

JULY 2017

# Be Courageous...

## Take the **ANCOP**

# WALK (the Talk)

## Household Challenge

**SCRIPTURE PASSAGE OF THE MONTH:**

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**HOUSEHOLD TEACHINGS OF THE MONTH:**

Building the Church of the Poor

**HOUSEHOLD CHALLENGE OF THE MONTH:**

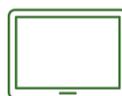
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2017 CFCUSA PASTORAL FORMATION MATERIALS

## Be Courageous...Take the ANCOP WALK (the Talk) Household Challenge

Dear CFC USA Family:

This July, we once again switch our CFC 2017 theme focus, which started from "Be on Guard" (in February and March) to "Stand Firm" (in April through June) and now to "Be Courageous".

God, through our CFC USA/ANCOP Family is giving us the opportunity to be courageous to trust Him more and do something beautiful for Him by Building the Church of the Poor.

### **Helping the Poor needs "Courage"?**

St. Teresa of Calcutta needed all the courage to trust in God when she heard God's "Call within a Call", that was to pursue her "new" mission to serve the poor because she understood her TRUE identity. She stated: "By blood and origin, I am Albanian. My citizenship is Indian. I am a Catholic Nun. As to my calling, I belong to the whole world. As to my heart, I belong entirely to the Heart of Jesus." She added, "Your vocation is not to work for the poor. Your vocation is to belong to Jesus. The work for the poor is only your love for Christ in action ... That is the completion of your vocation, of your belonging to Christ."

### **Helping the Poor needs "Courage"?**

Based on CFC USA's previous year's response, we all need the courage to trust God to enable us to give more to the poor. How have we (CFC USA) responded last year (2016) as a community of believers in giving life opportunities to the poor through education with our Child Sponsorship Program (CSP)?

We reached 80% of our goal (1200 out of 1500 students). However, this number means that approximately less than 10% of our CFC USA population availed of this wonderful opportunity to give back to God. God deserves much, much more from us. We all need the COURAGE to TRUST God more.

What is our plan to achieve or even surpass our 2017 goal for CSP students?

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During your respective ANCOP Walks, we suggest that those households who have accepted and completed the Challenge walk together (as a household) with a sign:

**We are walking for our household's ANCOP sponsored Child.**

### **ANCOP Walk the Talk Household Challenge Completed!**

Then please take a picture/selfie of your hh with the sign and post to FB or any social media and email to [toffeejetcfc@gmail.com](mailto:toffeejetcfc@gmail.com).

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How can we say "No"?

The key to the success of the **ANCOP Walk the Talk Household Challenge is instant obedience to God.** Right after you discuss this teaching, register for the Walk and fill out that pledge form. Don't delay as by the time you leave the venue, the evil one will put doubts into your mind (Are you sure you can afford it?), the world will distract you (That's your Outlet shopping money) and the flesh will deceive you (What about the European vacation you have been dreaming about?).

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<http://www.ancopusa.org/>

After the end of the ANCOP Walks in 2017, we can all be a great blessing to thousands of poor children and hundreds of in-need families, and knowing how we can never outdo the generosity of God, I am positive that He will shower us with a deluge of blessings in this life and for all eternity! May Our Blessed Mother's "Yes" be our "Yes!"

So, dear CFC Household... YES, YOU...are you up for the Challenge to walk the talk?

In Christ through Mary,  
 Bro. Toffee Jeturian

SCRIPTURE PASSAGE OF THE MONTH

**Matthew 25:40**

Amen, I say to you,  
 whatsoever **you do to the least**  
 of your brethren, **you do unto me.**

## To our beloved CFC SoCal Brethren,

You all have an additional opportunity to do something GREAT for God while having a most romantic time with your loved one, through ANCOP. On July 29 (Saturday) at 6 pm, experience Stephanie Reese's "From the Heart", an Intimate Evening of Song. This is a fundraising dinner-dance-concert in one at the Ontario Convention Center. Contact your respective Chapter Heads for tickets.





TEACHING OF THE MONTH:

## Building the Church of the Poor

Start by watching these videos:

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Charity has two dimensions: the vertical pointing to our relationship with God and the horizontal, our relationship with our neighbor. St John reminds us: "How can we say that we love God who we do not see if we hate our neighbor who we do see!" (1John 4:20) Of course, this Biblical passage reminds us of the clear and objective reality that God can be found in many places but primarily in our neighbor. Jesus put it bluntly: "Whatever you do to the least of my brethren, you have done unto me." (Matthew 25:40).

At his first audience on March 16, 2013, Pope Francis (Jorge Mario Bergoglio) told journalists that he had chosen the name in honor of Saint Francis of Assisi, and had done so because he was especially concerned for the well-being of the poor. He explained that, as it was becoming clear during the conclave voting that he would be elected the new bishop of Rome, the Brazilian Cardinal Cláudio Hummes had embraced him and whispered, "Don't forget the poor", which had made Bergoglio think of the saint. Bergoglio had previously expressed his admiration for St. Francis, explaining that "He brought to Christianity an idea of poverty against the luxury, pride, vanity of the civil and ecclesiastical powers of the time. He changed history."

Then Pope Benedict XVI constantly called to mind the importance of love, charity, and respect for our neighbor. Three of the writings of Pope Benedict specifically addressed the topic of charity--- another name for supernatural love.

First was the Pope's 1st encyclical that carries the title "God is love" (coincidentally, our CLP talk # 1 is about God's Love). The Holy Father wrote and published on the importance of love. Incidentally, this is the most purchased encyclical in the history of the Church. The Holy

Father, as universal teacher to the world, highlighted the essence of who God is--- God is love. We were created due to the overflowing love of God; we are created to be loved; we are created to respond by giving love and loving others; finally we are called to die in love and live loving God for all eternity in Heaven where love is total and supreme!

Second, Pope Benedict XVI also promulgated an Apostolic Exhortation with the title "The Sacrament of Charity". This masterpiece offers us the means by which we can truly live out the Gospel of love and it is through receiving the love of Jesus in the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass in Holy Communion. By carrying out this most sublime action of Holy Communion, then by receiving the love of Jesus in Holy Communion (we actually receive the most Sacred Heart of Jesus in the Sacred Host), we are made capable of loving with the same love with which God loved us!

Finally, Pope Benedict XVI also stressed on the importance of ALMSGIVING. The Holy Father reminds us of the poor widow who gave her minimal monetary offering to the temple as an icon or model for the whole world. The message! Jesus does not so much fix His attention on the enormity of the economic contribution but on the purity of heart, purity of intention and the mere willingness to give. A famous preacher (Adrian Rogers) summarized on this point: "God chooses small people with small things, but with great hearts to work marvelous miracles through them.

With this ecclesial and Biblical introduction on charity related to almsgiving, as is our style, let us plunge into the depths of God's love by offering these suggestions on how to give alms, how to give until it hurts, how to live out the "Gospel of love!"

**CORPORAL WORKS OF MERCY.** Read the Gospel of Matthew, chapter 25:31-45. In this you will find the "Corporal Works of Mercy". Feeding the hungry, giving drink to the thirsty, clothing the naked, sheltering the homeless, visiting the sick or prisoner--- all are the Corporal Works of Mercy.

Pope Francis stated: "The times talk to us of so much poverty in the world and this is a scandal. Poverty in the world is a scandal. In a world where there is so much wealth, so many resources to feed everyone, it is unfathomable that there are so many hungry children, that there are so many children without an education, so many poor persons. Poverty today is a cry."

If you can give alms, monetarily to the church, the poor or some charitable institution (ANCOP), then give with generosity and trust in Divine Providence. The key to giving is the keen realization that the giving is really being done to Jesus Himself. Indeed, Jesus is truly present in the poor, the sick, the hungry and thirsty, and the sick and incarcerated. "Whatsoever you do to the least of my brethren, you do unto me." Giving to the poor is more than giving money to a cause, but more importantly placing trust in a loving, caring and a Providential God, who said: "Look at the birds of the air and the lilies of the field... and, Seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness and everything else will be given to you beside..." (Sermon on the Mount Mt. 6:25-34). If we generously and with limitless trust give to God in the poor He will give and provide abundantly for all of our needs!

## **TRUST! TRUST!! TRUST!!!**

### **What do we do?**

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God is giving us this opportunity to do something beautiful for Him. How can we say "No"? In addition, please have this as a theme of your assemblies, teachings and household meetings in July or August. Let us all create awareness and ensure that ALL our CFC brethren are given this wonderful opportunity to give back to God.

The key to the success of the ANCOP Walk the Talk Household Challenge is instant obedience to God. Right after the assembly, teaching or household meeting, fill out that pledge form. Don't delay as by the time you leave the venue, the evil one will put doubts into your mind (Are you sure you can afford it?), the world will distract you (That's your Outlet shopping money) and the flesh will deceive you (What about the European vacation you have been dreaming about?). It may hurt for some but God is asking- Do you TRUST me? I urge you brothers and sisters to TRUST GOD act on it NOW by clicking on or typing this website link: <http://www.ancopusa.org/>

In conclusion, we must live fervently, generously, and with total trust. We can go through this teaching and be touched by it...and still take no positive action. God loves us so much that He gave us the free will to choose to love Him. Our prayer is that us we respond positively and sacrifice to the point of "giving until it hurts" and loving with the Sacred Heart of Jesus in the poor, our own poor of ANCOP. God will shower you with a deluge of blessings in this life and for all eternity! May our Blessed Mother's "Yes" be our "Yes!"

SPECIAL THANKS TO FR. ED BROOM OVM



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Letting go of every single dream  
I lay each one down at Your feet  
Every moment of my wandering  
Never changes what You see

I've tried to win this war I confess  
My hands are weary I need Your rest

Mighty Warrior, King of the fight  
No matter what I face, You're by my side

When You don't move the mountains I'm needing You to move  
When You don't part the waters I wish I could walk through  
When You don't give the answers as I cry out to You  
I will trust, I will trust, I will trust in You!

Truth is, You know what tomorrow brings  
There's not a day ahead You have not seen  
So, in all things be my life and breath  
I want what You want Lord and nothing less

When You don't move the mountains I'm needing You to move  
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I will trust, I will trust, I will trust in You!

I will trust in You!  
You are my strength and comfort  
You are my steady hand  
You are my firm foundation; the rock on which I stand

Your ways are always higher  
Your plans are always good  
There's not a place where I'll go, You've not already stood

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SAINT OF THE MONTH:

## St Vincent de Paul



Birth: 1581

Death: 1660

Feast Day: Sept 27

St. Vincent de Paul was born to a poor peasant family in the French village of Pouy on April 24, 1581. His first formal education was provided by the Franciscans. He did so well, he was hired to tutor the children of a nearby wealthy family. He used the monies he earned teaching to continue his formal studies at the University of Toulouse where he studied theology.

He was ordained in 1600 and remained in Toulouse for a time. In 1605, while on a ship traveling from Marseilles to Narbone, he was captured, brought to

Tunis and sold as a slave. Two years later he and his master managed to escape and both returned to France.

St. Vincent went to Avignon and later to Rome to continue his studies. While there he became a chaplain to the Count of Goigny and was placed in charge of distributing money to the deserving poor. He became pastor of a small parish in Clichy for a short period of time, while also serving as a tutor and spiritual director.

From that point forward he spent his life preaching missions to and providing relief to the poor. He even established hospitals for them. This work became his passion. He later extended his concern and ministry to convicts. The need to evangelize and assist these

souls was so great and the demands beyond his own ability to meet that he founded the Ladies of Charity, a lay institute of woman, to help, as well as a religious institute of priests - the Congregation of Priests of the Mission, commonly referred to now as the Vincentians.

This was at a time when there were not many priests in France and what priests there were, were neither well-formed nor faithful to their way of life. Vincent helped reform the clergy and the manner in which they were instructed and prepared for the priesthood. He did this first through the presentation of retreats and later by helping develop a precursor to our modern day seminaries. At one point his community was directing 53 upper level seminaries. His retreats, open to priests and laymen, were so well attended that it is said he infused a "Christian spirit among more than 20,000 persons in his last 23 years."

The Vincentians remain with us today with nearly 4,000 members in 86 countries. In addition to his order of Vincentian priests, St. Vincent cofounded the Daughters of Charity along with St. Louise de Marillac. There are more than 18,000 Daughters today serving the needs of the poor in 94 countries. He was eighty years old when he died in Paris on September 27, 1660. He had "become the symbol of the successful reform of the French Church". St. Vincent is sometimes referred to as "The Apostle of Charity" and "The Father of the Poor". His incorrupt heart can be found in the Convent of the Sisters of Charity and his bones have been embedded in a wax effigy of the Saint located at the Church of the Lazarist Mission. Both sites are located in Paris, France.

Two miracles have been attributed to St Vincent - a nun cured of ulcers and a laywoman cured of paralysis. As a result of the first, Pope Benedict XIII beatified him on August 13, 1729. Less than 8 years later (on June 16, 1737) he was canonized by Pope Clement XIII. The Bull of Canonization recognized Vincent for his charity and reform of the clergy, as well as for his early role in opposing Jansenism.

It has been reported that St. Vincent wrote more than 30,000 letters in his lifetime and that nearly 7,000 had been collected in the 18th century. There are at least five collections of his letters in existence today.

The feast day for St. Vincent, the patron of all charitable societies, is September 27.



PRAYER OF THE MONTH:

## Prayer to Love the Poor

Lord, open my eyes and my heart to those who are poor. Let me see you in those who are hungry, thirsty, homeless, alone, hurt, and afraid. I know you can be hiding behind the unattractive disguise of my poor neighbor, and the many lonely people I encounter. Do not allow me to disgrace your loving gift to me by giving way to selfishness, coldness, unkindness or indifference. Make me do for others what I do for you. Show me how to help and serve them in your name. Like Saint Teresa, help me see you in the least of my brethren and show love, more love and much more love. Amen.



MEDIA (VIDEOS) OF THE MONTH:

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