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National Notes – March 2006

In Remembrance of Bishop Giaquinta's Ordination on March 18, 1939

Update on Bishop Giaquinta's Beatification – A great deal of work is being done and it is going well. All of his writings have been collected and presented to two theologians on the Vatican Council for Canonization, and according to the grapevine, both were very impressed. The two Apostolic Oblates, Ninni and Maria Luisa, are working on a team to construct a historical background on Bishop Giaquinta.

Please note that e-mails and websites highlighting Our Founder can be found on the home page of our website. Spread the good news!

Members and friends of Pro Sanctity are encouraged to write and send to the Canonization Committee any information on graces and favors (not miracles – which are covered in a special process) received through the intercession of the Founder. Send them to Teresa at psm@prosantcity.org and she will send them on OR send them directly to the e-mail address on the home page of the website (www.prosanctity.org) under the picture of Bishop Giaquinta.

**We also are urged to pray for a conversion of heart and
to pray the sanctification prayer often.**

Rosters and Reports – Local Board Directors are asked to submit Annual Reports and Budgets. Evaluations of the Celebrations of the Universal Day of Sanctification (November 1, 2005) and of Our Lady of Trust (March, 2006) to be submitted on evaluation forms supplied by National Pro Sanctity.

Please send all requested information by March 25, 2006 to:
Teresa at psm@prosantcity.org and Rosemary at RoseDarm@aol.com

Complete Membership Rosters – (prepared in Microsoft Access if possible, but we will work with any format, including e-mails, as long as we have the information) will be needed and used only for the 2007 Convention. They are to include membership lists

from all three Centers and rosters from Kansas and South Dakota (which can include your **committed, general and friend members**).

Spiritual Advisors' Reports – Our sincerest thanks to our Spiritual Advisors on the National and Local Boards for the excellent feedback they provided in their End-of-Year Reviews. All agreed about their hopes for the future: to see membership in the Pro Sanctity Movement increase and the movement spread to other areas, while continuing to grow in those areas where it already has been established.

Feedback on the 2005-2006 Formation Booklet – Are you using the Formation Booklet on Saints in Every Vocation? How are you using it? We would like some feedback to share with others so they can learn new ways to use our formation booklets. Do the members know that they are available on the Pro Sanctity website?

A one-page form for your feedback is included as page 5 of these National Notes. Please fill it in and return it to Teresa at psm@prosantcity.org.

New Formation Groups are starting all the time. Please keep encouraging members to start groups in their homes and places of work!

Theme for 2006-2007 – The theme will be “**Christ Calls Us to Holiness.**”

The Formation Booklet will be divided into 12 sections and the general outline for each section is as follows:

1. A Scripture passage to highlight the theme, including various methods (*e.g., Lectio Divina*) of reading the passage.
2. Passage(s) from Bishop Giaquinta, saints and/or Church documents
3. Short vignette, practical application, story from the saints or personal witness story from one of us
4. A prayer of the Founder to go with the passage
5. Questions for reflection
6. “Light Idea” – As a result of this reflection what will I take with me this week or this month that will give light to my daily response to Christ’s Call to Holiness.

We are open to suggestions and need personal witness stories. To help you get your thoughts together, we will soon send you some topics for reflection on how Christ has called you to holiness. Everyone’s input is important so you, too, can take ownership of the formation process. **(See the form on page 5)**

Pro Sanctity 60th Anniversary – We will celebrate this special anniversary at the National Convention in the summer of 2007 at the newly renovated Retreat Center in Schuyler, Nebraska. Fr. Michael Murphy will conduct a retreat from August 13 to August 17, and the convention will take place from August 17 to August 19, 2007. More information will follow. **Mark your dates NOW!!**

Important!!! By April 15, 2006, each U.S. Center is asked to **choose a coordinator** from your center to work with the National Board. If you don't pick someone, the National Board will do it for you! No experience is required, but the coordinator must have e-mail and conference call capabilities. It is suggested that each coordinator work with a committee at the local level in order to plan ways to celebrate the Past, Present, and Future of Pro Sanctity at your own center and encourage as many people as possible to attend the National Convention.

Updated Website – Teresa is working with the Webmaster to add a new section to the Pro Sanctity website called Holiness and Brotherhood. It will highlight our work for the holiness of life and the guarding of sanctity at all stages. The format will include moral, ethical, political and social issues, answers to questions, and offer resources on life decisions. In addition, there will be a place for articles on virtue, beauty, art, truth, excerpts from the Holy Father's documents, etc.

Please update your part (Nebraska, New York, California...) of the website regularly. Assign someone to do this, please!! Teresa sent the e-mail on how to do this, but if you need her to do it again, please tell her. Any and all suggestions for improvements are most appreciated.

Wichita, Kansas: Meeting with Bishop Jackels – Bishop Michael O. Jackels (the name is pronounced JAKE-uhls) was appointed the 10th Bishop of the Diocese of Wichita on January 28, 2005. Prior to his ordination as bishop, he had worked for eight years with the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith under Cardinal Joseph Ratzinger, now Pope Benedict XVI.

Teresa Pauls, our Wichita member, and Teresa Monaghan met with the bishop, introduced themselves, told him it was always their custom to visit the bishop when starting a Pro Sanctity group in a new place, and promised to keep him updated on a regular basis. He listened to their descriptions of the Movement – its history, theology, spirituality, outreach – and gave them his blessing for its work in the Diocese of Wichita. He said, "You have good credentials!"

A provisional board is in place, which means that a small group out of the larger group meet and study the development of the Movement in Wichita. With the blessing of the bishop, we will start the first official board next year! Please keep them in prayer.

Additional Outreach – We continue to reach out to new people all over the country, with a steady presence in Sioux Falls, SD; Brookings, SD; and seeds coming up in Sioux City, IA; Austin, TX; and Dayton, OH, just to name a few. We also rejoice in the growth in Brazil – our South American contingent. They wrote to us recently to tell us they are doing well! We pray in thanksgiving. If you know of places that want to start a small Pro Sanctity group, just let us know. "One + one," our Founder reminded us, and we will spread holiness all over the world!

Thank You for Your Good News – We thank you in advance for your timely response to the many requests we have made and continue to make in these National Notes for reports, rosters and other feedback. We know how busy you are and how difficult it is for you to answer our pleas. Be assured you are not providing just paperwork. We need to see where we have been and where we are going. For as Bishop Giaquinta said: “We should never tire of starting again.”

Blessings and Prayers from the Pro Sanctity National Board

Archbishop Elden Curtiss – Episcopal Moderator

Teresa Monaghan – National Director

Rev. John Costello – National Spiritual Advisor

Rosemary Darmstadt – National Secretary

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Msgr. Andrew Vaccari – Spiritual Advisor of Pro Sanctity East

**Please complete and return this form to Teresa at
psm@prosanctity.org
with your feedback on the 2005-2006 Formation Booklet
and comments on the 2006-2007 Booklet Outline**

1. Are you using the 2005-2006 Formation Booklet on Saints in Every Vocation?
2. How are you using it?
3. Do you have any suggestions for other ways in which it (or other Formation Booklets) can be used?
4. What other features would you like to see in future Formation Booklets?
5. Do the members know that our Formation Booklets are available on the Pro Sanctity website?
6. Comments on the outline (see p 2 of these National Notes) for the 2006-2007 Formation Booklet on Christ Calls Us to Holiness?