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THE SEASON OF CHRISTMAS

As we prepare during Advent for the season of Christmas, "De Colores" ([Made] of Colors) comes to mind. I just read ***The Church is like the stained glass windows of a cathedral...*** in John Freund Vincentian Mindwalk mindwalk@johnfreund.net

"I could definitely relate to the words of the Papal preacher, Cardinal Raniero Cantalamessa, in the presence of the Pope and his household. If you look at the windows from the outside, from the street, all you see are pieces of dark glass held together by dark strips of lead. But if you go inside and look at those same windows with the light pouring in, what a splendid array of colors, stories and meanings unfolds before your eyes! I am suggesting that we look at the Church from the inside, in the deepest meaning of the word, to see it in light of the mystery that it bears.

I share the following based on the colors of the seasons and their reflection in the Cursillo movement:"

Purple: *Prepare.* As we prepare our hearts, homes and spirits for the coming of our Lord, are we reflecting on that same preparation for our small groups, Ultreya's and School of Leaders? What are you praying for the movement?

Green: *Ever-living.* A reflection of our eternal Triune God who gave Eduardo Bonnin the Charism through the gift of the Holy Spirit. To be Christians fully alive who serve others with joy!

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A Word From Deacon Joe Mueller

WHAT WOULD YOU DO?

A King who had no sons to succeed him posted a sign inviting young men in his kingdom to become his adopted son and rule after him. There were only two qualifications. The boy must love God and love neighbor deeply. A young peasant boy felt moved to apply, but he lacked decent clothes for the interview. Finally, he saved enough money for the clothes. As the boy neared the palace, he came upon a shivering old man begging for clothes. The boy was moved to pity and gave the beggar the clothes he had brought for the interview. Then the boy

went on to the castle wondering if he would be admitted in rags. The boy did gain admittance. When he came to the throne room, he couldn't believe his eyes. On the throne sat the shivering old man. The king smiled and said, "Welcome, my son."

God is to be found in everyday life. Do we have difficulty seeing God in our daily life?
Come Lord Jesus, be with us!

(Adapted from "Stories for All Seasons" - G. Fuller)

Prayers Needed

**For our Regional Spiritual Director,
Deacon Mike Martini,
who is battling cancer.**

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**For Don Walker, who is
recovering at home after suffering
a fall and head injury.**



Ultreyas

Evelyn Pope

Just wanted to update you on our recent Ultreya. It was a rainy night but we still had a good group to join for fellowship. Thanks, Tom Ohland, for sharing how you are working through the isolation of the last year by the action in which you are engaged.

Some other sharing/resources included:

blessedisshe.net/devotions/examining-your-conscience/
Les Massey shared the perfect short prayer: "Lord, make your will my desire." (profound!)

Suggested Reading - 7 Secrets of Confession by Vinny Flynn
Holy Spirit Parish Mission will be Monday-Wednesday, Dec 13-15, at 6:30 each evening, beginning with Mass.
Fr. Andrew Jones of St. Jude parish will lead the mission.

Blessed Trinity will have a men's retreat in April. Sign up soon before it fills up! The women's retreat in January already has a waitlist.

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**St Columba Parish
will be starting its Ultreya in
January 1922.**

Stay tuned for time and place.
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Red: *The Blood Shed for our Salvation.* Christ's eternal gift can be for each of us a living Pentecost should we be open to constant conversion in mind and heart – be open to metanoia.

White: *Purity.* Purity in our minds and hearts. Our examples come from the Holy Family. Purity in our friendships must be seen so that the authenticity of the movement can joyfully be lived.

Gold: *Kingship.* Christ, the new-born king, laid in swaddling clothes in a manger. This King of kings humbled earth to be our Redeemer. Are you prepared spiritually for your King? Do you pray using the Pilgrim's Guide? This amazing guide and gift helps us journey together by building our prayer life for one another..

Our Lord has gifted us with many colors this liturgical season. During this most special time, take time to notice his artwork in the smiling faces around you, in decorations from Advent wreaths to Christmas trees, in our Churches, and in our moveable square meters. May you have a blessed and happy Advent and Christmas season.

--Theresa Gorman

SUMMER NATIONAL ENCOUNTER

The next National Encounter will
be held
July 21 – 24, 2022
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GOING "LIST-LESS" THIS CHRISTMAS

Many of us live by lists: shopping lists, "things-to-do" lists, lists of dates and schedules. Checking off items on a list gives us some assurance that we're in control of things.

Christmas, of course, is the ultimate season of lists.

Kim Lawrence is a mom who operates on lists. But one year she began compiling her Christmas lists of presents to buy, goodies to bake, decorations to put up, and the endless tasks and deadlines — and it overwhelmed her. No, she realized, this is not what Christmas is supposed to be.

"I looked longingly at our living room lit by the soft glow of the tree. I wanted time to sit in that room, snuggle with my kids, drink eggnog with my husband, and watch a holiday movie. I couldn't ever seem to get there. It wasn't on a list."

Kim shared her anxieties with her parish priest.

"What he said is a lesson that will stay with me. He told me to think like a child during the holidays. Rather than worrying about what needed to be bought, cooked, baked, and wrapped, instead try to see the season through the eyes of my children. They don't make lists. They know instinctively what is important to them. They'll sit every night and look at the ornaments on the tree. They notice all the holiday lights on all of the houses we pass. On Sundays, they walk up to and ask questions about the life-size manger outside our church.

"I realize I can't live completely list-free. There are things I have to remember, and if writing them down helps, that's OK. But I also realize that not everything has to be remembered, not everything has to be on a list, and fewer lists mean more time to create those meaningful moments we cherish this time of year. So, list-free this Christmas? I'm crumpling my paper now."

In the midst of our endless Christmas "list-making," John the Baptizer appeared in our Advent readings proclaiming the true meaning of Christmas: the dawning of the reign of God, filled with new possibilities to create a more just, a more joyful, a more hope-filled world. Christmas calls us to follow a star outside our own self-centered orbit, to make our way to a poor stable beyond just our own door, to a peace that embraces more than just our own happiness.

So, as Kim Lawrence discovered with her family, let's reclaim the meaning of Christmas in every dimension of our holiday celebrations: let our lights proclaim the dawning of Christ our light; let our cards proclaim the good news of the angels that God is in our midst; let our gift-giving reflect the compassion and generosity of the God who loves us enough to become one of us; let our hospitality mirror God's embrace of all his children.

--Adapted from Connections for December

Some of us will not celebrate this beloved holiday with children or grandchildren. Yet, the message is true: seeing at any age with the eyes of a child can have a resounding effect on how we experience life. So sing out those age-old carols! Make that favorite dish! Invite a neighbor to join the celebration! And take part in your church's services, greeting one another with joy! Christmas brings out the child in each of us if we just let it flood our hearts with its message of hope.

*Have a blessed Christmas and a Happy New Year!
Bobbie Genovese*