



Email Newsletter

Miles Christi

Latest Updates



It's incredible that a month has passed since our last Newsletter. I'm back in the U.S. with the joy of having a new priest in the ranks of *Miles Christi*. As you may know, Fr. José Palacios was ordained in Rome on the Vespers of the Solemnity of All Saints.

As the weather gets colder here in Michigan, the leaves fall from the trees and we see the first snow flurries covering the ground, *Miles Christi* doesn't stop. In fact, the past few weeks have been of intense apostolate.

Fr. Matthew led a retreat for around 60 students at Grand Valley State University, in Grand Rapids, MI. Fr. Patrick gave a talk on *Theology of*



the Body for the Catholic Society at Hillsdale College. Also, I was able to serve at two Interview weekends for FOCUS, where around 150 young men and women went to discern about dedicating two years of their life to the mission on college campuses. And, of course, all of our priests continue to offer spiritual direction to the youth and to preach the Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius. Now, as we celebrate Thanksgiving Day, we want to express our deep gratitude to God our Lord for all the blessings He has bestowed on us and, also, to you, our friends, who believe in our mission and support us with your prayers and financial help.

Fr. John Ezratty, MC



Father in Heaven, Creator of all and source of all goodness and love, please look kindly upon us and receive our heartfelt gratitude in this time of giving thanks.

Thank you for all the graces and blessings. You have betowed upon us, spiritual and temporal: our faith and religious heritage. Our food and shelter, our health, the loves we have for one another, our family and friends.

Dear Father, in Your infinite generosity, please grant us continued graces and blessing throughout the coming year.

This we ask in the Name of Jesus, Your Son and our Brother. Amen.



Upcoming Events

- December 4: [High School Girls' Advent Retreat](#), South Lyon, MI
- December 11: [High School Boys' Advent Retreat](#), South Lyon, MI
- January 6, 2022: [Family Christmas Dinner in Plymouth](#), Plymouth, MN

The "Throwback Corner" is where we will be including previously written pieces, videos, podcasts, etc. on culturally relevant topics for discussion.

Let us consider the responsibility that each



one of us has to promote the social reign of Jesus Christ. The Catechism of the Catholic Church speaks with clarity on this issue. "The duty of offering God genuine worship concerns man both individually and socially. This is 'the traditional Catholic teaching on the moral duty of individuals and societies toward the true religion and the one Church of Christ' (DH 1). By constantly evangelizing men, the Church works toward enabling them 'to infuse the Christian spirit into the mentality and mores, laws and structures of the communities in which [they] live' (AA 13). The social duty of Christians is to respect and awaken in each man the love of the true and the good.

Read: [The social duty of religion proclaimed in Christ the King.](#)

Sainthood Inspiration



The famous story involving St. Martin tells of his encounter with a beggar while on patrol for the Roman Army. Moved with compassion for the cold, barely clothed man, Martin took off his wool cloak and split it in two; giving half to the beggar and draping himself in the other half. That night, Martin had a vision of Christ, who said to him, "Martin, as yet only a catechumen, has covered me with his cloak." Sulpicius Severus, the saint's friend and biographer, says that as a consequence of this vision Martin "flew to be baptized."

"With the sign of the Cross, I shall more certainly break through the ranks of the enemy than if armed with shield and sword."

Read more here: [Feast of St. Martin of Tours](#)

Sainthood holiness IS possible! Together, let us seek holiness with the saints as our inspiration.

In November our new blog posts highlighted the celebration of the Feast days of St. Martin of Tours (11/11) and St. Cecilia (11/22).

"Do you not know," was her answer to the threats of the prefect, "that I am the bride of my Lord Jesus Christ?" - St. Cecilia

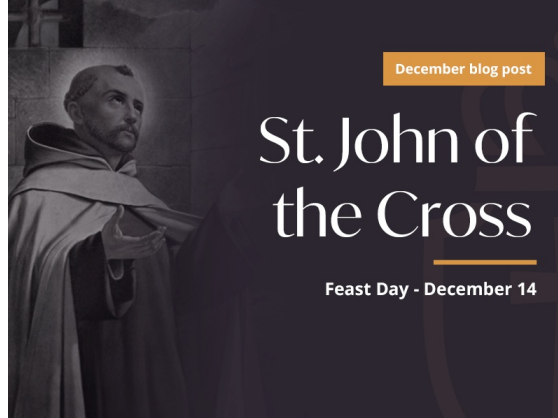
St. Cecilia remained true throughout her life to God and refused to worship false gods even when she knew it would lead to her death. For this she was martyred. She displayed courage in her persecution and continued to sing in her heart to God, making her the patron saint of music, even in the midst of her execution.

Rejoicing in every sacrifice as a pledge of love, welcoming our sufferings and death as hastening to a union with God, is the lesson we can take from the life of St. Cecilia.

Read Here: [Feast of St. Cecilia](#)



Watch for our December blog post: St. John of the Cross. *"At the twilight of our lives, we shall be judged by our love."*



Have You Checked Out Our "For College Catholics" Podcast Yet?

This is a podcast where the principles of the Catholic Faith and spirituality are discussed, gearing it toward college students and young adult Catholics.

The Latest episode from November 19 was: Jesus Christ is Truly Alive!
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