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NEWSLETTER

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DEAR CLUB LEADERS,

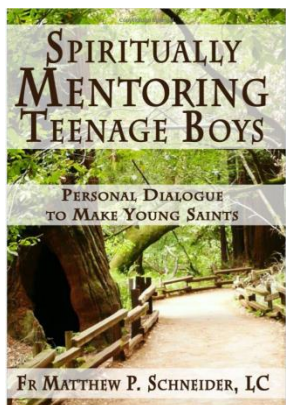
Fall is here and most of the Conquest programs around the country are back up and running and getting into full swing! Thousands of boys and girls in Conquest and Challenge are learning more about their faith through **experiences** (dynamic activities, games and videos), forming deeper **convictions** (Gospel reflections and saint stories) which will ultimately help them make good **decisions** now and in the future. This is our unique methodology and why we say "Powered by ECyD" (Experiences, Convictions and **y**our **D**ecisions)

Have a great fall and do not forget the importance of doing a team apostolic project! God bless!

Todd Brechbill
Conquest National Director

GOOD READS:

SPIRITUALLY MENTORING TEENAGE BOYS



We all want the boys our Conquest clubs become solid Catholic men. According to recent research, the #1 factor in teens becoming solid Catholic adults is having non-parental adults who are solid in their faith, who they can talk to. In fact, one of the unique elements of the Conquest program compared with other youth ministry is the focus on the individual teenage boy. Just having teens show up, reflecting on the gospel, and doing a small service project is no longer sufficient. *Spiritually Mentoring Teenage Boys* was designed, first of all, to train men working with Conquest to help with this personal attention and accompaniment which is part of the ECyD method.

It can be used with any youth ministry program, but Conquest is where the author did most of his mentoring. If you are ready to transform teenage boys, get this book today! It will explain to you both the theory and practice of how to help teenage boys become men of God. It has been endorsed by many leaders in youth ministry.

To help the men of Conquest, the author Fr. Matthew Schneider is offering a special until October 13th: the Kindle version of the book is available for \$6.99 and [the paperback is 30% off using code H8PMPMCV](#)

OCTOBER SAINT OF THE MONTH

ST JOHN XXIII



Angelo Roncalli was born in Italy in 1881. His family were poor farmers. He was ordained a priest in 1904. During World War I, Roncalli was drafted into the Italian Army as a sergeant, serving in the medical corps as a stretcher-bearer and as a chaplain. After being discharged from the army, he was named spiritual director of the seminary. In 1935, he was made Apostolic Delegate to Turkey and Greece. Roncalli used this office to help the Jewish underground in saving thousands of refugees in Europe. He was sent to France as a Papal Nuncio during WWII and made various efforts during the Holocaust to save refugees, mostly Jewish people, from the Nazis. Many times he helped orphaned children get to safety in other countries and several times he interceded and freed Jews from concentration camps. Pope Pius XII made Roncalli a Cardinal in 1953. To his great surprise, he was elected Pope in 1958 when he was 77 years old and took the name Pope John XXIII. He became the first pope to make pastoral visits in his Diocese of Rome, when he visited children infected with polio at the hospital. He visited Rome's prison, where he told the inmates: "You could not come to me, so I came to you." His frequent habit of sneaking out of the Vatican late at night to walk the streets of the city of Rome earned him the nickname "Johnny Walker". He was the one who called the historic Second Vatican Council, which changed the liturgy from Latin to people's native languages. He did not live to see it to completion. He was diagnosed with stomach cancer and died in 1963 when he was 81 years old, only four-and-a-half years after being elected Pope. Pope John's passionate views on equality were summed up in his famous statement 'We were all made in God's image, and thus, we are all Godly alike.' Pope John was beatified in 2000 by Pope John Paul II and canonized by Pope Francis in 2014. He was known affectionately as "Good Pope John".

VIRTUE OF THE MONTH

HONESTY

Honesty is to live and speak the truth. God wants us to be sincere and truthful with people. The 8th commandment tells us how important honesty is to God.

“ Seeking happiness in material things is a sure way of being unhappy. We cannot be Christians part-time. If Christ is at the center of our lives, he is present in all that we do. ”

- POPE FRANCIS

YOUCAT # OF THE MONTH

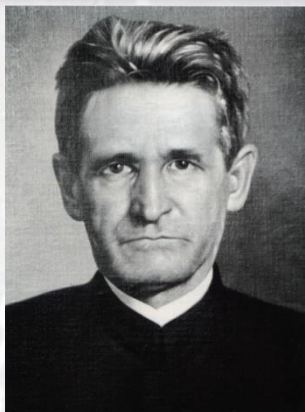
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What does our relationship to the truth have to do with God?

Someone who really follows Jesus eliminates all lies, falsehood, pretense, and becomes transparent toward the truth.

NOVEMBER SAINT OF THE MONTH

BLESSED RUPERT MAYER



Rupert Mayer was born in 1876 and grew up in Germany. His family was involved in business. He had a brother and four sisters. He was a very talented violinist and horse rider in his youth. In 1899, he was ordained a priest and joined the Society of Jesus in Austria. Fr. Mayer volunteered as a chaplain in the First World War. He was initially assigned to a military hospital; however, he wished to be closer to the soldiers and was sent to the fronts in France, Poland and Romania as chaplain. He was held in great esteem by both Catholic and non-Catholic soldiers. When there was fighting at the front Fr. Mayer would be found crawling along the ground from one soldier to the next talking to them, listening

to them and administering the Sacraments to them. When he was warned that he was putting his own life in danger through such activities, he replied simply, "My life is in God's hands." Fr. Mayer was the first chaplain to win the Iron Cross for bravery in recognition of his work with the soldiers. He lost his left leg in a grenade attack. In 1937, he was sent to a concentration camp for his teaching the faith and speaking out against the Nazis. He preached that man must obey God more than men. He was released from the camp on the condition that he would no longer preach. When the war was over, he returned to Munich. Father Rupert Mayer died of a stroke in 1945, while he was celebrating mass, on the feast of All Saints' Day. He was beatified by Pope John Paul II in 1987 in Munich.

VIRTUE OF THE MONTH

FAITH

Faith is hard because it means trusting in someone and believing in something that we have not seen. If we could see it then it would not be faith – it would be proof and knowledge. To know the invisible God is a great challenge for the human mind.

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Faith is not something decorative or for show. To have faith means to put Christ truly at the center of our lives.

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- POPE FRANCIS

YOUCAT # OF THE MONTH

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#24 What does my faith have to do with the Church? No one can believe alone and by himself. We receive the faith from the Church and live it out in fellowship with the people with whom we share our faith. Faith is the most personal thing a person has.

CONQUEST NEWS

FR SON CAMP OUT TEXAS



I was blessed this past weekend with the honor of attending the annual Texas Father & Son Campout. 250 boys and dads shared an incredible experience including hours of spending personal time together, Mass, Adoration, and team competitive crazy activities

including a 100 foot inflatable obstacle course and a dunk tank sporting some Legionary priests who definitely got wet! [CLICK HERE](#) to see pictures of the awesome activities of fun and formation.

SAVE THE DATE: SUMMER 2015 CONQUEST NATIONAL CAMP CALL & DUTY

The National Conquest Camp will be back in Elizabethtown, PA in July 2015. Stay tuned for more information coming soon!

GREAT CATHOLIC WEBSITE!



We are proud to announce a new partnership with Majestic Works in Elizabethtown, PA. They are our new fulfillment center so all kits are assembled and shipped from PA. (That is reason your orders have a Majestic Works label.) Majestic Works is so much more than a fulfillment center. Visit their website to discover all of the amazing Catholic books, gifts, DVDs, etc. Find out more information here: <http://majesticworks.com/>

DID YOU KNOW?

NEWSLETTERS: You can use this template to create your own Club Newsletter. You can find an editable PPT file on the Club Leader Disc or online Resource Center.

INFO PRESENTATION: The updated presentation about Challenge & Conquest can be found [HERE](#).

NEW CCC VIDEO – short film on fatherhood



CATCH is an inspirational short film about fatherhood and the value of quality family time. It delivers a strong punch to busy parents who make promises they can't keep. This 11 min short film focuses on family and what fatherhood really means. Just maybe, this could be the start of making everyday....Father's Day! [Watch the trailer here](#)
Available at www.CCCofAmerica.com for just \$6.99!

AMAZON SMILE PROGRAM



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Perhaps your club/program has not yet renewed? Now is the time. All of the club materials have been shipping and the inventory is being re-stocked. For instructions and information on renewing your club, please visit www.missionnetwork.com/renewals

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