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PREPARE FOR THE CHRIST CHILD WITH UPRIGHT HEARTS THIS ADVENT

The Advent season has only just begun, but Christmas will soon be upon us. Please mark your calendars, for the Institute of Christ the King is praying and working hard for God, the Holy Catholic Church and you in Ireland!

- 13th December: Coffee morning from 11AM to 2 PM.
(Entrance through the church, in front of Our Lady's Altar)
- 14th December: 6 PM Christmas Carols Service.
- 24th December: 11.45 Blessing of the crib followed by Midnight Mass.
- 25th December: 10.30 AM Mass.



NOVENA TO THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

The most glorious creature ever created by God is the Mother of the Incarnate Word. She is very solicitous for the salvation of all her Son's children. Therefore, in a spirit of filial piety it is fitting that we honour her for all of the graces she procures for us by her holy prayers.

30TH NOVEMBER TO 7TH DECEMBER

- 7 PM Mass with organ
- Homily
- Litanies to the Blessed Virgin Mary
and Benediction (No 7 PM Mass on Saturday & Sundays)

*Tota Pulchra es Maria,
et macula originalis
non est in te!*

*(Thou art all beautiful and there is
no stain of original sin in Thee.)*

CONFERENCES ON MARRIAGE AND FAMILY IN LIMERICK



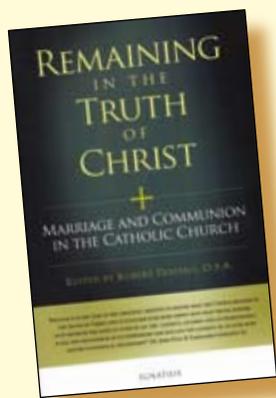
His Eminence **Raymond Leo Cardinal Burke** was recently in Limerick on the weekend of 14th to 16th November for a Conference concerning the Sanctity of Marriage and then for several liturgies at Sacred Heart Church.

On Saturday He gave a Conference at the Savoy Hotel and presided over Solemn Benediction later on that evening. He graciously returned the following Sunday for a Pontifical low mass at Sacred Heart Church.

The conference was a great success, as all of the places were sold out! We are very honoured to have received His Eminence and to have seen so many familiar faces in attendance at his conference and at the liturgies.

*“Your Eminence, be assured of the prayers of the Emerald Island for you.
We hope to see you soon return to Ireland!”*

‘REMAINING IN THE TRUTH OF CHRIST’



“There are those who do not accept the Church’s teaching on marriage. After a failed marriage and divorce, they feel that it is their right to remarry and seek happiness in a new union. But there are many faithful Catholics in the same situation who accept that they cannot enter a new marriage without the approval of the Church, and so, encouraged by their priests, deacons, or other members of the parish staff, or family members friends, they approach the tribunal for a solution to their most serious difficulty. They entrust themselves to the Church in good faith, even if they do not have a very clear idea of what exactly it is that the tribunal does.

Clearly, they can be badly served by their own pastoral ministers who do not explain to them in a clear and unambiguous way what the Church teaches and what the tribunal does in accord with the Church’s teaching. What is worse, they may encounter an allegedly pastoral but actually merely pragmatic attitude that in effect would make the search for the truth about a marriage a secondary consideration to the pursuit of making possible a new marriage in the Church. It even happens that tribunal personnel who are trying to carry out their responsibilities faithfully and unduly pressured by such pastoral ministers who seem interested only in immediate results.” *(Excerpt)*

PROGRESS REPORT AT SACRED HEART CHURCH

The project to improve the lighting in Sacred Heart Church is advancing well and we are hoping to receive 3 of the new chandeliers before Christmas.

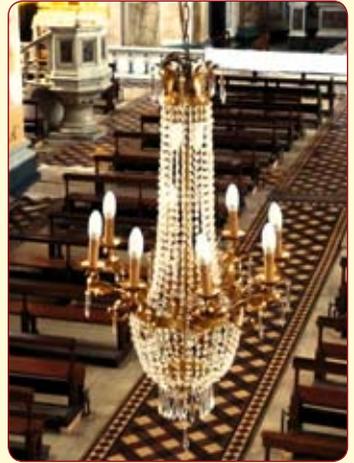
Thank you to all who have already kindly given to support this project!

The response has already been very generous, but more is still needed to cover the final chandeliers and the electrical installations associated with the project...

A donation of €450 will help us complete this substantial improvement to the Church one chandelier at a time.

A raffle was organized on the occasion of the recent conferences on marriage and family in Limerick. Thanks to all who attended! Thanks you to the Catholic Voice for this huge achievement!

Also thanks to the generosity of a special benefactor we can now start the restoration of the heating system in our living quarters.



RELIGIOUS CHRISTMAS CARDS



Our community here in Ireland is one of modest means. Therefore, we strive to make sure that all of our friends' generous support is employed most efficiently. Many of you commented on how beautiful our Christmas cards were last year.

We are happy to let you know that they are once again for sale, proceeds going towards the ongoing restoration of Sacred Heart Church.

You will once again be able to help us in our Irish apostolate while sending your Christmas greetings this year.

The packs of cards are 5 euros. This includes envelopes and six different card designs.

They can be purchased in the back of Sacred Heart church or by contacting the church rectory by phone or mail.

(Card requests to be mailed in the post should anticipate one euro shipping fee per pack).



THREE MASSES OF CHRISTMAS

For the feast of the Birth of Our Lord, all priests can celebrate three masses: Midnight Mass, Mass at Dawn and the Mass of Christmas Day, at each of which one can receive Holy Communion.

Each of these masses illustrates a progression which St. John calls a progression of light: we assist at the illumination of the world rendered sensible by the liturgy.

Midnight Mass honours the birth according to the flesh. It recalls the historic event that took place 2000 years ago in Bethlehem. The Virgin Mary gives birth to “the brightness of the glory of the Father” (Heb. 1,3). At midnight, the supreme moment arrives and the Virgin Mary is the first adorer of the Son of God.

The Mass at Dawn is also called the Mass of the Shepherds who, obedient to the message of the angel have come to see the Saviour. Holy Church honours a second birth of the same Son of God: birth

of grace and mercy which takes place in our hearts. During the second mass Holy Church recalls to us a soul who knew to conserve the Light of Christ despite all the assaults of darkness. St. Augustine evokes in one of his celebrated sermons: « He Who is not of you was born for you »

The liturgy of the **Mass of Christmas Day** is triumphant : Puer natus est nobis, venite adoremus ! Christ is born to us, come let us adore Him ! Today the light has vanquished the shadows and rises up to heaven. The illumination, which reaches its summit at the Mass of Christmas Day, is called upon to shine forth on all the nations.

Thus, the three masses of Christmas correspond to three aspects of Divine Revelation: during the night the Christ Light is known by the pure of heart in the stable; at dawn It attracts the first adorers and during the day offers Itself to all.

REMINDER

The 2015 Institute Pilgrimage to Lourdes will take place from 29th April to 3rd May.
MARK YOUR CALENDARS NOW!

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