



Latest Updates

Dear friends,

Greetings from Argentina!!

I hope this letter finds you preparing your heart for the coming of Our Lord this Christmas. Preparation is a very important part of our lives. Without good and solid preparation for those things that God is calling us to do, we will certainly struggle and find the journey very arduous. That is why, since our vocation is to strive for holiness and to “be perfect as our Heavenly Father is perfect” preparation is very important. Whether it is for marriage, the Religious life, an apostolate that God may be calling us to do, we need to properly form ourselves and seek His help. Without Him we can do nothing.

As you may know the preparation to become a priest of Miles Christi is a long but very blessed journey. We study up to 10 years in order to be fully

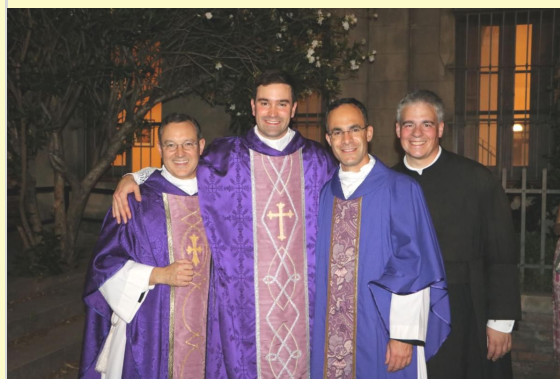


prepared to help the souls we are honored to contact. One such young man has successfully completed his preparation of Holy Orders and is now a beloved priest of our Order, Miles Christi. Perhaps you saw some news of his recent ordination in Rome. Fr. Joseph had the great opportunity to come back to Argentina to celebrate his first Mass with his family and friends in Argentina on December 11th at our parish in Villa Elisa. I had the grace to be present at this Mass. It was a very good time to reunite with many of my fellow priests and to give thanks to God for sending us a new priest for our small Order and to give thanks again for my own priesthood. It is certainly a gift I pray I never take for granted!

So during these last few days of Advent, may we all continue preparing our hearts to welcome Our Lord so that we may grow in holiness and become the saints He desires us to be. I keep you all especially in my prayers and wish you a holy and grace-filled
Merry Christmas!

In Christ,

Fr. Claude Lombardo, MC



Christ born in a stable is born in me.

Christ accepted by shepherds accepts me.

Christ receiving the wise men receives me.

Christ revealed to the nations be revealed in me.

Christ dwelling in Nazareth You dwell in me.

Christ, grant that people may look at me and see Your Presence.

Amen.



Upcoming Events

- January 14-16: [Spiritual Exercises for Women](#), Oceanside, CA
- January 28-30: [Spiritual Exercises for Men](#), Colorado Springs, CO
- February 4-6: [Spiritual Exercises for Women](#), Carefree, AZ

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



Since that night in Bethlehem, two thousand years have now passed in which His grace has been extending itself over us. Today, at this Christmas, His graces desire to pour themselves out in abundance. However, to do this, it is necessary that we prepare the manger in our soul, given that the Lord desires to be born in our hearts.

Read: [Let us Adore the Christ Child.](#)



Saintly Inspiration

Our December blog post was on St. John of the Cross for the celebration of his Feast day on 12/14.

Spanish mystic, Doctor of the Church, reformer of the Carmelites and holy man with insight into God and the point of life, St. John of the Cross chose a religious path even as a young child.

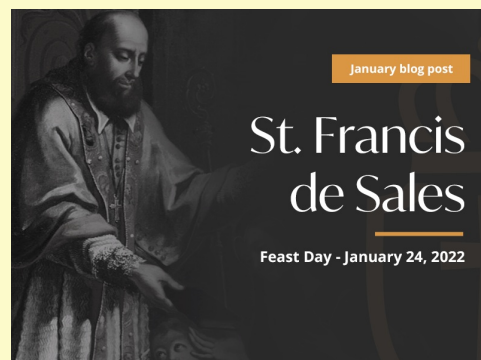
"In the twilight of life, we will be judged on love" - St. John of the Cross

Read more here: [Feast of St. John of the Cross](#)

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



Watch for our January blog posts: St. Elizabeth Ann Seton and St. Francis de Sales.





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