

Carmelites of the Holy Face

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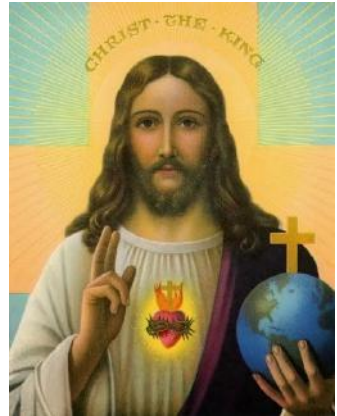
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“Glory to God in the highest: and on earth peace to men of good will. Luke 2:14

Dear Friends and Benefactors,

With the world in a state of rapidly increasing turmoil, chaos and upheaval, at first glance it seems rather inappropriate to wish each other peace and joy as the Christmas Season approaches. To expect to find peace on earth at the present time would appear a futile dream for all save the most idealistic and optimistic; a nice sentimental wish, maybe, but one which is not based on reality and has little hope of being realised. And yet, if the godless men who are ruling the world have been able to take away our peace and to shatter our hopes for a happy Christmas and New Year, then it is we ourselves who are to blame for having a faulty notion of peace and a superficial understanding of the reason we celebrate the Birthday of Christ Jesus.

On that holy night when the long-awaited Saviour was born, the angels brought tidings of “peace to men of good will”. Although many would prefer to read “peace and good will to men,” or “peace to all men without distinction,” it remains a fact that only those who serve God with a good will, by *“charity from a pure heart, a good conscience and an unfeigned faith”* (1 Timothy 1:5), really experience true peace.



The most influential men in society (men imbued with the doctrine of Karl Marx), do indeed speak of unity and peace, but it is not the peace of Christ. Theirs is the goal of the freemasons who for the past 300 years have been striving to establish a universal brotherhood. This paradise and peace on earth (which they hope to achieve without God), comes at a price: the loss of Faith and the dethronement of Our Lord Jesus Christ from His rightful place in Church and State, in our heart and in our home. Because they have chosen to serve the Father of Lies rather than the Prince of Peace, the children of darkness tirelessly labour under an illusion and endeavour to accomplish the impossible. It is nonetheless a tragic situation on account of the large

number of souls which they have deluded into welcoming and furthering their plans without even realising the price they have paid.

“Because they have deceived my people, saying: Peace: and there is no peace... telling lies to my people that believe lies.” (Ezechiel 13:10, 19)

The Christian soldier who is well grounded in the Faith knows, however, that the peace of Christ is the only lasting peace which can never be achieved by making a truce with the world or by compromising in matters of Faith and Morals.



It is no exaggeration of the truth to say that in particular over the past 60 years, the enemies of God have come close to achieving the dethronement of Christ, the destruction of His Kingdom on earth, and the establishment of a One World Religion. Yet we know that theirs is only an apparent victory, the days of which are numbered.

Meanwhile all those of us who are doing our best to hold fast to the true Catholic Faith, and to follow our conscience, must expect to be persecuted in some way or another. It is inevitable. By living according to our Catholic Faith and principles, we have enthroned Jesus Christ in our hearts and homes, consequently becoming an obstacle to the atheistic and freemasonic globalist plan for “peace”.

This persecution may take many forms, both direct and indirect. We may be calumniated; we will certainly be laughed at and made to feel out of place by society for no other reason than for continuing to do as our ancestors have done. By simply dressing with modesty, giving our children a home-schooled



Catholic education, refusing to send our children to corrupt public schools, refusing to wear a mask or take ‘the news’ at face value, continuing to place God’s laws above the laws of men, practising charity to the elderly by visiting and caring for them, attending Mass whenever possible and for countless other reasons besides, the world will hate us and persecute us, just as it hated and persecuted Our Lord and all His Saints.

At the Last Supper, Jesus said to His disciples:

“Peace I leave with you; My peace I give unto you; not as the world giveth, do I give unto you.” (John 14:27)

“These things I have spoken to you, that in Me you may have peace. In the world you shall have distress. But have confidence. I have overcome the world.” (John 16:33)

The world cannot give peace, because by catering to the passions and extolling vices, it leaves men with guilty consciences. We were made to know, love and serve God in this life, and in order to help us to achieve this end for which we were created, each one of us has been given a conscience. Many, it is true, abuse this gift of God; yet it remains a gift of no small value for those who use it well. We all have certainly experienced at some time or another (and probably many times), the guilt of having ignored our conscience in order to obtain the momentary pleasure of sin; and likewise the much greater pleasure of having done some good deed or practiced some virtue. The peace and joy of a good conscience just cannot compare with the illusion of peace and joy which the sinner seeks by self-gratification. The sinner (whether he has the honesty to admit it to himself or not) is constantly oppressed by the sense of guilt and the fear of punishment. He has chosen to serve himself in preference to Christ, and ultimately ends up becoming the slave of Satan who is a cruel and hard master. Seeking to drown out the reproaches of his conscience by adding sin upon sin, he only increases the turmoil in his troubled soul. Oh how pitiful is the state of sinners! They will find no rest either in this life or the next unless they receive the grace of repentance; the grace to return like the Prodigal Son, and to humbly acknowledge their need of God.

“There is no peace to the wicked, saith the Lord God.” (Isaiah 57:21)

On the contrary, how great is the peace and joy in the heart of the just! The practice of virtue and especially of charity – although it may be difficult at first – brings happiness to the soul at the thought of the reward which is thereby laid up for it in Heaven. Not only that, but the very fact of having helped one’s neighbour or denied oneself in order to please God, gives a feeling of great peace and satisfaction to the soul.

“For if thou hadst walked in the way of God, thou hadst surely dwelt in peace forever.” (Baruch 3:13)

As one example from among very many of how true peace is obtained, we would like to share with you the story of St. Louise De Marillac. From her childhood she had suffered greatly due to the fact that it was not known who her mother was. When she was 13, her father died and her relatives showed very little concern



for her welfare until she came of age to marry. Louise herself had privately resolved to become a nun; however, her poor health prevented her from being accepted by any of the convents she knew. She yielded to the wishes of her relatives who arranged that she should marry a man from the nobility. As a married woman, Louise was still unhappy, and when her husband fell ill, she was tormented by scruples since she considered it God's punishment for having failed in her resolution to become a nun. When she was 34, her husband died, and it was about this time that she met St. Vincent De Paul. Under his direction, she dedicated herself to caring for the poor: teaching them the Catechism, feeding the hungry, nursing the sick, and visiting the old and the neglected. It was not long before Louise's scruples vanished and her crisis of depression ended. She eventually founded the Daughters of Charity – the first active Order of nuns to be approved by the Church. By thinking of and caring for Christ in His suffering members, Louise De Marillac found peace of soul and became a saint!

Dear Friends and Benefactors, you who have shown such charity to us in our time of need, and who continue to do so, we pray that you too may be filled with the peace of Christ; that peace which surpasses understanding and which the world cannot give. May you thus experience in your own selves the true peace and joy of Christmas; the fruits of our Redemption. Then the Christ Child shall find a warm welcome in your hearts,

“And the God of peace and of love shall be with you.” (2 Corinthians 13:11)

Have a fruitful Advent and a blessed and happy Christmas!



The Peace of Christ

The Prince of Peace is Christ Our Lord,
For peace comes with His reign;
While Satan rules amidst discord,
And speaks of peace in vain.

It's true Freemasonry, his tool,
Works for a worldwide "peace,"
But one which owns no higher rule;
Where Faith and morals cease.

Now Satan's goal seems near-achieved;
Men hold it in esteem,
Since many people have believed
In such a futile dream.

There is no peace and cannot be
Where Christ reigns not supreme;
Nor can there be true liberty
Where grace does not redeem.

With Faith and conscience sacrificed
Disquiet reigns within;
Since those who scorn the yoke of Christ
Must bear the weight of sin.

But Christians in the state of grace
Have peace in heart and soul,
For Faith and conscience have their place
When God is in control.

So seek the peace of Christ, therefore,
And turn away from sin,
For you shall dwell in peace secure
When Jesus reigns within.

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Handmade Christmas Cards.....	€3.00 each or €25.00 for 10
Brown wool Scapulars of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel.....	€1.00
St. Benedict bronze colour Crucifix.....	€2.00
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Pardon Crucifix.....	€3.50
Blessed 100% Beeswax Candle.....	offering, €0.50
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Hermitage News

- ✦ 8th Sept. 2020 – Being anxious to please Our Lady and to gain several favours through her intercession, we each made a Scapular of the Sacred Heart as a birthday gift for her. We were inspired to make them in such a way that written petitions could be placed inside the Hearts of Jesus and Mary. Many of you sent in your own petitions which we offered to Our Lady together with our own in a small ceremony we held in her honour.
- ✦ 22nd Sept. 2020 – We appeared once again in local District Court, where our case was heard after a 2 hour wait. Thanks to your prayers, the Judge seemed to be very sympathetic this time and he listened patiently while Mother Irene explained the difficulties we have had in securing another location for our Hermitage. He granted our request for more time, postponing any further procedures until next June. Thanks be to God!
- ✦ 23rd Sept. 2020 – After another let-down when the property we had hoped to purchase sold to someone else (because we didn't have the required funds), we continued to search for residential land suitable for our needs. We found a property of 11 acres near Leap with full planning permission. The auctioneer, however, was opposed to us purchasing it, so we took this as a sign from God to look elsewhere.
- ✦ 12th Oct. 2020 – Mother Irene celebrated the 30th Anniversary of her public Profession of perpetual Vows as a Spouse of Our Lord Jesus Christ, which was received by the Archbishop at that time in a town in Co. Galway, Ireland 1990. (This was before she received the grace in 1997, to return to the holy Tradition of the One Holy Catholic and Apostolic Church). Deo gratias!
- ✦ Nov. 2020 – We began a crusade of extra prayers and penances for the benefit of the Holy Souls in Purgatory during the Month of November in order to obtain their assistance and the gift of fortitude to withstand the attacks of Satan and his friends. Many of our benefactors sent in their own list of faithful departed family and friends which we continue to include in our daily prayers and sacrifices and holy Masses.



Thanks to your generosity, we are very close to being able to purchase property for our Hermitage. We ask that you continue to pray for this intention so that we may make the right decision and accomplish the holy will of God, despite the obstacles raised by the devil's agents, who will certainly continue to oppose us wherever we go.

With the assurance of our heartfelt gratitude and humble prayers for you all,
Mother Irene of the Holy Face O.Carm and Community

HOW TO HELP US?

- ✓ **By your prayers**, especially that Our Lord will send us good vocations, courageous “Veronicas” to wipe and honour His Adorable Face and make reparation for poor sinners.
- ✓ **By your generosity**: bank transfer made payable to
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Corran
Leap
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