

Real Catholic Men Newsletter

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For to you has been granted, for the sake of Christ, not only to believe in him, but also to suffer for him.

Phil 1: 29

Help Out In Your Parish!

Next month (April) I will be sending out bulletin announcements about the 2010 RCM Conference to pretty much every parish in the Archdiocese of Portland, and those churches in the Seattle Archdiocese that are in SW Washington.

If you would like to be responsible for making sure the announcement gets into your parish bulletin (and perhaps a few others in your area), please let me know, and I will forward the announcement to you rather than send it myself. A personal request from a parishioner is always better than an e-mail or letter.

Additionally, I will have posters available for you to hang in the church or parish hall upon request if you think you can put them up somewhere. Just give me a call, and I'll send them your way!

New Incentives to Attend RCM Conference

Registrations are **NOW BEING ACCEPTED** for the 2010 Real Catholic Men Conference taking place June 19th once again at St. Joseph Parish in Vancouver, WA. This time around I want to get as many people there as possible, and I'm pulling out all the stops. As a used car dealer once said, "I'm wheeling and dealing like I've never whelt and dealt before!"

Here are some of the options to save you – and others that you bring along – some hard-earned money.

- Any returning attendee who brings along a new attendee will pay **just \$25** for himself and each person he brings with him. **That's a savings of \$10 per ticket!**
- Anyone who registers before April 15th (tax day!) pays **\$30 per ticket. That's a savings of \$5 per ticket!**
- Parishes or men's groups that purchase a block of 10 tickets will pay \$250 (again, **that's just \$25 per ticket**).
- And lastly, there's the new "**50 Bucks and a Book to Help a Brother**" program. **For a donation of just \$50**, you'll get a ticket to the 2010 conference, and a copy of Fr. Dave Pivonka's book, *Spiritual Freedom: God's Life-Changing Gift*, plus you'll be an inaugural donor to the "RCM Scholarship Fund" for those men who may only be able to afford part of the cost – or nothing at all – due to financial difficulty. My goal is to not have to turn anyone away from the conference due to the cost.

Working together, let's do all we can to make this the biggest RCM Conference yet – and turn even more hearts to Christ!

Tickets Going Fast for Women's Tea for Life

Real Catholic Ministries' first women's event is getting a great response. Do something for the lady in your life. Yes, the one who lets you go to the men's conference! Tickets are going fast, and as of 3/1, we have only 25 left! Event details are below.

What do you do when you want to celebrate life? You throw a party, of course! Real Catholic Ministries presents the 1st Annual **Women's Tea for Life**, a fundraiser for area pro-life groups. The event, slated for Saturday, April 17th in the St. Cecilia Parish Center from noon to 2, features yummy food, live music, small silent auction, fabulous prizes, fellowship, and fun. Go to: www.RealCatholicMinistries.com for more information and get your registration in today. Call Heather with any questions: 503-640-3456.

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Men's Conference Talks of Mercy

As I write this newsletter, I have just returned from the "Go West, Catholic Men" conference in Pendleton, Oregon. The event was sponsored by St. Mary's Parish in Pendleton, and was organized by their pastor, Fr. Bailey Clemens. Speakers included Dr. Don DeMarco, Fr. Carl Beekman and Fr. Antoine Thomas.

I was very impressed by how far many men came to be there for the Friday night and all-day Saturday event. Oddly enough, on Friday night during our Lenten meal, a few guys who sat at the table with me were from Vancouver, WA and had been to the first two RCM conferences!

Humor and poignant reflections opened our hearts to receive the message of God's Mercy. Men participated in the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass, Confession, Stations of the Cross, Eucharistic Adoration and small-group discussion.

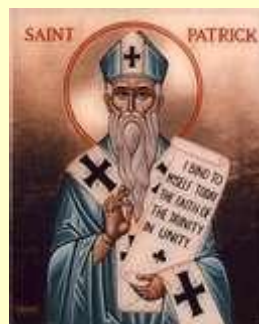
It was great to have a Protestant young man as part of my breakout group. All of us were able to witness to him about how much our faith meant to us – especially the Real Presence in the Eucharist. And if the time in Adoration didn't push him over the edge into wanting to become Catholic, I don't know what would.

How powerful to know that there are men all over the country who are searching for what it means to be a true "man of God." Literally tens of thousands of men are attending conferences just like this one and the RCM conference each year. If we come to be transformed, then we can return to our families, our places of work and our churches, and transform them, too.

God bless you all.



St. Katherine Drexel



St. Patrick



St. Cyril



St. Joseph

Just One Month to RCM Retreat

We are just weeks away from a life-changing weekend: the first Real Catholic Men Retreat will be held April 9-11 at Our Lady of Peace in Beaverton.

I know men like to put off committing to things, but I want to caution you not to wait too long. Space is limited, and we want to make sure that everyone who wants to can attend.

If you can't pay until the actual event, yet want to reserve a spot, just call and let me know. Register now, before it's too late!

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Important Dates in March

- March 3rd Feast: St. Katherine Drexel
- March 5th "Vianney" drama at St. Cecilia Parish in Beaverton
- March 13th **Men on a Mission** meeting
- March 16th RCM on "In Person" on KBVM at 8:00 AM. www.KBVM.fm
- March 17th St. Patrick's Day
- March 18th Feast: St. Cyril
- March 19th Feast: St. Joseph
- March 28th Palm Sunday

Remember!

Catholics are to abstain from meat on Fridays during Lent in addition to abstaining and fasting on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday.