

CONQUEST CLUB LEADER NEWSLETTER

AUG/SEPT 2014

Dear Club Leaders,
Welcome to another exciting year of Conquest!
This newsletter will help to better explain the improvements and changes in the program for the 2014-15 club year. Be assured of my prayers for each of you and for the success of your programs this year!

God bless!

Todd Brechbill

Conquest National Director

WHAT'S NEW IN CONQUEST 2014-15? CHECK OUT THE NEW CATALOG!



Have you seen the new Conquest 2014-15 Catalog? Take a look by clicking on the picture to the left to see all of the new and exciting Conquest program materials / kits for this year. As always, if you have any questions, please contact Todd Brechbill at

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SAINT OF THE MONTH: ST. ALBERT HURTADO



Alberto Hurtado was born in 1901 in Chile. From an early age, he experienced what it meant to be Poor and without a home. Thanks to a scholarship, he was able to study at a good Jesuit Catholic school. He entered the seminary after university and was ordained a priest. He taught and worked with the poor helping them learn the catechism. He became the national director of a group called Catholic Action. He opened shelters called Hogar de Cristo (Home of Christ) took in all children in need. They multiplied all over the country and it is estimated that over 6 years they helped more than 850,000 children. He died of pancreatic cancer in 1952. He was canonized in 2005 by Pope Benedict XVI, becoming Chile's second saint.

"Christ roams through our streets in the person of so many of the suffering poor, sick; Christ huddled under bridges... Christ is without a home!"

– St. Albert Hurtado

VIRTUE OF THE MONTH: **SERVICE**

"May we never get used to the poverty around us. A Christian must act." – Pope Francis

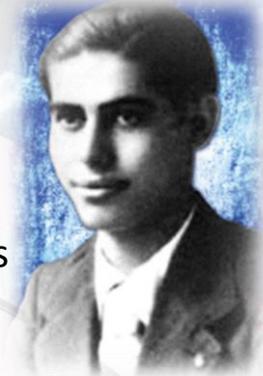
YOUCAT QUESTION OF THE MONTH:

#241 – Why did Jesus show so much interest in the sick?

Jesus came in order to show God's love. He often did this in places where we feel especially threatened: in the weakening of our life through sickness.



SAINT OF THE MONTH: BLESSED BARTOLOME BLANCO MARQUEZ



He was one of the youngest of the group of 498 martyrs beatified by Pope Benedict XVI on October 28th, 2007. He was born in Spain in 1914 and lost his parents when he was very young. He entered a Salesian school and at 18 was elected into leadership of the Catholic Action group in his hometown. He refused to join the governments armed forces against Franco's rebellion in 1936 and was imprisoned. He was judged and condemned to death for refusing to serve along with 15 priests and many other Catholic laymen. At the age of 21, he did not protest his death, but instead kissed his handcuffs and refused to be shot from behind. "Whoever died for Christ should be facing forward and stranding straight. Long live Christ the King!" he shouted as he fell to the ground in a shower of bullets.

"May this be my last will: forgiveness, forgiveness and forgiveness."

– Blessed Bartolome

VIRTUE OF THE MONTH: RESPECT

"All life has inestimable value even the most vulnerable, the sick, the old, the unborn and the poor, are masterpieces of God's creation, made in his own image, destined to live forever, and deserving the utmost reverence and respect ." – *Pope Francis*

YOUCAT QUESTION OF THE MONTH: #367 – To whom does the Fourth Commandment refer, and what does it require of us?

It refers to one's physical parents, but also to the people to whom we owe our life, our well-being, security, and our faith. What we owe in the first place to our parents – namely love, gratitude and respect – should always govern our relations to people who guide us and are there for us.



WHAT'S NEW IN CONQUEST?

FATHER & SON LEADERSHIP PROGRAM

Following this year's new theme "FIND YOU'RE HERO WITHIN" the program kits, shirts and materials have a superhero comic book look and feel. Some notable changes and new items for this year:

- 5 new DVD's – Saints and Heroes stories for the curriculum.
- New combined Father & Son / Junior Adult Mentor Training Guidebook
- New Points Tracker 18x24 Wall Poster for the program leader, one poster for each Virtue Campaign to help keep track of squad points.
- New Conquest 18x24 wall poster for promotion and for each member
- Soda-water tumbler with green Conquest logo for each member
- Conquest nylon Program Leader Black Backpack for toting materials to and from the program each week.
- Conquest Leader Black ceramic mug
- CatholicQuiz.com membership for each member and exciting new prizes to be announced for the Advent and Lenten Challenges!

* Note: Members will receive 5 Conquest Live Virtue at Home Commitment cards in their member kits this year.

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JUNIOR LEADERSHIP PROGRAM

Following this year's new theme "FIND YOU'RE HERO WITHIN" the program kits, shirts and materials have a superhero comic book look and feel. Some notable changes and new items for this year:

- New combined Father & Son / Junior Adult Mentor Training Guidebook
- New Points Tracker 18x24 Wall Poster for the program leader, one poster for each Virtue Campaign to help keep track of squad points.
- New Conquest 18x24 wall poster for promotion and for each member
- Soda-water tumbler with orange Conquest logo for each member
- Conquest nylon Program Leader Black Backpack for toting materials to and from the program each week.
- Conquest Leader Black ceramic mug
- CatholicQuiz.com membership for each member and exciting new prizes to be announced for the Advent and Lenten Challenges!

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CONQUEST CLUB PROGRAM

Following this year's new theme "FIND YOU'RE HERO WITHIN" the program kits, shirts and materials have a superhero shield, lightning and fire.

- New Conquest 3'x5' Vinyl Banner for promotion
- 25 pack of New Conquest Brochures
- 25 pack of Conquest Promo cards
- New Conquest 18x24 wall poster for promotion and for each member
- Soda-water tumbler with Black Conquest logo for each member
- Conquest nylon Program Leader Black Backpack for toting materials to and from the program each week.
- Conquest Leader Black ceramic mug
- Newly updated Club Leader Handbook, CD, Planner and Team Leader Training Guidebook
- New Projects Snapshot ([CLICK HERE](#)) to view

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WHAT'S NEW IN CONQUEST?

HIGH SCHOOL

- New Conquest High School Series – DIG DOWN DEEP
- Weekly full color handouts for each member – with summary of entire meeting ([CLICK HERE](#)) to view example.
- Weekly YouCat study numbers for the Question of the Week
- New Mission Youth Missions Project – Holy Week or International Mission

DIG DEEP DYNAMIC

The whole idea is based from the Gospel passage in Luke 6: 48 where Jesus tells his followers about the importance of laying deep foundations.

“LIKE A PERSON BUILDING A HOUSE, WHO DUG DEEPLY AND LAID THE FOUNDATION ON ROCK. WHEN THE FLOOD CAME, THE RIVER BURST AGAINST THAT HOUSE BUT COULD NOT SHAKE IT BECAUSE IT HAD BEEN WELL BUILT.”

Sometimes we have important questions about our faith or life in general and we need real answers. The deeper we go to discover the answer to those questions, the stronger the foundation will be. We will do that in Conquest by going step by step through the 6 parts of the weekly meeting. This will lead us to find answers in the YOUCAT, the Gospel, through fun activities, videos, stories from the saints & other inspirational people, and through team discussions. Each week is an opportunity to dig down deep and find the answer to one of these questions.



WHAT'S NEW IN CONQUEST?

HIGH SCHOOL - YOUCAT SERIES

- Another series option for this year – the High School YouCat series was a hit and is back by popular demand.
- Weekly full color handouts for each member – with summary of entire meeting ([CLICK HERE](#)) to view example.
- Weekly YouCat study numbers for the Question of the Week

YOUCAT STUDY GUIDE
CONQUEST HIGH SCHOOL CURRICULUM

ALL NEW HIGH SCHOOL CURRICULUM & BOOKS BASED OFF OF THE YOUCAT!

The YOUCat (Youth Catechism of the Catholic Church) is the official Catholic catechism for young people. It takes all the content of the Catechism and makes the teachings of the Church easily understood through a questions and answer format. Every week in Conquest we set out to answer a question that we have deep down in our hearts.

In this YEAR 2 High School Series, each week will cover a question that corresponds to a few numbers from the YOUCAT. By then end of the year we will have studied 90% of the YOUCAT and learned the basic principles and aspects of our Catholic faith.

EACH WEEK FOLLOWS THE FORMAT OF A STANDARD CONQUEST MEETING, BUT THERE ARE A FEW ADDED BONUSES:

- 1 20 NEW GAMES & ICEBREAKERS**
Eggcellent Pizza Puzzle
The Feast
Shaker Maker
Christmas Gift
Air Ball
- 2 VIDEO ANSWERS**
SEVERAL SHORT VIDEOS THAT HELP DISCOVER THE ANSWERS TO THE WEEK'S QUESTION
- 3 PARALLEL WITH THE CHALLENGE CURRICULUM SO THAT YOU CAN HAVE THE CO-ED GROUP TOGETHER FOR SOME PARTS OF THE MEETING**
- 4 WEEKLY MEETING GUIDES THAT YOU CAN PRINT OUT EACH WEEK WITH THE YOUCAT NUMBERS TO HELP THE TEAMS HAVE AN IN DEPTH DISCUSSION & STUDY ABOUT THEIR FAITH**

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SUMMER CAMPS A HIT!

Conquest and Challenge Summer Camps were held across North America hosting approximately 1500 youth in 50 camps! See the article on the Conquest Website.

[CLICK HERE](#) - TRANSFORMING LIVES



The water balloon catapult at Conquest Camp Del Rio in Texas.

What is like to be a participant in an official Conquest Camp? Read daily blogs from the various Camps in Texas!

[CLICK HERE](#) - CONQUEST TEXAS CAMP BLOGS



CONQUEST ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP

TIME FOR RENEWALS!



Perhaps your club/program has not yet renewed? Now is the time. All of the club materials have been shipping and the inventory is stocked.

We are proud to announce a new partnership with Majestic Works in Elizabethtown, PA. They are currently our new fulfillment center so all materials are assembled and shipped directly from PA.



Don't wait until the last minute! Please expect 1-2 days to process your annual membership renewal and order, and 3-5 days for Fed Express Ground shipping.

For instructions and information on renewing your club, please visit www.missionnetwork.com/renewals



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**GOD BLESS YOU FOR ALL
YOU DO FOR CHRIST!**