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# **POPE SAYS OFFICIAL EXORCISTS SHOW CHURCH'S LOVE FOR THE SUFFERING**

Exorcists, assigned to that ministry by their bishops, demonstrate the love and care of the church for “those who suffer because of the work of the devil,” Pope Francis said in a message to the International Association of Exorcists. The organization, which was recognized by the Congregation for Clergy in June, brought some 300 exorcists to Rome for a convention focused particularly on the impact of the occult and Satanism on modern men and women. In an Oct. 27 in-

terview with Vatican Radio, Dr. Valter Cascioli, a psychiatrist and spokesman for the group, said the number of people who turn to the occult or are fascinated by Satanic cults and rituals “is constantly increasing and this worries us” because it appears to coincide with “an extraordinary increase in demonic activity.” Cascioli said too many people today undervalue temptation, “ordinary demonic activity,” which leaves them unprepared to fight off greater attacks by the devil. In

societies marked by “rushing, superficiality, exaggerated individualism and secularization,” he said, “the battle against evil and the devil increasingly is becoming an emergency.” Where faith is weak, he said, “the enemy of God” finds easy prey. The exorcists’ association, Cascioli said, sees the impact of the devil’s wiles on families as well as individuals. “We know that the one who divides -- the devil -- not only separates us from God, but separates persons and families.”



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Former television writer,  
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# Taming the Tongue

by Patti Gallagher Mansfield

You've probably heard the joke about the three fastest means of communication: telegraph, telephone and tell-a-woman! While we women might wince, we've got to admit that most of us do like to talk. My husband is forever amazed at how much time my friends and I can spend in conversation.

If you're like me, you've probably come to realize the truth of this verse from Proverbs, "Where talk is plentiful, sin is not wanting." Somehow, the more we say, the more occasions there are to offend in the area of speech. Because a well-guarded tongue is so crucial to our Christian witness, I've reflected on what we can do to tame our tongues. The following are some points I've gleaned from the Scripture that I'm working on. Perhaps they may help you.

## **Believe in the Transforming Power of The Holy Spirit.**

Years ago, I invited a former drug addict from Teen Challenge to speak to my high school students about Christ. After the first class it was clear the speaker needed a microphone because she was so soft-spoken. The woman shook her head in amusement. "I had one of the loudest, coarsest mouths you can imagine. The fact that these girls can't hear me without a microphone gives testimony to the transforming power of the Holy Spirit." What the Spirit has done for her, He can do for us as well. If we turn to the Lord, admitting our need for help in using our tongues rightly, He will not fail us. Repentance and faith always unleash the transforming power of the Holy Spirit in our lives.

## **Daily Prayer and Scripture Reading.**

We must present ourselves to the Lord, submit to Him, and grow in union with Him. This doesn't mean we won't fall through our words, perhaps many times a day. But when we're growing in union with the Lord, at least we know we're falling. Without prayer, we might not even realize our shortcomings in the area of speech. The more we pray and read His word, the more we're attuned to the convicting power of the Holy Spirit. We can identify speech patterns

that need to change.

Get familiar with the teaching of Scripture on proper use of the tongue. One of my dear friends made a file of index cards with individual quotes from Scripture concerning speech. Each day she placed a new quote on the windowsill above her sink. While at work she meditated on God's word. "Say nothing harmful small or great" (Sir 6: 1) is one I remember seeing there. No wonder her speech is so gracious!

## **Guard Your Minds and Hearts.**

St. Paul says, "Take every thought captive to Christ" (2 Cor 10:5). What comes out of our mouths has first been born in our hearts and pondered in our minds before it's expressed. Learn to nip those critical, unloving, sinful thoughts in the bud before they go from your heart into your mind and out of your lips.

## **Make a Commitment to Positive Speech.**

Years ago my husband and I agreed to compliment each other at least once a day. At first it was awkward and we'd joke about saying three positive things on Wednesday so we'd be caught up on compliments until the weekend! But after the initial embarrassment, we both began to see the good fruit in our lives. Now positive speech about each other is so 'natural, we need few reminders. Look for opportunities to say good things to one another – on birthdays, anniversaries, and holidays. Make a commitment to it, and I guarantee you'll see results.

## **Never Repeat Gossip.**

Don't even repeat "charismatic gossip." Do you know what that is? The phone rings and you say, "Now, don't tell this to anybody. I wouldn't even share this with you except for prayer, but did you hear about. . ." Much gossip can be cloaked in prayer requests. We need to examine our hearts before the Lord. In Sirach we read, "Let anything you hear die within you. Be assured, it will not make you burst. When a fool hears something, he is in labor, like a woman giving birth to a child" (Sir 19:9-10). Let's learn to let certain things die within us.

## **Replace Crumbling with Gratitude.**

"Dedicate yourselves to thankfulness" (Col 3: 15). That implies a firm decision to give thanks always and for everything. Here's one I need to work on continually. When our water faucet broke I left my husband a note which read, "Faucet broken. In everything give thanks!" We need to encourage one another in our families and communities to give thanks instead of gripe.

## **Say Only What Helps.**

In Ephesians 4:29-30 we read, "Never let evil talk pass from your lips. Say only the good things men need to hear, things that will really help them. Do nothing to sadden the Holy Spirit with whom you were sealed against the day of redemption." One night I walked into our prayer meeting, and in the course of a conversation I said something which, while true, was totally unnecessary. It put a certain group of people in a bad light. By the time I walked up to my seat, I knew that I had saddened the Holy Spirit. I apologized to the Lord and to my friends. What I said didn't really help. So ask yourself, "Will this really help?" If not, don't say it.

## **Make a Regular Examination of Conscience about Speech.**

Am I using my tongue to glorify God and to build up my brothers and sisters, especially those who are closest to me? Or am I using my tongue to worship the Lord in one breath and in the next to injure the Body of Christ?

I pray that the following verse from Proverbs 31 may take on flesh in me as I yield to the transforming power of the Holy Spirit. "The teaching of kindness is on her tongue." May this be true in your life as well.



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Topics:

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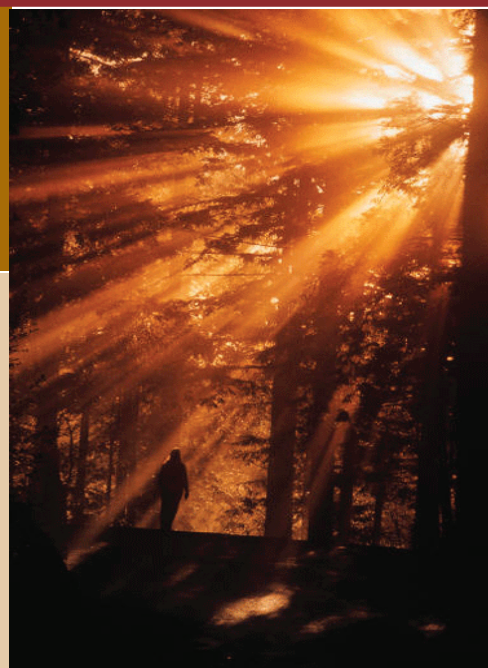
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## January, 2015 Calendar

### SANTA BARBARA REGION

**Wednesday, January 14**

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

### SAN FERNANDO REGION

**Saturday, January 17**

*"Living Out the Plan of the Lord"*, 1:30-4:30pm with Fr. Bill Delaney, SJ at the SCRC Center, 9795 Cabrini Dr., #209, Burbank. Love offering. Please see pg. 5.

**Saturday, January 31**

*"Light Dispelling Darkness"*, 1:00-4:00pm with Catholic writer, Robert Brennan & Dominic Berardino at the SCRC Center, 9795 Cabrini Dr., #209, Burbank. \$15/person. Please see pg. 2.

### SAN GABRIEL REGION

**Fri. - Sun., January 2 - 4**

**SCRC Retreat, "Stillness in the Midst of Trials" at Sacred Heart Retreat House, 920 E. Alhambra Rd., Alhambra. Please see pg. 4**

**Saturday, January 31**

Mass & Healing Service, 9:00am with Fr. Mark Strader at St. Luke the Evangelist, 5605 Cloverly, Temple City.

### SAN PEDRO REGION

**Monday, January 26**

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

**Friday, January 30**

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

### ORANGE DIOCESE

**Monday, January 26**

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

### SAN DIEGO DIOCESE

**Tuesday, January 20**

Mass & Healing Service, 6:45pm at the Church of St. Timothy, 2960 Canyon Rd., Escondido.



*...the love of God has been poured out into our hearts through the holy Spirit that has been given to us. Rom 5:5*



## February, 2015 Calendar

### SAN FERNANDO REGION

**Thursday, February 19**

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

**Saturday, February 21**

*"Do you believe I can do this?"* Mt. 9:29, 1:30-4:30pm with Fr. Bill Delaney, SJ at the SCRC Center, 9795 Cabrini Dr., #209, Burbank. Love offering. Please see pg. 5.

**Wednesday, February 25**

*Women's Guild Luncheon, Talk: "Heaven and the Angels"*, 10am with Dominic Berardino at Our Lady of Perpetual Help, 10441 Downey Ave., Downey. \$10, (must RSVP by Feb. 16 for lunch). Call Paula Mayfield (562) 923-3518.

### SAN GABRIEL REGION

**Friday, February 6**

Mass & Healing Service, 8:00pm with Fr. Bill Delaney, SJ at Holy Family Church, 1527 Fremont, South Pasadena.

### SAN PEDRO REGION

**Monday, February 23**

Mass and Healing Service, 7:30pm with Fr. Ismael Robles at St. Cornelius Church, 5500 E. Wardlow, Long Beach.

**Friday, February 27**

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

### ORANGE DIOCESE

**Monday, February 23**

Mass and Healing Service, 7:15pm with Fr. Ismael Robles at St. Angela Merici, 585 S. Walnut (at Fir), Brea.



### HOLY SPIRIT SEMINAR

**Saturday, February 7**

Life in the Spirit Seminar, 8:30am-4:30pm at the Church of St. Timothy, 2960 Canyon Rd., Escondido. For information or to register: [cjrippee@cox.net](mailto:cjrippee@cox.net) or call Rosemary 760-741-0866.

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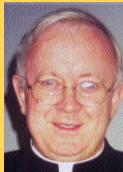
**Fr. George Reynolds**  
*Joy in the Midst of Difficulties*



**Dominic Berardino**  
*Entering the Presence of God*



**Elizabeth Kim, PhD**  
*Making It Through The Dry Times*



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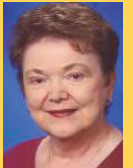
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*Hearing The Call of the Lord*



**Kay Murdy**  
*Everyday Holiness*



**Fr. Bill Adams, CSSR**  
*Growing In Charisms*



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