

# Good News



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## I Am So Delighted...



to be joining New York in your labors for holiness in two new ways this year—both as the National Director of the Pro Sanctity Movement and as I join the community in Queens! The Lord is busy producing much fruit in the Movement—sowing, watering, weeding.

This summer, we had the opportunity to gather together as a Nation at the Pro Sanctity National Convention. Members from

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each of the five centers—New York, California, Nebraska, South Dakota, and Kansas—participated, as well as members from Iowa. A great fruit of this joyful gathering is a deepened unity and sharing—of dreams, of struggles, and of this great charism entrusted to us by our Father!

Pro Sanctity also had a beautiful, international presence at World Youth Day in Madrid! Along with three priests, Father Paul Hoelsing, Father Scott Traynor, and Father Carl Zoucha, I had the privilege of accompanying 35 pilgrims to Rome and Madrid for this amazing experience! Pro Sanctity pilgrims from both Italy and Latvia also attended and we were able to meet up with both groups during the pilgrimage. We spent a week in Rome seeing the sights, participating in the Audience with the Holy Father, praying, exploring, and visiting our various Pro Sanctity Centers. We celebrated Sunday Mass at San Calisto, our international Pro Sanctity headquarters and our General House. We had the opportunity to visit the room of Bishop Giaquinta and the Shrine of St. Benedict Joseph Labre, where we also have a Bethany.\* The pilgrims from California, South Dakota, Nebraska, Illinois, Colorado, and Washington, DC, encountered the Church and the Movement every step of the way! In Madrid, we were

\*House where Apostolic Oblates live

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## This Just In

Franca Salvo, A.O.

Jessi Kary

*is the New Pro Sanctity National Director*

Jessica Lynn Kary, A.O. was appointed National Director of the Pro Sanctity Movement in the United States on July 31, 2011.

Jessi is a native of South Dakota and has a Masters Degree in Pastoral Theology from Ave Maria University in Florida. Called to give her life to the Lord and really be the presence of Christ in the world, Jessi discerned her vocation to be an Apostolic Oblate.

She moved to Omaha, NE, in 2003 and started formation on May 1, 2003; celebrated the first profession of vows on May 6, 2006 at St. Joseph Cathedral in Sioux Falls, SD; and her quinquennial vows on September 10, 2011, at St. Margaret Mary in Omaha, NE.

Jessi's involvement in the Pro Sanctity Movement has been committed, ongoing, and international. Jessi has led Pro Sanctity activities in California, New York, Nebraska, and South Dakota. During her stay in Rome, Italy, this past year, she was in close contact with the General and National Italian Directors, and she visited and participated in the activities of the Pro Sanctity Centers in Rome, in South and North Italy, and in Belgium.

Jessi's love and knowledge of the Pro Sanctity Movement's theology, spirituality, and apostolate are remarkable; her determination to solidify the structure, formation, and spreading of Pro Sanctity fills us with joy. She will continue to work for Pro Sanctity with the same enthusiasm and apostolic zeal of the former National Director, our dear Teresa Monaghan, for whom we thank and praise the Lord wholeheartedly.

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## Words from the Founder

*Servant of God William Giaquinta*

### How to Be in God's Presence Always

- (1) Anticipate your appointment with the Lord
- (2) Choose a line or phrase from the Word you hear or read and take it with you for the rest of the day
- (3) Memorize lines from Scripture or good spiritual books
- (4) Pay attention to the prayers you say every day and take many moments throughout the day when you can pause and rest in his presence
- (5) Have a Christ-centered imagination even if you have to push yourself to visualize Christ in various settings
- (6) Make time for a quiet prayer and adoration before the Blessed Sacrament
- (7) View the happenings of the day as God would view them.

(Adapted from *Seven Helpful Ways to Remain in the Presence of the Lord*)

*"When others will be able to say, 'See how they love each other, see how united they are.' then we can say we have witnessed Christ and the Father."*

*Servant of God William Giaquinta*

## Comedy Corner

Adapted from *The Book of Catholic Jokes* by Deacon Tom Sheridan



Four people were about to be executed for preaching the Gospel in a foreign land.

They bring out the first person and the guard shouts, "Ready, aim..." and suddenly the victim yells, "**EARTHQUAKE.**" Everyone looks around while the victim runs off.

Next they bring out the second victim. The guard shouts, "Ready, aim..." and suddenly the second victim yells, "**TORNADO.**" When everyone ducks, the victim runs away.

Then they bring out the third victim and the guard shouts, "Ready, aim..." and suddenly the victim yells, "**HURRICANE.**" Everyone runs for shelter and the victim runs off with them.



Finally, the guard brings out the fourth victim. By then, of course, the fourth victim has it all figured out, and when the guard shouts, "Ready, aim..." the victim yells, "**FIRE.**"

welcomed in a school, slept in classrooms, showered in the parking lot—and rejoiced in the goodness and abundance of God’s loving Providence in every detail! Our pilgrims were joyful and developed true fraternity in the midst of our adventures!

As we embark on this new apostolic year, fresh from these beautiful experiences of communion, let us pray for and strive to live more radically the deep fraternity that was the dream of the Founder! It was a grace to experience this communion throughout the summer apostolate. In the unity of heart and prayer among the whole Institute—as we gathered in Calino, Italy—praying for the safety of the Oblates and people in New York during the hurricane we ‘lived the fraternity’ that Bishop Giaquinta dreamed.

We are united in every little detail. Let us place our trust in the communion created among us through our Baptism in Christ, rather than the small differences and opinions that can sometimes create chasms among us. Let us fix our eyes on the good that is in each other, in our centers, in the endless possibilities of this great apostolate rather than the tiredness that comes when we trust in our own strength. Let us begin each day confident that the Father, in His loving Providence, has already provided for and accomplished everything!



With you in unity of heart...and soon to be with you in person!  
Jessi Kary, AO  
National Director of Pro Sanctity USA

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### ***The Personal Challenge...***

*Nina Riti*

#### **To open our eyes to where God is leading us**

When we read the lead article and testimonies from the centers that went to Spain for World Youth Day, namely, Italy, USA, and Latvia, we can’t help but hear the resounding challenge that is presented. Reflecting on our own experiences during the hurricane or how we spent the Tenth Anniversary of the World Trade Center disaster, we recognize that our experiences, both good and bad, are vehicles for us to ponder through prayer and discernment where God is leading us in our spiritual journey. We hear that the young adults and group leaders prepared for over a year, praying, saving, and trusting that the Lord would provide. It had to be a real challenge to each of the pilgrims as they participated in this life-changing experience where so many cul-

tures were brought together to share, not only their differences, but most of all, what united them...the sharing of the Body and Blood of Christ.

As we prepared for the hurricane and watched TV to monitor the furor of nature, many were concerned about relatives, friends, or neighbors and checked in with them... and many prayed. Again using these experiences, we have to reflect and be grateful to God. When we think of that day ten years ago I am sure all of us can say exactly where we were, what we were thinking and feeling. Oh no, what a terrible accident, OH NO, it was on purpose, **OH GOD**, help us were my thoughts and probably with some variation, yours as well. On Sept 11, 2011, I had the opportunity to reflect on the words of the fallen

chaplain for the fire department, Fr. Mychal Judge...Lord take me where you want me to go, let me meet who you want me to meet, tell me what you want me to say AND keep me out of the way. The challenge is to be open to our experiences and see what God is showing us. Try to see God in the flowers in your backyard, the helping hands that reached out to their fellow-New Yorkers ten years ago or the young hands from many countries coming together in Spain in fellowship and...

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# I Really went to the convention in Nebraska!

Donna Slivoski

Not until I saw in the previous issue of this newsletter that registration for the National Convention was still open, had I ever considered actually going to Nebraska.. Even then, I was worried and fearful of the unknown. But the Holy Spirit kept nudging me toward the Midwest. Three weeks later, during a torrential downpour, I found myself boarding a plane for Minneapolis to catch a connecting flight to Omaha where I was met *at the plane* by Pro Sanctity member, Larry Weigum. In these days of heightened security, *that* is unheard of. However, when Larry told airport personnel he was meeting a passenger who is blind, he was given a pass to meet me as I disembarked. I was struck immediately by Larry's warmth and openness.

After lunch, we walked around downtown Omaha before meeting another Pro Sanctity member who rode with us to the Benedictine Retreat Center in Schuyler. This is a big, sprawling building and being unable to see, I felt rather lost upon arrival. However, it wasn't long before I heard familiar voices

from home, and with a great sense of relief, knew I had come to the right place.

For those who have yet to attend a Pro Sanctity convention, it is a religious experience combined with lots of fellowship and fun. The amenities were like a five star hotel and the food – typical American fare – was great. I also had my first experience drinking from a keg, root beer, that is.

The theme of the convention was Love is Fire. All who gave talks or workshops were well-prepared and spoke God's word with great zeal and love. I received permission to record the talks and look forward to listening to them again at home.

On Sunday afternoon everyone traveled to the Pro Sanctity Center in Elkhorn for our closing Mass. With temperatures in the nineties and air conditioning in the newly re-constructed barn not yet installed, it was very hot. After Mass, Pro Sanctity member, Margie Nelsen, whom I had never met before the convention, welcomed me to her home for the night and drove



**Rudy, Tess, Donna**

me, along with Tess and Rudy Suga, to the airport early Monday morning. Margie and her husband, Howard, could not have been more gracious and I was touched by their willingness to open their home to someone they had just met.

I was the beneficiary of lots of love over the course of the weekend from old and new friends. Since God is the source of all love, any kindness shown comes from Him. I felt that love very clearly at the airport Monday morning. I expected to be assisted to my departure gate by airline personnel, as usual, but no one was available. Rudy and Tess, who had a slightly earlier flight home to NY, were told to bring me to a bench where I could wait for assistance.

We were all worried that I'd be forgotten and miss my flight, so they took me through security with them. I was deeply touched by Tess and Rudy's selflessness in seeing me to my gate first, even though we were cutting it so close for their own flight. Both flights were boarding by the time we got to our gates, but thankfully we made them in time.

I love being with people who love the Lord Jesus and our dear Mother Mary as I do, and there was certainly no shortage of such people at my first Pro Sanctity National Convention on the weekend of July 29th, 2011.

## Ask Pro Sanctity

Rosemary Darmstadt

### Why will some words of the Mass be changed?

Donna Spoto, in the excellent workshop, *Liturgical Catechesis and the New Translation of the Roman Missal*, which she gave at the Convention, answered this and many other questions. She pointed out that what we say and do at Mass should be different from what we do in our everyday world. Through her talk and illustrative hand-outs, she explained that the mysteries of the Trinity and the Incarnation are described as “consubstantial” means striking one’s breast my fault” can be symbolic of a stone crushing the evil in one’s heart or a knock on the door of our heart to wake us up to our sins. Because time for the workshop was limited, Donna distributed a comprehensive list of resources to assist us in learning about and becoming accustomed to the changes.



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# Snapshots of the National Convention

Omar Gutierrez, Special Asst. to Archbishop Lucas, gave an inspiring reflection on the Pro Sanctity Creed and had everyone's rapt attention.



**Above**—The NY Delegation practices their "Subway" skit for the evening's entertainment.

**Right**—Nebraska delegates take a curtain call.

**Above** —The little ones also enjoy activities geared for them at the convention.  
**Below Left** —The closing mass of the National Convention was concelebrated by retired Archbishop Curtiss and several other Pro Sanctity priests, including National Spiritual Advisor, Msgr. Vaccari.  
**Below** — Members from NY bring up the offertory gifts



## St. Teresa of the Andes

Very early in her life little Juanita was attracted to God. One day she took the hand of a visiting priest and asked him "Father, let us go to heaven!" as she pointed to a spot in the distance. The priest thought she was pointing to the Andes Mountains. He told her even if he climbed to the top of the Andes, heaven would still be far away. Juanita was not pointing to the Andes but rather to the church that was a short distance away and she said, "Jesus in the tabernacle is the royal way to reach there".

### Juanita's Early Years

What kind of child was this future short-lived saint? Not what you would think! She was born on July 13, 1900 in Santiago, Chile, and named Juana Fernandez Solar, lovingly called by her rich landowning family, Juanita. She was the fifth child of several brothers and sisters. It was reported that she was conceited and did not like to obey and would easily become angry. In 1906, there was an earthquake in the city of Santiago. Juanita writes in her diary that it was at this time that Jesus began to take possession of her heart.

It was her brother, Lucho, who taught her how to pray the rosary. They made a promise to say the rosary every day. She again wrote in her diary that only once, when she was very small, did she forget to say the rosary..."from that time on ... Our Lord took me by the hand with the most holy Virgin." She wanted to receive her First Communion. However, she was told she was too young so she asked to be taught communion of desire. *I did not even know about Spiritual Communion until I was an adult, let alone before I was ten years old.* She finally was allowed to receive Holy Communion on September 11,

1910. In the year 1914, when she is 14 years old, she reads for the first time, *Story of a Soul*, the autobiography of St. Thérèse de Lisieux, The Little Flower. In 1914, St. Thérèse was not beatified yet. What drew Juanita to this book? *I had difficulty as an adult reading this book as a member of a book club that was led by a very spiritual priest in my parish.* But the Lord was guiding Juanita and preparing her for her life choices and she was meeting that challenge and saying YES despite the difficulties and doubts she faced.

### Juanita's Time as a Carmelite

Juanita was not a healthy child having weathered many serious illnesses as a young girl. She writes in her diary that she hears the call of Christ inviting her to give herself totally to Him. She begins her quest for Him by leaving her beloved home to go to a boarding school, which was the basis for her preparation for entering Carmelite life. On September 17, 1917 she writes her first letter to Mother Angelica, Prioress and Mistress of Novices. She tells her that she never met a Carmelite sister but has read the lives of two Carmelite sisters - St. Thérèse and St. Elizabeth of the Trinity. Their life stories had convinced her that the Carmelite life was the path she wanted for herself. In 1918, she writes that Carmel "is a little bit of heaven" and that "the Lord is calling me to that holy mountain." She also states that if she goes to Carmel "it will be to suffer...in it I find my joy for Jesus on the cross." After 20 letters to Mother Angelica, Juanita is granted permission to meet with the Mother Prioress to whom she discusses her concerns, doubts, and fears about becoming a Carmelite.

"To lovingly offer ourselves to the Father in order to accomplish his adorable will—this I reckon is the plan of holiness."

After much prayer and reflection, in May, 1919, she is admitted to Carmel, takes the name Teresa of Jesus, and becomes a Carmelite novice. It is great sadness for her to leave her family. She writes "I would never leave my family for a man," but despite this suffering she says "peace and joy flood my soul."

### Her Dream Comes True

In March of 1920 she tells her confessor that she will die within the month and asks permission to do extraordinary penance. He, of course, does not believe her and tells her to just be faithful to the Carmelite rule. In April of 1920, she becomes mortally ill and it is decided that she can make her religious profession. Juanita died on April 12, 1920 as a Discalced Carmelite novice. She was canonized by Pope John Paul II in 1993 and is considered a role model for the youth in the Catholic Church. In addition, she is the first Discalced Carmelite nun outside of Europe as well as the first Chilean to be declared a saint.

### St. Teresa of the Andes is the Patroness of Young People



# Mark Your Calendar

## Festival of Faith

Our Lady of Angels  
7320 Fourth Ave  
Brooklyn (Bay Ridge)  
Time: 4:00—6:00 PM  
Oct. 15, Dec. 17  
Children 4 - 8 yrs , Teens 9-13yrs  
Call 718-836-7200

Our Lady of Miracles  
Fr. Simonetti Center  
741 East 86th Street, Brooklyn  
Saturday 10:30 to 12 Noon  
Oct. 8, Dec. 10  
Children 4—8  
Call 718-649-0324

## Bible Sharing

Our Lady of Miracles School  
East 87 Street, Brooklyn  
Every Thursday 7:30-9:00 pm  
Begins Sept. 22nd

St. Fidelis Parish (Madonna Rm)  
124th Street, College Point, Queens  
First & Third Sunday 11:15 –12:30pm  
Oct. 2nd, 16th– Nov. 6th, 20th



There will be Eucharistic Adoration every **Monday** from **10 AM to 5 PM**  
in the chapel of the Pro Sanctity Center at 45-30 195th St., Flushing, NY 11358

Come and spend some quiet time  
in conversation with the Lord.

# Upcoming Events

## **Membership Celebration**

Sunday, Jan 8, 2012  
Pro Sanctity Center  
45-30 195th Street, Flushing, NY

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## **Our Lady Of Trust Celebration**

Sunday, February 19

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## **Annual Weekend Retreat**

**April 13 - 15 , 2012**

at Don Bosco Retreat Center, Stony Point, NY

**Interested? For reservations & information**

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***The Pro Sanctity Movement***  
***cordially invites YOU to join us to celebrate the***

**Day of Universal Sanctification**

*A Day of Prayer*

**St. Kevin Church**

**45-21 194th Street, Flushing, NY 11358**

**Saturday, November 12, 2011**

**11:00 AM**

**Celebrant: Rev. Msgr. D. Joseph Finnerty**

**Pastor of St. Kevin Parish**

**For information and questions please call 718-649-0324**