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*'Receptivity & Commitment to the Person and Culture of the Holy Spirit
Particularly in Covenant Love'*

*The Monterey Bay branch leaders may be contacted with any issues. Please remember
to pray for them: Rob Albright, Greg Beardsley, Pam Flynn, and
Tim Gassaway (PBC)*

This MONTH in COTL Feb. 5th - Feb. 11th, 2018

No events this week

Birthday and Anniversary

1/29	Kenneth Kliwer's birthday
2/7	Patrick Lenz's birthday
2/9	Packer's anniversary
2/18	Lisa Flynn's birthday
2/19	Susie Kehoe's birthday
2/26	Jean Powell' birthday

Dates for 2018:

2/16 - 18	Convocation - register now if you haven't already!
2/23 -25	Guys Compass Teen Retreat - boys - contact Ben LeBeau - Benjamin.lebeau@spo.org
2/25	5:00 pm - Post Convocation dinner @ Seascape (please RSVP)
3/1	6:00 pm - GCG @ Packer's
4/20-22	Kid's retreat at Ojai
5/11-13	Gals Compass teen retreat
6/25-29	Camp Powell
10/12-15	Men's retreat @ San Antonio

Please note the Women's Retreat listed on the last bulletin has to be changed. The new date and information will be sent as soon as I get it. Sorry about that.

Please RSVP now for the Post-convocation dinner on Feb. 25th and let me know what you want to order: Chicken, Pork, or Pasta. If you have questions, please call me: 754-2187. Thanks

Be sure to read Tim's article on St. Paul Street Evangelization

Pope's Intentions for
February, 2018
Say "NO" to corruption
That those who have material, political
or spiritual power may resist the lure
of corruption.

Liz has moved and her new address is: 6909 Rolling Ridge,
Bakersfield, CA 93306. I will pass her phone number to you when I
get it. Keep Liz and Tony in your prayers. They love their new home!

Saint Paul Street Evangelization Monterey Bay

"If we were not here today, who would have spoken to the people we talked to!"

"Nobody" was the answer I gave Dennis, after he asked me that question, as we got into my truck. You're never too young or too old to share the good news. Saturday was proof of that, as we had our youngest evangelist join us. Rob and his seven year old granddaughter Gia joined Dennis I on the beach walk in Santa Cruz. She was so enthusiastic and cheerful as she spoke to everyone who walked by. After a while she shared a little discouragement, but she didn't let that stop her. Gia didn't understand why anyone wouldn't want a free religious necklace or rosary. I reminded her that she had given away seven crucifixes, ten miraculous medals, and six rosaries. That's 23 people that were happy to receive the gifts. Even those who didn't except the gift were gracious, and found it difficult to say no thank you to such a cheerful girl with the big smile. After the encouragement her perspective changed, and she was happy to continue on. Gia never questioned what we were doing, and I thought of Jesus' words in Mt 18:3-4, "Truly, I say to you, unless you turn and become like children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven. Whoever humbles himself like this child, he is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven.

We never know what to expect. There were several people who were searching for God, many Protestants, as well as many Catholics who had drifted away from the church. There was a young couple with a child who picked up a crucifix and was gazing at it. The father said they recognized the importance of raising his kids with some sort of faith. He said he was from India and that he was raised Hindu. I gave him a pamphlet on "The Good News." They thanked us as they continued on their walk. Seed planted! Next a Hispanic couple came up and were looking at the rosaries. He was wearing a custom rosary around his neck. I asked him if he was Catholic, and he said that he was. Then I asked him if he went to Mass. He said he hadn't been in a couple of years. I said, "Can I give you one good reason why I go to Mass every week." He said "Sure." I told him, "I go to Mass every week because my salvation depends on it." He looked at me and

smiled and nodded his head in agreement. I asked him if the woman he was with was his wife or girlfriend. He said it was his girlfriend. I said, "If you only saw your girlfriend once every two years, what kind of relationship would you have?" He said, "Not good." I told him that God loves him, and wants to be in a relationship with him, and he wants to bless his life. I gave him a pamphlet called, "Reasons to return to the Catholic Church." His girlfriend ask if she could have the book "Rediscover Jesus" by Matthew Kelley. After I gave it to her, they were so thankful and walked off.

Dennis gave rosaries and pamphlets to two young boys on skateboards. He told them that the rosary is a way to get to know Jesus through the eyes of Mary. Rob was cheerful and greeted everyone while he enjoyed watching his granddaughter interact with the people.

Finally, as we were packing up for the day, two veterans came up and told us that they saw us as they were driving and found the first parking spot they could find and hurried over. One introduced himself as Shaun from Jersey, and his friend from Sacramento. I had a sense after they were asking about the Miraculous medal, and the medal of St. Benedict, that they were seeking God's protection and they wanted to surround themselves with things of God. They happily accepted all we offered them, and thanked us.

Having all the literature about our faith at our finger tips sure makes our work easier. What a joy it is to share the Gospel, I can't wait to do it again!

God bless you all,
Tim