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**DID YOU MAKE YOUR  
NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTION(S)?  
(PART 3 OF 3)**

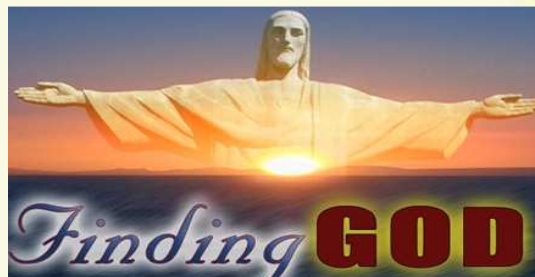
By Mike Gibson

In the first part of this series we defined the meaning of a resolution and concluded that in order to make a good one and keep it, we need to focus on Jesus and make Him our number one priority (*"Seek first the kingdom of God & His righteousness and all of these things will be added to you"* – *Matthews 6:33*).

In the second part of this series we drew from the wisdom of St. Augustine and Pope Benedict—namely that our hearts are restless until they rest in the Lord. They seek a Truth, which is also love. This love has been and continues to be manifested to us in the person of Jesus, Emmanuel ("God with us"). The story and message of Jesus' birth, life, death, and resurrection was not simply a series of historical events of the past; it touches us today in a way that is ever new, and surprising. It surpasses even our most daring hope.

When we make a resolution, we are expressing a desire to change and find God on a deeper level. We have a hope and know that change is possible with His grace, despite our past (*"...for nothing is impossible with God"* - *Luke 1:37*).

The truth is we, as a part of God's creation, are changing all the time, both on the inside and outside. As St. Paul tells us, *"...all creation is groaning in labor pains in hope that it too would be set free from slavery. (Romans 8:20-23)*. The Good News is God is constantly interacting with us in our joys and sorrows. God's care for us is so amazing that every hair on our head is counted (Matthew 10:30). It is incredible to think about that type of care. If we are loved to this extent, why do we sometimes fail to see it? Well, our vision can



*"Whoever finds God finds everything,  
whoever loses God loses everything."  
St. Robert Bellarmine*

become distorted by our sins as well as those of others.

One of the best ways we can put our past behind us and take a step forward is to take advantage of the Sacrament of Reconciliation. There we meet Jesus in the person of the priest and are given the graces necessary for change.

During this Lenten season we invite you to go to the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Our office has set up an Evening of Reconciliation for young adults on the Fort Wayne & South Bend end of the diocese. They will be happening at the same time—on Tuesday, April 12 from 6:00pm-11:00pm at the Cathedral (Fort Wayne) and at St. Matthew's (South Bend). Drop by anytime during that time period at either location and experience the amazing grace of God.

*Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a  
new creation. The old has passed away;  
behold, the new has come—  
2 Corinthians 5:17*

*For surely I know the plans I have for  
you, says the Lord, plans for your good  
and not for harm, to give you a future  
with hope- Jeremiah 29:11*

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personal reform and conversion of our hearts." – St. Robert Bellarmine*

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**Lenten Faith Sharing - Monday Evenings March 7- April 18, 7:00-8:30pm** in the Cathedral Center - Join other young adults as we read through Matthew Kelly's "Rediscovering Catholicism". Please bring your copy of the book or call our office if you need one. A study guide will be provided. There is no cost. Please bring a light snack to share during the fellowship time from 8:00-8:30pm. For more information, contact Allison Sturm at [asturm@diocesefwsb.org](mailto:asturm@diocesefwsb.org) or call 414-5960.

**Ash Wednesday- March 9th** - day of fasting and abstinence **Mass & Meal- Sunday March 13th - 5:00pm**- Mass at the Cathedral, then meet in back of church to head over to **Pint & Slice**. For more information, contact Allison Sturm at [asturm@diocesefwsb.org](mailto:asturm@diocesefwsb.org) or call 414-5960.

**Theology of the Body- March 14 (The Sanctity of Marriage and the Issues of Annulment) & March 21<sup>st</sup> (The Meaning of Suffering from Eden to Today)- 6:30-8:00pm** at St. Vincent's church. For more information contact Dorothy at [dschuerman@saintv.org](mailto:dschuerman@saintv.org).

**Theology for Generation X (for those born from 1961-1981)- March 21<sup>st</sup>, 7:00-9:00pm** at Don Halls. Monsignor Michael Heintz, Ph.D will be speaking on the upcoming changes in the Roman Missal. For more information, contact John at [jbequette@sf.edu](mailto:jbequette@sf.edu)

**Pro Life Message: Speaker Bishop D'Arcy- March 24<sup>th</sup>, 12:00pm-12:45pm** at IPFW in Kettler, Room 241. For more info., contact Mike at [migibson0428@yahoo.com](mailto:migibson0428@yahoo.com)

**Theology on Tap Planning Meeting- Thursday, March 24, 6:30pm** at Columbia Street West, Downtown FW.

*Our office is looking for young adults to take an active role in planning the next series:* including selecting topics, inviting speakers, helping in the publicity of the event, hospitality committee, and emcee for each of the evenings. *Don't let this worthwhile outreach fizzle out.* If you are interested contact Mike at [mmgibb@aol.com](mailto:mmgibb@aol.com) (249-8437) or Allison at [asturm@diocesefwsb.org](mailto:asturm@diocesefwsb.org) (414-5960).

**Diocesan Marriage Conference (sponsored by the Office of Family Life)-March 12th 9:00am-4:00pm** at the North Campus of St. Francis. Join Bishop Rhoades and EWTN's Greg and Julie Alexander. For more info. go to <http://www.diocesefwsb.org/diocesan-offices/family-life-office/> or call Fred or Lisa Everett at 574.234.0687

## SPIRITUAL RENEWAL

**Young Adult Weekend Retreat- "Hearts on Fire" - April 8<sup>th</sup>, 6:30pm – April 9<sup>th</sup>, 6:00pm** in the Sacred Heart Parish Center, Notre Dame.

For more info., check out [www.diocesefwsb.org/CYAM](http://www.diocesefwsb.org/CYAM) or contact Sean, [sallen@diocesefwsb.org](mailto:sallen@diocesefwsb.org); 858-354-9006.

**Afternoon of Reflection for Young Adults- Sunday, April 10 1:00pm-6:00pm** at the Victory Noll Center in Huntington -join Sr. Jacinta as she presents "Seeking Happiness : Our Call to Beatitude". After the reflection there will be an opportunity to enjoy the beautiful grounds of Victory Noll. The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be offered and Mass will be celebrated by Fr. Joseph Gaughn from Precious Blood at 4:00pm. We will share a light meal to finish the day. Cost is \$15. For more information or to register contact Mary ([mglowaski@diocesefwsb.org](mailto:mglowaski@diocesefwsb.org), 483-3661 x3381), Mike ([migibson@diocesefwsb.org](mailto:migibson@diocesefwsb.org)), or Allison ([asturm@diocesefwsb.org](mailto:asturm@diocesefwsb.org)). *To help us plan for food, please register by Thursday April 7<sup>th</sup>.*

**Evening of Reconciliation for Young Adults - Tuesday, April 12 - 6:00pm-11pm** at the Cathedral in Fort Wayne and at St. Matthew's in South Bend. Prepare for Holy Week by participating in this sacrament at either end of the diocese. There is no service- just a chance to experience the healing power of forgiveness. Many area priests will be on hand. For more information or to register contact Mary [mglowaski@diocesefwsb.org](mailto:mglowaski@diocesefwsb.org), 483-3661 x3381), Mike ([migibson@diocesefwsb.org](mailto:migibson@diocesefwsb.org)), or Allison ([asturm@diocesefwsb.org](mailto:asturm@diocesefwsb.org))

## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

**Ushers for the Rite of Election-** need to be at the Cathedral on March 13<sup>th</sup> from 12:45pm-2:00pm. Service begins at 2:00pm. If you are able to help us, please contact Mike at [mmjgib@aol.com](mailto:mmjgib@aol.com) or call 249-8437

**Ushers for the Permanent Deacon Ordination-** May 21, 2011 at 11 a.m. at the Cathedral in FW. If you are able to help, contact one of the ministers listed below.

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