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Imagine that the earth was in the grips of a terrible plague. This plague was in every nation, every city and village and nearly every home. It was prolific, yet subtle. Thousands of people were succumbing to its deadly grasp.

See yourself fervently praying day after day for God to deliver the world from this deadly pestilence. Feel the heartache as you weep for loved ones lost, for co-workers stricken. Hear the sobbing cries as you beseech God for mercy.

Imagine that one night you were at home by yourself praying. As you frequently pray late into the night, suddenly your room was filled with a bright light. Looking up into the light, you see an angel standing before you. The angel is radiant in light, brilliant in splendor. The angel is holding a small golden vial. It is absolutely beautiful. As you stare at the angel, he holds the golden vial out to you and says, "God has heard your prayers for your loved ones. I have been sent to bring you this healing oil. Whoever drinks from this golden vial shall be restored from their infirmity." As you reach out with trembling hand and take hold of the vial, the angel vanishes. You are alone in your room again, holding the golden vial of healing oil.

What would you do next? It seems that there are three things you must believe before you can share the golden vial with others:

1. You must believe that it is a tragedy that people are dying of the plague.
2. You must believe that the vision of God's messenger was true.
3. You must believe that you have

Love is to Evangelize

by Jim Murphy



been selected to be a courier of the golden vial.

THE PLAGUE IS A TRAGEDY

Unfortunately, there is a terrible plague spreading over the earth. It is more vicious than the earthly blight, AIDS, more deadly than cancer, and more contagious than mad cow disease. As terrible as all of these blights are, the plague of which I speak is far worse. For the earthly blights have no power over the soul. They may ravage our bodies, but they stop with physical death. This other plague attacks the soul and intensifies at death, leading its victims to suffer miserably before they die. They have no peace, no joy, and no real love. The plague dulls their spiritual senses so that most who have the plague do not even

realize it. They simply go about their lives blind to the reality of the condition of their souls. Only too late do they discover their folly.

This ignorance is supported by a massive cover up by a world system that fears the unknown and so tries to give the world the illusion that everything is just fine. It offers more money, more sex, more prestige, and more status as a drug to dull the minds of the people so that they will not have to face the horror of their situation. But no distractions can in themselves save anyone from the plague.

The plague we speak of is, of course, the spiritual situation of so many souls who live their lives away from

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SCHEDULE INCLUDES HEALING MASS

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God--people who have chosen to live contrary to God's commands, people who in their pride and arrogance mock God and His ways, people who are too self-important, too busy to turn to God.

There is a consequence to separating yourself from God. The good and the bad have different treatment after death. There is a heaven... and a hell.

The plague is real... and has real consequences.

THE VISION IS TRUE

God has heard the moans and the cries of humanity. He has taken pity on us and sent us a "messenger from heaven"... His own son, Jesus the Christ. Jesus Himself has testified that He is "the Way, the Truth, and the Life". He has come on a mission; He has come for a purpose...to save humanity from the ravages of the Plague of sin and death.

Not only is Jesus the "heavenly messenger" He Himself is that golden vial, that healing balm. Why You? In the vision described earlier.... why did the angel appear to you? Certainly there must be someone who is more powerful, someone smarter, richer, stronger, more articulate than myself. Why would God impart such an important mission to you?

St. Paul addresses this issue in his first letter to the Corinthians: "Consider your own calling, brethren. Not many of you were wise by human standards, not many were powerful, and not many were of noble birth. Rather, God chose the foolish of the world to shame the strong, and chose the lowly and despised of the world, those who count for nothing, to reduce to nothing those who are something, so that no human being might boast before God. It is due to Him that you are in Christ Jesus, who became for us wisdom from God, as well as righteousness, sanctification, and redemption, so that, as it is written, "whoever boasts, should boast in the Lord."

St. Paul reminds us that God seems to intentionally pick the weak, the less than perfect, the little ones to do His work in order that they may realize it is the grace of God and not their own strength by which they do these things.

Why has God chosen you to be a "courier of the healing balm"? Because He knows that you will have to rely on Him in order to accomplish your mission. Also, God sees your heart, and notes the sorrow you carry for the lost and the strayed. It is much like His own heart, and so He can entrust His heart to yours... and His work to your hands. God places a higher priority on humility, docility, and obedience than He does on talent, wisdom or strength. Even if you are not perfect in humility, docility, and obedience, God will take those attributes in their fledgling states and bring them to maturity.

If you don't feel qualified, worthy, or capable to spread The Lord's message... you are the perfect candidate! Abandon yourself into His hands, and get to work! Once, when asked by a sarcastic reporter how, with so many people still suffering, could she consider her work successful, Mother Teresa replied. "God has not asked me to be successful, He only asks me to be faithful." May we focus on being faithful to God rather than successful for Him.

THE VISION FULFILLED

A terrible plague is sweeping over the earth today. It is a plague of indifference to God. It has in its grip many, many souls. It is a tragedy of cataclysmic proportions because the long term effects are deadly to the soul. This plague is grievous to us because we see the human carnage, the great loss. We cry out to the Lord for the sake of the world.... and God answers our prayers.

Jesus literally is the only hope for the human race. St. Peter announces to all of humanity that "There is no salvation through anyone else, nor is there any other name under heaven given to the human race by which we are to be saved." (Acts 4:12)

We have come to believe that Jesus is the healer of our souls, the restorer of our lives. Our own rescue is evidence enough that God has sent Jesus to restore humanity.

For reasons known only to God, you and I have been chosen to take this message of life and healing to the cities and villages, to the schools and shops, to the stranger and our own loved ones. You and I, weak as we are, have been entrusted with a "healing balm" (the gift of the Spirit working through us) that can save lives.

Yet we hesitate. Why? If you saw people suffering from a physical illness and you had in your possession a medicine that would heal them.... wouldn't you rush to their aid?

We are aware of the suffering around us, we are morally bound to try to reach as many people as possible. Even if only some will respond, those are souls that will find healing, refreshment, and new life in Christ. Whatever we have to endure, whatever we have to put up with, it is worth it all even if only one more soul finds life in God!

We often act as if by sharing our faith we are imposing upon people. We act ashamed, as if we were putting some kind of a burden on them by talking of God's love. With how little regard we hold the message of life! If this gospel is life, if this is hope, and healing... why can we not share it openly, happily, freely?

We may not be the "ideal" couriers, but it was God's choice, not ours. Let us accept our duty and faithfully serve God as best we can. Let our mission be one of hope, joy, peace and love. Let us willingly take the "healing oil" to anyone, anywhere, any time, under any circumstance. God decrees it! Love commands it! We must do it!

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SCRC Spring Conference

Saturday Speakers



Fr. Mike Sears
I am the LIGHT of the World (Jesus)



Fr. Bob Garon
You are the LIGHT of the World (Fruit of the Spirit)



Deacon Steve Greco
Connecting to the LIGHT (Holy Spirit & Prayer)



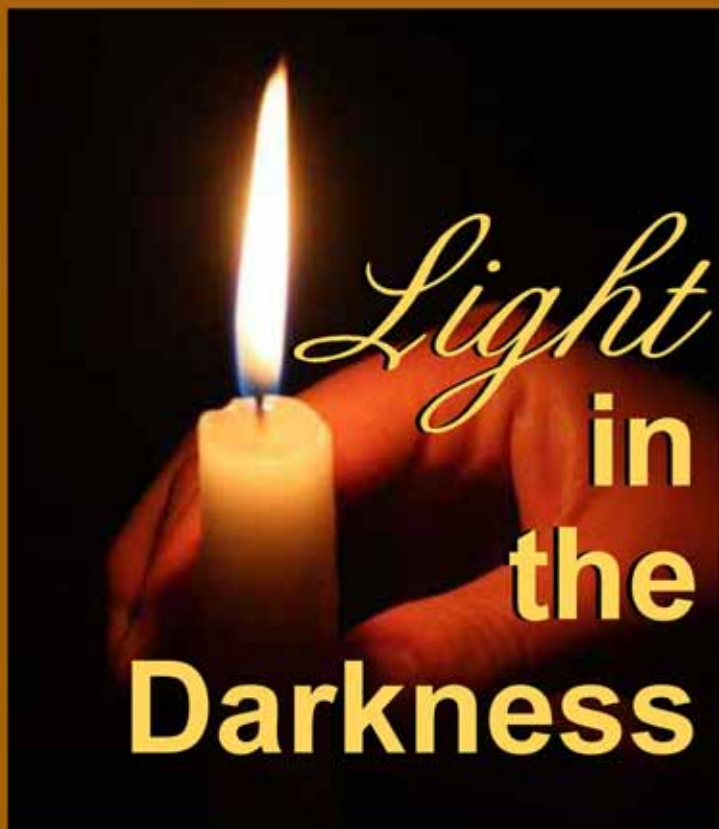
Fr. George Reynolds
Bathed in LIGHT (Charisms)



Donna Ioppini
Gathered in LIGHT (Community)



Fr. Mike Sears
Saturday Healing Mass



Saturday & Sunday March 31 & April 1, 2012

10:00am - 5:30pm each day
Madonna Hall

Santa Teresita Medical Center, 819 Buena Vista St., Duarte, CA 91010

Sunday Speakers

Fr. Bill Delaney, SJ
Finding LIGHT among the Shadows (Discernment)



Kay Murdy
Your Word is a LIGHT to My Path (Formed by Scripture)



Fr. Bill Adams, CSsR
Sharing the LIGHT (Proclaiming the Good News)



Dominic Berardino
Standing Against the Darkness (Spiritual Warfare)



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All individuals whose pre-registrations are postmarked by March 16 will receive a packet in the mail, which will include schedule, tickets, detailed directions, parking info, and map of local restaurants. Those who register online have the ability/choice to print their own ticket and receive all their Conference information online.



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Mother Cabrini, pray for us!



The Angelic Army

Sunday, February 5, 2012
1:00-4:00pm

The Ongoing Battle in the Spirit Realm
How Angels Guard & Protect Us
Angels and Spiritual Warfare
Prayer for Greater Angelic Assistance



Presented by
Dominic Berardino
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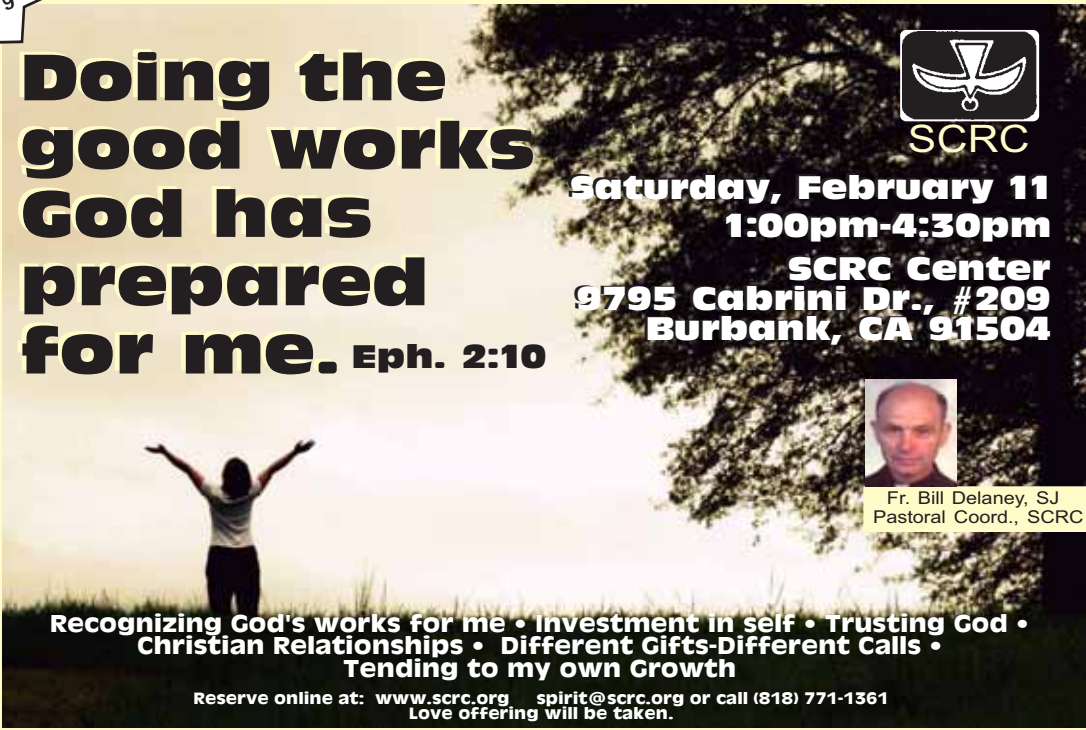
Doing the good works God has prepared for me. Eph. 2:10



Saturday, February 11
1:00pm-4:30pm
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Love offering will be taken.

January, 2012 Calendar

SANTA BARBARA REGION

Thursday, January 26

Mass & Healing Service, 7:30pm at St. Joseph High School Chapel, 4120 S. Bradley Rd., Santa Maria.

SAN FERNANDO REGION

Fri. - Sun., January 6 - 8

SCRC Retreat, "Be Still and Know That I Am God" at Sacred Heart Retreat House, 920 E. Alhambra Rd., Alhambra. See inside back cover.

Wednesday, January 18

Mass & Healing Service, 6:30pm with Fr. Mike Sears at St. Mel Church, 20870 Ventura Bl., Woodland Hills.

Thursday, January 19

Mass & Healing Service, 7:30pm with Fr. Bill Delaney, SJ at St. Joseph the Worker Church, 19855 Sherman Way, Canoga Park.

SCRC wishes...

A Happy & Holy New Year to you and your loved ones!

Saturday, January 21

Day of Teaching, Prayer & Healing, "Deliver Us From Evil", 10:00am-4:00pm with Fr. Patrick Crowley, SSCC, Fr. Paul Griesgraber, Dominic Berardino & Sr. Sheila McNiff at St. Catherine of Siena Parish Hall, 18115 Sherman Way, Reseda. \$20. Healing Mass included. See pg 2.

SAN GABRIEL REGION

Saturday, January 7

Gifts & Charisms of the Holy Spirit, 9am-5pm with Fr. Robert Faricy, SJ & Cheryl Nguyen at St. Louis of France Church, 13935 Temple, La Puente. Contact: Ray/Helen (626) 330-8954.

Tuesday, January 17

Mass & Healing Service, 7:30pm with Fr. Bill Delaney, SJ at Our Lady of the Assumption Church, 435 Berkeley Ave., Claremont.

SAN PEDRO REGION

Thursday, January 12

Mass and Healing Service, 7:30pm with Fr. Jesse Galaz at Our Lady of the Rosary, 14815 S. Paramount Blvd., Paramount. (Praise & Worship 7:00pm)

Friday, January 13

Mass and Healing Service, 7:30pm with Fr. Augustine Chang at Holy Trinity, 1292 W. Santa Cruz, San Pedro. (Praise & Worship at 7:00pm)

Friday, January 27

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

CATHOLIC PILGRIMAGE

June 27-July 10, 2012

14 Day Pilgrimage to the Holyland with chaplains: Fr. Darrin Merlino, CMF & Fr. Robert Bishop, CMF. Contact: Mary Helen Estrada (626) 285-6687.

February, 2012 Calendar

OUR LADY OF THE ANGELS REGION

Fri.-Sun., February 17-19

Association of Christian Therapist Conference, "The Joy of the Lord is Our Strength", Serra Retreat Center, Malibu. Contact: (626) 792-3062.

SANTA BARBARA REGION

Thursday, February 23

Mass & Healing Service, 7:30pm at St. Joseph High School Chapel, 4120 S. Bradley Rd., Santa Maria.

Looking Ahead! July 20 - Aug. 3, 2012

SCHOOL FOR SPIRITUAL DIRECTORS
Monastery of the Risen Christ-School for Spiritual Directors to be held at the Santa Barbara Mission Renewal Center. Contact Monastery of the Risen Christ, (805) 546-8286 or (805) 544-7808 or Dr. Marie at Joyologist@gwi.net

SAN FERNANDO REGION

Saturday, February 4

San Fernando Valley Magnificat Brunch, 10:00am with guest speaker: Christine Watkins at The Odyssey, 15600 Odyssey Dr., Granada Hills. Reservations: \$26, before 1/23. \$30 after 1/23. To register: www.magnificatsfv.com

Saturday, February 4

Healing of Memories, 9am-4pm with Fr. John Hampsch, CMF at Holy Family Grade School Auditorium, 400 S. Louise St., Glendale. Contact: (818) 247-8572.

SUNDAY, February 5

"The Angelic Army", 1:00-4:00pm with Dominic Berardino at the SCRC Center, 9795 Cabrini Dr., #209, Burbank. \$10 per person. See pg 5.

Saturday, February 11

Antelope Valley Magnificat Breakfast, 9:30am-1:00pm with speaker: Bishop Gerald Wilkerson at the Hellenic Center, 43404 30th St. West, Lancaster. Reservations, \$26. Contact: Rita (661) 943-6402.

Saturday, February 11

"Doing the good works God has prepared for you" 1:00-4:30pm with Fr. Bill Delaney, SJ at the SCRC Center, 9795 Cabrini Dr., #209, Burbank. Love offering. See pg 5.

SAN GABRIEL REGION

Saturday, February 25

San Gabriel Valley Magnificat Prayer Brunch, 10:00am-1:00pm with guest speaker: Patti Mansfield at the Via Verde Country Club Vista Hall, 1400 Avenida Entrada, San Dimas. Reservations: \$25. For information, contact: sgvmagnificat@yahoo.com

Saturday, February 25

Mass & Healing Service, 7:00pm with at St. Louis of France Church, 13935 Temple, La Puente.

SAN PEDRO REGION

Thursday, February 9

Mass and Healing Service, 7:30pm with Fr. Jesse Galaz at Our Lady of the Rosary Church, 14815 S. Paramount Blvd., Paramount. (Praise & Worship 7:00pm)

Friday, February 24

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

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Saturday, February 18

Orange County Magnificat Prayer Breakfast, 9:30am-12:30pm with guest speaker: Christine Watkins at the Radisson Hotel, 4545 MacArthur Blvd. Newport Beach. To register: www.magnificat-orangecounty.org

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Fr. Bill Delaney, S.J.
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