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New hope for new life!

Supreme Court decision in Missouri case signals 'the end of the beginning'

By its five to four decision July 3 to uphold the Missouri law in *Webster vs. Reproductive Health Services*, the United States Supreme Court opened the way for continued challenges to its 1973 *Roe vs. Wade* decision, which legalized abortion on demand. Pro-life groups are encouraged by the decision, which also upheld the important clause in the law's preamble stating that human life begins at conception.

In a statement released July 3 by Women for Faith and Family, Helen Hull Hitchcock said that the decision "signals a re-focusing of the abortion discussion from the 'right to privacy' to the fundamental meaning of human life, and what value America places on it."

The statement also quoted WFF's March 30 letter to the Supreme Court Justices (see *VOICES*, Vol IV, No 2, Spring 89, page 5), which said, in part, "The questions now confronting us are what worth this nation places on life, whether in or out of the womb; what intrinsic rights must be accorded every individual, of whatever stage of life, by virtue of his being human and ... whether a state has the right to enact legislation or render judgments to protect human life."

The letter stated that "the full import" of these questions "may not have been adequately understood at the time of the ... decision on *Roe vs. Wade*. The worth and meaning of human life is a fundamental question which transcends all sectarian religious beliefs and lies at the heart of all moral and ethical systems."

The letter also noted the "great increase in both biological and sociological information relevant to [abortion] since the 1973 decision," which should affect current and future action.

WFF staff member Sherry Tyree said, "The complexity and ramifications of today's decision assures us ... that the public

debate will intensify. The American people, too long dependent upon unreliable and biased media, have a right to say, 'It's time to change the rules of the game.'"

Del McLaughlin, who organized a WFF demonstration in San Francisco during the Pope's 1987 visit, told reporters there that "along with other pro-life groups, we regard this decision as real progress in the continuing effort to provide a Constitutional guarantee to 'preserve, protect and defend' the lives of all." ♦

**Bishops and Theologians ...
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WFF, CPC to meet Oct. 6-8

The 1989 Annual Women for Faith and Family Conference will be held jointly with the *Consortium Perfectae Caritatis* conference Oct. 6-8, and will focus on the unity of Catholic women in their service to faith and family.

Speakers at the conference will include Cardinal Augustin Mayer, former head of the Vatican Congregation for Divine Worship; Bishop Jeremiah Newman of Limerick, Ireland; Mary Ellen (Mrs. Robert) Bork; Rita Marker, of the Human Life Center and member of the Pontifical Council on the Family; Juli Loesch Wiley, pro-life activist and writer; Helen Hull Hitchcock of WFF and others.

The conference, titled, "Catholic Women: Unity in Service," will convene at the Chase Hotel in mid-town St.

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"... Continue thou in the things which thou hast learned and hast been assured of, knowing of whom thou hast learned them; and that from childhood thou hast known the holy scriptures, which are able to make thee wise unto salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus."

Many years ago, my grandfather gave me a New Testament. He inscribed the above passage, II Timothy 3:14-15, on its fly-leaf. These words of fatherly counsel were, of course, originally written by St. Paul to his young protege and fellow missionary, Timothy.

The apostle goes on to urge this young man, who would soon inherit his spiritual father's task, to "*Preach the word... in season, out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort with all long suffering and doctrine. For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but after their own lusts shall they heap to themselves teachers ... and they shall turn away their ears from the truth, and shall be turned unto fables. But watch thou in all things, endure afflictions, do the work of an evangelist, make full proof of thy ministry. For ... the time of my departure is at hand. ...*" (II Tim 4:2-6)

These words seem surprisingly current to us. That we have "inherited" the true faith — and thus share the responsibility for helping others to learn it — is most directly due to the "faith of our fathers", whether they are fathers of families or priests and bishops who are our "spiritual fathers."

In recent years, so much attention has necessarily been given to women and mothers that we may sometimes forget how vitally important is the role of men and fathers both to the faith and to our families. On the back of this issue of **VOICES**, we have printed "**A Prayer for Fathers.**" We invite you to copy this prayer, if you like, and give it to your favorite father — of your household, your parish or your diocese. (WFF sent this prayer to about two-hundred bishops and priests for "Father's Day.")

Big news in the WFF office(s) this summer is the arrival of **Linda Guittar**, a journalism student from the Franciscan University of Steubenville, who is working with us on a "work-study" grant, and fulfilling requirements for her "internship." We are extremely grateful for Linda (who already knew how to use our "Mac" computer and even the "pagemaker" software we use for **VOICES**, Deo gratias!) You will find a brochure from Franciscan University of Steubenville inside this issue. (Earlier this year we were surprised and delighted to receive an Apple computer as a gift of the University. This is extremely helpful to our treasurer, **Dr. Susan Benofy**, who is also very good at figuring out how to get all this equipment going!)

Other new additions to the working staff of WFF are **Cindy Marrs**, **Laurie Gill**, and **Germaine Murray**. Laurie has typeset the last three issues of **VOICES** and, along with veterans, **Noreen McCann** and **Katie Masteller** (who has just had her first baby — a little girl) has done much helpful editing.

Thanks to all your good work, our mailbox has been overflowing. We have received many more **AFFIRMATION** signatures and dozens of requests for more information. Many of you have sent copies of letters you have written to bishops

or Supreme Court justices. We know that this is not always an easy thing to do, and we applaud your efforts, and thank God there are so many willing workers in His fields! We do try to answer our mail, but, as you know, we are all volunteers with families, and we do get behind. Please know, though, that you are **much appreciated** and are in our prayers.

So many of you generously sent donations that we are able to send this issue to an additional 500 Affirmation signers! If this is your first copy, and you wish to **remain on our mailing list**, please do let us know. (We do not charge a subscription fee, but we would be very thankful for even a small donation. We are *entirely* dependent on your generosity for all the work we do.)

To mark the twenty-fifth anniversary of *Sacrosanctum Concilium*, the Constitution on the Liturgy of the Second Vatican Council, Pope John Paul II has issued an apostolic letter on the Liturgy. Released May 13, the letter is dated December 4, 1988.

This apostolic letter explicitly reaffirms the Council's teaching, while addressing problems which have surfaced in the years since the Council. Our copy of the letter reached our office too late for this issue, but we will include comments in your next issue of **VOICES**.

You will also notice information about our annual conference. We are excited at the prospect of getting together with faithful women religious of the *Consortium Perfectae Caritatis* in a first effort at a joint conference. Please keep this in your prayers — and **mark your calendars!** We know that not everyone can come, and we truly understand that family women are hardly "conference junkies!"

We tape all sessions so that many more of you than attend can benefit from these conferences. (We will send a complimentary tape from the 1988 conference — of **Msgr. George Kelly's** inspiring address along with my talk — to anyone who donates \$25 or more and requests it.)

With sincere gratitude for your faithful presence, and prayers that you and your family will have a pleasant and peaceful summer and many blessings,

Allen Bruce Hitchcock

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INTERNATIONAL NEWS

UNITED KINGDOM - UPDATE - A dozen British women are the founding members of the **Association of Catholic Women for Faith & Family**. The organization aims 1) "To express to the Bishops...our glad assent to the teachings of the Church ... and to support them by prayer and action;" 2) "To ensure that the views of Catholic women who uphold the teachings of the Church are made known to the wider public;" and 3) "To ... publish information ... and hold conference ..." Members of the ACW are asked to recite the Angelus every day.

We warmly welcome our "sister" organization. Please note the new address of this WFF affiliate in the United Kingdom:

Mrs. Ruth Real, Hon Sec'y
Association for Catholic Women
22 Surbiton Hill Park
Surbiton, Surrey, KT5 8ET
(Tel: 01-399-1459)

NETHERLANDS - In November 1988, VRKK (*Vrouwen in de R.K. Kerk*) celebrated the fifth anniversary of their founding. "We started with 50 or 60 women; now we have almost 700,"

said Vice-President **A. M. Anthonisse**.

Each year the organization sponsors five meetings. During the 1987-88 season, the theme was "The Marian Dimension of Christian Life," and the theme for the current season (1989-90) is "Re-orientation on the 'Riches of Christ.'"

Bishop H. Bomers of the diocese of Haarlem met with the group twice during the year and spoke on the teaching of the Church on the Sacraments. The "Young Women in the R. C. Church" meets four times a year.

VRKK members are also active in the pro-life movement in the Netherlands. They participate in prayer-demonstrations at abortion clinics, help pregnant women and help find foster parents for unwanted babies.

Articles from VOICES and other American journals are regularly translated by Mrs. Anthonisse and read at VRKK meetings. Address:

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VATICAN CITY - **Joanne Bick**, of the WFF St. Louis staff, met with officials of the **Pontifical Council on the Family** during a trip to Italy in April.

Mrs. Bick was told by PCF's **Fr. Peter Elliot** that many Vatican leaders find much encouragement in Women for Faith & Family's strong support of Church teachings and expressions of fidelity, solidarity and co-operation with Pope John Paul II and other Church leaders.

"They indicated that this encouraging news about women in the Church communicated by the **Affirmation for Catholic Women** and other testimony from WFF has been very helpful to Vatican officials," Mrs. Bick said.

'IN THE COMPANY OF THE FAITHFUL'

by Linda Guittar

One has to admit that 40,000 people are a lot of company.

During the past few weeks, while sorting through hundreds of signatures to the Affirmation for Catholic Women, I have realized what a lot of faithfulness there is out there in the Catholic Church. Women from all walks of life and all parts of the country truly cherish her traditional teachings.

I didn't realize the beauty of this faith in the Church until after my family returned to it from a search among Protestant churches for a "more fervent faith" than we had yet found among Catholics.

I was 15, and the Protestant churches had incensed me against Catholics: Why did they "worship Mary," and where was their "community spirit"? I enjoyed the friendly preachers and fun gatherings, and when my parents realized that they missed something from the Catholic Church and wanted to return, I was determined to remain where I was.

My parents made me study catechism (although I told them I would never believe a word of it) and took me to Mass. I had never fully listened to what was said before, and found myself crying during the "Holy, Holy, Holy" and Prayers of the

Faithful because they were such beautiful expressions of love of God!

Well, the catechism began making more sense than I had planned, and my ultimatum that "I'll never believe any church's teachings unless I am absolutely sure they are true" was answered; I re-joined the Church.

Ironically, after worrying about "worshipping Mary," I have now developed a particular devotion to the Blessed Mother. (This was after my parents could convince me to pray the Rosary.) Thank God for a Church with such rich and beautiful teachings and traditions.

One woman summed up my feelings and those of many other women writing to WFF when she said, "How pleased I am to know there are folks who believe as I do -- who believe in the Pope, and who want to see our Church were it belongs. ... You have helped to reaffirm my beliefs. ..."

God bless all of you for your faithfulness and obedience to Mother Church. And remember: we've got a lot of company -- and voice -- in the 40,000.

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NEW BRUNSWICK - A conference entitled "Winning the Battle for the Christian Family" was held June 7-10 on the campus of Rutgers University. The conference was sponsored by "Allies for Faith & Renewal", based in Ann Arbor. Speakers included Allan Carlson, of the Rockford Institute, Paul Vitz, of New York University; Connaught Marshner, former editor of the Family Protection Report, Helen Hull Hitchcock, Ralph Martin, Ann Shields and others.

Dr. Vitz, a psychologist and well-known author, addressed the assembly on the inherent psychological distinctiveness of the sexes. Mrs. Marshner (an Affirmation signer), who is author of a book, *Decent exposure: How to Teach Your Children About Sex*, discussed implications of "day care" programs. Mrs. Hitchcock's address examined ways in which main-line churches have contributed to the problems encountered by Christian families. A cassette tape of Mrs. Hitchcock's talk is available from the WFF office as well as from the Center for Pastoral Renewal. For tapes and all other addresses contact Kevin Wilson, The Center for Pastoral Renewal, P.O. Box 8617, Ann Arbor, MI - 48107. (All tapes are \$6.00)

Mrs. Hitchcock was glad to meet again with several women who had attended the WFF "Mini-Conference" in New Jersey in 1987.

BALTIMORE - "My Beloved Daughters, Come Follow Me" was the title of a prayer luncheon held May 11, organized by the "United Catholic Women of America" of Baltimore. Helen Hull Hitchcock addressed the group of about 250 women from the Baltimore-DC area.

"One lesson we have learned from the past twenty years is that the Catholic Church has come to be regarded as the single greatest obstacle to the achievement of anti-Christian objectives" such as abortion on demand and other social ills affecting women and families, Mrs. Hitchcock told the assembly. "This explains why the Catholic Faith is now a safe target for public ridicule" and why Catholics who publicly dissent from essential teachings of the Church are "the darlings of the media", she said.

Catholic women must witness to the world because of the central role of women in the formation of both society and religion, Mrs. Hitchcock emphasized, "but we must also be prepared to suffer the consequences of taking a stand for the Truth." She encouraged women to seek models for their response to situations of crisis in the Church and in the world in the lives of great Christian women of the past — in addition to the Virgin Mary, Sts. Catherine of Siena, Teresa of Avila, Katherine Drexel, and Blessed Edith Stein, among others.

TWIN CITIES - "Like Hearts" is a newly formed group of mothers and fathers who are concerned about sex-education programs in Catholic schools and "CCD" classes. The name comes from the awareness "in our hearts" that most sex-ed programs are seriously defective.

BAY AREA - WFF women in the San Francisco area co-sponsored a 168 Hours "prayer vigil" at St. Mary's Cathedral in April, when the oral arguments for the Supreme Court's review

of "Webster vs. Reproductive Health Services" were being heard. Archbishop John Quinn celebrated the mass on the first night of the vigil. Over 1200 people attended the opening mass, and several hundred attended each day and night of the vigil. Organizers estimate about 3000 people attended these vigils. The *Novena for the Unborn* (see VOICES, Vol. IV No.2) was used at the gathering.

Mary Ann Eiler and Del McLaughlin, who helped organize the WFF representation during the Holy Father's visit to San Francisco in 1987, assisted in organizing this project. Mrs. McLaughlin is also WFF's representative to the San Francisco Archdiocesan Council of Catholic Women.

In response to the recent "Domestic Partners Ordinance" unanimously adopted by the San Francisco Board of Supervisors, which legally recognizes homosexual "households," a coalition of Catholic and evangelical Protestants has formed to oppose the city's action. Included in the coalition is the San Francisco Archdiocese, the ACCW, WFF and other pro-family groups. They hope to gain support for a requirement that this ordinance be submitted to San Francisco voters in a referendum in the November 1989 election. ♦

A PRAYER OF ST. IGNATIUS LOYOLA

Teach us, Good Lord,
to serve Thee as Thou deservest;
to give and not to count the cost;
to fight and not to heed the wounds;
to labor and not to ask for any reward,
save that of knowing that we do Thy will.
Through Jesus Christ our Lord,
AMEN.

Theology faculty takes oath of fidelity

The entire theology faculty of Franciscan University of Steubenville has become the first in the United States to make the newly formulated profession of faith and to take the oath of fidelity.

Father Michael Scanlan, president of the university, said that "Theology is faith seeking understanding, so it's already based on a commitment of faith. In a theology department, what you want is clear, Catholic and Christian faith, articulated and understood.

Dr. Alan Schreck, chairman of the theology department, said all the faculty members agreed to take the oath and none expressed concern about "academic freedom."

According to Father Scanlan, the profession will give assurance to parents and future students that the university's theological teaching is submitted to Church authority. He hopes the university's action will encourage other schools to do the same.

There are 160 theology majors at the university, three times as many as at any other Catholic college or university in the United States. ♦



Beginning with this issue, we are introducing a new feature which we hope you will enjoy.

Following are excerpts from some of the many letters we have received recently which we want to share with you:

Some letters from the clergy ...

From **Luigi, Cardinal Ciappi**, Pro-theologian of the Pontifical House:

"I congratulate you on the Statement on Feminism, Language and Liturgy ... I read it with pleasure.

"May God bless your apostolate conformed to the Magisterium of the Second Vatican Council and of Pope John Paul II.

"I shall pray for you and with you for ... unity, peace and joy in the Catholic Church in the U.S.A."

From **Bishop Alfred C. Hughes**, Auxiliary Bishop of Boston:

"Thank you so very much for forwarding a copy of "A Prayer for Fathers." It is beautifully done. I would like to use it in connection with the celebration of Father's Day.

"Sincerest thanks to your good organization for the important way in which you try to focus on the dignity and call of women."

From **Archbishop Anthony Bevilacqua**, of Philadelphia:

"I received in April your two statements — one on feminism, language and liturgy, and the other your letter on female altar servers [published in 30 Days].

"Both are well-done and I pray that they are given the recognition their reasoned contents deserve. We must go on defending the teachings and right practices of the Church even though it may not be popular. I thank God that the Church has women like you and has the 'Women for Faith and Family.'"

From **Bishop Jose Sanchez**, Secretary and **Fr. Charles A. Schleck**, Under-secretary of the Congregation for the Evangelization of Peoples:

"... I would like to express to [Women for Faith & Family] the appreciation and gratitude of this Dicastery for their deep concern in the matter of appropriate roles for women in the liturgical celebrations, and for their efforts to uphold the teachings and discipline of the Catholic Church."

And some letters from the laity...

From **Kansas**:

"You are so good to have this organization. I know there must be many mothers like me who love God and the Blessed Mother and their kids, too. God bless you."

From **Michigan**:

"I'm glad we have an opportunity for our voices to be heard in the name of the Church and God. ..."

Also from **Michigan**:

"Please put my name on your list. I've been isolated and fighting alone for such a long time. ..."

From **Tennessee**:

"I am for faith and family and I join you. Keep up the good work."

From **Wisconsin**:

"One of the most important practices ... which could change this world in short order is private daily prayer. ... I wrote to every priest in Wisconsin concerning this holy practice. ... About 150 are following this practice of daily prayer. Please God the idea will spread across this dear county of ours. ..."

From **Alabama**:

"God Bless You for your statement on Feminism [Language and Liturgy]. It takes courage in this day when men are meekly allowing all this 'feminist' talk to continue.

From **Ohio**:

"I am a single woman, thirty-nine years old and a religion teacher for grades one through four in a Catholic school. ... I've come to see what a great treasure my Faith is. My study and preparation for teaching Catholic doctrine to my students has greatly strengthened my love for and loyalty to the Church.

"... At a religious education conference recently... we began our day with a prayer to 'Our Father/Mother who art in heaven ...' The main speaker, a priest who teaches moral theology at the diocesan seminary, referred to God as 'she' ... [as did] two other workshop speakers. ... The bishop, who was present for the main talk ... suggested I write to the woman in charge ...

"A book which which was helpful to me in expressing my concerns about [inclusive language] is What Will Happen to God? by William Oddie (published by Ignatius Press) ..."

From **Pennsylvania**:

"Want to thank you for existing! Women like us have been quiet for far too long! ... I am coordinator of our Catholic soup kitchen ... and president of our local anti-porn chapter ..."



Bishops and theologians

New guidelines grant 'freedom of inquiry'

The National Council of Catholic Bishops approved new "guidelines" for resolving doctrinal disputes at their semi-annual meeting held in South Orange, New Jersey, June 16 - 19.

The purpose of the document, according to Archbishop John L. May, President of the NCCB, is "to foster collaboration and to provide a patterned approach to resolve any misunderstandings that will arise."

Archbishop May commented on the bishops' new plan in his welcoming address to the Catholic Theological Society of America's 44th annual convention, held in St. Louis a week before the NCCB meeting.

"Very bluntly, I think that the Church in the United States suffers from too many anxious, warning voices that would divide the bishops against the theologians," Archbishop May said. He said some accusations against theologians are "wanton and reckless." (The Archbishop's comments were reported in his diocesan paper, the *St. Louis Review*, June 9, 1989)

"Nameless accusations, and ungrounded suspicions threaten to divide bishops from theologians and theologians from bishops, debilitate in our diverse ministries for the good of the Church," Archbishop May said. He told the theologians "how important it is for you to realize that you have the strong and grateful support of us bishops for your work."

A principal speaker at the CTSA convention was Father Charles E. Curran, a theologian whose public dissent from Church teaching on sexual morality caused his removal from the theology faculty of Catholic University of America.

'Pastoral discretion ...'

The NCCB's new plan warns theologians to use "pastoral discretion" in publicizing ideas which might disurb "theologically untrained," and affirms the right of theologians "freedom of inquiry and expression of scholarly opinion." It recommends a procedure to resolve disputes between theologians and bishops, and proposes that "screening committees" be formed to protect them from "groundless charges."

The bishops approved the document by a vote of 214 to 9.

Archbishop Oscar H. Lipscomb, of Mobile, Ala., head of the NCCB committee drafting the document, said, "I would like to think that the Curran affair might have had a different outcome

if such a process had been in place very early on."

Neither the controversial statement on AIDS nor the draft "Pastoral on women's concerns" were discussed at this meeting of the NCCB. The bishops are scheduled to meet again in November.

Woman heads secretariats

Sister Sharon Euart, a Mercy sister, was appointed by the bishops as Associate General Secretary of the NCCB in April. She is the first woman to hold such a position in the NCCB, although she has been director of planning at the NCCB-USCC for more than a year.

In her new position, Sister Euart will continue her planning role for the U. S. Catholic Conference (USCC), and will supervise several NCCB secretariats, including liturgy, pastoral research and practices, laity, ecumenical affairs, marriage and family life, as well as staff member to the committee writing the pastoral letter on women. She will also be the liaison to the bishops' National Advisory Council.

New administrative headquarters

On June 12, the USCC and NCCB moved into new offices at 3211 Fourth Street, N.E., Washington, D.C. 20017-1194. The building also houses the Catholic News Service (formerly the National Catholic News Service). ♦

CONFERENCE SCHEDULE

(tentative)

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 6

Registration begins 3 pm

Mass (at hotel) 5 pm

Keynote address: 8 pm

Cardinal Mayer

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 7

Full day of speakers, Luncheon

Mass at St. Louis Cathedral 11 am

Banquet: 6:30 pm

Bishop Newman (tent)

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 8

Morning Speaker(s)

Mass at Cathedral - Noon

WFF Conference closes 1 pm

Conference ...

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Louis, near Forest Park and the St. Louis Cathedral. Mass will be celebrated at the Cathedral Saturday and Sunday.

This will be the first conference WFF has held with the *Consortium*, an organization of religious sisters founded in 1971 to encourage the development of religious life in line with Vatican II and related directives.

"We want to form stronger links between religious and lay women for mutual support," said Hitchcock. She said the conference would "emphasize not only the proper unity of the sexes in caring for the Church, but also the unity of religious and lay women in faith and in life."

WFF has issued two joint statements with the *Consortium* an *Institute on Religious Life*, one on the first draft of the American bishops' pastoral on women and one entitled "Statement on Feminism, Language and the Liturgy," which affirmed the Church's teachings on the priesthood and other liturgical matters. (Complete "Statement" in VOICES, Vol. IV, No. 2, Spring 89.)

**Fifth Annual Women for Faith & Family Conference with
Consortium Perfectae Caritatis
 October 6-8, 1989**

“CATHOLIC WOMEN: UNITY IN SERVICE”

FEATURED SPEAKERS

CARDINAL AUGUSTIN MAYER - Vatican City
 BISHOP JEREMIAH NEWMAN - Limerick, Ireland
 MARY ELLEN BORK - Washington, D.C.
 JULI LOESCH WILEY - Johnson City, Tennessee
 RITA MARKER - Steubenville, Ohio
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 and others

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A PRAYER FOR FATHERS

MOST GRACIOUS HEAVENLY FATHER,

We thank Thee for our earthly fathers, those to whom Thou hast entrusted the responsibility to provide loving protection of their families and guidance of their children. We thank Thee, also, for our priests and bishops, whose spiritual fatherhood is so vital to the faith of Thy people.

May our earthly fathers imitate the manly courage of Abraham, Jesse and Joseph, and all the holy fathers of the past in providing wise counsel to the children Thou hast given to their care. And may our spiritual fathers be guided by the examples of Sts. Peter and Paul, all the Apostles and their saintly successors. Give them valiant faith in the face of confusion and conflict, hope in time of trouble and sorrow, and steadfast love for Thee, for their families, and for all Thy people throughout the world.

Assist all fathers of families, all spiritual fathers, and all Christian men, that through Thy Grace they may steadily grow in holiness and in knowledge and understanding of Thy Truth. May they generously impart this knowledge to those who rely on them.

As Thou, our Heavenly Father, didst so love the world, sending Thine only Son to be our Savior and Redeemer, we ask Thee to help all men to imitate His fatherly gentleness and mercy toward those who are weak; His humility, perfect obedience to Thy Will, and fearless witness to Thy Truth. May their lives be examples to all of heroic faithfulness to Thee.

We ask Thy blessing on all those to whom Thou hast entrusted fatherhood. May Thy Holy Spirit constantly inspire them with justice and mercy, wisdom and strength, fidelity and self-giving love. May they receive Thy Grace abundantly in this earthly life, and may they look forward to eternal joy in Thy presence in the life to come.

We ask this through Jesus Christ, Thy Son and Our Lord, **AMEN.**



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