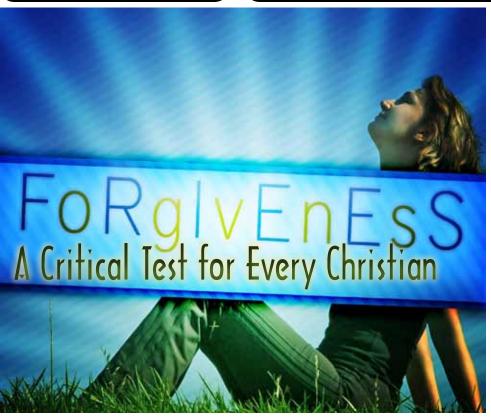
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If you are open to be rigorously tested as to your spiritual maturity, dare to take this critical test:

If some criminal offense happened not to you, but to a stranger down the street, you should, of course, be saddened that God had been offended by the sin of the assailant. Nevertheless, since you were not personally offended in that hypothetical situation, you probably would not be indignant or feel bitterness toward the assailant. We hear daily news reports of rapes, muggings, hit-and-run crimes, etc., to which most of us have little or no spiritual re-

action. If you were the victim, would you be hate-filled, embittered or even vengeful? If so, why? Is it only because you were the victim, and not some stranger?

Here's the catch: We should be equally indignant toward any sin, regardless of whether we were the victim or whether another was victimized, even if that victim were unknown to us. Our response, of course, should include compassion for the victim, and also a kind of anguish in knowing that God was offended by that crime. However, if you were the victim, and any resentment or

bitterness or vengeance arose within you at all, it would show your self-pity, but not primarily a deep concern that God was offended—far more than you!

Forgiving others is usually exercised in the context of ourselves or our loved ones being hurt by others, by rape, theft, burglary, injustice, marital infidelity, etc. The reason why loving forgiveness is the ultimate test of authentic Christianity is because, as Jesus reminds us, "even godless people love those who love them" (Matt. 5:47). Christians love those who don't love.

It is not easy to love those who don't love us—or who may really hate us. It's a challenge of Christian love for us to profoundly forgive, when we are personally offended. We tend to forget Jesus' words, "Be merciful as your heavenly Father is merciful" (Luke 6:36). Or the words we blithely recite in the Lord's Prayer: "Forgive us as we forgive." In the words of James 2:13, "Mercy will not be shown to anyone who is not merciful." This mandate is most vehemently expressed by Jesus himself in Matthew 6:15: "If you do not forgive others, your heavenly Father will not forgive you your sins." Such a person is then in a horrible sinful state of unforgiveness toward another, blocking their own forgiveness from God. Any unforgiving person is not just emotionally immature, but also lacks the virtue of humility, since it is pride that



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prevents giving forgiveness.

That horrific state of sin jeopardizes their very salvation.

The greatest challenge of Christian spirituality is to believe that no one is *intrinsically* unlovable, and no one is intrinsically unforgivable—except the reprobate souls and the demons who despise giving or receiving love. They angrily reject and spurn every offer of love or forgiveness from us or from God. Outside of hell, no one can keep you from loving or forgiving, although you'll find a few bitter and immature persons who, like the souls in hell, refuse to accept your love or your forgiveness. Be sure to pray for these twisted souls before they continue their loverefusal in an eternity of frozen lovelessness. You are sure to find such love-refusing persons, but don't ever become one!

Remember, forgiving is not condoning an evil; it is accepting the evildoer with a spiritual love, which is not necessarily an emotional friendship love, or a romantic love or marital love, etc., but a "benevolential" love, as St. Thomas calls it. To use the words of St. Augustine, "you must hate the sin, as God hates the sin; but you must love the sinner, as God loves the sinner" (since every sinner is a potential saint, like the repentant thief crucified with Jesus, or like the murderous terrorist Saul, who became Paul, Christianity's champion).

This **obligatory** type of love is also called "agape love." It is exercised by the will, not necessarily with emotions; hence, forgiving does not mean that you must like a person who offended you (more importantly, they offended God). It is an interior act of "love of benevolence" by which you sincerely **desire**

good for the person—the spiritual good of their repentance and subsequent growth in grace, the good of their salvation, and the good of even material blessings.

Read very carefully and prayerfully the four rules that Jesus provides about relating to our enemies (Luke 6:27-36): 1) love your enemy (with spiritual, benevolential, agape love); 2) do good to your enemy, not just refrain from doing evil toward him; 3) pray for your en-



emy; and 4) call down God's special blessings on them (things like family happiness, health, prosperity, etc.). This last norm is also found in 1 Peter 3:9' "Repay evil with a blessing."

Those four commands of Jesus are the applications and also the sign of authentic Christianity: "By this will all know that you are my disciples, that you show your **love** for one another" That includes your enemies! And the love required is the agape love described above. When emotional love, romantic love, or friendship love or conjugal love is almost dead and hard to revive, still at least this agape love is easy for any true follower of Jesus. We must strive, with God's grace, to exercise that kind of love in every hurtful situation, and by our example (especially in parenting) show others how they can and must love.

In the words of Pope St. Pius V, "In loving our enemies, there shines forth in us some likeness to God our Father, who by the death of his Son...reconciled to himself those previously hostile toward him. Following God's example, we must desire for everyone eternal life; additionally, every Christian has the duty to respect and try to understand everyone without exception, because of his dignity as a human person, made to the image and likeness of the Creator."

On the occasion of the next hurtful thing you experience from another, think about God's uncompromising demand to forgive. Ponder it well every time you are offended by anyone. Your gentle loving response—at least mentally, if it can't be communicated appropriately by word—will flood your soul with graces, and accumulate for you unimaginable heavenly joys and re-



wards that will thrill your very being throughout eternity. Used with permission by Fr. John Hampsch, CMF. Please visit Fr. Hampsch's website at: www.catholicbooks.net Fr. John will be one of the speak-

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Fr. John will be one of the speakers again at the 2014 Spring
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Saturday Speakers



Fr. George Reynolds Friends & Enemies: How Do We Love Them?



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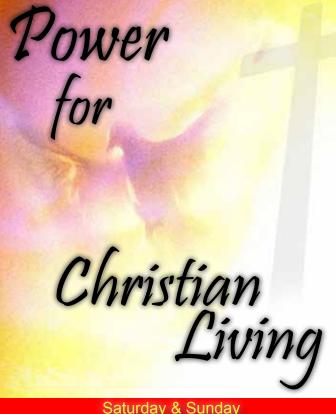
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Fr. Bill Delaney, SJ Celebrant: Saturday Mass Healing Service: conducted by Dcn. Steve Greco



10:00am - 5:30pm each day

Madonna Hall

Sunday Speakers

Dominic Berardino Being Open to God's Plan



Kay Murdy Faith in the Darkness



Fr. Bill Adams, **CSsR** Living from God's Word



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Saturday, February 15

10:00am-4:00pm **St. Barnabas Parish Hall**3955 Orange Ave. Long Beach, CA

Closing Mass with Fr. George Reynolds



Dominic Berardino President, SCRO



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January, 2014 Calendar

SANTA BARBARA REGION

Wednesday, January 8

Mass & Healing Service, 7:00pm with Fr. Ed Jalbert, CJ at St. Mary's, 207 S. School St., Santa Maria.

SAN FERNANDO REGION

Sat., January 4
"How the Holy Spirit Helps Us for Spiritual Warfare" with Dr. Margarett Schlientz & Dominic Berardino at St. Catherine of Siena Hall, 18115 Sherman Way, Reseda. \$22.See pg. 2.

Saturday, January 25

"Responding to the Spirit I: Taking God Seriously", 1:30-4:30pm with Fr. Bill Delaney, SJ at the SCRC Center, 9795 Cabrini Dr., #209, Burbank. Love offering will be taken.

SAN GABRIEL REGION

Fri. - Sun., January 3 - 5 SCRC Retreat, "Power in Simplicity" at Sacred Heart Retreat House, 920 E. Alhambra Rd., Alhambra. See next pg.

Thursday, January 23

Mass & Healing Service, 7:30pm with Fr. Joshue Lee at St. Luke the Evangelist, 5605 Cloverly Ave., Temple City. (Praise & Worship, 7:00pm)

Friday, January 24

Mass & Healing Service, 7:30pm with Fr. Jerry Thompson at San Gabriel Mission Chapel, 428 S. Mission Dr., San Gabriel, (Praise/Worship 7:15pm)

SAN PEDRO REGION

Monday, January 20

Mass & Healing Service, 7:30pm at St. Linus, 13915 Shoemaker Ave., Norwalk.

Monday, January 27

Mass & Healing Service, 7:30pm with Fr. Joshua Lee at St. Cornelius, 5500 E. Wardlow, Long Beach.

Friday, January 31

Mass & Healing Service, 7:30pm with Fr. Bill Adams, CSsR at Mary Star of the Sea, 877 W. 7th St., San Pedro. (Praise & Worship 7:00pm)

ORANGE DIOCESE

Monday, January 27

Mass & Healing Service, 7:15pm with Fr. Eamon O'Gorman at St. Angela Merici, 585 S. Walnut (at Fir), Brea.



HOLY SPIRIT SEMINAR

Saturday, Jan. 18

"A Day of Spiritual Enrichment" (Life in the Spirit Seminar), Incarnation Church Auditorium, 1001 N. Brand Blvd. (at Glenoaks), Glendale. 9:00am-6:00pm (Registration begins 8:30am). (818)421-1354 or heartofjesus@att.net

February, 2014 Calendar

SAN FERNANDO REGION

Saturday, February 15

"Angels of Glory, Angels of Gloom" 10:00am-4:00pm with Dominic Berardino & Mass celebrated by Fr. George Reynolds at St. Barnabas Parish Hall, 3955 Orange Ave., Long Beach. \$20, includes catered lunch. See pg. 5.

Saturday, February 22

"Responding to the Spirit II:The Fruit of the Spirit", 1:30-4:30pm with Fr. Bill Delaney, SJ at the SCRC Center, 9795 Cabrini Dr., #209, Burbank. Love offering will be taken.

SAN GABRIEL REGION

Friday, February 28

Mass & Healing Service, 7:30pm at San Gabriel Mission Chapel, 428 S. Mission Dr., San Gabriel, (Praise/ Worship 7:15pm

SAN PEDRO REGION

Monday, February 17

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He will command his angels concerning you, to guard you. Luke 4:10



Responding to the Spirit I

Taking God Seriously

Saturday, January 25, 2014 1:30pm-4:30pm

- How do we take God seriously? Hunger for the truth
 - Walking in His ways
 God empowers us

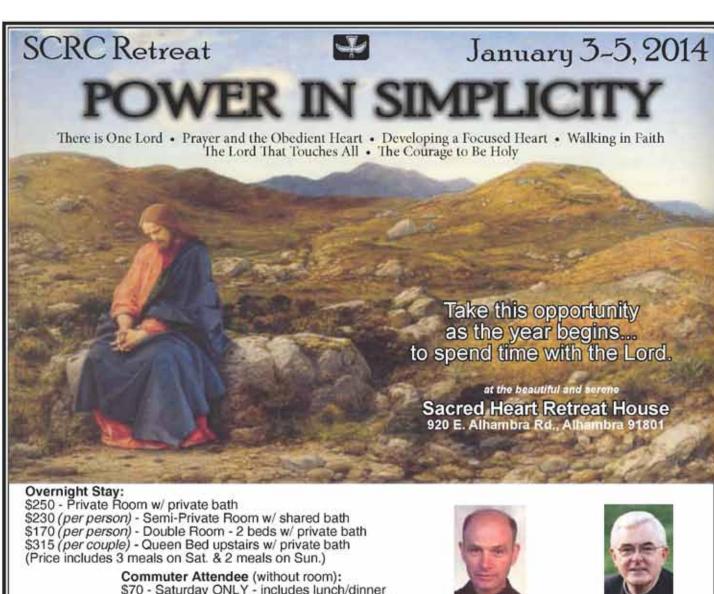
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• The Spirit transforms • Elements of the fruit • Overcoming obstacles Goodness attracts
 Growth takes time



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