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July 11, 2008, Compline
Feast of St. Benedict, Founder of Western Monasticism

Forward to a Friend

Dear [Visitor],

In this issue: *New web postings, new features, updated categories, and new pages.*

New web postings.

As of June 29, 2008 we have published 133 more web postings containing a variety of different questions (with answers) about the Catholic Church and what we believe as practicing Catholics.

Go here to read through the new ones: http://www.askacatholic.com/_WebPostings/Answers/_SubTopics/00newquestions.cfm#new

I've also updated the "look and feel" of the web postings in our knowledge base. Take a look at
an example. Still being unemployed, I have to learn most of my new web skills on my

own so I
can't promise perfection :) . It appears no one wants to hire a practicing Catholic with web skills in the MetroWest Boston area.

As always, a hearty thanks goes to the team: (in alphabetical order)

- Richard Chonak
- John DiMascio
- Eric Ewanco
- Bob Kirby
- Mary Ann Parks
- Terry Quinn and

our priest helper: Fr. Nick

in addition to our grammarians, especially:

Ann Jones
Maryellen Jones (the Jones girls)
Lisa Simmons (the new gal on the block)
John Shalack (the new guy on the block)
and Nettie Taylor.

Our grammarian team improve the professional nature of the work we strive to publish on the site. Kudos to them all!

Check out all our bios if you haven't yet: http://www.askacatholic.com/_About_AAC/whoanswersyourquestions.cfm

If you have been helped by our web site ...

If visiting our web site has helped you to better understand the Catholic Faith (either as a Catholic or a seeking Protestant), a small note of moral support and recognition would be appreciated for "the team" work we have done. I don't get much, if any, support from my pastor.

A note to Cardinal O'Malley, the Cardinal for my area, would be appreciated as well!

The pastor at the parish where I'm registered can be reached at:

Fr. Brian Kiley
St. Patrick Catholic Church
44 East Central Street
Natick, Massachusetts 01760
http://www.stpatsnatick.org
e-mail: stpatsparish@comcast.net

Seán Cardinal O'Malley, OFM Cap
75 Union Park Street
Boston, Mass. 02118
http://www.rcab.org/Information/contactform.html

New features to the site!

We have added a BRAND NEW FEATURE to our site: Cool Catholic Videos. http://www.askacatholic.com/_WebPostings/Answers/_SubTopics/01coolcatholic_videos.cfm
(Right below the New Questions category on the left hand side of the main knowledge base page.)

There are currently 9 videos for you to watch. My favorites are the ones by Glenn a.k.a. "OneTrueChurch" on YouTube.com.

Updated web categories

Speaking for myself, though my colleagues may agree, since we began this apostolate 12 years ago, one of the most edifying things I have seen are, not only individuals interested in joining or reconsidering the Church, but married couples or spouses interested in becoming Catholic, who nevertheless know their marriage may not "be blessed" by the Church, but wish to "make it right".

Because of this, I have removed certain categories and re-categorized the postings. The following categories:

Miscellaneous questions
Answered by Volunteer Apologists
UnAnswered Questions

have been replaced with these:

Relationship and Marriage situations
Church Internals
Church History

The *Relationship and Marriage situations* category is just below the Sacraments category. Many previous postings that were in the *marriage portion* of the *Sacraments* category or *Searching and Confused* category have been moved here.

The *Church Internals* and *Church History* categories replace the other three categories that were removed.

The "*Church Internals*" category have postings that deal with Church definitions and questions from visitors trying to find people, e-mail addresses or web sites. It also contains "How do I do ..." postings.

Because, it can be an overlooked area in the Church, I've pulled out all Church History related postings and put them in this new category. "*Church History*".

Maintenance issues and a new page for the site:

Because I have been busy updating the "look and feel" for the knowledge base and addressing
long-term maintenance issues for this site, I noticed many of the links on the site WERE

broken.

This has been corrected. Please notify me of any broken links you find on the site **along with the page you found the broken link on.** You can e-mail me here: mike.humphrey@rcn.com.

Thanks!

Because the most important vocation is under such a great attack these days we have added a NEW Catholic Marriage Preparation and Marriage page. It can be found off the Family Life tab.

http://www.askacatholic.com/_FamilyLife/marriage.cfm

A new way to get to our web site.

We have acquired one more domain that we believe speaks to the work we do:

AskAChristian.org

I have been trying to get in contact with the owner of AskAChristian.com but he has not been
replying to my e-mails. If you can get in touch with him, please have him contact me at mike.humphrey@rcn.com. The current content on the AskAChristian.com web site appears to
be of the generic type.

Getting the other side of the story: a new book: From Harvard to Harvard:

Over the past twelve years that we have been answering questions from either the CPATS.ORG
or AskACatholic.com web site, one of the more common areas visitors have confusion with is in the proper understanding of the Catholic doctrine:

"Outside the Church there is no Salvation" CCC 846.

I believe we address this issue very well in our "No Salvation Outside the Church" category.

At the core of the development or clarification of this teaching over the centuries were secular and ecclesiastical events that surrounded Father Leonard Feeney in the late forties and early fifties. For those who have heard about Fr. Leonard from a second, third or fourth hand source, now you can get the scoop from the dedicated Catholic religious brothers who lived through it. The witness of their monastic life and their willingness to answer any question I had with kindness and gentleness, along with their love for the Church, were a great help in my spiritual growth in the Faith.

Abbot Gabriel Gibbs gives you their side of the story in "From Harvard to Harvard".
It's worth the read! Want a taste first? Read some quotes from my posting on the issue.

Be fair and get their side of the story today!
http://www.abbey.org/book2.htm

Don't forget about our apostolates for seeking Protestants and non-Catholics.

Free Catechism of the Catholic Church for Protestants and Jewish people
http://www.askacatholic.com/_WhatsNew/feature_pages/CatechismForProtestantsProgram.cfm

Free Holy Rosary for Protestants and Jewish people: http://www.askacatholic.com/_WhatsNew/feature_pages/RosaryForProtestantsProgram.cfm

Do you have a strong devotion to the Holy Souls in Purgatory?

If you DO! Check out another apostolate I run with Brian Bagley at: http://www.helpersoftheholysouls.com

We are currently trying to find serious Catholics with a strong devotion to the Holy Souls who would be interested in starting a regular prayer meeting dedicated to praying for the release of the Holy Souls from Purgatory.

As Catholics we believe there are three "groups" in the Church which make up the Mystical Body of Christ:

- the Church Militant: those of us bringing the Gospel to others on earth;
- the Church Suffering: those in Purgatory, who, though they died in a state of grace, died with remaining self-love; and
- the Church Glorious: the saints in Heaven.

Although the souls in Purgatory have been saved and are destined for Heaven, they still have self-love from this earthy life that must be purified to satisfy God's justice.

We have a suggested "start-up" prayer package we can send you. If you are interested, just e-mail me at: mike.humphrey@rcn.com.

You can also send your request to:

Brian Bagley
Purgatory Prayer Program
1099 Providence Road
Whitinsville, Massachusetts 01588

The only hard copy prayer programs we have are in English.

When sending your request please:
-- clearly spell out your postal address and
-- **please send us your e-mail address**, if you have one.

As a final side note: Remember Purgatory has NOTHING to do AT ALL with one's justification OR salvation; rather it has to do with one HOLINESS!

Revelation 21:27 - Nothing unclean will be allowed to enter into heaven.

From everyone on the AskACatholic.com team:

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- the Apologists
- the Priest-friend helpers
- our specialization helpers and
- our Grammarians

We would like to wish you and your family a joy filled, evangelical season in bearing the Good News of Jesus and His Church!

Please keep my non-practicing temporal mother: Dorothy Mae Humphrey in your daily prayers, as well as the other AskACatholic.com team members *and their families* who have made AskACatholic.com possible!

My family:
Steve, my older brother w/wife Denise
Mark, my younger brother w/wife Pam
Mark and Pam's kids: Katie, Brian, Justin
and Stevie - I'm Stevie's Godfather :)

Thanks!

Mike Humphrey, CICA
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and Benedictine-at-heart, but shhhh! don't tell my Archbishop :)

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