

CONQUEST NEWSLETTER

DEAR CONQUEST LEADERS,

The month of May is here, and as most programs are winding down for the year, do not forget that May is the month of Mary. Do something special to honor her as our Mother, like saying a decade of the rosary at the final year end meeting or family night. This newsletter contains lots of great new news about Conquest for next fall. Take advantage of the \$100 renewal discount in the month of May by using the Early Bird code!

God bless!

Todd Brechbill
Conquest National Director

MAY 2015

CLUB RENEWALS & REGISTRATION



It is early bird time already! Save \$100 in the month of May on your annual membership renewal! Use the coupon discount code **CQEARLYBIRD100** on the new store!



NEW CONQUEST STORE
STORE.MISSIONNETWORK.COM

NEW CONQUEST WEBSITE:
WWW.CONQUESTYOUTHMINISTRY.COM

NEW CONQUEST CATALOG
COMING IN JUNE!

MAY SAINT OF THE MONTH

BLESSED FR MARIO VERGARA



Mario Vergara was born in Italy in 1910. In 1929, after studying at the Jesuit minor seminary and then went onto join a missionary seminary. In 1934 he was ordained priest and joined the mission in Burma (officially Myanmar – a country in Southeast Asia near China and India). At that time, the country was a British colony. Upon his arrival, Fr Vergara was entrusted with the care of the mountainous district, home to many tribes and one of the poorest and most primitive areas in Burma which at that time were actually suffering a famine. Here Fr Vergara fine-tuned his missionary method. He brought the catechesis to all the villages, celebrated the sacraments and established various training and aid activities, including an orphanage for 82 Burmese children and a health clinic. In 1941, after the outbreak of the Second World War, he was interned in concentration camps in India along with other missionaries, deemed

"fascists". After four years there during which he experienced health problems, he was released and travelled by train across India and finally got back to Burma. He was sent to another mountainous area where he rebuilt the mission that the war had swept away. He taught catechesis in the villages and built medical posts and clinics. After Burma's independence in 1948, the villages where Fr Mario worked had fighting break out between local groups trying to assert their various traditions, religious beliefs and ideologies. Still, he did not slow down. Instead, he travelled on foot to distant communities and brought care to mountain people, without distinction of religion, and this despite the fact that some rebel forces had started to persecute Catholics. He came to the defense of the oppressed. His peacemaking efforts won him the hatred of the rebels. In May 1950, Fr Vergara together with the catechist Isidore went to convince the district chief of a tribe to release another Catholic catechist who had been arrested. Instead, the rebel leader was waiting and captured both of them. After subjecting the men to a harsh interrogation and being dragged through the forest at night, the missionary priest and Isidore were killed at dawn on May 25, 1950. Pope Francis declared him and Isidore martyrs and they were beatified in 2014.

VIRTUE OF THE MONTH

CHARITY

Charity is Christian love, seeing people as God does and treating them with the love and respect they need. Another way of explaining charity would be "loving as God loves".

“True charity requires courage: let us overcome the fear of getting our hands dirty so as to help those in need!”

- POPE FRANCIS

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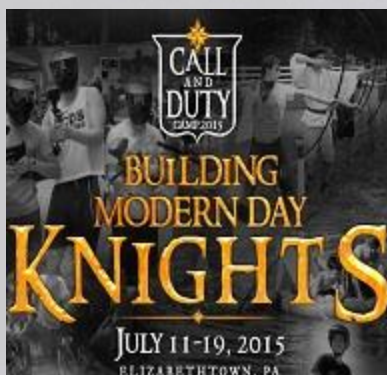
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What is charity?

Charity is the power by which we, who have been loved first by God, can give ourselves to God so as to be united with him and can accept our neighbor for God's sake as unconditionally and sincerely as we accept ourselves.

Conquest National Camp 2015 – Call & Duty!

BUILDING MODERN DAY KNIGHTS



- **Laser Tag (onsite)**
- **Knight Games**
- **Leadership Activities**
- **Spiritual Talks**
- **Horseback riding**
- **Sports & Fun!**

Conquest National Camp for 2015 – Call & Duty – Building Modern Day Knights is filling up fast!

The camp will be held July 11-19, 2015 in Mount Joy, PA. Please pass the link to your Conquest families! There are still a few spots left so register ASAP!

[CLICK HERE](#) FOR MORE INFORMATION

TRACKS:

\$399 - 10-14 year old boys – REGISTER [HERE](#)

\$199 - 15-17 year old officers – APPLY [HERE](#)

\$75 - Fatherhood Track – REGISTER [HERE](#)

Click [HERE](#) to view the official flyer!

28 Conquest Summer Camps in 2015!



Conquest will offer approximately 28 summer camps for boys June ~ August 2015. Check the Conquest website in early February for a complete list of dates and locations around the USA and Canada. This is a great opportunity for boys to receive excellent Catholic formation while having a great time with sports, fun and friends! [CLICK HERE](#) to see all the camps offered around the country!

CONTACT US

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