you.*