

In the Two Hearts



Scattering the Seeds of Hope ❁ ❁ ❁ ❁

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Introducing: *The Internal Members of The Order of the Sacred and Immaculate Hearts of Jesus and Mary*

Father Benedict Suing, OSB



Brother Francis of The Redeemer



Brother Pio of The Co-Redemptrix



Sister Teresa of The Two Hearts



Sister Maria Servant of Abba Father



Brother James of The Holy Spirit



“Trust in the power of grace to create a future of promise for God’s people in this country.” Pope Benedict XVI

A Message of Hope

“I urge you to continue to be a leaven of evangelical hope in American society, striving to bring the light and truth of the Gospel to the task of building and ever more just and free world for generations yet to come.” --Pope Benedict XVI to every member, family, parish, and community of the Church of America.

How inspiring are the words of Our Holy Father during his recent visit to the United States! At the Order of the Sacred and Immaculate Hearts of Jesus and Mary they encourage us in our charism in a special way because we have always considered it as part of our mission to help “promote peace, love, devotion to God, and mercy for all” (from our Constitution), particularly here in America.

Our Mission of Hope As servants of the Hearts of Jesus and Mary, we seek to fulfill this mission through our life of contemplation, adoration, and acts of mercy and compassion—believing that if we



“The seed sown on rich soil is the one who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and yields a hundred or sixty or thirty fold.”

**** Matthew 13:23**

do small things with great love, our hearts and the hearts of those with whom we come into contact and for whom we pray will begin to change.

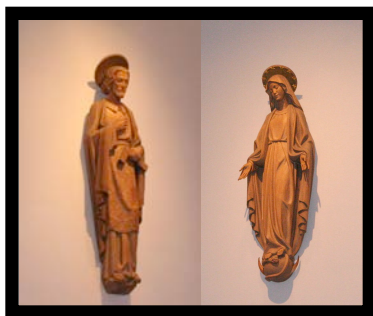
This change can lead to renewals in families, communities and beyond. Just as one drop of water can start a ripple that affects the entire body of water, so too can one soul, in love with Christ change the world. “Those who have hope must live different lives!” says Benedict XVI (Spes Salvi, 2) “Do small things with great love,” says Blessed Mother Teresa of Calcutta.

Sharing our Hope We want to share with you, our friends, families and benefactors, this message of hope that fills our hearts. We want you too, to be filled with that hope and that love that will bring renewal and peace to your own hearts and families, to our country and to the whole world. That is why we have started a bi-monthly newsletter . . . to scatter the seeds of hope! ❁ ❁ ❁ ❁



We pray that the Hearts of Jesus and Mary will bless and enrich your lives so that the little seeds we toss here and there will bloom and grow to provide beauty, joy and peace to those whose lives you touch. In our newsletters we will share with you about our charism and spirituality and also about our members, our joys and needs and ‘growing pains.’ We hope

that you also will feel free to share with us your joys and needs and ‘growing pains.’ We love to pray for you and your loved ones—so let us know what to pray for! You can use the enclosed envelope, or call or email us. Be assured that we will take your intentions to the Hearts of Jesus and Mary every day!!



St. Joseph Our Lady

Statues at the Holy Name Cathedral where Br. Francis was ordained

ORDAINED TO SERVE

On March 29th, Brother Francis of the Redeemer, a finally professed member of the Order, was ordained a deacon. Thus, in an even more profound way he assumed the role of servant. After all, the very word for diaconate comes from the Greek word diakonia, meaning "service".

It was for the task of service that the first deacons were set apart (see Acts 6:1-7). As a deacon, Brother Francis is able to preach at Mass, to preside at baptisms, funerals and weddings, as well as to give blessings. Br. Francis is serving this summer at a local parish as part of his formation and preparation for priesthood.

Once he is ordained a priest -- God willing, next May -- he will be able to serve full-time at the Order and thus assist with the spiritual needs of the community.

Fr. Benedict Suing

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Bishop Daniel Conlon praying for Br. Francis at the moment of ordination



"All those entering the Order must have the desire to serve their Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, with all their hearts, all their minds and all their souls in humility and love." from our Constitution

The Call to Humble Service

By Br. Francis Dankoski

"Behold the Handmaid of the Lord"

Our Lord and Our Blessed Mother Mary are the greatest servants this world has ever seen. The Virgin Mary, for example, put her whole being entirely at the service of the Lord God, whom she loved with all her heart, mind, soul and strength.

She always said "yes!" to His every inspiration and desire, she longed to console the Lord with her humble obedience for all the disobedience with which He is offended.



He Came to Serve

Our Lord Jesus, for His part, came "not to be served, but to serve" (Matthew 20:28). His whole life was one of service. His teaching and healing, and all the good works He went about doing, were all aimed at revealing the Father to us. Finally, He performed the greatest service of all upon the Cross, when He freely laid down His life for us, thus opening the gates of Heaven so that we might be with Him eternally.

Humble Servants of the Two Hearts



Clearly, all followers of Jesus are called to be servants. After Jesus humbled Himself and washed the disciples feet, He said, "I have given you an example, that you also should do as I have done to you" (John 13:15). At the Order of the Sacred and Immaculate Hearts of Jesus and Mary, we take this call to humble service very much to heart.

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have the desire to serve their Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, with all their hearts, all their minds and all their souls in humility and love."

For us, this means looking to the Blessed Virgin Mary in a particular way, learning from her and relying upon her maternal mediation. Our Constitution says it well: "Our Blessed Mother's example of total dedication to Our Lord as a humble servant of God, always giving to God and to others without any expectation of gain or reciprocation will be our goal as members of the Order..."

The Lord is so generous to us, particularly in the gift of Himself to us in the Eucharist. At the Order we are so grateful to be able to spend seven hours each day in prayer before Our Lord's Sacred Heart exposed in the Blessed Sacrament. And since Jesus gives Himself to us so generously we are impelled, as it were, to pour out His Love and Mercy in humble service to others.

The Order at the Ordination of Br. Francis



Exciting News!

We have just found out some potentially exciting news which would help this Order to flourish! We hope to have more information to share with you in the next Newsletter issue. . . .

Also, next issue, we will have photos and an article by Sr. Maria that she can share with you about her upcoming vows on August 8th 2008!

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Just a Note:

We have included a "Mailing list update" sheet. If you have moved or have any changes that we should be aware of, let us know. If you know of anyone who would appreciate some "seeds of hope" scattered their way, we can send them a newsletter as well.