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Iron Sharpening Iron: Men Molding Men as Authentic Disciples of Christ

Men, mark your calendars! The annual men’s retreat will be at the Bethany Center on the weekend of Nov. 18-20. This retreat initially occurred 15 years ago, but it did not become an annual event until five years ago. It is a valuable opportunity for men of the parish to gather and to reflect on what it means to be



Deacon Ralph Poyo

Catholic and how their faith can become an even more important part of their life.

Parishioner George Armenia has attended the retreat for the past few years, and he says he would not miss it.

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am amazed to see the growth not only in myself, but also in the other men. I feel like we are building the Kingdom together. It is an overwhelming experience.”

“We have selected as our theme, *Iron Sharpening Iron: Men Molding Men as Authentic Disciples of Christ*,” adds Tony

Gillman, coordinator for this year’s retreat. “The retreat begins on Friday evening, Nov. 18, at 7 p.m. and will wrap up with a light lunch after Mass on Sunday, Nov. 20. We will be at the Bethany Center this year. It is the perfect setting and site for what we want to accomplish, and it is very convenient to where we live. The retreat facilitator is

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Men Molding Men as Authentic Disciples of Christ

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Deacon Ralph Poyo from Steubenville, Ohio. He also led our retreat last year, but his theme and approach this year will be different from that experience, although just as dynamic and dramatic.”

The retreat theme is drawn from a well-known passage in the Book of Proverbs – “As iron is sharpened by iron, one man sharpens another” (Proverbs 27:17). To sharpen an iron tool or instrument, people had learned that rubbing two of them together was beneficial to both. For example, two iron blades when rubbed together, each become sharper and more efficient. Men can reap the same benefits through meeting, prayer, sharing, fellowship, and interaction. It is important to

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come together in God’s name as brothers in Christ.

Discipleship, of course, is not only at the heart of stewardship, but it also is what the Lord has called each of us to as a way to follow Him. In ministry for more than 30 years, Deacon Ralph Poyo grounds his ministry in his relationship with the Lord and the power of



P.J. Crespo and George Armenia, both of whom attended the retreat last year

the Holy Spirit. He has served the Church as a youth minister and catechist, and was ordained a deacon in 2004. He leads missions and retreats throughout the United States. He and his wife, Susan, have five daughters – two married so far – and three grandchildren to date. His goal is to have people experience the person of Christ in everyday life. He is an energetic man and a gifted speaker.

“Last year, we had more than 50 men in attendance and we hope for even more this year,” Tony says. “Since we provide the facilitator and all the meals, the cost is \$160 per person (\$225 for a single room), but there are scholarships available for those who have that need. This really is a wonderful event and I would encourage any man, who is able, to attend.”

For more information on this upcoming retreat, please contact Tony Gillman at 813-416-8326 or t.gillman@verizon.net, or George Armenia at 813-924-3454 or garmenia7@gmail.com.

Pray, Smile, and Make the World a Better Place

Dear Friends in Christ,

We often in the Church speak of “new beginnings.” Those two words can have almost endless meanings to us and to how we live our lives. Now that the fall season is in full swing, even though we tend to think more of spring as being a “new beginning,” now is equally so. Think of all the things in our lives and in those of our families that have begun or begun again in the past several weeks.

Two thoughts come to me as I ponder the significance of this time of year. It seems that there is never a time of year when starting over and renewing are not appropriate. We speak often of prayer – Jesus certainly provides for us both an example and encouragement to have rich prayer lives.

Were you aware that studies done by healthcare groups have shown that people who try to be kind to others have less pain, less depression, and less stress in their lives? That is exactly what the Lord tells us will happen if we do even small things to demonstrate our love for one another.

Now would be a great time for a personal spiritual renewal, both for us individually and for our families, if appropriate.

There are prayer groups and spiritual studies beginning and ongoing at our parish. You might consider getting involved in one. No matter what you choose to do, it is always a good time to extend and formalize your prayer life. Schedule more time for personal



prayer. Even better, if you have a family, try to formalize the prayer lives of your family as a group. That can enrich your life so much, and often it is something that stays with children forever.

My second thought goes back to the theme often stated by Jesus to “love one another.”

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That can begin with something as simple as a smile. Smiles certainly make others feel better, and they tend to help us, as well. Another way to show kindness is to get involved in ministries and activities. By committing ourselves to ministry and to being volunteers in a variety of ways, we are actually making the idea of being kind routine and normal. Look for ways you can do things that match and fulfill your talents and interests.

Those two thoughts, although seemingly small, can make a huge difference in our lives, not to mention the lives of those around us. First, pray more on a fixed schedule. Second, smile and be kind. It is amazing how those two aspects of our lives can be fulfilled and fulfilling.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Rev. Kenneth J. Malley". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Rev. Kenneth J. Malley



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Lots of food!



In the hall

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For many, many years, a highlight of fall for our parishioners, their families and others in the area is our Fall Festival. This year, however, it brings some exciting new changes. One major change is that we are co-hosting it with Sts. Peter and Paul Maronite Catholic Church, and we have opted to incorporate their annual Lebanese Festival with our Fall Festival. The location will still be at St. Timothy, and the event – the Family Fall Festival – will be held from Thursday, Oct. 20, through Sunday, Oct. 23.

Al Marano and Burnita Wilder are coordinating the festival with leaders from Sts. Peter and Paul. Al has been involved with the St. Timothy Festival since 2010, and has co-chaired the event since 2011.

"This has become a staple of our community, and it is a perfect time for us to exercise stewardship, because so many people are involved," Al says. "However, it is also a great community builder because of the number of people who attend."

The festival organizers look forward to bringing two parish communities together through the festival.

"It is a really natural match for us and the good people of their parish that allows both them and us to experience something new and exciting," Al says.

Thursday, Oct. 20, will be our traditional Taste of St. Timothy from 6 until 9 p.m. It will follow a similar format to years past with local restaurants and bakeries providing a wide variety of tastes, tidbits and desserts.

"The Taste is held under the Big Tent and in the Parish Hall," Al says. "The cost is a flat \$15 per person with all children under 5 eating for free. You might say it is an 'all you can eat' affair."

There will be more establishments involved this year than ever before, with at least 44 taking part. Participants include Cold Stone Creamery, Beef O'Brady's, O'Brien's Irish Pub, McDonald's, Anthony's Pizza, Gigi's Cupcakes, Mekenita Mexican Grille, Genghis

Friendship Because So Many People Are Involved" Family Fall Festival

Mongolian BBQ Grill, Bob Evans, and Costanera Peruvian Restaurant to name a few. Beverages – soda, water, beer, and wine – are sold separately.

On Friday night, we will have our Beer, Bites, and Blues Fest from 6 until 10 p.m. There will be craft beers and a variety of food booths, including American, Italian, Spanish, pizza, and dessert. We will have pre-auction live music entertainment from 6 to 7 p.m., followed by our annual live auction, live music entertainment provided by The Deacon Blues Band from 8 p.m. until closing.

Saturday morning will bring our annual Fun Run, beginning with registration at 7 a.m. followed by the actual run at 8 a.m. The Fishing Derby in the well-stocked parish pond begins at 9:30 a.m. The festival will be in large part overseen by Sts. Peter and Paul on Saturday and Sunday beginning at noon and lasting until midnight, with Mediterranean Food Booths, live entertainment representing both churches, games, a free pottery wheel for kids, face painting for kids, free massages, arts and crafts games. There will also be a St. Timothy Youth Booth with cotton candy, popcorn, snow cones, etc. The Choo Choo Train will operate from 1 until 10 p.m., and we will have a large video gaming trailer. Bingo will be held in the Parish Hall from 1 until 3:30 p.m.

“As in the past, much of this is designed for young people and children with many activities available for them,” Al says. “But there is plenty for the adults, also.”

Sunday activities begin with a combined Mass for the two communities in the church at 11 a.m. Activities similar to Saturday begin at noon and continue until the close of the festival at 5:30 p.m.

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The Children's Area



The Fun Run

For more information on the Family Fall Festival, please contact the parish office at 813-968-1077.

Good Stewardship of Our Social Media

When we are talking about the idea of stewardship and how we care for the tools and gifts we have been given, it is not often that we stop to have a conversation about how we are caring for and using the gift of social media to positively spread Gospel values. However, this is an appropriate topic for us to consider when we are talking about the many young people, as well as adults, who gather online on a frequent basis. Therefore, it is important for us to think about how we are using the amazing gifts of technology.

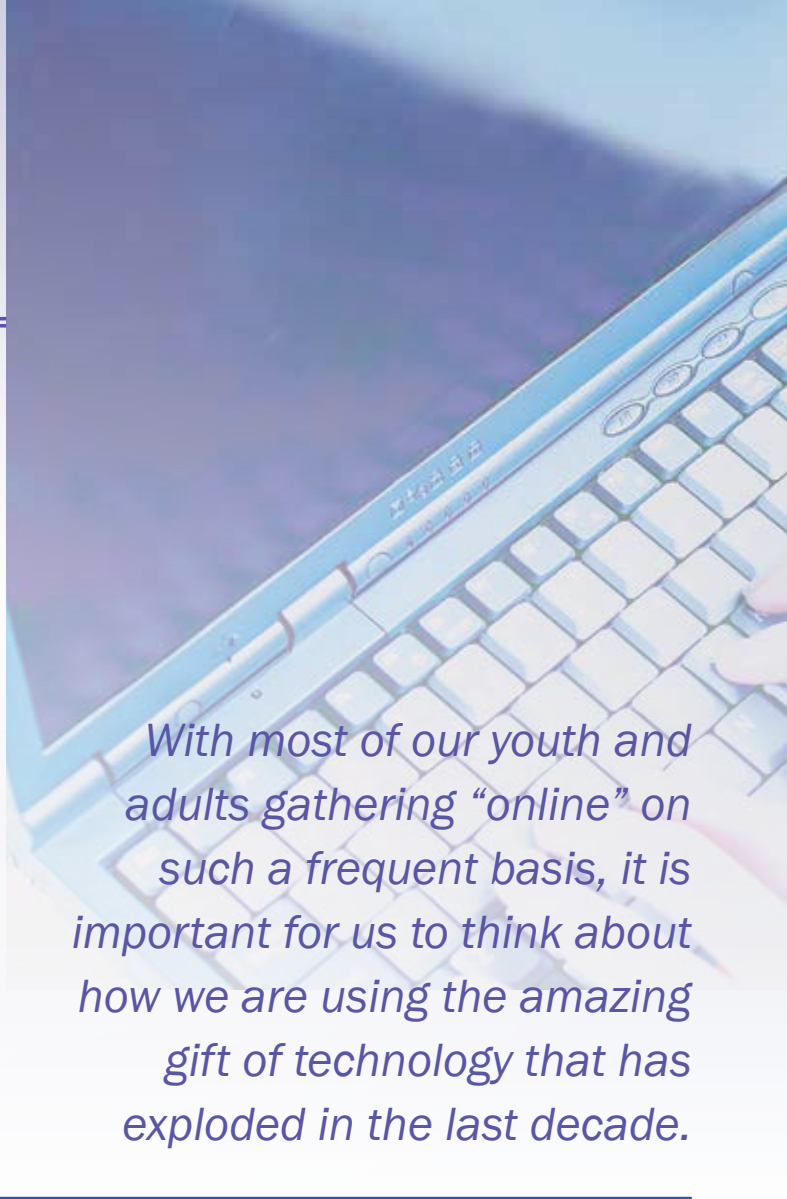
If you are frequently online – especially on Pinterest – there is a popular acronym that you may have already come across. While it is used in many different contexts, it seems very appropriate to follow as we find ourselves posting statuses and pictures on various social media sites. The acronym is T.H.I.N.K., and it invites us to consider what we are saying and sharing, and whether or not it should be said!

Is what we are posting:

TRUE? Are we sharing factual information or a rumor that we heard, and if we think our information is factual, what is our source? Is it trustworthy?

HELPFUL? Is the information we are sharing something that can be useful to another person? We don't need to over-examine all of our content to consider its "educational factor," but is the content we are posting going to help someone learn about us, learn about a place or an activity, think about the world, reflect on life, engage us in laughter, and so forth?

INSPIRATIONAL? There is certainly no requirement to be a poet or an artist, but social media has become a wonderful outlet for positive self-expression. "Positive" is the key word – are we posting to inspire others about the good in our world, or are we posting to cut someone down or to simply rant?



With most of our youth and adults gathering "online" on such a frequent basis, it is important for us to think about how we are using the amazing gift of technology that has exploded in the last decade.

NICE? Have we considered others' feelings when we include them in a status or post a picture of them? Will they be embarrassed? Are we using social media to humiliate and intimidate others, or are we using it to try to better the world and the lives of others?

KIND? What a great tool to compliment, show gratitude, and build the self-esteem of those you care about!

People often speak of social media in a negative way because of the content they see posted. T.H.I.N.K. is a great way for us to remind ourselves that we can be good stewards of our own social media use. Remember that there are many ways to share the Gospel without writing out its words. Gospel living has to do with the positive way we approach this life and bring God's light and love to others – and it couldn't be easier than sharing an uplifting status on Facebook, a Tweet of gratitude to a friend, or a beautiful image of God's inspiring creation on Instagram. What a great way to build the Kingdom of God!

Altar Servers: Assisting our Priests and Deacons at the Lord's Table

As Catholics, we come together each weekend to worship the Lord at the Eucharistic table. The Lord asks us to come to Him so that He can feed us, both physically and spiritually. And while we so often face numerous distractions in our busy lifestyles, the priest remains present in our faith and during the Mass, offering us to God the Father as the Body of Christ and making present Christ's Body and Blood to nurture us. In turn, the role of the altar server is to as-

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Those who are beginning the fourth grade are invited to volunteer for this special ministry. Training is offered for new altar servers until they are comfortable and familiar with all the duties involved. If you are interested or would like to learn more, please contact Carl Atkins at cattkins@talontitle.biz or John Roskovensky at roskoskippy@yahoo.com.



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Each of these tasks, though simple in form, allow the priest to enter more fully into the celebration of the Mass by gestures such as raising his hands over the people while offering prayers on their behalf. In John's words, when altar servers do their jobs appropriately, "most people never pay attention" to them. And while this ministry is one of service, altar servers also become visible models of a prayerful spirit at Mass.

"We are always looking for servers and would like to get more people active in this ministry," John says. "We currently have between 50 and 60 youth as servers for the Masses – we have a plan for recruiting, training, follow up instructions, a method of four levels of advancement and recognition with an awards program."

John shares ministry lead duties for the altar servers with fellow Knights of Columbus members Carl Atkins, Dave Ellis and Leo Haggerty along with Deacon Peter Burns and Deacon Glenn Smith.



Four levels of advancement are offered for altar servers at St. Timothy's.

• **Mass Schedule** •

Saturday Vigil: 5:30 p.m. • Sunday: 7:30, 9, 11 a.m. & 5:30 p.m. • Daily: Mon-Sat 9 a.m., Wed 6:15 p.m. • Holy Days: 9 a.m. & 7 p.m. Vigil: 7 p.m.