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# State Deputy Message for June 2023 - Let us Finish Well!

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Dearest Brothers All,

There is nothing more common than beginning a project well. What is less common – whether it be in business, church, or organizations – is *finishing* well! That is the message that strikes me now as we come to the end of the Columbian Year and look to the next one. It's important that we finish well, myself above all. **Every leader builds on the foundations** laid prior to his arrival, and I am no exception. With a keen focus on preserving continuity of leadership year after year, the worthy State Deputies before me did a phenomenal job of setting our brotherhood on the Rock foundation of the Church.

And now, after a successful year of carrying out our mission, I want to make sure that I remain faithful to the end, to finish well the work God has given me to do as your servant leader. My inspiration for this sentiment is **the prayer of Jesus Himself** at the Last Supper, when He looked up and said to His Father:

*"I have finished the work you gave me to do"* (John 17:4)

It was the way He glorified the Father and set the stage for the coming of the Holy Spirit. He knew that great abundance and blessing would follow in the wake of His finishing well. Also, St. Paul, at the end of his life, said essentially the same thing in his second letter to Timothy:

*"I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith"* (2 Tim 4:7)

These are the sentiments that fill my heart as I come to the conclusion of my tenure, but I am also aware that, at this writing, the finish line is still ahead! With you, brothers, I hope to finish well and **give glory to God** in all that we have done and in all that we will continue to do!

Indeed, this same message is for all of us. We must always ask ourselves and challenge ourselves on a daily basis: Have we been faithful to our duty today? Are we fighting the good fight? More importantly: Do we see the finish line and are we intent on getting over it **with all the souls entrusted to our care**? In the end, it's not the projects and activities that we will be accountable for, but for the souls of our loved ones.

Let us finish well, brothers!

## Highlights (or Events?) for June:

Brothers, please see the attached flyer about the 1,000 Beacons of Light membership program. It's critical that we spread the light of the Catholic Faith and draw other men into our fraternity and charitable programs. As the gospel says, our light cannot be hidden under a bushel basket. It must be set on a hill!

## Prayers in the Pew Monthly:

Also, brothers: the June Prayers in the Pew Newsletter is up on the SitStandKneel website for you to download. [Access it here: [June 2023 edition](#)].

*And some extra good news:* our brothers who prepare the newsletter have added some supplementary material to help us engage more deeply in the National Eucharistic Revival.

Namely, the regular 2-page monthly Newsletter is available for download as usual, and a third page, the **Eucharistic Revival Supplement**, can be downloaded with it. The Supplement could also be used separately for any parish bulletin, group, or meeting, or as a sort of informational flyer to stoke the fires of the Renewal.

Beginning this month, we will publish it every month until the Eucharistic Congress in July of next year. Please take advantage of the Supplement and spread it far and wide.

The June Newsletter focuses on the **Serenity Prayer** – which is very timely because we all need a bit of serenity, don't we?

We also have the catechetical section on **the Spiritual Works of Mercy** among our many other regular features of the newsletter:

- Saints writings, scripture, and teachings from the *Catechism* on the Eucharist (in honor of Corpus Christi), and the works of Mercy.
- The **Church's liturgical calendar for June** which reminds us of the Solemnity of the Holy Trinity and the Feasts of the Sacred and Immaculate Hearts; and
- Our State Chaplain's challenge to make our spirituality more **Eucharist-centered** during this year of Eucharistic Renewal.

Brothers, the Catholic Church has the greatest gifts of heaven and earth at the very heart of everything we do. Let us never cease to thank the Lord for His great gifts and great mercy! I will conclude by adding my deepest thanks to you, worthy brethren, for all your support during this Columbian Year, and I look forward to ongoing fruitful years of labor with you in the Vineyard of the Lord.

Now, it's time to "finish strong" in Christ who gives us our strength (Phil 4:13).

Many blessings to you and yours, brothers!

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