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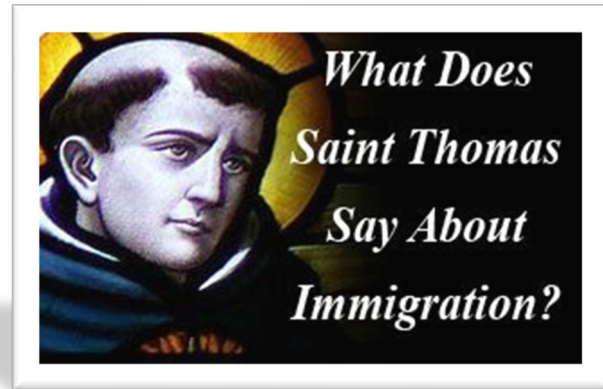
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INTERVIEW WITH JOHN HORVAT II
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IN LOOKING AT THE DEBATE OVER IMMIGRATION, IT IS ALMOST AUTOMATICALLY ASSUMED THAT THE CHURCH'S POSITION IS ONE OF UNCONDITIONAL CHARITY TOWARD THOSE WHO ENTER THE NATION, LEGALLY OR ILLEGALLY. HOWEVER, IS THIS THE CASE? WHAT DOES THE BIBLE SAY ABOUT IMMIGRATION? WHAT DO CHURCH DOCTORS AND THEOLOGIAN SAY? ABOVE ALL, WHAT DOES THE GREATEST OF DOCTORS, SAINT THOMAS AQUINAS, SAY ABOUT IMMIGRATION? DOES HIS OPINION OFFER SOME INSIGHTS TO THE BURNING ISSUES NOW SHAKING THE NATION AND BLURRING THE NATIONAL BORDERS?

IMMIGRATION IS A MODERN PROBLEM AND SO SOME MIGHT THINK THAT THE MEDIEVAL SAINT THOMAS WOULD HAVE NO OPINION ABOUT THE PROBLEM. AND YET, HE DOES. ONE HAS ONLY TO LOOK IN HIS MASTERPIECE, THE SUMMA THEOLOGICA, IN THE FIRST PART OF THE SECOND PART, QUESTION 105, ARTICLE 3 (I-II, Q. 105, ART. 3). THERE ONE FINDS HIS ANALYSIS BASED ON BIBLICAL INSIGHTS THAT CAN ADD TO THE NATIONAL DEBATE. THEY ARE ENTIRELY APPLICABLE TO THE PRESENT.

SAINT THOMAS: "MAN'S RELATIONS WITH FOREIGNERS ARE TWOFOLD: PEACEFUL, AND HOSTILE: AND IN DIRECTING BOTH KINDS OF RELATION THE LAW CONTAINED SUITABLE PRECEPTS."

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FEASTS FOR JULY

THE FEASTS ON THE GENERAL ROMAN CALENDAR CELEBRATED DURING THE MONTH OF JULY ARE:

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| 1 JUNÍPERO SERRA (USA), OPT. MEM. | 21 LAWRENCE OF BRINDISI, OPT. MEM. |
| 2 THIRTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME | 22 MARY MAGDALENE, FEAST |
| 3 THOMAS, APOSTLE, FEAST | 23 SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME |
| 5 ANTHONY MARY ZACCARIA; ELIZABETH OF PORTUGAL, QUEEN (USA), OPT. MEM. | 24 SHARBEL (CHARBEL) MAKHLOOF, OPT. MEM. |
| 6 MARIA GORETTI, OPT. MEM. | 25 JAMES, APOSTLE, FEAST |
| 9 FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME | 26 JOACHIM AND ANNE, MEMORIAL |
| 11 BENEDICT, ABBOTT, MEM. | 29 MARTHA, MARY AND LAZARUS, MEMORIAL |
| 13 HENRY, OPT. MEM. | 30 SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME |
| 14 KATERI TEKAKWITHA (USA), MEMORIAL | 31 IGNATIUS OF LOYOLA, MEMORIAL |
| 15 BONAVENTURE, MEMORIAL | |
| 16 FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL, OPT. MEM. | |
| 18 CAMILLUS DE LELLIS, OPT. MEM. | |
| 20 APOLLINARIS, OPT. MEM. | |

THE FEASTS OF ST. AUGUSTINE ZHAO RONG & COMPANIONS (JULY 9), ST. BRIDGET (JULY 23) AND ST. PETER CHRYSOLOGUS AND ST. SOLANUS CASEY (JULY 30) ARE SUPERSEDED BY THE SUNDAY LITURGY. ☐

OUR CENACLE CORNER

SEEKING A DEEPER RELATIONSHIP WITH GOD
THROUGH MEDITATION OF PASSAGES FROM HOLY SCRIPTURES

Crying Out to God Almighty

GOD TOUCHED ME

*Publish his glorious deeds among the nations.
Tell everyone about the amazing things he does. — 1 Chronicles 16:24*

THE CALL

*The world and its desires pass away, but whoever does the will of God lives forever.
1 John 2:17*

Who calls on a night such as this
Sighing, pleading, crying?
Ah, it's only the movement
Of the cold December winds
Or is it the gentle rustlings of leaves
On a breezy night
Or the sound of sad music
Vibrating in the air.
Or could it be you, Lord
Speaking to me in my heart?

"Child, I need you,
I love you,
Come to me."

Words that seem to pierce your heart,
Like Cupid's arrow has captivated your heart.
To refuse you cannot do
Because you know
He calls only someone special as **YOU**.

"I love you Lord,
Here I am.
Take me.
Be with me.
Use me."

This poem is dedicated to all
Who say "YES" to God.

Connie de la Rosa
12.06.05

WHAT DOES ST. THOMAS SAY ABOUT IMMIGRATION

COMMENTARY: IN MAKING THIS AFFIRMATION, SAINT THOMAS AFFIRMS THAT NOT ALL IMMIGRANTS ARE EQUAL. EVERY NATION HAS THE RIGHT TO DECIDE WHICH IMMIGRANTS ARE BENEFICIAL, THAT IS, "PEACEFUL," TO THE COMMON GOOD. AS A MATTER OF SELF-DEFENSE, THE STATE CAN REJECT THOSE CRIMINAL ELEMENTS, TRAITORS, ENEMIES AND OTHERS WHO IT DEEMS HARMFUL OR "HOSTILE" TO ITS CITIZENS.

THE SECOND THING HE AFFIRMS IS THAT THE MANNER OF DEALING WITH IMMIGRATION IS DETERMINED BY LAW IN THE CASES OF BOTH BENEFICIAL AND "HOSTILE" IMMIGRATION. THE STATE HAS THE RIGHT AND DUTY TO APPLY ITS LAW.

SAINT THOMAS: "FOR THE JEWS WERE OFFERED THREE OPPORTUNITIES OF PEACEFUL RELATIONS WITH FOREIGNERS. FIRST, WHEN FOREIGNERS PASSED THROUGH THEIR LAND AS TRAVELERS. SECONDLY, WHEN THEY CAME TO DWELL IN THEIR LAND AS NEWCOMERS. AND IN BOTH THESE RESPECTS THE LAW MADE KIND PROVISION IN ITS PRECEPTS: FOR IT IS WRITTEN (EXODUS 22:21): 'THOU SHALT NOT MOLEST A STRANGER [ADVENAM];' AND AGAIN (EXODUS 22:9): 'THOU SHALT NOT MOLEST A STRANGER [PEREGRINO].'"

COMMENTARY: HERE SAINT THOMAS ACKNOWLEDGES THE FACT THAT OTHERS WILL WANT TO COME TO VISIT OR EVEN STAY IN THE LAND FOR SOME TIME. SUCH FOREIGNERS DESERVED TO BE TREATED WITH CHARITY, RESPECT AND COURTESY, WHICH IS DUE TO ANY HUMAN OF GOOD WILL. IN THESE CASES, THE LAW CAN AND SHOULD PROTECT FOREIGNERS FROM BEING BADLY TREATED OR MOLESTED.

SAINT THOMAS: "THIRDLY, WHEN ANY FOREIGNERS WISHED TO BE ADMITTED ENTIRELY TO THEIR FELLOWSHIP AND MODE OF WORSHIP. WITH REGARD TO THESE A CERTAIN ORDER WAS OBSERVED. FOR THEY WERE NOT AT ONCE ADMITTED TO CITIZENSHIP: JUST AS IT WAS LAW WITH SOME NATIONS THAT NO ONE WAS DEEMED A CITIZEN EXCEPT AFTER TWO OR THREE GENERATIONS, AS THE PHILOSOPHER SAYS (POLIT. III, 1)."

COMMENTARY: SAINT THOMAS RECOGNIZES THAT THERE WILL BE THOSE WHO WILL WANT TO STAY AND BECOME CITIZENS OF THE LANDS THEY VISIT. HOWEVER, HE SETS AS THE FIRST CONDITION FOR ACCEPTANCE A DESIRE TO INTEGRATE FULLY INTO WHAT WOULD TODAY BE CONSIDERED THE CULTURE AND LIFE OF THE NATION.

A SECOND CONDITION IS THAT THE GRANTING OF CITIZENSHIP WOULD NOT BE IMMEDIATE. THE INTEGRATION PROCESS TAKES TIME. PEOPLE NEED TO ADAPT THEMSELVES TO THE NATION. HE QUOTES THE PHILOSOPHER ARISTOTLE

AS SAYING THIS PROCESS WAS ONCE DEEMED TO TAKE TWO OR THREE GENERATIONS. SAINT THOMAS HIMSELF DOES NOT GIVE A TIME FRAME FOR THIS INTEGRATION, BUT HE DOES ADMIT THAT IT CAN TAKE A LONG TIME.

SAINT THOMAS: "THE REASON FOR THIS WAS THAT IF FOREIGNERS WERE ALLOWED TO MEDDLE WITH THE AFFAIRS OF A NATION AS SOON AS THEY SETTLED DOWN IN ITS MIDST, MANY DANGERS MIGHT OCCUR, SINCE THE FOREIGNERS NOT YET HAVING THE COMMON GOOD FIRMLY AT HEART MIGHT ATTEMPT SOMETHING HURTFUL TO THE PEOPLE."

COMMENTARY: THE COMMON SENSE OF SAINT THOMAS IS CERTAINLY NOT POLITICALLY CORRECT BUT IT IS LOGICAL. THE THEOLOGIAN NOTES THAT LIVING IN A NATION IS A COMPLEX THING. IT TAKES TIME TO KNOW THE ISSUES AFFECTING THE NATION. THOSE FAMILIAR WITH THE LONG HISTORY OF THEIR NATION ARE IN THE BEST POSITION TO MAKE THE LONG-TERM DECISIONS ABOUT ITS FUTURE. IT IS HARMFUL AND UNJUST TO PUT THE FUTURE OF A PLACE IN THE HANDS OF THOSE RECENTLY ARRIVED, WHO, ALTHOUGH THROUGH NO FAULT OF THEIR OWN, HAVE LITTLE IDEA OF WHAT IS HAPPENING OR HAS HAPPENED IN THE NATION. SUCH A POLICY COULD LEAD TO THE DESTRUCTION OF THE NATION. AS AN ILLUSTRATION OF THIS POINT, SAINT THOMAS LATER NOTES THAT THE JEWISH PEOPLE DID NOT TREAT ALL NATIONS EQUALLY SINCE THOSE NATIONS CLOSER TO THEM WERE MORE QUICKLY INTEGRATED INTO THE POPULATION THAN THOSE WHO WERE NOT AS CLOSE. SOME HOSTILE PEOPLES WERE NOT TO BE ADMITTED AT ALL INTO FULL FELLOWSHIP DUE TO THEIR ENMITY TOWARD THE JEWISH PEOPLE.

SAINT THOMAS: "NEVERTHELESS IT WAS POSSIBLE BY DISPENSATION FOR A MAN TO BE ADMITTED TO CITIZENSHIP ON ACCOUNT OF SOME ACT OF VIRTUE: THUS IT IS RELATED (JUDITH 14:6) THAT ACHIOR, THE CAPTAIN OF THE CHILDREN OF AMMON, 'WAS JOINED TO THE PEOPLE OF ISRAEL, WITH ALL THE SUCCESSION OF HIS KINDRED.'"

COMMENTARY: THAT IS TO SAY, THE RULES WERE NOT RIGID. THERE WERE EXCEPTIONS THAT WERE GRANTED BASED ON THE CIRCUMSTANCES. HOWEVER, SUCH EXCEPTIONS WERE NOT ARBITRARY BUT ALWAYS HAD IN MIND THE COMMON GOOD. THE EXAMPLE OF ACHIOR DESCRIBES THE CITIZENSHIP BESTOWED UPON THE CAPTAIN AND HIS CHILDREN FOR THE GOOD SERVICES RENDERED TO THE NATION.

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THESE ARE SOME OF THE THOUGHTS OF SAINT THOMAS AQUINAS ON THE MATTER OF IMMIGRATION BASED ON BIBLICAL PRINCIPLES. IT IS CLEAR THAT IMMIGRATION MUST

HAVE TWO THINGS IN MIND: THE FIRST IS THE NATION'S UNITY; AND THE SECOND IS THE COMMON GOOD.

IMMIGRATION SHOULD HAVE AS ITS GOAL INTEGRATION, NOT DISINTEGRATION OR SEGREGATION. THE IMMIGRANT SHOULD NOT ONLY DESIRE TO ASSUME THE BENEFITS BUT THE RESPONSIBILITIES OF JOINING INTO THE FULL FELLOWSHIP OF THE NATION. BY BECOMING A CITIZEN, A PERSON BECOMES PART OF A BROAD FAMILY OVER THE LONG

TERM AND NOT A SHAREHOLDER IN A JOINT STOCK COMPANY SEEKING ONLY SHORT-TERM SELF-INTEREST.

WHEN THIS HAPPENS, THE NATION WOULD DO WELL TO FOLLOW THE ADVICE OF SAINT THOMAS AQUINAS AND BIBLICAL PRINCIPLES. THE NATION MUST PRACTICE JUSTICE AND CHARITY TOWARDS ALL, INCLUDING FOREIGNERS, BUT IT MUST ABOVE ALL SAFEGUARD THE COMMON GOOD AND ITS UNITY, WITHOUT WHICH NO COUNTRY CAN LONG ENDURE. □



THE HOLY OCTAVE OF CONSECRATION TO GOD THE FATHER BEGINS ON SUNDAY, JULY 30 ENDING ON THE FEAST DAY OF THE FATHER OF ALL MANKIND ON SUNDAY, AUGUST 6.

THE CONSECRATION BOOKLET IS AVAILABLE FOR DOWNLOAD AT
[WWW.SPIRITUALARMYOFGOD.ORG/PRAYERS/DEVOTIONALS/HOLYOCTAVEOF
CONSECRATIONTOGODTHEFATHER.PDF](http://WWW.SPIRITUALARMYOFGOD.ORG/PRAYERS/DEVOTIONALS/HOLYOCTAVEOFCONSECRATIONTOGODTHEFATHER.PDF)

"I AM YOUR MOTHER MARY.

*MY CHILDREN, DON'T LEAVE THE CENACLES, FOR IN THE
END, THESE CENACLES WILL BE USED TO SAVE
HUMANITY.*

MARY, YOUR LADY OF THE ROSARY

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SPIRITUAL ENRICHMENT RECOMMENDED

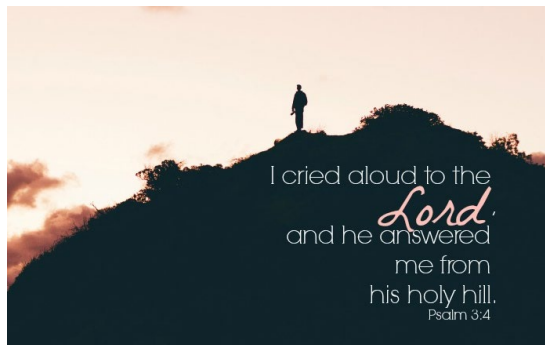
CRYING OUT TO GOD ALMIGHTY

BY VICTOR ARANETA

WE ARE LIKE THERMOSTATS SET AT A SPECIFIC TEMPERATURE AND THE WIND ALWAYS AT OUR BACK. IN OTHER WORDS, WE ENJOY A LEVEL PATH, SUSTAINED CONTENTMENT AND FAVORABLE CONDITIONS.

ADVERSITY DISRUPTS OUR CONTROLLED ENVIRONMENT. WE RISE AND FALL ON THE DOCTOR'S REPORTS, SINK AND SOAR ON THE RESPONSE TO OUR RESUMES. AFFLICTIONS BARGE INTO OUR WELL-APPOINTED WORLD, OVERTURNING OUR CAREFULLY CRAFTED PLANS. BUT THE INTRUSION OF DIFFICULTY CULTIVATES A RIPE CLIMATE OF SPIRITUAL GROWTH. WHEN BAD THINGS HAPPEN, WE CRY OUT TO GOD. THE PSALMS IN PARTICULAR ARE REDUNDANT WITH PLEAS AND PETITIONS FOR GOD'S HELP. CRYING OUT TO GOD ADMITS OUR HELPLESSNESS AND WEAKNESS, AND CONFESSES OUR DEPENDENCE ON HIM ALONE. AS NOTHING ELSE DOES, ADVERSITY CAUSES US TO REALIZE OUR NEED FOR GOD. IN SO DOING, WE LEARN TO LISTEN. SPIRITUAL EARS THAT WERE DULL IN CONTENTMENT AND EASE BECOME SUDDENLY SENSITIZED TO GOD'S WORD IN TIME OF CRISIS. OUR LORD, NEVER FAILING TO LISTEN, LEANS ON HIS THRONE AND OPENS HIS EARS TO THE WAILING AND GROPING CREATION ASKING FOR A STAND-ALONE AUDIENCE.

PRAYER: MY LORD, AS I TURN MYSELF TO YOU WITH MERCY, OPEN YOUR HEART TO MY PLEA OF RECOMPENSE. MY LIFE IS IN AGONY AND WITH THE NUMEROUS TIMES I HAVE ENCOUNTERED THIS MISERY, SUCH ARE THE NUMBER OF TIMES I NEVER LEARN TO ADMIT MY FAULT. I ASK YOU, MY GOD, TO OPEN MY HEART AND UNDERSTAND THIS TRIAL NOT FROM SOMEONE'S POINT OF VIEW BUT FROM MY OWN UNDERSTANDING AND HUMBLE ACCEPTANCE IN JESUS' NAME. AMEN. ☐



Upcoming Events

1ST SATURDAY DEVOTION

JULY 1, 2023

IN LAS VEGAS: THE CENACLE HOUSE
AT 1:00 PM

IN LOS ANGELES:
THE MONASTERY OF THE ANGELS
DEVOTIONAL PRAYERS AT 8:30 AM
MASS AT 9:45 AM
CENACLE AT 10:15 AM

1ST SUNDAY DEVOTION

JULY 2, 2023

IN LAS VEGAS:
ST. SHARBEL CATHOLIC CHURCH
MASS AT 9:30 AM FOLLOWED BY
DEVOTIONAL PRAYERS AT THE CHAPEL

IN LOS ANGELES:
THE MONASTERY OF THE ANGELS
DEVOTIONAL PRAYERS AT 10:30 AM
MASS & BENEDICTION AT 11:30 AM

1ST FRIDAY DEVOTION

JULY 7, 2023

IN LAS VEGAS:
THE CENACLE HOUSE
AT 2:30 PM

IN LOS ANGELES: VIA ZOOM
AT 9:30 PM

800 OUR FATHER DEVOTION

JULY 15, 2023

IN LAS VEGAS: THE CENACLE HOUSE
AT 8:00 AM

IN LOS ANGELES: VIA ZOOM
MASS AT 9:15 AM

FEAST OF THE FATHER OF ALL MANKIND

AUGUST 6, 2023

IN LAS VEGAS:
ST. SHARBEL CATHOLIC CHURCH

IN LOS ANGELES:
THE MONASTERY OF THE ANGELS

DETAILS TO FOLLOW