

APRIL 2019

Operation "ForOurLord"



Theme/Topic of the Month

Operation ForOurLord



Scripture Passage of the Month: Psalm 118:24

This is the day the LORD has made; let us rejoice in it and be glad.



Teaching of the Month:

This is the day the LORD has made! Let us rejoice!

BY FR ED BROOM, OMV



CFC USA Challenge of the Month

Take the Operation ForOurLord Challenge



Song of the Month:

Christ is Risen by Matt Maher <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IExdrZGQVeI>



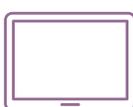
Saint/(Angel) of the Month:

St. Michael



Prayer of the Month:

St. Michael Prayer



Movie of the Month:

Unplanned



Book of the Month

Evangelii gaudium (*The Joy of the Gospel*) by Pope Francis

FREE BOOK: <https://dynamiccatholic.com/the-joy-of-the-gospel-free-copy>



Joke of the Month

Army of the Lord



Application of the month:

Give your FIAT to God this Easter! Accept the Operation ForOurLord Challenge!



2019 CFCUSA Pastoral Formation Materials: Operation ForOurLord (Roh49)

Dear CFC USA Family:

Blessed Easter greetings!

I trust that our Risen Lord, through the 40 days of Lent that you spent in the "desert" in prayer, penance, fasting and alms-giving has gifted you with transformed and brave hearts to prepare you for the Battle that lies ahead.

Whoah! A Battle right after our Lenten desert moments? As CFC, we are in the front lines, always in battle for and with our King, and Lord Jesus Christ!

Speaking of battles, **Operation Overlord** was the codename for the Battle of Normandy, the Allied operation that launched the successful invasion of German-occupied Western Europe during World War II. The operation was launched on June 6, 1944 with the Normandy landings (commonly known as D-Day). A 1,200-plane airborne assault preceded an amphibious assault involving more than 5,000 vessels. Nearly 160,000 troops crossed the English Channel on June 6, and more than 2 million Allied troops were in France by the end of August. This successful assault was a turning point in the victory of the Allied forces over the mighty German army that ended World War II.

Seventy-five years since D-day, CFC USA is launching Operation ForOurLord. Its main thrust is for all of CFC USA, all its servant-leaders, members and family ministries to stage an all-out assault against the enemy with its objectives – to be a Saint, that is to love God, save souls and gain a significant foothold and victory over the enemy.

On March 2, 2019, CFC USA servant leadership (National Council members, Regional Heads and select Area Heads) gathered in the "War Room" in Texas and was inspired by the Holy Spirit to go all out and agreed on the CFC USA battle plan objectives as follows:

- 100% increase in membership from 2018
- 100% increase in ANCOP Child Sponsors from 2018
- 100% increase in full-time Mission Volunteers from 2018
- 20% in tithes and first fruit offerings from 2018

Today, Easter Sunday, April 21, 2019 is the official Phase 1 launch date to end on Christmas Day on December 25, 2019, two of the most important dates in the life of Christ.

In the same breadth that the success of Operation Overlord in 1944 was achieved through the full support and commitment of 14 nations and its respective armies and citizens, the success of Operation ForOurLord depends on the FULL support and commitment of ALL its members of ALL ministries... and our most potent weapons – the Grace of God, the Power of the Holy Spirit and the intercession of our Blessed Mother.

Each household (ALL ministries) is humbly requested to conduct a 4H (House Hold Holy Hour) meeting in the month of May (month of Mary), that is for the whole household to do Eucharistic Adoration inside a Blessed Sacrament Chapel begging for the grace to be enlightened as to how the household can contribute to the success of Operation ForOurLord and submit their plans to their Area Leader who will then discern and develop an Area Battle Plan that will be submitted to the Regional Head by May 31, 2019.

The key to victory at war is for the enemy to surrender. For this war, the key is for US to surrender, that is to surrender our minds, our hearts and our wills to the Holy Will of God and give our unconditional FIAT to God who calls us to be steadfast in faith and relentless in action, despite all odds, challenges, trials and difficulties we will for sure encounter. God is telling us: “Be Not Afraid” for He is with us and God is indeed enough!

Finally, let us accept the challenge (Read the CFC USA Challenge of the Month section for detailed instructions) and go to Battle, not begrudgingly, but with a lot of JOY and gratefulness in our hearts knowing fully well that God himself, our King and General, has called us for this Battle and will equip us with the Spiritual Weapons we would need, protect us and our loved ones, and shower us with blessings upon blessings as we fight for Him. I pray that we be inspired by our Teaching of the month: This is the day the LORD has made! Let us rejoice! (by Fr. Ed Broom OMC) to accept the Operation ForOurLord challenge with JOY!

May the Risen Lord grant you and your families a most blessed Easter Season!

In Christ through Mary,
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has made.
Let us **rejoice** in
it and be **glad**.

PSALM 118:24



TEACHING OF THE MONTH:

This is the day the LORD has made! Let us rejoice!

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NOTE: It is VERY important that you read the roh #49 Letter first.

As we celebrate the Risen Lord Jesus we should be experiencing great joy, an abundant joy, an overflowing joy, a radiant joy, and a contagious joy. The Antiphon that we pray frequently in Mass for the fifty days of the Easter Season is the following: "This is the day the Lord has made, let us be glad and rejoice in it."

Blessed Pope Paul VI penned a short but uplifting document on the topic of Joy: *Gaudete In Domino*—meaning, Rejoice in the Lord. This is taken from the Letter of Saint Paul to the Philippians: Rejoice in the Lord; I say it again: rejoice in the Lord. Your kindness should be known to all. The Lord is near. (Phil 4:5-6)

One of the most important documents of the Second Vatican Council, known as a Dogmatic Constitution is titled *Gaudium et Spes*—meaning Joy and Hope. Cardinal Karol Wojtyla, the future Saint Pope John Paul II, was instrumental in the writing and publication of this document.

Pope Francis, the present reigning Pontiff, wrote an extraordinary missionary document for the modern world called *The Joy of the Gospel*. In this inspiring and motivational document, the Holy Father calls all of us to bring the Good News of Jesus Christ to the whole world. The last words of Jesus before ascending into heaven were: "Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And

behold I am with you always until the end of the age.” (Mt. 28:19-20) However, Pope Francis insists that the preaching of the Gospel and the bringing of many souls to Christ must be done through joy—the Joy of the Gospel. The most recent Apostolic Exhortation of Pope Francis, *Rejoice and be glad*, encourages all of us to be holy, to become saints (April 9, 2018). Jesus exhorts us: Be holy as your heavenly Father is holy. (Mt 5:48) Indeed the saints were truly happy and joyful for this simple reason: they were holy! Let us work on becoming saints!

Saint Mother Theresa of Calcutta, one of the favorite modern saints and one of the greatest missionaries in the Catholic faith, insisted on bringing the joy of Jesus to the poor, the lonely, the suffering, and the abandoned with a radiating smile of joy.

Saint Philip Neri, the second Apostle of Rome, would carry with him a Bible, as well as a joke book. One of his classic expressions was *Tristeza y melancholia fuori di casa mia*—translation: May sadness and a melancholic spirit begone from my house.

Finally, Saint Ignatius of Loyola, in the *Spiritual Exercises*, in the Contemplations in the last part of the Exercises dedicated to the contemplation of the Risen Lord Jesus, insists that we beg for the very special grace, and that is, the grace of JOY! However, not for a weak, opaque, anemic form of joy, but rather the most intense joy! In other words, not a few drops dripping from a weeping willow tree, but an immense ocean of joy—limitless because God Himself is beyond all limits! We have suffered intensely with Jesus; now it is the time to rejoice exultantly with Him in His Resurrection! This is the day the Lord has made, let us be glad and rejoice in it!

Therefore, let us rejoice in the Lord and give a long list of reasons why our joy should be constant, complete, and contagious!

1. REJOICE IN THE LORD. It must be stated immediately that true joy, authentic joy can only come from our knowledge, contact, and union with the Risen Lord Jesus Christ. We should never confuse joy with pleasure. The latter—that of pleasure—depends on external stimuli, circumstances in life and exterior happenings. Not so with joy! Actually, joy is one of the many fruits that come from our union with the Holy Spirit, and the Holy Spirit is God, the Third Person of the Blessed Trinity! Therefore, the deeper our union with God, the more constant and intense will we be able to experience true joy. Saint Paul exhorts us: Rejoice in the Lord; I say it again: rejoice in the Lord! (Phil 4:4)

2. FRIENDSHIP WITH JESUS. Jesus called the Apostles His friends. Come to the keen awareness that Jesus is truly your friend, and He is your best Friend. He is a friend who will never fail you. We may fail Him, but He will never fail us!

3. **HEAVEN OUR TRUE HOME FOREVER!** **In the midst of the trials, pains, sufferings,** contradictions, uncertainties, anxieties, and stresses of our short life on earth, we should never forget that our true and permanent abode is Heaven. We are mere wayfarers, pilgrims, travelers in this world heading to our eternal homeland. Try to recall the happiest day in your life, the happiest hour in your life, the happiest moment in your life. Multiply that happiness a million times and add eternity to the equation, and you have a mere glimpse of heaven! We can never fully imagine the immense joy of heaven. Saint Paul reminds us: Eye has not seen, ear has not heard, nor has it entered into the mind of man the wonderful things that God has prepared for those who love Him. When you feel simply overwhelmed with the problems of life, remember that life passes quickly and heaven is forever. The Psalmist reminds us: Our life is like the flower of the field that rises in the morning and dies as the sun goes down!

4. FAITHFUL FRIENDS, ALWAYS PRESENT! How easy it is for us to forget the totality of the Communion of Saints. This consists of the Church Suffering, the souls in Purgatory; the Church Militant, we who are soldiers of Christ now fighting for our salvation; and also the Church Triumphant, that is to say, the saints who have won the battle and are now in heaven for all eternity! Get to know your friends the saints! Read a page or two from the life of a saint on a daily basis. Celebrate their Liturgical Feast Day with great joy. Call upon them as your friends. Try to imitate their virtuous lives. Invoke them constantly. Long to be with them in heaven one day forever and ever. Loneliness does exist, but those who have a keen and constant awareness of the saints suffer loneliness very little because they are in the company of that great Cloud of Witnesses—the saints in heaven who help us here in earth.

5. MERCY SUNDAY: THE PROMISE AND THE GIFT. Give thanks to the Lord for He is good; His mercy endures forever. What an exceedingly great gift that God through Holy Mother Church grants her children every year on the Sunday after Easter, Divine Mercy Sunday. By making a good confession in Lent, Holy week, or Easter week, and then attending Holy Mass on Mercy Sunday and receiving Holy Communion with faith, love, and devotion, God gives us a totally new heart! All of our sins are washed clean and all the temporal punishment due for our sins expiated, and our soul becomes as white as the snow like on the very day that we were baptized! For this reason, our joy should have no limits!

6. GOD'S INFINITE AND CONSTANT MERCY. Related to the gift of Mercy Sunday is the awareness of God's constant mercy. Indeed, God is the loving Father present in the Parable

of the Prodigal Son (Merciful Father). Even though the just man falls seven times a day, God always has His loving arms open to forgive if we can simply say: I am sorry! Pope Francis reminds us: God is always ready to forgive, but we are at times unwilling to ask for forgiveness!

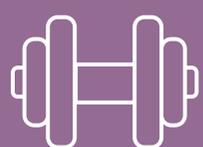
7. PRAYER AND THE COUNTLESS BLESSINGS THAT FLOW FROM PRAYER. Prayer is the easiest thing in the world but also the most difficult! Easiest because it can be done in any time, any place, using any words; hardest, because the devil raises countless obstacles to prevent us from praying often and well! However, true joy should come to us from this reflection of Saint Peter of Alcantara on the effects of prayer: In mental prayer the soul is purified of its sins, nourished with charity, confirmed in faith, and strengthened in hope; the mind expands, the affections dilate, the heart is purified, truth becomes evident, temptation is conquered, sadness dispelled, the senses are renovated, the drooping powers revive, tepidity ceases, the rust of vices disappear. Out of mental prayer issues forth, like living sparks, those desires of heaven which the soul conceives when inflamed with the fire of divine love. Sublime is the excellence of mental prayer; great are its privileges; to mental prayer heaven is opened; to mental prayer heavenly secrets are manifested and the ear of God is attentive." (The Ways of Mental Prayer, Rev. Dom Vitalis Lehodey, pages 26-27, Tan Publishers)

8. JOY IN GIVING UNTIL IT HURTS. True, this saying comes from Saint Mother Teresa of Calcutta: Give until it hurts! Saint Paul expresses this truth in these words: There is more joy in giving than in receiving! Therefore, if you really want to experience joy, try to live out either the Corporal Works of Mercy or the Spiritual Works of Mercy. You will discover that the more you give of yourself, the more you sacrifice of your own comfort, the more you are willing to walk the extra mile, the more God will fill you with joy! Selfishness saps the joy in our heart; generous self-giving reinvigorates us with a super-abundant joy!

9. GOD'S GREAT GIFT TO THE CHURCH AND ITS MEMBERS: THE EUCHARIST! The mere thought of the reality of the Eucharist should fill you with an overflowing joy! Jesus is present in the Blessed Sacrament waiting for you, calling you, beckoning you to come visit Him: Come to me all you who are weary and I will give you rest; take my yoke upon you and learn from me who am meek and humble of heart. You will find rest for your soul for my yoke is easy and my burden is light. (Mt 11:28-30) Still more, the thought that you can receive this Gift of all gifts into your heart in Holy Communion should fill you with an ecstatic joy! The saints lived with constant joy because they loved the Eucharist, visited the Blessed Sacrament, and received Jesus in Holy Communion with frequency, faith, and great fervor of soul! Make a decision now: daily Mass and Holy Communion, whenever possible!

10. MARY: OUR LIFE, OUR SWEETNESS, AND OUR HOPE—CAUSE OF OUR JOY!!! After he died, Saint Dominic Savio appeared to his guide and spiritual director Saint John Bosco. Bantering a bit with Bosco, Savio invited Saint John Bosco to guess what brought Savio the greatest joy when he was alive on earth. Saint John Bosco guessed several times, but without success! Finally, Saint John Bosco asked Savio what brought him, while on earth, the greatest joy??? Saint Dominic Savio responded: his great love and devotion to Mary! Then he encouraged Saint John Bosco to spread devotion to Mary far and wide. Saint Therese on one occasion got very sick. She had great devotion to Mary and there was a certain statue of Mary that she prayed to constantly. Overwhelmed by this sickness, Saint Therese looked up to this statue of Mary, and Mary smiled at her! The Little Flower was instantly healed of her sickness! So it must be with us! Let us consecrate ourselves to Mary, talk to Mary, entrust ourselves to Mary, get others to know and love Mary, and give ourselves totally to Jesus through the Immaculate Heart of Mary. Indeed, Mary is our life, our sweetness, and our hope!

In conclusion we invite all people of good will to beg for that very special gift—free of charge—that God the Holy Spirit truly wants to fill you with, fill you to the brim, and that is the gift of JOY! Once you are filled with that joy of Easter, the joy of the Risen Lord, the joy that is one of the fruits of the Holy Spirit, then give that joy to the whole world. This is the day the Lord has made, let us rejoice and be glad in it!!!



CFC USA CHALLENGE OF THE MONTH:

Take the Operation ForOurLord Challenge!

1- If possible, conduct your household meeting at a room in one of your Parishes (if not, the usual hh member's residence should suffice.)

2- Start with praying the Holy Rosary.

3- Do your usual Praise & Worship.

4- Play the Reflection Song of the Month: *Christ is Risen* by Matt Maher

5- Read roh49 Letter followed by the Teaching of the Month

This is the day the LORD has made! Let us rejoice! by Fr Ed Broom, OMV

6- Do your Holy Hour together as a household and beg for the grace for God to reveal to you your Battle Plan for Operation ForOurLord.

- a. Inside the Blessed Sacrament Chapel of your church (preferred)
- b. At the Household member's home

7- If there is still time, share the inspirations that God has revealed to you.
Note: You may do the sharing at the next hh meeting.

8- Put in writing your specific plans and submit to your Area Head.

9- Finally, take a picture of your household doing or after your Holy Hour in front of the church or in a hh member's residence and post in Facebook, Instagram or any social media with the caption **Operation ForOurLord**

Challenge Accepted and/or email to
toffeejetcfc@gmail.com to be included in next month's ROH!



SONG OF THE MONTH

Christ is Risen by Matt Maher

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IExdrZGQVeI>



Let no one caught in sin remain
Inside the lie of inward shame
We fix our eyes upon the cross
And run to Him who showed great love

And bled for us
 Freely You've bled for us

Refrain:

Christ is risen from the dead
 Trampling over death by death
 Come awake, come awake
 Come and rise up from the grave

Christ is risen from the dead
 We are one with Him again
 Come awake, come awake
 Come and rise up from the grave

Beneath the weight of all our sin
 You bowed to none but Heaven's will
 No scheme of Hell, no scoffer's crown
 No burden great can hold You down

In strength You reign
 Forever let Your church proclaim

Refrain

O death, where is your sting?
 O hell, where is your victory?
 O church, come stand in the light
 The glory of God has defeated the night

Sing it, o death, where is your sting?
 O hell, where is your victory?
 O church, come stand in the light
 Our God is not dead, He's alive, He's alive

Refrain (2x)



SAINT/(ANGEL) OF THE MONTH

St. Michael the Archangel



Saint Michael the Archangel isn't a saint, but rather he is an angel whose name means, "one who is like God," and the leader of all angels and of the army of God who cast Satan and the rebellious angels into Hell; at the end of time, he will wield the sword of justice to separate the righteous from the evil. The title "Archangel" means, that he is above all the others in rank.

St. Michael has four main responsibilities or offices, as we know from scripture and Christian tradition.

- The first is to combat Satan.
- The second is to escort the faithful to heaven at their hour of death.
- The third is to be a champion of all Christians, and the Church itself.
- The fourth is to call men from life on Earth to their heavenly judgment.

Very little is known about St Michael other than what we know from scriptures, which themselves are sparse.

In Daniel, St. Michael is mentioned twice. The first time as one who helped Daniel, and the second time he is mentioned with regard to the end times of the world when he will stand for the "children of thy people."

His next mention comes in the Epistle of St. Jude, where St. Michael is said to guard the tombs of Moses and Eve and has contended with Satan over the body of Moses.

The final mention is in Revelation, where St. Michael and his angels, do battle with the dragon.

There are other scriptures where St. Michael is implied, but not mentioned by name, such as the angel; who defends the gate to Paradise, who defends against Balaam, and “who routed the army of Sennacherib.”

In the Spring of 1994, our then Holy Father, Pope John Paul II, urged the faithful to offer the prayer to St. Michael the Archangel. He also made the strong suggestion that the recitation of the prayer be instituted at Mass once again. Clearly, the Holy Father was responding to the grave evils we see present in our world– the sins of abortion, euthanasia, terrorism, genocide, and the like. Satan and the other fallen angels are doing their best to lead souls to Hell. We need the help of St. Michael!

Today, St. Michel is invoked for protection, especially from lethal enemies. He is also the patron of soldiers, police and doctors.

PRAYER OF THE MONTH: St. Michael Prayer

St. Michael the 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 about the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen.





MOVIE OF THE MONTH Unplanned

Click link below for the official trailer

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gBLWpKbC3ww>



From the writers/co-producers of *God's Not Dead*, comes a film that speaks to one of the most polarizing topics of our day. *Unplanned* brings us an eye-opening look inside the abortion industry from a woman who was once its most passionate advocate. After reading Abby Johnson's best-selling book of the same title, the writers/co-producers were moved to bring this inspiring true story to the big screen, giving voice to a woman who has been on both sides of the abortion conversation.

Unplanned is the most important movie you'll ever see on the most controversial issue of our time. Guaranteed, no one will leave this film unmoved by Abby's journey.

Unplanned ... in theaters nationwide Spring 2019

ROH Warning: Bring a box of Kleenex. You will need it.



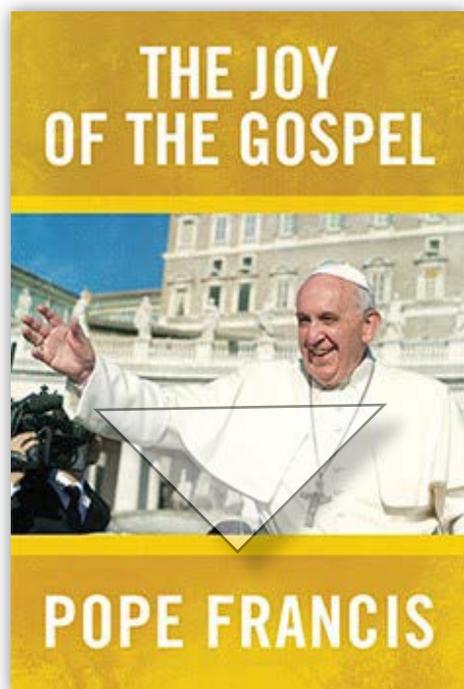
BOOK OF THE MONTH

Evangelii gaudium (The Joy of the Gospel)

Click link to get a FREE book:

<https://dynamiccatholic.com/the-joy-of-the-gospel-free-copy>

Evangelii gaudium (English: The Joy of the Gospel) is a 2013 apostolic exhortation by Pope Francis on "the church's primary mission of evangelization in the modern world." In its opening paragraph, Pope Francis urged the entire Church "to embark on a new chapter of evangelism". According to the exhortation, the Church must understand itself



as a “community of missionary disciples”, who are “permanently in a state of mission”. It has been described as a “remarkable and radical document, one that ranges widely and challenges complacency at every level”, as well as “the manifesto of Francis” and a “Magna Carta for church reform.”

Evangelii gaudium touches on many of the themes of Francis’ papacy, including obligations Christians have to the poor and the duty to establish and maintain just economic, political, and legal orders. Francis says that the world “can no longer trust in the unseen forces and the invisible hand of the market” and calls for action “beyond a simple welfare mentality” that “attack[s] the structural causes of inequality.” Refocusing society’s priorities, he asks how “it is not a news item when an elderly homeless person dies of exposure, but it is news when the stock market loses two points?”

In contrast to the writing style of previous popes, Evangelii gaudium is not written in an academic style but “in language that is both easily understood and captivating.”



JOKE OF THE MONTH

Army of the Lord

A friend was in front of me coming out of Easter Mass, and the priest was standing at the door as he always is to shake hands. He grabbed my friend by the hand and pulled him aside. The Pastor said to him, “You need to join the Army of the Lord!” My friend replied, “I’m already in the Army of the Lord, Father.” The Priest questioned, “How come I don’t see you except at Easter and Christmas?” He whispered back, “I’m in the secret service.”



APPLICATION OF THE MONTH

Give your FIAT to God this Easter!

Faith without Action is Dead

Accept the Operation ForOurLord Challenge!