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JESUS IS LORD TO THE GLORY OF THE FATHER



**I AM COMING TO BRING HOPE
TO MEN & NATIONS.**

God the Father

THE FEAST THE FATHER REQUESTED.

This is the time of the Father. All came from the Father, our Creator God & all will return to Him. *Exitus & redivus*, what goes around comes around & we are on the rebound, going back to the Father which is why getting our souls & those of our loved ones in order is so critical. This must be our first priority.

As school approaches again, we take steps to have our children put their best foot forward, to look their best which is a good & normal thing to do. But what are we doing to adorn their souls & ours with the raiment of sanctifying grace for when we appear before the Father? No sanctifying grace in the soul, no admittance into heaven. The Father, in His great mercy, has provided us with the means of acquiring sanctifying grace through the sacraments of the Church. He has given us the greatest drama on the face of the earth, the greatest miracle ever: the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass. For now at least, we have almost daily access to it. God only knows how long we will be able to avail ourselves of this miracle as more good priests are being cancelled, fewer men are embracing the priesthood, confusion & heterodoxy pour forth from so many pulpits & the evil one is doing everything he can to undermine & openly attack the Eucharist for he knows that is our greatest strength & that is where his archenemy, Jesus, is present. Yes, he knows God is truly present there in that white host while so many of our fellow Catholics deny the Real Presence of the Lord in the Eucharist. What fools they are as they prepare to appear before the Father denying the greatest gift He could possibly give us...His only Son, God Himself. The Father is patient & merciful for He wants all of His children to come home to Him. But remember His justice is as great as His mercy. And how many times has Our Lady decried the fact that she can no longer restrain the wrath of God against the state of the world that would make Sodom & Gomorrah appear almost acceptable. It wasn't & either is our depravity....so..

HOORAY!!!

The Father was given great glory all through the weekend by the ministry of Fr. Trevor Nathasingh & all who participated in vociferous praise & worship & adoration. How the Father must have delighted in it! How it must have relieved the pain of His wounded heart at the road that shouldn't ever be taken was the superhighway of most of the world's leaders directing themselves & their people to eternal perdition. Thank God there are a few good priests left who haven't as yet been cancelled & for the young priests coming up who want to light the fire of worship & tradition & service, respecting the past history of the Church's greatness as it led to the civilization of most of the world which the evil one & his minions are bent on destroying so their evil empire can dominate what has always been Satan's domain: the earth. We are not meant for earth. Heaven is our home & our destination while here in this valley of tears. We are here because of the sin of our first parents as the fallen angels, the devil's minions, are here because of their arrogant prideful disobedience to God. As Thomas a Kempis noted in his classic, "Imitation of Christ", *Life on earth is misery*, (quoting Job 19:1) And our souls know it. Thus the admonition to keep our eyes & hearts fixed on heavenly realities & constant prayer & praise & worship of the God Who has made a way for us is what we must be about...especially now.



It started in the lower church on Friday with heartfelt praise & worship & Mass & all day Saturday with talks, testimonies, Adoration, Mass & a beautiful presentation by the youth who were very much part of the weekend in terms of formation & were duly welcomed & appreciated & prayed over.



IN THE MIDDLE OF THE MAYHEM,

we need to identify who is causing the mayhem & why & we need to wake up from the woke, throw out the TV, limit drastically what is allowed to seep into our homes via social media & devote far more quality time on our faces before the Lord & beseech Him that in His wrath, He remember compassion. The world has become an abyss of evil without God & without the loving maternal care of His & our Mother. Get the rosary off your rear view mirrors or around your necks & start to pray it assiduously. Sit your family down every evening & pray the rosary together. The little ones you can keep near but the teens are the hardest nuts to crack. We all were as teens as we struggled to seek independence but were not totally ready for it. So there was a lot of vacillation between imminent adulthood & fainting childhood. What great patience parents need to steer them through the straits of teenhood! It is critical to find teens on fire for the Lord & get your teens planted among them. Teens need to be ministered to by teens who have caught the fire of the Holy Spirit & are running with it to infect other teens to come to a living relationship with the only One worth trusting....Jesus.



Take all that energy & altruism & light the fire of the Holy Spirit in them & they are unstoppable. Check out the TFP Call to Chivalry Camps or the Catholic Heart Work Camps or the BLD Teen Ministry, the Steubenville Sessions or any holy orthodox group you can find to plug your teens into. The baton of ministry & evangelization is being passed to them & they are the ones to carry forth the Light of Christ into the murkiness of the mad world we are living in.

The world will need more Carlos Acutis's, a teen on fire & a computer geek who organized a whole ministry of Eucharistic miracles to wake up the world as to Who resides in our tabernacles. He died from leukemia at the age of 15. Or more St. Jose Sanchez del Rio's 14, whose last words touched the heart of His God: Viva Cristo Rey! Long live Christ the King, while being tortured & shot.

As Bishop Athanasius Schneider, who grew up under Communism, warned us: Prepare your children (& yourselves) for martyrdom.

WOULD THAT THE GRACE-STARVED LEADERS OF THE WORLD & THE CHURCH WOULD HEED:

Who then among you is generous, who is compassionate, who is filled with love? He should speak out as follows: If I have been the cause of sedition, conflicts & schisms, then I shall depart; I shall go away wherever you wish & I shall do what the community wants, if only the flock of Christ live in peace with the presbyters who are set over them. Whoever acts thus would win great glory for himself in Christ & he would be received everywhere, for the earth is the Lord's & the fullness thereof. Thus have they acted in the past & will continue to act in the future who live without regret as citizens in the city of God. (St. Clement)

14 year old Jose Sanchez del Rio died assuring his place as a citizen of heaven...for that is what we are called to be & he knew it.

VIVA CRISTO REY!**THE TENTS WENT UP & THE KIDS CAME OUT FOR A MINI TENT REVIVAL.**

Praise & worship, mini Life in the Spirit Seminar, crafts, games, teachings & lots of prayer & play preparation filled their days with faith & fun.



A big thank you for all the volunteers who worked so hard despite the horrendous heat. The young ones caught on to the routine & sang their little hearts out once they got the hang of it. They were richly fed physically & spiritually & hopefully some holy seeds were planted in those little hearts that one day they would like to lead praise & worship & prayer.

We need to follow up with them & that takes commitment & team work. They especially need shepherding as they head into the tumultuous teen years in a world that is out to kill, maim & destroy as the evil one is emptying out his arsenal...because he knows his time is short.

WE PRESS ON!

We had the privilege of 2 events gracing our premises this July. Catholic Heart Work Camp worked wonders painting, weeding, landscaping & making the Father's House more attractive with beautiful newly painted red doors to the church & much more in record heat.



To paraphrase the song: they never stopped working, they never stopped working.



They never stopped praying.



And of course, they took time to eat & fellowship & pray, especially appreciating some NJ ice cold watermelon.

