



December 16, 2018

Clear Signals as We Wait

O GOD,

you sent John the Baptist,
with a clear sense of his mission,
to prepare the way for Christ, your Son.
In these busy times, give us that clarity as well.
We, too, wander in wilderness.
Alert us to hear the voice of hope.
Help us to focus on the coming of Christ
through all our preparations.
Just as you showed John the way,
bring us also to Jesus Christ,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God forever and ever. Amen.

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Señales claras mientras esperamos

DIOS NUESTRO,

tú enviaste a Juan Bautista,
con un sentido claro de su misión,
a preparar el camino para Cristo, tu Hijo.
En esta temporada tan llena de ocupaciones,
te pedimos nos concedas esa misma claridad.
También, nosotros caminamos en la oscuridad.
Guárdanos alertas para que escuchemos la voz de la esperanza.
Ayúdanos para que en medio de las preparaciones,
nos mantengamos atentos a la venida de Cristo.
Así como le manifestaste a Juan el camino,
te pedimos que también a nosotros, nos lleves a Jesucristo,
que vive y reina contigo en la unidad del Espíritu Santo,
y es Dios por los siglos de los siglos. Amén.



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AREA NEWS

WHITE ELEPHANT & COOKIE CHRISTMAS SOCIAL — Join Eugene Catholic Young Adults' (ECYA) on **Friday, Dec. 28th**, for an evening fun, with goodies and a white elephant gift exchange — held at 385 Bushnell Ln (97404). ECYA is for everyone, ages 21-39. For more info. and other events coming up, contact: eugeneyoungadults@gmail.com (541-270-9329) & [facebook.com/EugeneCYA](https://www.facebook.com/EugeneCYA).

..... ALSO — **Theology on Tap** every 2nd Thursday at the K of C Hall



CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAS — Regular Court meeting on **the third Thursday of December**, on the 20th ... Mass at 12:15pm, followed by potluck/meeting at **1:00pm**; bring a dish to share, along with a small gift (+/- \$5) to exchange. For info: Julia Kelso at 541-344-6851, or www.cdacourtoregon118.com.

UPCOMING RETREATS:

HEALING AND WHOLENESS AFTER ABORTION — Winter holidays are traditionally a time of reflection, and those who have lost children to abortion are reminded of the loss, the regrets, the if-onlys. Decide now that it is time for hope and healing — why wait any longer to heal? Experience a Rachel's Vineyard Retreat, **February 15-17 (2019) in Portland, or March 15-17 (2019) in Medford**. It's a SAFE, Confidential, and Compassionate environment! For more info call: 541-942-2861, or email: projectaurora@aol.com, or visit the national website: www.project-aurora.org.

RETRouvaille — **FIND A NEW BEGINNING FOR YOUR MARRIAGE** by attending a Retrouvaille retreat Rediscover yourself, your spouse, and a loving relationship. Retrouvaille is not a spiritual retreat, not a sensitivity group, not a seminar, not a social gathering For confidential information or to register for the **January 18-20 (2019)** weekend, go to: www.helpourmarriage.org or call 1-503-225-9191.

CONVERSION — A CONTINUING PROCESS

Everyday ... walking with Jesus ... following His word, which is demanding, and, at the same time, embraces the very life of God. The Virgin Mary has emptied herself, subdued her will to God's will.... Her life became God's life. She is full of God and turned towards God. And she is persistent with us, because she knows that there is no easier or faster way leading us to God and His gifts of joy and peace. Her determination and motherly love wish us wellbeing, the salvation of our souls, and eternal life in God....

The Gospel is not the past. God did not love us only once. He loves us every day, every moment throughout our life. This very moment is also filled with God's love and presence. This is why Mary, the Queen of Peace, encourages us; to wake us up, to open the eyes of our souls, so we can open our hearts and meet the source of life, peace, and joy — God. God brings us to truth with love, and if it must be so, with sufferings, too. He does everything He can to save our souls. He cannot remain still and indifferent to us — His people — who are the crown of His creation!

Let us seek the Mother of God, who intercedes for us continually, and desires for us the joy of life, and the salvation of our souls.

Excerpts from Fr. Ljubo Kurtovic (Medjugorje) 8/26/07

HOLY MARY, MOTHER OF GOD,

You have given the world its true light,
Jesus, your Son — the Son of God.
You abandoned yourself completely to God's call,
And thus became a wellspring of the goodness which flows forth from him.

Show us, Jesus Lead us to him.
Teach us to know and love him, so that we, too, can become capable of true love,
And be fountains of living water in the midst of a thirsting world.

Pope Benedict XVI