

**Preliminary information:**

**Repeating 30-day retreat.** Consecrated Marian Catechists who have been consecrated for five years or more may apply for the retreat. Contact the International Office to be placed on the list.

**Discussion of Canon Law and co-habitation of couples seeking the Sacrament of Matrimony.**

**1. QUESTION**

- When does God infuse the soul into the body?
- When does Original Sin enter the soul?

**2. QUESTION**

- Please give advice on how to make known within our Diocese the Marian Catechist Apostolate; and as catechists, how to make ourselves available to parishes (near our homes) with pastors who are open to faithful catechesis in their parishes.

**3. QUESTION**

- I am working very hard on participating in the New Evangelization. I am into catechizing pre-confirmation students and RCIA at our parish. In addition, I believe God is calling me to public speaking as at retreats etc. I am not very good at it even though I am good as a Reader at our parish.

As a Reader I have the Word of God in front of me; no problem. Having my own words to say is a different story and is much harder. I would like to do his will and evangelize as a public speaker. Would you give me some advice on how I could evangelize as a public speaker?

**4. QUESTION**

- I was recently on an excellent Opus Angelorum retreat with the Canons Regular of the Holy Cross, part of whose mission is to pray for priests. (<http://www.opusangelorum.org/english.html> ) There was a booklet available from the Congregation for the Clergy entitled *Eucharistic Adoration for the Sanctification of Priests and Spiritual Maternity*. I understood someone to say that this booklet was sent to every diocese in the world, and that each diocese was to have someone promoting it, but I had not heard of it from the diocese. I would like to help promote this. Does the Marian Catechist Apostolate promote this and make it available?

The booklet is available from our bookstore.

**5. QUESTION**

- In the liturgy for Holy Thursday, in the current edition of the *Roman Missal*, the rubrics for the washing of the feet seem to imply that the feet of men only are to be washed. In the United States, there are supposedly directives from individual Bishops and even the USCCB which allow the washing of the feet of women. In some parishes, even children's feet were washed this year.
  - Does a National Conference of Bishops, an individual Bishop or a priest have any authority to change or reinterpret the rubrics?
  - Theologically, is this rite meant to symbolize the institution of the priesthood?

## 6. QUESTION

- Your Eminence, have you been able to clarify the standing of the claims of private revelations of Barnabas Nwoye in Nigeria? A book claims numerous dated messages and is promulgated on the strength of an imprimatur granted by the local ordinary on June 17, 2001 for their official book of prayers. Someone in our parish has been promoting the devotion to the Precious Blood in the form coming from Barnabas Nwoye. It seems groups in Texas, Florida, and Illinois, Wisconsin, etc., are promoting it along with fear of all kinds of calamities.
  - Does the imprimatur only allow that prayer book and not the messages to be promoted among Catholics in that diocese?
  - We would appreciate more guidance on the best approach when faced with promotion of the devotions and the claimed revelations.

## 7. QUESTION

- The book, *The Healing of Families* by Fr. Yozefu – B. Ssemakul, is very popular in St. Louis and in many other places. It says that we can have a “generational bondage” that remains unless the Christian offers some form of family deliverance prayers. Fr. Yozefu describes the situation using the metaphor of an umbrella. In this metaphor, Satan erects an umbrella between the Christian and God, thereby preventing God’s graces and blessings from reaching the sincere believer who is unknowingly held captive by “generational bondage.”
  - Is there “generational bondage or generational sin,” received from one’s ancestors that one must be delivered from because Baptism does not remove it?
  - Is this book to be believed and promoted?

*See Prayer of Exorcism by Pope Leo XIII listed on our website in the Multimedia section under Matrimony, Audio presentations from 2014 Consecration Weekend, Question & Answer Session with His Eminence.*

## 8. QUESTION

- We are very worried about our families and their lack of living the faith, do you have any suggestions?

## 9. QUESTION

- With the push in our Country for same-sex “marriages” to be allowed in every State, and the likelihood that they will be attempted or forced on our Catholic churches, what should we be doing now?

## 10. QUESTION

- How do we prepare for persecution?

## 11. QUESTION

- Is *Humanae Vitae*, specifically that each and every marriage act must remain open to transmission of life, an infallible doctrine of the Church? I was fairly sure that it was, but recently several Catholic priest friends of mine said that it was opinion and not infallible teaching.

**12. QUESTION**

- Can you *summarize* and *comment* about Cardinal Walter Kasper's position regarding reception of Holy Communion by divorced and remarried Catholics?

See the documents listed on our website in the Multimedia section under *Matrimony, Printable resources discussed in the presentations.*

**13. QUESTION**

- There seems to be considerable pressure being applied to the Church to lower her standards regarding her teaching and practice on marriage and the family. In the final analysis, isn't what makes Christ's lofty teaching on sexual morality possible for us to follow, is that He, Himself, provides us with the grace needed to do so, most especially through the Sacraments of the Eucharist and Penance? Does it not seem that to try to make this teaching more "up-to-date," as some suggest, would in reality be a denial of the efficacy of Christ's grace, since He Himself has told us: "My grace is sufficient for you."

**14. QUESTION**

- Can we receive grace from LIVE online Eucharistic Adoration?

**15. QUESTION**

- Can we be happy in Heaven if our loved ones aren't there?

**16. QUESTION**

- I religiously practice the Spiritual Practices just as they are listed on page 4 of the *Marian Catechist Manual*.
  1. Daily Holy Mass
  2. Holy Rosary
  3. Morning Offering
  4. Angelus – twice daily
  5. Stations of the Cross
  6. Spiritual Reading (15 minutes),
  7. Meditation (15 minutes)
  8. Evening *Examination of Conscience* and *Act of Contrition*.
  9. Sacrament of Confession every 2 weeks
  - Have there been any changes to them that I could have missed?
  - I missed some of the history that inspired them; I would like to know why these prayers were chosen.
  - Is there a more proper way to pray them so as to pray more devoutly?
  - Do you recommend a plenary indulgence for a Poor Soul in Purgatory vs. for oneself, or vice versa or what is most proper?

**17. QUESTION**

- Because I am a caregiver for my parents and watch my granddaughters twice a week, I am unable to fulfill all of the requirements for the active Marian Catechist. I drive 700 miles a week and am able to attend Holy Mass only 4 times per week. What should I do, can I be a Consecrated Marian Catechist?

**18. QUESTION**

- When sending in our test questions, why can't we fax or email them? Postage is expensive and then the Apostolate wants us to pay the return postage as well. Since I have over forty people in different levels of study, it only makes sense to use other ways of sending items.

**Answer:** Individual students may send tests by fax and email because Inter Mirifica can handle 10 pages or less at a time. But group leaders who collect tests are asked to use postal mail because Inter Mirifica cannot handle printing the large number of faxes or email attachments due to the limited capacity of the fax/printing machine and the cost involved in printing many pages. Corrections are made on printed copies, so everything has to be printed. Postage to mail the answer sheets is less expensive than printing all the pages. Inter Mirifica is a non-profit apostolate. All members volunteer their time; no one is paid.

**19. QUESTION**

- My husband and I are not in agreement on whether the Consecration of Russia is done and has satisfied our Mother's request. Has it been done satisfactorily?

**See the document "The Message of Fatima" listed on our website in the Multimedia section under *Matrimony, Audio presentations from 2014 Consecration Weekend, Question & Answer Session with His Eminence.***

**20. QUESTION**

- In today's theological climate, how does one teach a serious course on social justice which defends capitalism and reinforces the Church's condemnation of socialism leading "inevitably" to communism?

**21. QUESTION**

- We have prepared 7 of our children for First Holy Communion and attended many mandatory parent meetings at which the priest would speak to us. Your love of the Eucharist inspires me to ask this question: "If you could address every parent whose child is preparing for First Holy Communion, what one truth would you want them to never forget?"

**Answer: That the Eucharist is JESUS CHRIST!**