



Pope's Worldwide Prayer Network
UNITED STATES | CANADA APOSTLESHIP OF PRAYER

Way OF THE Heart

NEWSLETTER



MESSAGE FROM FR. BLAZEK

Dear Apostles in Prayer,



You are receiving this special request because you are part of our family.

The abuse crisis and its ongoing effects demand our immediate attention. My own responses have ranged from disbelief to anger, embarrassment, fear, and tears. I know you have had powerful concerns and questions as well, regarding the tragic circumstances of the crisis in our church. Our Catholic family across the world has been wounded. Our hearts are breaking with all our brothers and sisters and their families who are in pain and suffering. The wounds are deep. This is not to be ignored.

Aside from being attentive and reporting abuse, what does one do in this situation? While times like these require both prayer and action, this mission of our apostleship, our network, is to pray. We are called to journey closer to the heart of Jesus, who was wounded, beaten and battered. We in the Pope's Worldwide Prayer Network - Apostleship of Prayer (PWPN-AoP) respond by doing what we have done for nearly 175 years—we pray.

For the month of October, Pope Francis specifically asked us, his Apostles in Prayer and members of the PWPN to pray the rosary daily. If you joined in that campaign last month, thank you! If this is the first time you are hearing about the Holy Father's special request, please consider praying the rosary daily for the coming 30 days and conclude the recitation with two special prayers:

SUB TUUM PRAESIDIUM

We fly to Thy protection, O Holy Mother of God. Do not despise our petitions in our necessities, but deliver us always from all dangers, O Glorious and Blessed Virgin.

ST. MICHAEL ARCHANGEL PRAYER WRITTEN BY LEO XIII

St. Michael Archangel, defend us in battle, be our protection against the wickedness and snares of the devil; may God rebuke him, we humbly pray; and do thou, O Prince of the heavenly host, by the power of God, cast into hell Satan and all the evil spirits who prowl through the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen.

This is a time of great purification and suffering for the Church, for the mystical Body of Christ. Please join us now and continue to pray as you have always done. We will always pray for you and your intentions. As we strive, through prayer and action, to address the challenges facing humanity, we are ever grateful to you for your support and active participation in this essential mission.

In Christ,

Fr. William V. Blazek, SJ
Regional Director – Canada and USA
Pope's Worldwide Prayer Network -
Apostleship of Prayer



112 members of Manresa Retreat Group 38 participated in a "Way of the Heart" retreat Sept. 27-Oct. 1 at the Manresa Jesuit Retreat House in Convent, La., under the spiritual guidance of Fr. William Blazek. "The Way of the Heart" is a pathway to grow in relationship with Jesus Christ based on the spiritual exercises of St. Ignatius of Loyola.

MEET SR. CHRISTINE KILEY

Sr. Christine Kiley is a member of the Apostles of the Sacred Heart of Jesus (ASCJ), an International Congregation based in Rome. She has served as a board member of the Pope's Worldwide Prayer Network - Apostleship of Prayer (PWPN-AoP) since 2014, and as campus minister at Greensburg Central Catholic High School in Greensburg, Pa., since 2013.



Q Tell us about your background.

A My family is from Philadelphia. We moved to Connecticut where I started school at St. Aedan, our parish school. The Apostles of the Sacred Heart of Jesus owned and staffed Sacred Heart Academy in Hamden, Conn., and thus began my journey into the Heart of Christ! The spirit of the Sisters at Sacred Heart Academy immediately impressed me with their joy, their zeal and their love of the Heart of Christ. In the first round of battling with the "hound of heaven" my response was "no, not me" and then "maybe me" and finally "yes me!"

As a young Apostle of the Sacred Heart, the repeated themes of the Congregation were love, service and reparation. Giants like Archbishop Oscar Romero, Dorothy Day and Pope John XXIII as well as priests on fire with zeal for the mission and service to the people of God inspired me as a young sister.

Our foundress, Clelia Merloni, wasn't well known because her life wasn't published until recently. As an International Congregation, we recently celebrated a Clelian Year of Reparation and the Beautification of Clelia Merloni.

Q Why are you so passionate about the mission and ministry of PWPN?

A The PWPN monthly intentions have always been incorporated in the morning prayers of our Congregation. They were also used in the schools where I ministered. In my ministry as vocation director, the leaflets were given to discerning women. It is a simple prayer style, but it is formative and can be adapted to many phases of life.

Q Has prayer always been an important part of your life? How does that translate into your devotion to the heart of Jesus?

A As a young student in primary grades, I was told that "Jesus is in His house alone in Church, waiting for you to visit Him." At six years old, I thought I must respond to this invitation. I went alone into the old, dark church to the altar rail and made my visit to ease his aloneness. That was my first prayer experience and it was a heart-to-heart conversation. My family prayed before meals and before bed and my mother taught me the rosary and introduced me to the Miraculous Medal novena. Love of the Heart of Christ and devotion to the Eucharist in Forty Hours' devotions and Holy Thursday processions were taught in my 12 years of Catholic education. Deeper devotion to the Heart of Jesus was

developed in the cultivation of reparation. Compassion and reparation, for Clelia, our foundress, were virtues that so clearly defined her in her work with the poor in Italy.

Q What do you see as a big challenge for PWPN?

A I believe the challenge of the Pope's Worldwide Prayer Network is to broaden the membership to a wider group of younger members. It has a broad base and can be applied to many areas of spirituality. We need updated ways of reviving interest in this simple yet deep spirituality—sharing the love of the Heart of Christ. Young people are searching for love and Pope Francis has a beautiful way of expressing this love. "True faith is marked by the daring desire to change the world with the loving heart of Jesus," he said. "Does our zeal consume us?" he asked. We, as Apostles of the Sacred Heart, are called to be religious who are on fire with the love of Christ: knowing Christ, loving Christ, serving Christ.

Q Do you have an example of how PWPN changed the life of a supporter/member?

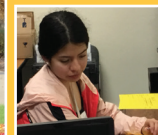
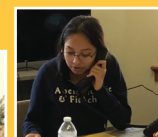
A In spiritual direction, I have used the prayer leaflets and have felt broken hearts held and healed in explaining the reparative love of Christ. For example, the mother who agonized over her only child whose life choices are so far from the values and morals she taught for 18 years. The school community, who lost a student at an early age, expressed their feelings of loss and turned to the Reparative Heart of Christ. The PWPN has helped changed their lives.

Q What do you like to do in your spare time?

A In my spare time I like to swim, read and make shell wreaths. My favorite adventure with my family was when we went white river rafting in Canada!

If you want to help broaden membership in Canada and the USA, please donate using the enclosed envelope. For more information, contact MaryAnn Clairday at 1-414-550-2900.

CRISTO REY STUDENTS PARTICIPATE IN PWPN PHONE-A-THON!



Ten students from Cristo Rey in Milwaukee participated in a phone-a-thon on Oct. 8 at the offices of the Pope's Worldwide Prayer Network in Milwaukee. Students called more than 400 network members to update their contact information, thank them for their membership, and solicit prayers and donations to support the mission. Joining them in the photo, l-r are: MaryAnn Clairday, Executive Director, PWPN; Elizabeth Soma, Cristo Rey's College Advisor; and Rev. William Blazek, SJ, Regional Director.

Sharing our hearts with others

New name, same great mission

Exploring the Pope's Worldwide Prayer Network

By Fr. Frédéric Fornos, SJ

For the past four years, in the Rome office of this apostolate, we have guided a worldwide effort called the re-creation of the Apostleship of Prayer (AoP). In March 2018, Pope Francis approved the new official name in our statutes as the Pope's Worldwide Prayer Network (PWPN).



So, you may ask, "Why the name change? Why not just keep it the Apostleship of Prayer?"

First, the new name clarifies that we are not a prayer group like other groups, or a movement next to others. We are the official prayer service of the Holy Father.

We invite all Catholics to pray with the prayer intentions of the Universal Church. The new name clarifies our mission. While we have been at the service of the Holy See since 1879, many people thought that we were a Jesuit prayer group. Certainly, this mission is entrusted to the Society of Jesus,

but we are not a Jesuit prayer group. We are the official network of prayer of the Pope. Since March 2018, we are recognized as a Pontifical Work.

Second, this name clarifies that something has changed. Since 2009, we have been in re-creation process. Fr. Adolfo Nicolás, SJ, at that time Superior General of the Society of Jesus, decided to re-create the Apostleship of Prayer because in many parts of the world it was in crisis and disappearing. It was necessary to find the freshness of the beginnings, to deepen the meaning of our mission, and to find the source. In 2014, Pope Francis approved this re-creation, with the document, "A pathway with Jesus in apostolic readiness". To signify this change, more faithful to the spiritual impulse of our beginnings, we changed the name of the organization. However, that does not erase the traditional name. The Apostleship of Prayer will always remain a beloved name, which can be kept as a subtitle. The new name indicates our mission and our renewal: The Pope's Worldwide Prayer Network.

I can assure you that without this new name we wouldn't have experienced such great success with the Pope Video.

Previously, the mainstream media viewed the Pope Video as the official communication of the Vatican, rather than an association, group or movement. Now, we are recognized as a Pontifical Work.



Pope Francis and Fr. Frédéric Fornos, SJ

Without this name, we would never have been able to advance in the re-creation of this ecclesial service and become what we are today. Bless the Lord, who helps us, in fidelity to the spirituality of the Heart of Jesus, to renew this mission of compassion for the world.

Fr. Frédéric Fornos, SJ is the International Director of the Pope's Worldwide Prayer Network - Apostleship of Prayer, which includes the Eucharistic Youth Movement. Fr. Fornos can be reached at apora@sjcuria.org.

PRAY WITH THE POPE

These monthly prayer intentions are submitted annually to the Pope's Worldwide Prayer Network – Apostleship of Prayer in Rome and ultimately 12 are selected by the Pope for publication. Why do we have prayer intentions? Quite simply by putting your own personal intentions behind those of others is very pleasing to God, especially when you align your prayers with the Holy Father. Through his intentions, the Holy Father calls the world to action, to pray every day and live out our prayers in "concrete gestures". The prayer intentions of the Pope expressing the challenges of our world move people to action. **Won't you join us?**



POPE'S INTENTIONS FOR DECEMBER

Universal: In the service of peace

That the language of love and dialogue may always prevail over the language of conflict.

For coming months' intentions, please visit www.popesprayerusa.net/popes-intentions. Visit www.thepopevideo.org to see the Holy Father's monthly video message.

“Prayer is a surge of the heart; it is a simple look turned toward heaven; it is a cry of recognition and of love, embracing both trial and joy.”

(St. Therese of Lisieux)

LOOKING AHEAD:

Fr. Blazek's Schedule

NOV 14 | St. Paul, MN

Jesuit Novitiate of the Midwest USA

JAN 4-13 | St. Louis, MO

Sodality of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus and Kenrick-Glennon Seminary Retreat

FEB 21-24 | Omaha, NE

Retreat for The Cloisters

Contact us if you are interested in scheduling an event in your area. Phone: 414-486-1152

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FIRST FRIDAYS:

Join us for peaceful prayer, hot soup and warm conversation

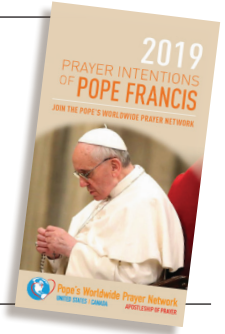
Come, pray with us at the Pope's Worldwide Prayer Network (Apostleship of Prayer) in Milwaukee, Wis. Our First Friday Masses are held at 11:30 a.m., followed by a light lunch:

Friday, Dec. 7, 2018 • Friday, Feb. 1, 2019 • Friday, March 1, 2019



ORDER YOUR 2019 PRAYER INTENTIONS

If you would like printed copies of the Pope's 2019 Prayer Intentions in (English or in español), please use the enclosed order form and reply envelope. As always, these can be found online at www.popesprayerusa.net/popes-intentions/ or email us at info@popesprayerusa.net.



JOIN US ON OUR TRIP TO ROME & VATICAN CITY – JUNE 2019

Next year marks the 175th anniversary of the Pope's Worldwide Prayer Network - Apostleship of Prayer (PWPN-AoP)! We are organizing a pilgrimage to Rome for this joyous occasion. *For more information, call MaryAnn Clairday at 414-550-2900 or visit pilgrimages.com/popesprayer.*



MAKE A YEAR-END, TAX-DEDUCTIBLE DONATION!

Through your contribution to the Pope's Worldwide Prayer Network (Apostleship of Prayer), you can help support our mission of addressing the challenges facing humanity and assisting in the mission of the Church. As the end of 2018 draws near and you are thinking about tax planning, consider donating to the PWPN. Visit www.popesprayerusa.net to contribute online. Thank you to our past contributors. Questions? Contact MaryAnn Clairday at maryann@popesprayerusa.net.

