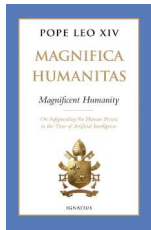




Campus Ministry
All are welcome. All belong.

Campus Ministry Notes

- Our summer read continues on Wed., July 29th at 7:00 pm at 1517 9th Avenue S. *Magnifica Humanitas* is a great little encyclical to delve into together. We are on Chapter Three for this week's discussion (#90-130). If you need a copy of the encyclical please contact Roy at (217) 512-0949.



At the 11 am Mass on Sunday, August 16th we will welcome our incoming freshmen class along with their parents.

What a blessing each fall semester brings to UP as first year students grace our campus. Please keep them in your prayer, as well as the staff, preparing for their arrival.

- New fall Liturgical Ministry schedule will go out after we have a chance to train new folks. In the meantime we need to fill three weeks: August 16, 23, 30. Look for an email from Roy.



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CAMPUS MINISTRY

July 26, 2026
17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saint of the Week

Robert Ellsberg in his book, *All Saints*, has a quote from Blessed Stanley Rother (Feast Day: July 28th)

"Pray for us that we may be a sign of the love of Christ for our people, that our presence among them will fortify them to endure these sufferings in preparation for the coming of the kingdom."

This industrious and humble farm boy wrote these words to his family back home in Oklahoma from Santiago Atitlan in Guatemala. He ministered among the Tzutuhil Indians, learning their Mayan dialect and winning "their trust and respect by his complete dedication to the needs of the community." (p. 322) He lived and ministered among his flock from 1968 until he was martyred on July 28, 1981 in his rectory by government forces. His crime? Living deeply the mandate of his priesthood. He went about his ministry baptizing, witnessing marriages, training catechists and liturgical ministers, visiting the sick and celebrating Sunday Masses for thirty-five hundred. You add in his farm roots and his people could see him out in the fields "wielding a hoe, organizing weaving and food cooperatives, or performing any number of unseen acts of generosity and friendship. It is no wonder that as the years progressed, the parish church became the center of renewal in this traditional Indian town and Rother, no longer an outsider, was accepted into the inner circles of village life." (p. 322)



It is because he lived the truest sense of what it means to be a pastor that he embraced the sufferings and risks of his people. For this, he was a threat to a corrupt government that was targeting the only voice the people had at that time: the church. His people loved him so much that his family honored his parish's request and allowed his heart to be interred in the church of Santiago Atitlan. Blessed Stanley Rother, pray for us!



A View from My Window

In today's first reading we hear about God appearing to Solomon in a dream. That got me thinking, does God still speak to us in dreams?

I know our Pentecostal friends believe there are still prophetic dreams. There are even three signs to make sure that the dream you believe is from indeed from the Creator. The dream is aligned with Sacred Scripture, has a lasting impact upon waking, and brings a deep sense of peace and not chaos.

We know that God speaks to folks throughout scripture in dreams, but the truth is, he only did so around 50 times. Some got multiple visits in their sleep, like Joseph, the husband of Mary, and for others it was a one and done, e.g., the Magi who received a quick update from God to take a different road home.

Solomon's dream is a bit different because it is a dialogue. There is no vision or warning, rather God uses Solomon's R.E.M. time as an invitation for Solomon to ask of him whatever he wants. He chooses wisdom. We are told immediately how this answer impacts Solomon's life and the life of the nation Israel.

Some might wonder if Pope Leo XIV or a mystic of the church still receive messages from God using dreams. We know St. Joan of Arc received visions to lead the French army, but she was awake for those. St. Francis heard a voice/vision from the crucifix, but once again he was awake. Even Mary's apparitions over the centuries are visions.

The reality is, we have the Sacred Scripture. It may not seem as cool as having God visit you in a dream, but it is amazing how God speaks to us daily through the word. If you are looking for God to show you the path you are to take, you do not have to go any further than the Bible. We can discover there God's revelation that speaks anew to every age.

It is not as "jazzy" as telling your friends, "God spoke to me in a dream last night. We should go to Hawaii for Christmas." But you can tell your friends, I strive each day to listen to God's voice.

Peace, Roy

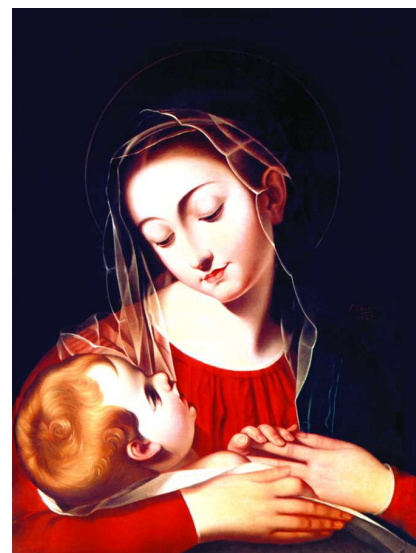
Our Lady of Providence

Pray for Us

Please pray for the following intention:

Our Lady of Providence, Mother of the Church, pray for our university. Keep us safe as we navigate a path forward and place our trust in the providential care of God.

Add any other intentions and then pray one Our Father, one Hail Mary, and one Glory Be. Then close with the Novena Prayer:



Remember, O most faithful Lady of Providence, that you have been given to us by your Son to be our mother.

We entrust to you our labors; bless them.

We commend to you our needs; supply them.

Show for us the same concern you manifested at Cana,

for we trust that whatever you ask of your Son will be done.

Pray for us on our pilgrimage that we may share the faith and hope that marked your life.

Full of confidence in your power before God, we place ourselves, our loved ones and all our petitions in your providential care.

Amen.

