

The Coming Home Network

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SPECIAL EDITION MEMBER NEWSLETTER

International

5th Annual CHNetwork Conference

Deep in History... Deep in Scripture... Deep in Christ!

The Catholic Church
in the
New World

Columbus, OH

The Hilton at Easton

October 26th - 28th, 2007

Let us board our own Santa Maria, leaving the Old World as we explore the Catholic faith in the early Americas. Missionaries, from Franciscans to Jesuits, began to comb this new land, offering the Word of God and establishing the roots of our Catholic faith. Again we are excited to bring together an excellent list of speakers as we journey with these early explorers so please join us as our walk through Church history brings us to the founding door steps of our own nation, examining the planting of the Catholic Church in the Early Americas.

In this special issue of the *CHNewsletter*, you'll find complete descriptions of this year's conference, as well as registration information. So please consider joining us this fall, over the weekend of October 26th through the 28th, as our speakers take us back to this time of religious turmoil, to help us better understand what it means to be Catholic today.

For more information or to make your reservations by phone:
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Schedule

Friday October 26th

- 4:00 Travelers Mass
- 5:00 Dinner
- 6:30 *An American Tale*.....Marcus Grodi
- 7:30 *The Native World*.....Carlos Caso-Rosendi
- 8:30 *Personal Testimony*.....Rev. Mr. Alex Jones
- 9:30 Social

Saturday October 27th

- 8:00 Morning Prayer
- 8:30 Mass
- 9:30 Breakfast
- 11:30 *The South Eastern Missions*.....Dr. Paul Thigpen
- 12:00 *The Northern Missions*.....Msgr. Frank Lane
- 1:00 Lunch
- 3:00 *The South Western Missions*.....Dr. James Hitchcock
- 4:00 *Lord Baltimore*.....Fr. Charles Connor
- 5:00 Dinner
- 6:30 *Catholic Life in the Colonies*.....Helen Hull Hitchcock
- 7:30 *Roots of Fundamentalism*.....Dr. Richard Chacon
- 8:45 Adoration

Sunday October 28th

- 7:30 Morning Prayer
- 8:00 Mass
- 9:30 Breakfast
- 11:00 *Lesson Learned through Cultural Indoctrination*.....Msgr. Stuart Sweltland
- 12:00 Panel Discussion
- 1:30 Finish

- Morning Prayer each morning in the Main Room
- There is a ten-minute break between each talk for coffee and a stretch

Saturday Confessions 1:30 – 3:00; 5:00 – 6:30



The Catholic Church in the New World

This year's Speakers



Dr. Richard Chacon holds a PhD from the University of California, and is an associate professor of Anthropology at Winthrop University, SC. He has conducted ethnographic fieldwork in Venezuela, Peru, Ecuador, the Andes, and the Indians of Highland Ecuador. His research interests include violence, warfare, belief systems, the evolution of complex societies, ethnohistory and the effects of globalization. Additionally, Chacon has worked as a U.S. Forest Service. His publications include *The Taking and Displaying of Human Body Parts as Trophies by Amerindians*, *North American Indigenous Warfare and Ritual Violence*, and *Latin American Indigenous Warfare and Ritual Violence*.

Msgr. Stuart W. Swetland, STD., was ordained a priest in 1991 for the Diocese of Peoria, IL. He received his undergraduate degree in Physics from the United States Naval Academy. Elected Rhodes Scholar in 1981, he entered the Catholic Church while studying at Oxford. He has a B.A. and M.A. in Politics, Philosophy and Economics from Oxford; a M.Div. and M.A. from Mt. Saint Mary's Seminary; and his S.T.L. and S.T.D. from the Pontifical Lateran University where he studied at the John Paul II Institute in Washington, DC. He currently serves as Director of Homiletics and Pre-Theology at Mount St. Mary's Seminary in Emmitsburg, Maryland. Msgr. Swetland was named a Prelate of Honor in 2000 by His Holiness John Paul II.



Dr. Paul Thigpen, a former Assembly of God pastor, is the editor of *The Catholic Answer* magazine and the founder/executive director of The Stella Maris Center for Faith and Culture in Savannah, Ga. A best-selling author, award-winning journalist, and scholar of Church history, he has published thirty-three books in a wide variety of genres and subjects. Dr. Thigpen graduated from Yale University in 1977 summa cum laude, Phi Beta Kappa, with Distinction in the Major of Religious Studies. He was later awarded the

Robert W. Woodruff Fellowship at Emory University in Atlanta, where he earned an M.A. and a Ph.D. in historical theology. Dr. Thigpen is on the Board of The Coming Home Network International.

Msgr. Frank Peter Lane is the Pastor of St. Margaret of Cortona Parish in Columbus, OH. From 1997-2002, he served as Vice-Rector of the Pontifical College Josephinum, as well as head administrator of the College of Liberal Arts and interim Academic Dean and Director of Recruitment. His degrees include a Masters of European History from The Ohio State University, a Ph.D. in European History also from OSU, a Masters in Theology from Leopold-Franzens University, Innsbruck, Austria, his pre-Theologate from St. Charles College University, and B.A. from Ohio Northern University.



Rev. Mr. Alex Jones is a graduate from Wayne State University in 1965 with a Bachelor's Degree in Art Education, he taught in the Detroit school system for twenty-seven years. He was the senior minister of Detroit's Zion Congregational Church of God in Christ and Maranatha Christian Church. In 1998, while preparing for a Bible study, he discovered the historic and biblical roots of the Early Church. He then began a two-year journey into the Catholic

Church that culminated in fifty-four members of his previous congregation, including fourteen members of his family, entering the Catholic Church. He is currently in his fourth year at Sacred Heart Major Seminary in the MAPS program, and employed by the Archdiocese of Detroit as the Associate Director of Sign Me Up!, an evangelization project for the inner city of Detroit.



Carlos Caso-Rosendi was born in Esquel, Argentina. He emigrated to the U.S. in the early 1980's where he started a Database Design business. At thirteen, his family became involved with the Jehovah's Witnesses. Carlos eventually grew disillusioned with religion; though he remained fascinated by the person of Jesus Christ. His interest in symbolic systems and semiotics sent him back to see anew the Gospel of John. He then began a ten year period reading the Bible and such works as *Mere Christianity* by C. S. Lewis, *Born Fundamentalist*, *Born Again Catholic* by David Currie and *Catholicism and Fundamentalism* by Karl Keating, convinced him of the theological and historical solidity of the Catholic Church. He now works for the Coming Home Network International as Coordinator for the Spanish Apostolate.

Fr. Charles Connor is a graduate of the University of Scranton, where he received his Master's Degree in United States History. He also received his PH.D. in United States History from Fordham University, New York City. Fr. Connor serves as the Historian of the Diocese of Scranton and has co-produced several series for EWTN, including: *The History of the Catholic Church in the United States*, *Historic Catholic Converts*, *Defenders of Faith in Word and Deed*, *Doctors of the Church*, and most recently, *The Sacraments through the Ages*.



Helen Hull Hitchcock is founding director of Women for Faith & Family and editor of its journal, *Voices*; editor of the *Adoremus Bulletin*, a monthly publication of Adoremus Society for the Renewal of the Sacred Liturgy, of which she is a co-founder. She received an AB in Art History and English from the University of Kansas, and did post-graduate studies in philosophy at the University of California at Berkeley. She is the author/editor of *The Politics of Prayer: Feminist language and the worship of God*, and a regular contributor to such publications as *Crisis*, *National Catholic Register*, *Catholic World Report*, and *Touchstone*. Mrs. Hitchcock served on the board of the Fellowship of Catholic Scholars, and received its "Cardinal O'Boyle Award" in 2004. She is a member of the board of directors of EWTN, and has appeared on several EWTN programs.

Dr. James Hitchcock is Professor of History at St. Louis University. He received a PhD in History from Princeton University, and taught at St. John's University in New York. A founding member and past President of the Fellowship of Catholic Scholars and was the first editor of the American edition of *Communio: International Catholic Review* and chairman of its editorial board. Dr. Hitchcock is the author of nine books, including *Catholicism and Modernity*, *Recovery of the Sacred*, and *The Supreme Court and Religion in American Life*. He has just completed an intellectual biography of Christopher Dawson. His contributions appear in a wide range of publications, both Catholic and secular. He writes a regular column for the Catholic press, and serves on the editorial boards of the *Human Life Review* and *Touchstone*.



Marcus Grodi, a "cradle" Protestant and former Presbyterian Pastor, is the Founder/President of the *Coming Home Network International*. He and his wife, Marilyn, entered the Church in 1992, and together with their three sons live on a small farm in Central Ohio. He hosts a weekly television program called *The Journey Home* and a weekly Scripture radio program called *Deep In Scripture*, both broadcast on EWTN. Marcus is the author of the novel, *How Firm a Foundation*, and also the author/editor of our revised and updated book, *Journeys Home*. His articles appear regularly in *The Catholic Answer* magazine and other Catholic publications.

Deep in History, Deep in Scripture, Deep in Christ

What comes to mind, presumably from your childhood education, when you consider how and when the Christian faith came to America? Twenty years ago, my quick response would most likely have focused on the landing of the pilgrims at Plymouth Rock in the sheltered bay of Cape Cod. Certainly, I knew of Columbus and the other Spanish explorers to the South, as well as Champlain and the other French explorers to the North, but the focus of my education and memory had been honed to see the English colonies and their desire for a free “New Jerusalem,” a new “light on a hill,” as the true establishment of Christianity here in the New World.

Then I experienced personally the truth of John Henry Cardinal Newman’s statement, “To become deep in history is to cease to be Protestant,” and this included becoming deeper in the religious history of my own native country. I was shocked at what I learned—that New England was anything but a land of religious freedom—and ashamed at my ignorance. I learned that, nearly a century before the landing of the Pilgrims in 1620, a Spanish Franciscan priest, Fr. Juan Juarez, had been designated Bishop of Florida. This was only 15 years after Florida had been discovered by Juan Ponce de Leon in 1513 and no more than 36 after Christopher Columbus had completed his first voyage to the New World, planting a cross on its shores, claiming the land for Catholic Spain. The continued Spanish explorations of Florida would lead to the founding in 1565 of the first city in what is now the United States, St. Augustine. On all the ships that came from Spain were missionary priests from many orders who would eventually set out to evangelize Georgia, Alabama, the Carolinas, Virginia, and Mississippi. In fact, from the end of the 15th century until 1822, more than 16,000 missionaries came from Spain to America.

Also before the Pilgrims landed, in 1609 Pedro de Peralta founded a city in what would become New Mexico, which he named the Royal City of the Holy Faith of St. Francis. This soon was conveniently shortened to Holy Faith, or Santa Fe. By 1617, eleven churches or missions had been built in and around Santa Fe, until in 1625 there were 43 Churches serving 34,000 Catholic Indians.

Almost a century earlier, in 1524, Giovanni Verrazano, an Italian-born mariner serving France’s King Francois I, became the first European to enter New York Harbor. From there, he explored most of the East Coast from the Carolinas

to Newfoundland. The list of French who brought the Faith and European Catholic civilization to these shores is long. It includes Marquette, Cartier, Champlain, LaSalle (who opened Illinois to French settlement), the brothers Lemoyne (one of whom founded New Orleans in 1718), and others. None matter more than the eight canonized by the church in 1930 as the Martyrs of North America, one of which I took as my patron saint when I entered the Church, Saint Isaac Jogues.

Sadly, most Americans have a truncated knowledge of American history, too often shaped by the publishing committees who decide what events are important enough to be included in history textbooks. Behind their decisions are far more than the need to condense centuries of history into limited pages; their decisions are shaped by ideologies and sometimes prejudice. And as a result, you and I, and our children, too often have been robbed of the knowledge of the true beginnings of our faith here in America.

This, however, is one of the primary reasons the *CHNetwork* has made our Deep In History Conferences a primary thrust of our apostolate outreach. As Rob Rodgers, our conference coordinator, has been saying all year, “let us board our own Santa Maria, leaving the Old World [which we examined in our previous four conferences] to explore the Catholic faith in the early Americas.” Our goal this year, with our usual superb team of well-informed and enthusiastic speakers, is to fill in the gaps of our knowledge so

we can more fully understand and appreciate the faith we have today. Many people sacrificed their lives—on this continent—that we might enjoy the fruits of the fullness of the Catholic faith. Please join us so that together we be a stronger witness for the faith and for the future we leave our children.

Sincerely In Christ,



A replica of the Santa Maria, located in Columbus, OH.

Clergy on the Journey



Jim Anderson
is Assistant Director
and has worked at
CHNI for over 6 years.

Scholarship Fund by Jim Anderson

As we prepare for our 5th Annual *Coming Home Network International* conference, we ask that you consider a special request on behalf of some of our clergy who want to attend the Conference. We do not want financial difficulties to prevent anyone from attending this wonderful opportunity to learn more about the Catholic Church in the New World.

A number of our Primary members have made great sacrifices by following the lead of the Lord Jesus into full communion with His Catholic Church. Many of them have experienced strained, and even broken, relationships with friends and family members. Almost as hard to endure are the financial difficulties which result from leaving full-time Protestant ministry and entering the Church. Many people trained for ministry have found difficulty finding new employment. The financial pressure can be extremely stressful. We know of one *CHNI* member who had the mortgage on his house foreclosed.

It is unfortunate that the *CHNI* cannot provide a free conference to all of its members. We truly wish

we could. Still, we have created a Scholarship Fund for those members who have special financial needs and would benefit from attending the conference. A full scholarship includes conference registration (\$60.00), meals-including social (\$125.00), and hotel room for two nights (\$270.00) - all totaling \$455.00. We also are offering partial scholarships to members who are able to contribute a portion of the expenses.

In order to offer these Conference Scholarships, we need members who feel so led to contribute to the Conference Scholarship Fund. All such donations will be earmarked to this fund alone. Your support of these clergy will be greatly appreciated. Also, I encourage those clergy members who wish to attend the *CHNI* Conference, but are held back by financial restraints, to contact our office for a Conference Scholarship application. All information on the application will be kept strictly confidential.

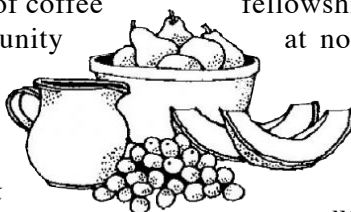
Koinonía

A major element of ministry is relationships amongst the brothers and sisters in Christ. At many Protestant seminaries, *koinonia* (the Greek word for fellowship or communion) is emphasized to the students as a vital aspect of Christian life. Gathering for a cup of coffee and good conversation is an opportunity for deepening relationships and growing in our faith in the Lord Jesus Christ.

The *Coming Home Network International* has its roots with *koinonia* in mind. One of its first gatherings was a luncheon following a conference at the Franciscan University of Steubenville, in 1993.

At all of our *Deep In History Conferences* we have continued this tradition of inviting all non-Catholic clergy and their spouses, both those on the journey as well as converts, to enjoy a free private luncheon of good food and wonderful fellowship in the Holy Spirit. This will be at noon on Saturday. It is an excellent opportunity to get to know one another, to share what the Lord Jesus has been doing in our lives, and to encourage those of us who have been having struggles in our faith journey.

Please do not miss this opportunity to be blessed with great fellowship, not to mention good food!



Helping 'em Home



Rob Rodgers
is Coordinator of the
Helpers Network & of
all CHNI Events. He
has worked at CHNI
for 5 years.

Resources, Vendors, & Other Stuff

After four great years at the Holiday Worthington, the *Deep in History Conference* will lay new roots at the Hilton Easton Columbus. We are excited about offering greater meeting space in the main room, and more room for vendors, the Friday night reception, and meal seating.

As with most changes, there is a cost. We will be keeping our registration cost the same as previous years, and those who took advantage of the pre-registration at last year's event saved a little more. As you might imagine the Hilton is no Holiday Inn. Rooming costs have increased as have the meal prices. Still, the Hilton ensures a quality that will more than make up the difference.

Easton is a lively village within Columbus, with extensive dining just outside the hotel doors. There is also a free airport shuttle available to all conference attendees. The hotel itself has all the amenities one would expect from the Hilton name.

Along with new vendors you can expect to find our main bookstore, The Catholic Shop, along with the CHNI booth. All titles by our speakers are available. We are expecting Exclusive Treasures, offering beautiful works of Catholic art and stunning hand crafted Rosaries. Let us not forget Lou and Aardvark Productions who tape all of the talks and immediately provide copies for sale.

Fr. Lutz will once again be present with a display of historic Church items from the Jubilee Museum.

The Catholic radio for the Columbus area, Saint Gabriel's Radio, will be broadcasting the talks from last year's conference and offering information about the expansion of their converge.

We also expect representatives from several Catholic colleges, offering information to parents looking for post secondary institutions for their children. And of course, the list goes on.

Our goal for these events is not only to have attendees leave with a greater knowledge of what it is to be Catholic, but also provide a weekend of solid Catholic fellowship. We hope this venue enables opportunities for new friendships to be established so that communication between Catholics and non-Catholics can enrich their understanding of the fullness of faith.

The Friday Evening Social, in the main lobby after the final talk, offers an excellent opportunity for you to meet up with old friends and make new ones.

Most of the speakers will be there to sign books and answer questions. The social is open to everyone registered for the conference. While the catered refreshments and wine require a ticket (see the registration form for details), the socializing is free.

We hope you will join us once again this October, as we look deep into the time of the Church in the New World, the lives of the Catholic missionaries and those they touched with the Gospel, and ramifications they have for today's Christianity.

Helpers Luncheon

Each year, our *Deep in History Conference* in Columbus, Ohio offers an ideal time for Helpers to meet and discuss fellowships through the *CHNetwork*, for inquirers to meet others looking over the Tiber, and for finding the personal touch to this journey ahead. Personally, I find great joy in meeting each and every one of you who once existed only as data on my computer screen.

Not only do we gain a better understanding of your relationships with Christ, but we find ourselves recharged and more focused on the road ahead. As hundreds attend this annual event, we find the

fellowship I speak of, and leave to better spread the truth of our Catholic faith.

It is for this reason that the Saturday Helpers luncheon took form in 2004. With humble beginnings, this time offered a chance for Helpers to meet together and share stories they have heard and experienced. Deacon Frank was instrumental in moving this luncheon forward, one that can only grow in the years to come. I eagerly await this year's event so that we can again sit and further develop this much needed time of fellowship.

Junípero Serra

Miguel Jose Serra was born on the island of Mallorca, in 1713. At the age of 16 he entered the Franciscans and took a new first name, Junipero. He received a doctorate in philosophy at the University of Luliana in Palma. In 1750, Serra volunteered to spread the Gospel in the new world and sailed for Vera Cruz, Mexico. He traveled by foot to Mexico City to dedicate his mission to the Virgin Mary. In 1769, he set off to found missions in California. He would spend the rest of his life in California. When Father Serra founded the first of California's missions in San Diego, at 56 years, he had asthma and a chronic sore on his leg that troubled him for the rest of his life. Serra himself established nine missions, with a total of twenty-one missions eventually being established along the El Camino Real, from San Diego to Sonoma, a distance of 700 miles. On August 28, 1784, after traveling 24,000 miles, Father Junipero Serra died at Mission San Carlos Borromeo and is buried beneath the sanctuary floor.

John Carroll

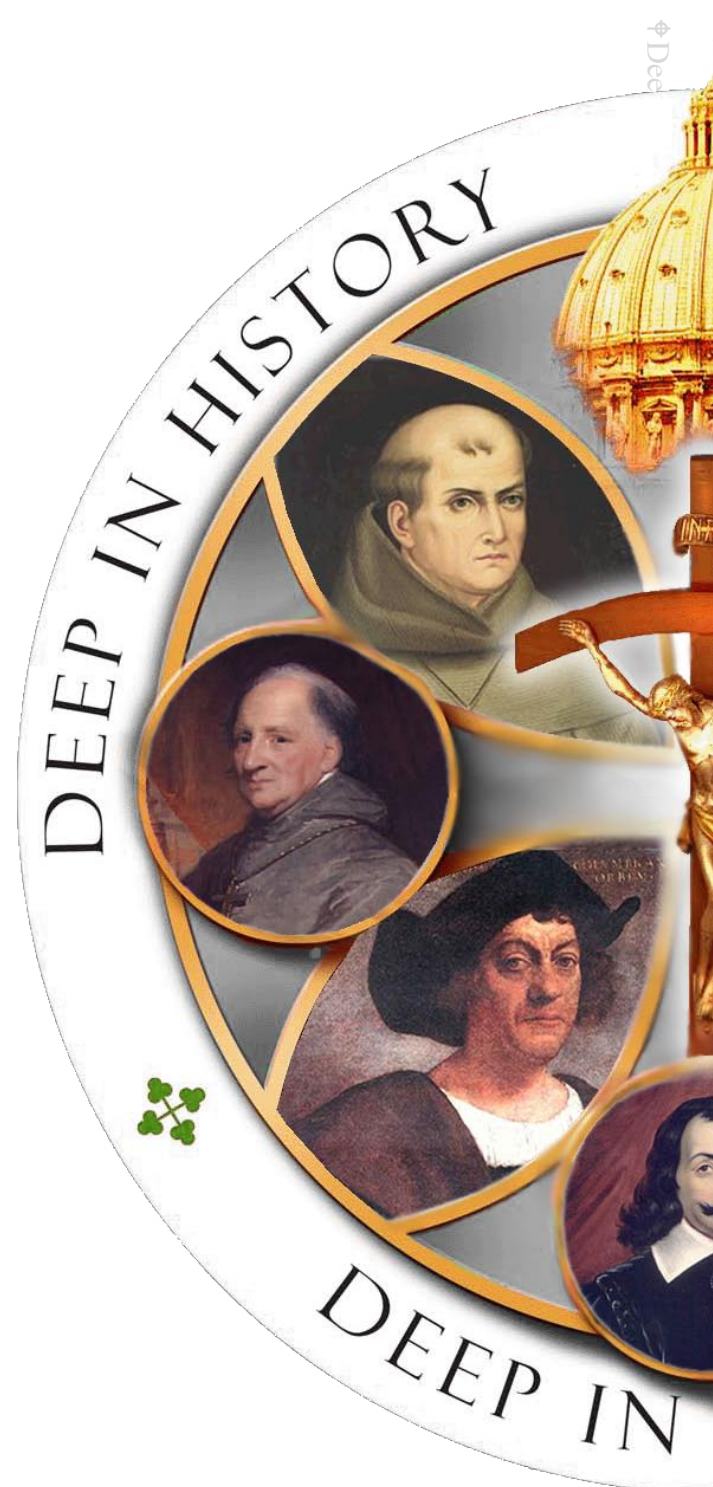
Born in Maryland in 1735, John Carroll studied as a child with Jesuits at Bohemia, Maryland, and later at Saint-Omer in Flanders, since Catholic secondary education was not allowed in Maryland. He joined the Jesuits in 1753, studied at Liège, and was ordained in 1769. After the suppression of the Jesuits he returned to America and traveled about, ministering to scattered Catholics. He maintained a private chapel, for Catholic churches were forbidden by law. He ardently supported the American Revolution and accompanied Benjamin Franklin on an unsuccessful mission to Quebec (1776) to persuade the Canadians to join the Revolutionary cause. In 1784, Father Carroll was made superior of the missions in the United States. In the same year he published a controversial pamphlet to combat a paper impugning the loyalty of Catholics. In 1790 he was consecrated bishop of Baltimore. He founded Georgetown University and fostered many communities and founded schools throughout his diocese. In 1808 he became archbishop, with suffragan dioceses at Boston, New York City, Philadelphia, and Bardstown, Ky. He died in Baltimore in 1815.

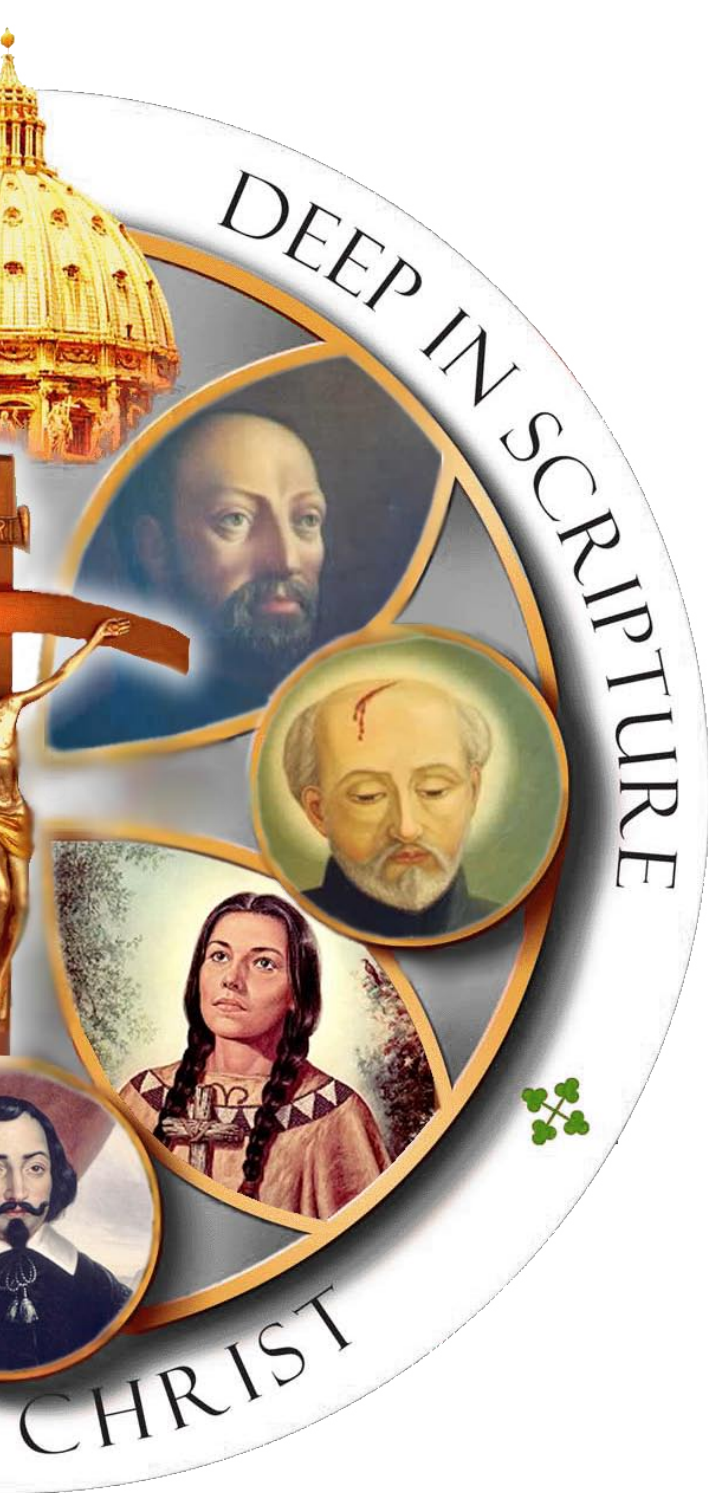
Christopher Columbus

Christopher Columbus dreamt of finding a water route to India. Instead he opened the door to the expansion of European power in the Americas. This famous explorer was born in 1451 in Genoa, Italy. As a teenager, Columbus took to the seas on several voyages. Columbus grew to become a great sailor and explorer. He wished to discover the best route to India by water. With the help of Queen Isabella and King Ferdinand of Spain, Columbus went on his first voyage west in 1492. In October of that year, he reached the Bahamas. Columbus visited other nearby islands and returned to Spain in 1493. In all, Columbus went on four expeditions to the Americas, but he was still unable to find a way to the Indian Ocean. He returned home to Spain dying in Valladolid, in 1506. Ultimately the American Indians as well as Europeans benefited from Columbus' great discovery. Human sacrifice and cannibalism were ended, and the Indians were almost all converted to the Gospel of Christ. Evangelization began with the arrival of a group of Franciscans in Hispaniola in 1500.

Samuel de Champlain

Samuel de Champlain was born, about 1580, in France. He was born a Protestant but by 1603, he was Catholic. He explored the east of eastern Canada and became known as the Father of New France. He went on his first voyage to Canada, as a soldier, in 1603. On his second trip, looking for a place where French could settle. Champlain remained for three years, from 1603 to 1606, along the Bay of Fundy down to Cape Cod. On his third trip, he established a settlement and trading post along the St. Lawrence River, which became the city of Quebec. He spent most of his life working forth between France and Canada encouraging French settlement in the New World and evangelize the native Americans, find passage to the Pacific Ocean, and help the North American natives. Champlain died in 1635.





Jean de Brébeuf

Jean de Brébeuf was born on March 25, 1593, in Condé-sur-Vire, Normandy. He entered the Society of Jesus in 1617 and was ordained in 1622. In 1625, at his own request, he went to the newly opened Jesuit mission in New France. His missionary labors concentrated on the conversion of the Huron in southeastern Ontario. During his initial stay, lasting 3 years, Father Brébeuf familiarized himself with Huron ways and translated the catechism into Huron, but he made no converts. The Huron people more receptive to the Gospel and he baptized numerous dying infants and adults, along with a small number of healthy adults. In 1644, Brébeuf left for his third and final stay in among the Hurons. A rapid increase in conversions greatly strengthened his hopes evangelizing the Huron nation. On March 16, 1649, Iroquois braves, captured Fathers Brébeuf and Gabriel Lalemant. They were tortured for hours before being killed. These two, along with six other, known collectively as the North American Martyrs, were beatified in 1925 and canonized as saints in 1930, by Pope Pius XI.

St. Isaac Jogues

St. Isaac Jogues was born, in 1607, in Orléans, France. He entered the Jesuit novitiate and became a priest in 1636. He went immediately to the Huron Missions on Georgian Bay, in Canada. In 1642 Jogues with a party of Huron and French companions were attacked and captured by an Iroquois war party, which took them to present-day New York State. All underwent torture; Jogues had his hands mutilated and fire applied to his body. In 1643, Jogues, now a slave, accompanied a group of Mohawks to the Dutch village of Rensselaerswyck (later Rensselaer, N. Y.). The Calvinist governor of New Netherland arranged for the priest's ransom. Jogues sailed in a Dutch ship, arriving in France on Christmas Day 1643. In 1646, Jogues returned to continue his missionary work. He made his departure with a premonition of death, and on October 18 he was murdered by the Mohawks, who had always thought him an evil magician. Even though Jogues had accomplished little as a missionary, his religious zeal and unflinching courage fully justified sainthood. Jogues was beatified by Pope Pius XI in 1925 and canonized a saint in 1930.

Blessed Kateri Tekakwitha

Kateri Tekakwitha was born in 1656. Her mother was a Christian Algonquin who had been captured by the Iroquois. In 1667 the Jesuit missionaries spent three days in the lodge of Kateri's uncle. From them she received her first knowledge of Christianity, but although she forthwith eagerly accepted it in her heart she did not at that time ask to be baptized. When she was eighteen, Father Jacques de Lamberville arrived to take charge of the local mission, and from him, at her earnest request, she received baptism. Thenceforth she practiced her faith unflinchingly in the face of almost unbearable opposition, till finally forced to flee she was assisted by some Christian Indians to escape. She lived in the cabin of a Christian Indian woman, her extraordinary sanctity impressing not only her own people but the French and the missionaries. Upon her death, on April 17, 1680, devotion to her began immediately to be manifested by her people. She was beatified, June 22, 1980, by Pope John Paul II. Her feast day is celebrated on July 14th.

n 1567, in Brouage, France. It is thought he was Catholic. Champlain explored much as the father of New France. In 1603 he was a geographer. In 1604 Champlain made where the French could make a permanent settlement. In the years, exploring the Atlantic coast from his third trip in 1608, Champlain founded the St. Lawrence River that eventually most of the rest of his life going back and encouraging the French people to settle in the peoples. His goals were to map North America, and share the Catholic faith to the French in Quebec on Christmas Day, 1635.



Please pray ...

✦ Clergy ✦

- ✦ For Phil in Michigan, a former Assemblies of God minister, who feels he may be called to work full-time in the Church.
- ✦ For an Anglican priest in New England who wishes and seeks true unity with the Holy See.
- ✦ For an Assemblies of God minister and his wife in Texas that the Holy Spirit would comfort and guide them during the transition into the Catholic Church.
- ✦ For the wife of a Reformed minister as she seeks to learn the Catholic faith among much opposition from family and friends.
- ✦ For Jane, a Methodist minister in England, studying the true teachings of the Catholic faith.
- ✦ For a Southern Baptist minister in Texas who wishes to fulfill two callings he has heard from God, to be a military chaplain and to be a Catholic.
- ✦ For a Lutheran minister in New England seeking to discern God's will in his return to full communion with the Catholic Church.
- ✦ For a former Presbyterian youth minister in Arkansas, that the Lord Jesus would lead him into full communion with the Church and guide him as he defends his new-found Catholic faith.
- ✦ For Billy in Texas, a former Evangelical minister who is searching for a priest who can give him instruction in the Catholic faith even though he works evenings.

- ✦ For a former Episcopal religious sister who is seeking the Lord's guidance into the Catholic community to which He wishes her to be consecrated.
- ✦ For a former Charismatic Episcopal priest in Texas as he discerns his and his family's direction in the Lord.
- ✦ For the wife of a former Berean Fellowship lay minister, that she would be open to raise the children in the Catholic faith.

In every issue we include timely prayer concerns from the membership. Each person mentioned has contacted us and is somewhere along their journey home. All members are encouraged to pray at least one hour each month before the Blessed Sacrament for the needs in general and specific of the *CHNetwork*, its members and supporters.

Please submit all prayer requests and answers to :

*CHN Prayer List
P. O. Box 8290
Zanesville, OH 43702*

You may also email your prayer requests to:

prayers@chnetwork.org

We use only first names to preserve anonymity, and the following codes:

(QV) Quo Vadis Requests

(SP) Spanish Network Requests

- ✦ For all the former clergy and lay people who have been received into full communion with the Catholic Church during the Easter season, that the Lord Jesus would richly bless them in their new Home and guide them by the grace of his Holy Spirit.

✦ Laity ✦

- ✦ For all those who are beginning their journeys
- ✦ For the upcoming 2007 Deep in History Conference
- ✦ For the needs of April, Dawn & Jim, Sarah, Stan, and all those within the Helpers Network
- ✦ For the continued recovery of Fr. Brady, and the needs of Fr Darling, and Fr Emmitt.
- ✦ For all those who offer their time to assist others on the journey
- ✦ For the Mora family in Cordoba, Spain. They have been recently received in the Church. That the Lord will give them strength to persevere in the faith while facing difficult trials. (*Sp)
- ✦ For Augusto, in Vancouver, Canada, that the Lord will make his apologetics work fruitful. (*Sp)
- ✦ For Miguel in Bolivia, a Protestant Christian who has been blessed with the maternal company of Our Blessed Mother, that her love may guide him to the fullness of Christ in His Church. (*Sp)
- ✦ For all the lay contacts and their families who made the journey to Rome this Easter. (*Sp)
- ✦ For Daniel in Buenos Aires, Argentina, that the Holy Spirit will assist him in discerning the truth of the Catholic doctrine and in all things concerning his spiritual path. (*Sp)

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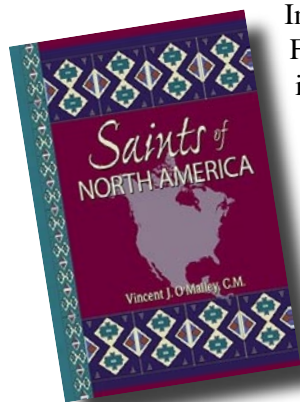
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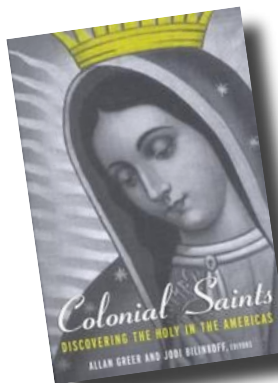


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