Until you have given up your self to Him you will not have a real self...

–C.S. Lewis

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Effective Evangelization

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Five hundred years ago, a Dominican priest by the name of Antonio de Montesinos, in an island somewhere in what is now known as the Dominican Republic, delivered a homily that sparked the discussion on human rights and set the stage for the development of modern international law.

Fr. Montesino's plight was not easy. When he condemned the horrible mistreatment of the natives by his fellow Spaniards, he earned the ire of the Spanish authorities. At that time, Europe thought that they were the only human occupants on earth. To them, those strange creatures who spoke strange languages, wore strange clothes, and acted with strange behaviours, were nothing but intelligent animals.

The gospel today describes to us the tremendous power of evangelization, and how it can transform the world and improve social conditions. The gospel also provides us guidelines on how to be effective in that mission.

The first is the principle of solidarity. Two by two, Jesus sent his disciples. The Spanish authorities distorted the stories to destroy the reputation of the Dominican friar. His cause could have easily died in vain. Undaunted, his fellow Dominicans in that island, including his superior, rallied behind Fr. Montesinos. There is power in solidarity.

The second is faith. The gospel assures us: Jesus has given us the authority over unclean spirits. Unclean spirits are not only those that drive school children to mass hysteria. Fr. Montesinos and his fellow Dominicans saw the atrocities committed by fellow Spaniards against the natives. They saw the evil in the society. Unclean spirits are all over the place. They are at the barangay halls, at the city halls, at the provincial halls, at the halls of justice, yes, - even at parish halls. God has given us the power to identify them and the authority to dispel them.

The third is freedom from bondage. Jesus tells us not to bring even a spare tunic. Jesus is not actually telling us not to bring our clothes and shoes. What he wants is for us to leave behind our egos. Egos are unnecessary burdens that breed selfishness, greed and apathy. If Fr. Montesinos was not detached from his ego and his comfortable lifestyle, he could have never delivered such a homily.

Solidarity, faith, and freedom from bondage are components of effective evangelization. They provide us the power, strength and fortitude to bring the Catholic faith to the streets without fear or favor.

Daily Readings of the Week

Jul 15	Sun:	Am 7:12-15/ Eph 1:3-14/ Mk 6:7-13
Jul 16	Mon:	Is 1:10-17/ Mt 10:34--11:1
Jul 17	Tues:	Is 7:1-9/ Mt 11:20-24
Jul 18	Weds:	Is 10:5-7, 13b-16/ Mt 11:25-27
Jul 19	Thur:	Is 26:7-9, 16-19/ Mt 11:28-30
July 20	Fri:	Is 38:1-6, 21-22, / Mt 12:1-8
July 21	Sat:	Mi 2:1-5/ Mt 12:14-21

Sunday Gospel

Mk 6:7-13

Jesus summoned the Twelve and began to send them out two by two
and gave them authority over unclean spirits. He instructed them to take nothing
for the journey but a walking stick– no food, no sack, no money in their belts.
They were, however, to wear sandals but not a second tunic.
He said to them, "Wherever you enter a house, stay there until you leave.
Whatever place does not welcome you or listen to you,
leave there and shake the dust off your feet in testimony against them."
So they went off and preached repentance. The Twelve drove out many demons,
and they anointed with oil many who were sick and cured them

"He gave them authority over unclean spirits"

Our Lady of Mt. Carmel (July 16)

Sacred Scripture celebrated the beauty of Carmel where the prophet Elijah defended the purity of Israel's faith in the living God. In the twelfth century, hermits withdrew to that mountain and later founded the Carmelite order devoted to the contemplative life under the patronage of Mary, the holy Mother of God. Through the efforts of the crusader Berthold, a group of hermits living on Mount Carmel were organized into an Order after the traditional Western type about the year 1150. Oppressed by the Saracens, the monks slowly immigrated to Europe. During the night preceding the sixteenth of July, 1225, the Blessed Virgin is said to have commanded Pope Honorius III to approve the foundation.

Since the Carmelites were still under constant harassment, the sixth General of the Order, St. Simon Stock, pleaded with the Blessed Virgin for some special sign of her protection. Mary appeared to St. Simon Stock on July 16, 1251, and gave him the scapular with the following words, which are preserved in a fourteenth century narrative: "This will be for you and for all Carmelites the privilege, that he who dies in this will not suffer eternal fire." She designated the scapular as the special mark of her maternal love. That is why the present feast is also known as the feast of the Scapular. The scapular, as part of the habit, is common to many religious Orders, but it is a special feature of the Carmelites. A smaller form of the scapular is given to lay persons in order that they may share in the great graces associated with it.

The feast of Our Lady of Mount Carmel was instituted for the Carmelites in 1332, and extended to the whole Church by Benedict XIII in 1726.

PRAYER TO OUR LADY OF MT. CARMEL

O most beautiful Flower of Mount Carmel, fruitful vine, splendor of Heaven, Blessed Mother of the Son of God, Immaculate Virgin, assist me in this my necessity.
O Star of the Sea, help me and show me herein that you are my Mother.
O Holy Mary, Mother of God, Queen of Heaven and earth, I humbly beseech you from the bottom of my heart, to succor me in this my necessity. There are none that can withstand your power. O show me herein that you are my Mother.

O Mary, conceived without sin, pray for us that have recourse to thee. (3 times)

Sweet Mother, I place this cause in your hands. (3 times)

BROWN SCAPULAR OF CARMEL

In accordance with Vatican II, the Congregation for Divine Worship and the Discipline of the Sacraments issued the Directory on Popular Piety in 2001 to re-evaluate different devotions and popular piety. The Directory (n. 205) emphasizes the beautiful sign of the "filial relationship" with the faithful and Mary:

The history of Marian piety also includes "devotion" to various scapulars, the most common of which is devotion to the Scapular of Our Lady of Mount Carmel. Its use is truly universal and, undoubtedly, it is one of those pious practices which the Council described as "recommended by the Magisterium throughout the centuries."

The Scapular of Mount Carmel is a reduced form of the religious habit of the Order of the Friars of the Blessed Virgin of Mount Carmel. Its use is very diffuse and often independent of the life and spirituality of the Carmelite family.

The Scapular is an external sign of the filial relationship established between the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother and Queen of Mount Carmel, and the faithful who entrust themselves totally to her protection, who have recourse to her maternal intercession, who are mindful of the primacy of the spiritual life and the need for prayer.

The Scapular is imposed by a special rite of the Church which describes it as "a reminder that in Baptism we have been clothed in Christ, with the assistance of the Blessed Virgin Mary, solicitous for our conformation to the Word Incarnate, to the praise of the Trinity, we may come to our heavenly home wearing our nuptial garb."

The imposition of the Scapular should be celebrated with "the seriousness of its origins. It should not be improvised. The Scapular should be imposed following a period of preparation during which the faithful are made aware of the nature and ends of the association they are about to join and of the obligations they assume."

Possible Beatification of John Paul I & Paul VI

A former head of the Vatican's congregation on saints' causes says Pope Benedict XVI could beatify his predecessors Pope John Paul I and Pope Paul VI during the upcoming Year of Faith.

Although the process beatification is "generally very complex, in this case, the phases have been moving ahead," Cardinal Jose Saraiva Martins, prefect emeritus of the Congregation for the Causes of the Saints, told Italian newspaper Corriere delle Alpi June 25.

After the beatification of John Paul II in May of 2011, Pope Benedict's possible beatifications of John Paul I and Paul VI would be the first time in history that a Pope has beatified three of his predecessors.

Pope Benedict's Year of Faith is slated to begin on Oct. 11 and will serve to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the Second Vatican Council.

Church welcomes new Catholic Social Media

The Catholic church launches a new Social Media Network called Aleteia - Seekers of the Truth! Its site is: http://www.aleteia.org. It is under the patronages of both: the Pontifical Council for Social Communication and the Pontifical Council for New Evangelization and H2Onews is now a part of Aleteia.

Aleteia is a worldwide Catholic network sharing faith resources for those seeking truth.

Aleteia was created to meet the new challenge of Evangelization—to utilize new means of communication to share the Faith throughout the digital world and in your local communities.

This network will serve as a place of reference, providing clear and accurate faith-based information from the world's foremost experts, resources, and all men and women of good will.

Aleteia is intended to promote a worldwide dialogue on faith, and is designed to leverage existing social networks (religious and secular) so we can extend our reach to all those seeking truth.

Archdiocesan News

Caceres has new 10 Deacons

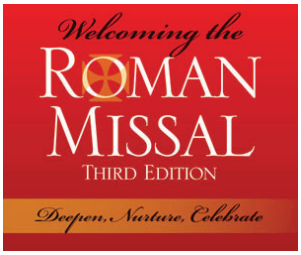
(Left) The Archdiocese is blessed with the addition of the 10 new deacons ordained by the Archbishop last July 7 at the Penafrancia Basilica.

(Right) Priests wait for the start of the mass during the Novenario in honor of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel. The Feast day will be on July 16 with the Archbishop as the Main Celebrant/ Preacher

Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Celebration

BASILICA NEWS

Basilica and Naga Parishes to Use the New Roman Missal English Translation



The Basilica and the Naga Parishes will start using the new Roman Missal in all masses starting August 1, 2012. This means that prayers and responses that have been recited for four decades are changed to a new format.

Although the Bicol Mass has been revised already several years ago, the New English Translation will still be used in the Philippines formally on the 1st Sunday of Advent in December 2012.

For example, the prayer before communion has been, "Lord, I am not worthy to receive you, but only say the word and I shall be healed." In the new translation, Catholics says, "Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof, but only say the word and my soul shall be healed." It refers to the words of the Roman centurion in Matthew 8:8 and Luke 7:6 who asked Jesus to heal his servant. Jesus offered to come to his home, but the centurion replied that he was unworthy.

The Nicene Creed in the new translation replaces "one in being with the Father," with the phrase, "consubstantial with the father."

In the past, when the priest says, "The Lord be with you," the people responded by saying, "And also with you." Now they respond, "And with your spirit."

The changes are harder on priests than parishioners. These are not huge changes, most of the changes are for the priests. The new translation add a dignity and bring the English more in line with the Latin itself.

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SUNDAY MASSES:
6:30 am(Bikol) (1st Sunday - Latin) 8:00 am(Bikol) 9:30 am (English) 11:00 am(Tagalog) 4:00pm(Bikol) 5:00 pm(English) 6:00 pm (English)

SATURDAY

6:00 a.m. (Bikol) 7:00 a.m (English) 5:00 pm Anticipated (English) 6:00 pm - Procession around Patio 6:15 pm - Healing

WEEKDAY MASSES

6:00 a.m. (Bikol) 7:00 a.m.(English) 5:15

p.m.(English)

CONFESSIONS
Sunday 6:30 a.m. to 12:00 Noon 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Weekdays

Wednesday -	3:30p.m. - 5:30p.m.
Thursday -	2:00p.m. - 4:00p.m.
First Friday -	5:00p.m. - 6:30p.m.
Saturday -	9:00a.m. - 11:00a.m.

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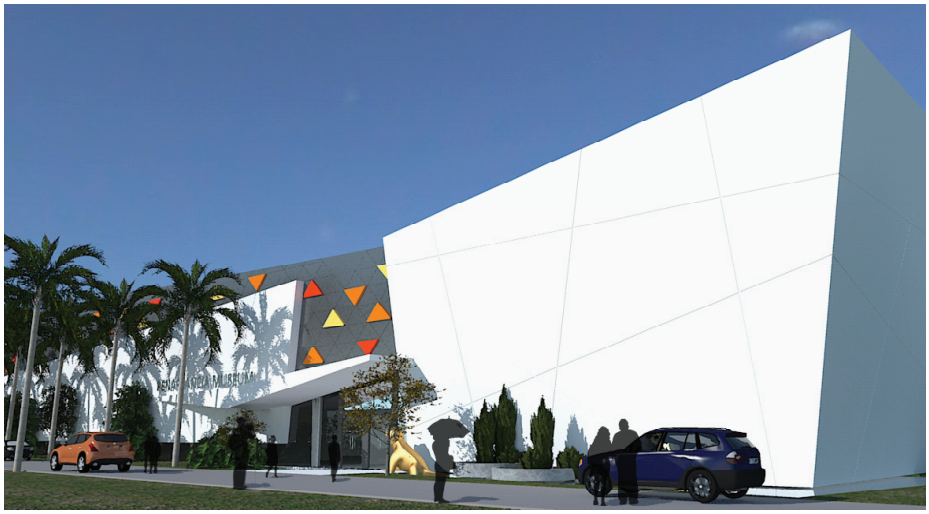

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