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The Newsletter of the Association of Christian Therapists: Where God and Healthcare Meet

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Annual Conference: *The Joy of the Lord is My Strength*
February 17-19, 2012
Malibu, CA. Contact Rita Cornyn sun4kids@aol.com or 310-471-3427 and Georgiana Rodiger, PhD rodigercen@aol.com or 626-792-3062

Canadian Region

Annual Conference
April 26-29, 2012
The Battlefield of the Mind
Niagra Falls, Ontario
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Annual Retreat: *Forgiveness & Healing*, April 27-29, 2012, Espousal Retreat with Fr. R. McAlear, Waltham, MA. Pat Hurd 603.882.1503

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LETTER FROM TAIZE

The Taize community is made up of Catholic and Protestant brothers who want to be a sign of reconciliation between divided Christians and separated peoples. Below, a recent letter.

There are many people unable to believe in a God who loves them personally. Faith does not mean adhering to truth alone; it is a relationship with God. It calls us to turn towards the light of God.

Far from stifling our personal fulfillment, faith in God makes us free – free from fear, free for a life of service to those whom God entrusts to us.

The more that trust in God grows, the more our hearts widen to encompass all that is human everywhere in the world. Like the sun, God is too dazzling for us to look at. But through prayer and Scripture Jesus allows God's light to shine through. Through the Bible, God enters into our human reality and speaks to us in an understandable language.

What is distinctive about the Christian Faith? The person, Jesus, and the living relationship with him. We are all pilgrims, seekers of truth. Believing in Christ does not mean possessing truth, but letting him who is truth take hold of us and lead us toward the fullness of revelation.

Jesus brought God's love where there was division and God raised him from his death on the cross. Christ does not only belong to the past; he is there for us in each new day. He communicates the Holy Spirit, who enables us to live with God's own light.

The center of our faith is the Risen Christ, present in our midst, who has a personal bond of love with each person. Turning our eyes towards him awakens wonder and a deep understanding of our existence.

When we look towards his light in prayer it gradually begins to shine within us. The mystery of Christ becomes the

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Dear ACT Community



May the healing presence, heart and mind of Jesus Christ be with you throughout this New Year.

The leaders and members of ACT councils and committees create and deliver the products and services ACT provides to its members. While much of their work occurs quietly in the background their accomplishments are significant and their goals are ambitious, therefore, I would like to highlight some of these.

The Council of Specialty Group Chairs has upgraded the Specialty group web pages including member stories and professional experiences. Their support and collaboration is evident in their meetings at the International Conference and outreach to new members. Soon each specialty group will have their own email addresses.

At the request of the Board, the Regional coordinators have provided names for all the regions which will replace the current numbers. They are actively implementing a Board proposal to group the current regions into 6 districts. Four are in the US, one is Canada and the sixth is an international district. Each district will have a resource coordinator who will support, resource and mentor Regional coordinators and individual Act members in areas where there are no active regions or coordinators.

Within the Communication and Publication committee the website has been upgraded, including new material and links. InterACT is now a digital publication. The Curriculum Committee has written and presented an ACT formation course, *Christian Holistic Healthcare Practice*. This committee is also active in developing leadership training and professional webinars. The JOURNAL FOR CHRISTIAN HEALING has an active blog to accompany Journal articles. Marketing is actively identifying opportunities and ways to promote ACT and ACT services such as training and seminars. Due to the identified need for social media policies and strategic planning a new Social Media Committee will be created, incorporating the website, Facebook, LinkedIn, and all future internet based activity.

This is just a sampling, for more details contact any Regional Coordinator, Council, Specialty Group or Committee Chairperson. You can also read their reports to the Board in the Members Only section of the website, www.ACTheals.org. Their goals are all focused on ACT's Vision to give glory to God as they extend the healing presence, heart and mind of Jesus. Please keep our Councils and Committees in your prayers, for their faithfulness to the task, success in their mission and for laborers to join them in the fields.

Cheryl

Cheryl Marsh, PMNCNS-BC, APRN
President, ACT



EDITOR'S NOTE

Gloria Doino, MA

Welcome to InterACT as a multi-color, digital publication! (If you prefer to get a copy by mail, send a \$10 subscription fee to the office.) Send us your comments.

"There is a time in every life, when the very act of looking back and taking stock becomes essential to going forward." (Monasteries of the Heart) The time has come to look back on what will be six years of editing InterACT. They have been years filled with challenges and personal satisfaction. Above all, they have been years of learning to trust that the Holy Spirit will meet me in my need. Looking ahead,

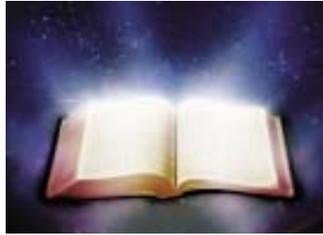
I have a dream of carving out more time to do personal writing. Hence, I will be stepping down as editor of InterACT at the next International Conference. However, I will continue to edit the next two issues, hopefully along with my new replacement. Without the light of my past experience with InterACT I would not be contemplating the new course I seek. Thanks InterACT. I am in your debt.

thought...

There is no glimpse of the light without walking the path. You can't get it from anyone else, nor can you give it to anyone. You take whatever steps seem easiest for you, and as you take a few steps it will be easier to take a few more... ~Peace Pilgrim

HEALING EXCHANGE: THE CORINTHIAN GIFTS OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

Denise Dolff, MA



Just prior to Jesus death, He comforted His grieving followers with the encouragement that unless He left, the Holy Spirit would not come (John 16: 7). Further, the Holy Spirit would teach them all things, bring remembrance of everything Jesus had said (John 14: 26) and lead them into all truth (John 16: 13). Again, before leaving this earth and ascending to the Father, Jesus reminded His disciples that they were to wait for the promise of the Father (Acts 1: 4), and when the Holy Spirit would come upon them, they would be clothed in power (Luke 24: 49; Acts 1: 8). Further, they were commanded to baptize all nations so all who believe could be saved and receive this same power, with signs and wonders accompanying (Mark 16: 17-18), in order to bear good fruit (John 15: 16) and do even greater things than Jesus, through His intercession (John 14: 12-13).

These words of Jesus are foundational to the vision and mission of ACT, and both a comfort and a challenge to all members seeking to integrate the healing love of Jesus into our ministries and professional practises. If we take these promises seriously, we acknowledge them as *privilege* but also *responsibility*, because "To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit *for the common good*" (1 Corinthians 12: 7- author's italics). This truth impels us to understand and grow in the knowledge and use of these charisms, not just for the benefit of those whom we serve, but also to be faithful followers of God's leading in our lives.

These charisms, or gifts, as they are more commonly called, are identified clearly in 1 Corinthians 12: 8-10. "To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, and to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, and to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another the ability to distinguish between spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues" (RSV). They are nine in number - wisdom, knowledge, faith, miracles, healing, prophecy, distinguishing of spirits, tongues, and interpretation of tongues. If examined more closely, they group themselves into 3 groups of 3 according to their manifestation of utterance, revelation or power:

- Utterance, Inspirational and/or Worship Gifts (Spoken)
 - Tongues
 - Interpretation of Tongues
 - Prophecy

- Revelation or Instructional Gifts (Knowing)
 - Word of Knowledge
 - Word of Wisdom
 - Distinguishing (discernment) of Spirits
- Power or Impartation Gifts (Doing)
 - Faith
 - Miracles
 - Healing

These nine manifestations of the Holy Spirit are given to all believers, because it is one and the same Holy Spirit within each. However, an individual will excel in the gifts differently, according to variance in God's call on one's life, and the extent to which one grows in knowledge and use of these charisms. Although we believe that the indwelling of the Holy Spirit was a gift of our Christian baptism, another step in the release of these nine manifestations would be baptism in the Holy Spirit. Future articles of Healing Exchange will provide further teaching about these gifts in order to help us become more fruitful in the ministries to which we have been called.

IMITATING AND CONTINUING THE HEALING LOVE OF JESUS

Sister Maria Theresa Hronec. SS.C.M.

Most of us have read and know of Francis McNutt. With deep conviction, he dedicated himself and his life to the healing ministry, to which he believed the Lord called him. Francis depicts Jesus' ministry as "teaching and healing... healing and teaching."



This calling however, is meant for each of us as followers of Jesus. Jesus himself said, "...believe what you see—these works. The person who trusts me will not only do what I'm doing but even greater things, because I, on my way to the Father, am giving you the same work to do what I've been doing (Jn 14: 11, 12)."

It was this intimate communion with his Father that propelled Jesus to share his overflow of love as compassion to all in need.

Let us review some specific examples of the ministry of Jesus. These good works of healing were not only physical/visible but also spiritual, psychological, mental and emotional. Very often they resulted

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THE GIFTS AND FRUITS OF THE HOLY SPIRIT IN CLINICAL PRACTICE

Douglas Schoeninger, PhD

Kenneth Fung MD is a Canadian physician, long time member of ACT, former ACT President, founder of the Canadian ACT conferences and the ACT Healing Manual project. Ken has been a blessing, inspiration and encourager for many in ACT, and in the healing professions, especially regarding the full integration of Christian Spirituality and healing prayer with clinical practice. Following is Ken Fung's written response to the questions: "What has helped me integrate spiritual gifts, fruits and healing prayer with my clinical practice? How would I describe my process of growth?"



by Kenneth Fung, MD. 18th Jan.2010

1. What attracted me to join ACT?

I was in the Charismatic renewal and came to realize that many of my symptomatic patients who felt that "something was missing" in their lives, were really searching for the Love of Jesus versus medication or therapy.

The challenge for me was to find an organization or group to learn how to pray with my patients and confirm that my early efforts of praying were authentic... I was introduced to ACT and had great expectations.

Result: I felt disappointed as I found very few physicians who were actually praying with their patients. Most of them were sharing about their personal lives and praying for their office and patients, but not actually praying with them for healing. However, I did meet non-medical members who taught about the different types of healing prayer, deliverance, etc and I listened attentively to their teachings and stories. I actually learned how to pray with my patients from the associate members, who belonged to healing ministries. This led me to write for my personal benefit the 5 guidelines for Christian Therapy.

2. My struggle with the title "Christian Therapist".

Being an MD I asked the question, "What is a Christian Therapist?" Since that was the name of the organization for all Christian Healthcare Professionals. No one was able to give me an answer.

However I knew deep within me that ACT was a prophetic organization.

I rationalized it by believing that "Christian Therapist" signified that as healthcare professionals, we were, first and foremost, "healers for Jesus".

Result: This led me to write for my personal benefit the 7 qualities for a Christian Therapist – "healer with the Heart of Jesus" – based on Rom.12.

3. I soon became very aware of my inner fears and mistrust of God.

At my first ACT conference, in Burlington, Ontario, a heart of wax formed on the altar from candle drippings during mass. I had an experience of the Love of Jesus after I received Holy Communion. I experienced being engulfed by the opening of His Sacred Heart but then frantically trying to escape as the heart closed. I just barely got out, felt relieved and then the thought, "If that was truly the heart of Jesus why was I trying to escape it, especially since I have been praying for his love?" I soon came to realize my fear was that he might ask me to do something that would separate me from my family.

Result: I asked God's forgiveness and overcame my fears and mistrust by giving God permission that His Will be done in and through me. But I still wondered, "Where did that thought come from?"

4. These experiences made me realize that I had to surrender all my clinical knowledge and experiences under His Lordship.

This led to another experience when I was alone in the chapel sitting before the Blessed Sacrament at the ACT conference in Ridgecrest, NC. I heard a voice within say, "So you want a brain transplant!" Immediately I sensed him sawing open my skull, scooping out my brain (painless) and replacing it with his brain. Everything went dark and I sensed him touching every single brain cell. It was like a dark night with the stars slowly appearing as he touched each cell.

Result: Immediately I felt totally free and peaceful. Jesus was now my teacher. I could trust Him and dedicate my practice to Him. I was not afraid.

5. The challenge now was how to introduce Christian healing prayer into my clinical practice?

I had initial fears of being ostracized by my colleagues, of what my patients might think of me, of being reported to the College of Physicians and Surgeons (governing body), etc.

However, because of developing a deeper personal relationship with Jesus and experiencing His Love and the grace to surrender my knowledge and my fears, I felt compelled to persevere.

- I prayed for the gifts of courage, wisdom, knowledge, discernment and love.

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- I took the attitude of offering healing prayer as another modality of healthcare, like a new medication and so offered it to everyone. I did not need to know their religious beliefs. It was their choice.
- I felt I had to display my faith belief as part of my new approach by showing signs of my faith belief in my office, e.g. the cross. But I lacked the courage. I struggled here but in God's mercy, He used my patients. They brought me gifts like the cross, a rosary, pictures of Jesus, statues, even small cards with scripture passages. Even so I still lacked courage and would tell anyone who inquired that the patient left it here.
- My patients gave me opportunities to share about healing prayer and often my patients would share their testimonies of healing.
- I also knew I had to develop a rational approach in dealing with my patients so they could see in a logical way the relationship between their illnesses, their broken spirits and the benefit of specific healing prayer.

Result: I developed a method, Self Awareness and the Self Perception Charts, which I share with patients to help them see and understand the root cause of their spiritual brokenness and the physical and psychological manifestations.

6. I needed support and encouragement to persevere and grow.

ACT has become my pillar of strength. Attending conferences, meeting other members, developing relationships, sharing and praying, healing masses, sitting before the Blessed Sacrament, meeting authors of books on healing, experiencing affirming love from colleagues, being invited to participate in ACT activities.

Result: I felt loved for who I am. I felt empowered. I felt accepted. I felt motivated to continue to serve.

7. My self confidence grew.

I discovered and became aware of the Gifts of the Holy Spirit. My faith and trust in God increased. I felt free, with His grace, to accept the crosses that may befall me, as I journeyed the healing ministry focusing on Jesus. Three additional experiences which I encountered at ACT conferences, two after receiving the Holy Eucharist and one before the Blessed Sacrament, gave me strength of faith and courage.

- Estes Park, Colorado: I heard the inner voice of God saying, "I want to give you the love of the infant Jesus." I remember in my mind saying, "No Lord!" as I could not trust myself with the infant who is defenseless. He said, "I will give you His Mother Mary." At that moment the door of my heart

opened and there was the infant Jesus with Mary. Then, He said, "You do not have to go looking for people, I will send them to you and all you have to do is open the door of your heart. Sometimes you will have to help carry the cross." There was an image of Jesus on the cross in a corner of my heart. "Sometimes they may need the love of the Father," and there was God the Father in another corner of my heart or, "Sometimes they may need the tender love of the infant Jesus," and there was the infant with Mary in my heart. I felt I had His complete love.

- Estes Park, Colorado: Again, after receiving the Holy Eucharist, I felt the Lord saying, "I want to reveal myself to you." I was not sure whether this was a message for the community or myself. I shared this with my wife Shirley. She did not know. I prayed and got no answer, so I left it there. At nine PM that evening there was a knock at my door and two Ladies presented me with a beautiful portrait of the Compassionate Christ. Immediately the words, "I want to reveal myself to you," came back to me. They saw it in a store and felt I should place it in my office. This portrait has been a source of great strength to me and my patients.

- In Mexico: Sitting before the Blessed Sacrament in a small chapel, there was a large painting of Our Lady of Guadalupe. I was there alone. Suddenly on raising my head and opening my eyes, the image of Our Lady was replaced by the model we have of a 12 week old fetus. I was not sure what that meant. Then later on at the conference, two members gave me six more models of a 12 week fetus, i.e. seven in total. Then at Mass at the Basilica of Our Lady of Guadalupe, at the consecration I saw seven stars lit (green) on her mantle over her left shoulder. I thought they were like Christmas tree lights and the bulbs in the other stars of her mantle were not working. My wife saw them as well. No one else saw these seven stars lit. Then I met an old missionary priest and while talking the number 7 came up in our discussions and he noted that seven was acknowledged as the complete number in the church.

Result: These experiences inspired me to organize the first Canadian ACT Conference, to start workshops on healing in medicine, to be more bold and courageous, to develop a textbook on healing in clinical practice. I am still learning and most grateful for ACT.

- 8. *My last goal is to develop a 7 Step Spiritual Healing Growth Chart* that embraces the 3 pillars of Christian Holistic Healthcare, the Ethical, Clinical, and Spiritual, which I hope can be used as a baseline for all categories of Christian healthcare.

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INSIDE ACT

Former ACT Board Member/Psychotherapist Group Chair **Charles Zeiders, Psy.D., (Region 3)** has been invited by the European

Movement for Christian Anthropology Psychology and Psychotherapy to speak at plenary during the group's 11th Symposium to be held in Warsaw Poland in September. The European Movement brings together international leaders and pioneers in the field of Christian psychology and psychotherapy and its underlying anthropology. Dr. Zeiders came to EMCAPP's attention on the heels of articles he published in the internationally distributed Journal of Christian Healing and the publication of his 2004 book *The Clinical Christ*. Intervarsity Press will publish Zeiders' work on Christian Holism – a model of Christian

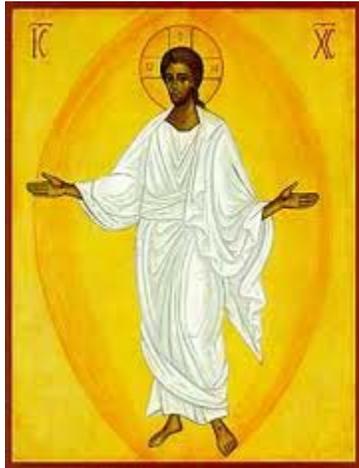


Father Peter's Ordination

psychotherapy – in an upcoming anthology. **Region 21, Friar Joe Scerbo** shares the good news of the ordination of Father Peter Kinyua of Nigeria (see photo.) Father Peter and Friar Joe have worked together in the Healing Ministry. Our deepest condolences go out to the family of **Mary Jo Boyne (Region 17)**, who died last April in a car accident. For much of her career as a nurse, Mary Jo cared for the elderly. She was also an accomplished artist and a long time member of ACT. Donations may be made to Mary Jo Boyne Scholarship Endowment, Foundation of Saint Joseph's Hospital of Marshfield, Inc. 611 St. Joseph Avenue, Marshfield WI, 54449. **Sophia Floria (Region 20)** joined the Lord, as well, on December 8, 2011. She was known in ACT for her joy and for being a true servant of the Father, bringing hope to all those who crossed her path. She was an inspiration to many in ACT.

AFTER EASTER

Sadness
Steals
Over my soul
At Easter time
I follow
His footsteps
and the
Following
Is painful
Until
Sunrise
When
My heart
Fills
With joy
For
I have
Risen again
With Him



Rev. Gail Paul

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I wish to express my deepest appreciation and gratitude to all the members of ACT whom I have had the pleasure of meeting since being a member 1979. Their love, (fellowship, sharing, affirming, healing prayer, teaching, empowering, witnessing, reconciling, praising and worshipping), and Holy Eucharistic celebrations have enriched my life personally as well as professionally. I have met Jesus in ACT. In my twilight years, having retired after 50 years of medical practice, I

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Journal of Christian Healing 27-2 Fall/Winter 2011 is now on-line. Look for the following topics.

1. Evaluating Clinical Cases Using Clinical, Ethical, Spiritual, and Contextual-Cultural Competence Criteria: Part I By Len Sperry, MD, PhD, DMin
2. Evaluating Clinical Cases Using Clinical, Ethical, Spiritual, and Contextual-Cultural Competence Criteria: Part II By Len Sperry, MD, PhD, DMin
3. Spiritual Bypass: When Religious Practice Blocks Growth and Healing By Gwen M. White, PsyD
4. Humans and the Environment: A Resurrection View from God's Self-Emptying Love By Robert Sears, SJ, PhD

book pick...

Miracles Every Day by Maura Poston Zagrans, MD

have one more goal, God willing, i.e., to demonstrate clinically by research studies how spiritual brokenness impacts your health by producing Spiritual Stress, a hidden factor in physical, mental and social illnesses. It is my dream that such studies will confirm clinically that the human person is a Spiritual Human Being and Christian Spiritual Holistic Healthcare, that incorporates the clinical model of Physical, Psycho/Social, Spiritual care, will become the normal and accepted practice of healthcare. I am presently doing a research project involving Christians suffering from Clinical Depression.

I give praise and thanks to Our Trinitarian God, the Father, the son Jesus Christ and the Holy Spirit, Amen!

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from Christ's compelling deep compassion and without requests from those in need.

We read in Matthew (14: 14-16), how Jesus slipped away by boat to pray on the other side of lake Gennesaret. When he saw the crowd of people which had followed him, he was overcome with pity and healed their sick. He had read their hearts, saw their needs and his compassion was immediate and continued on to prophylaxis—he provided food.

Matthew (9: 18,19,26) writes of a local official, asking Jesus to come and touch his daughter, who had just died. We know how he called her, took her by the hand and raised her up.

As Jesus was on his way for the mission above, a woman came up to him cautiously and said, "If I can just put a finger on his robe, I'll get well." Jesus turned...reassured her, "Courage daughter...now you're well (Mt 9: 20-22.)"

A different type of healing occurred when Jesus approached his disciples in their boat during a severe storm. Peter called out, "Master, if it's really you call me to come to you on the water." He said, "Come ahead." Then when Peter began to fear and sink, Jesus grabbed his hand with an emotional healing (Mt 14: 28-33).

The healing of the paraplegic recalls the faith of four men. They carried him on a stretcher to the rooftop of a house wherein Jesus was teaching. Since the crowd was so great, the four men removed part of the roof and lowered him down to Jesus. He greeted the man with, "Son, I forgive your sins." This was the man's first healing—a spiritual one. Then Jesus said, "So it's clear that I'm the Son of Man and authorized to do either, or both, Get up. Pick up your stretcher and go home (Mk 2: 5-11)."

I love the story of the prodigal son—but also of the prodigal father. After the younger son had wasted his inheritance and returned remorseful, there was his father, welcoming with open arms and a feast of celebration. This image of healing love was so total and all-encompassing, even for the elder son (Lk 15: 11-32).

We are reminded that after He called Levi to follow him, Jesus retorted, "I'm here to invite the sin-sick, not spiritually-fit (Mk 2: 14-17)."

It is this overflow of love as mercy and compassion that is most evident in the words and works of Jesus.

I recently read of a diocesan priest who struggled with melanoma for many years. Shortly before his

death, he spoke at a diocesan evening prayer for physicians:

"What do we mean by mercy and what does this mercy do to heal?"

Mercy takes a person who is bruised, beaten, afflicted by sickness, guilt, or perhaps on the point of death as was the Good Thief on the cross...and bathes that person in the love of God.

Mercy is always concerned with touching and healing the whole person...and never just an arm or leg or part of a person.

Mercy is never a technique or a practice...but flows from the heart of God as if from a river and touches a human being with gentle peace."

Anonymous

This mercy-mission for Jesus, was truly one of giving and receiving love. We have reviewed only a few ways by which Jesus models and beckons us to follow him.

Thus, as Jesus does, we too can:

- pray for those in need and for ourselves
- listen to the request and act on it
- observe/support the needy, hungry, fearful, doubtful, grieving
- expect the unexpected
- welcome the stranger/administer the aid
- touch the sick and dying
- supply the needed help and even more
- recruit/encourage others to assist us
- give thanks for continued healing blessings.

As a simple aid to recalling and continuing to spread this love of Jesus, I will use the word HEAL as an acronym.

H – Hear the request of the person in need.

This may be spoken verbally, by body language or even by another person on their behalf.

E – Engage the individual by focusing on the person—looking intently, speaking, touching, supporting, handing them an item they need.

A – Accept this ministry of mercy and compassion graciously, thankfully.

L – Love the needy person; embrace the goodness, the God-presence within each one.

Let us pray for each other as we daily learn to imitate and continue the healing love of Jesus.

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mystery of our own lives. Our inner contradictions and our fears may not be eliminated, but by the Holy Spirit Christ enters fully into what worries us about ourselves, so that light is shed on the dark places in us.

Prayer leads us at one and the same time towards God and towards the world.

Like Mary Magdalene, who on Easter morning saw Christ alive, we are called to share this good news with others.

The vocation of the Church is to gather into the peace of Christ women and men and children of all languages, of all nations, throughout the world. The Church is the sign that the Gospel speaks the truth; it is the Body of Christ, animated by the Holy Spirit.

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THE ROMERO PRAYER

It helps now and then to step back and take the long view.
The Kingdom is not only beyond our efforts, it is beyond our vision.

We accomplish in our lifetime only a tiny fraction
Of the magnificent enterprise that is God's work.
Nothing we do is complete, which is another way of saying that
the kingdom always lies beyond us.
No statement says all that could be said.
No prayer fully expresses faith.
No confession brings perfection.
No pastoral visit brings wholeness.
No program accomplishes the Church's mission.
No set of goals and objectives includes everything.
This is what we are about: We plant seeds that one day will grow.
We water seeds already planted,
knowing that they hold future promise.
We lay foundations that will need further development.
We provide yeast that produces effects beyond our capabilities.
We cannot do everything,
and there is a sense of liberation in realizing that.
This enables us to do something, and to do it well.
It may be incomplete, but it is a beginning, a step along the way,
an opportunity for God's grace to enter and do the rest.
We may never see the end results,
but that is the difference between the master builder and the
worker.
We are workers, not Master Builders, ministers, not Messiahs.
We are prophets of a future not our own. Amen.
-Bishop Ken Untener
(via Francis Hymel)

reflection...

Loving communication implies prayerful surrender to the word of God speaking in ourselves and others. Out of this respectful openness there emerges the wisdom to know when to speak and when to be silent. When we do have to say something, we do so wisely and moderately, and to the appropriate person. In persistently trying to see the other against the background of the Sacred, we preserve inner peace.

~from WORDS OF WISDOM FOR OUR WORLD by Susan Muto

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Healthy boundaries in patient care

When patient & provider values conflict

Advocacy - maintaining the humanity of the patient amidst helplessness

Cultural, religious, & gender sensitivity

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How spiritual, emotional, and relational healing impact physical health

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