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Newsletter

Alive in Christ

Saints of yesterday, inspiring the youth of today to become the saints of tomorrow

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Blessings Continue – 200 Parishes Strong and Growing!

Dear Friends in Christ,

I pray this New Year is proving to be one that is truly blessed in abundance for you, your families and loved ones. This past fall and this winter have been a real whirlwind of activity for the Dead Theologians Society. On behalf of the apostolate, I've logged quite a few travel miles promoting the work we all do for our young people so they can grow strong in their Catholic faith. I'm very privileged to report that DTS is now in 200 parishes and growing. It is always a privilege to meet with people at parishes who are interested in starting a DTS chapter, and to meet with the chapter leaders and teens at existing DTS chapters. We have so many dedicated, faithful and gifted chapter leaders teaching the Truth to the young people at their parishes. It is inspiring to see the outstanding youth and young adults who are choosing to attend DTS meetings at their parishes and schools and who are truly following in the footsteps of the great saints they're learning about. And it is an honor to see the faithful and holy priests and deacons who make up part of the leadership of our DTS chapters. We are grateful to you all.

We've added over thirty new DTS chapters since the beginning of the fall. This really means hundreds of young people joining the ranks of thousands of current DTS members who are praying for souls, and growing in holiness and love of Jesus, through the examples of the Saints. Not only are they learning their faith, they're learning how to promote it and defend it as well. We welcome them and will pray for them. Let's continue to pray for each other. As an apostolate 2006 was a great year. We remained safe, strong and united in our mission. Please God, 2007 will be the same with continued growth to help win young souls for Christ. Let us all remain humble and faithful to the present moment and with God's grace we can change the world. Last night my teenage son Rory (a DTS'er) brought to my attention one of his favorite Bible verses. He thought it applied well for DTS leaders, young people and all who are trying to help bring the light of Christ into a darkened world;

"Be watchful, stand firm in your faith, be courageous, be strong. Let all that you do be done in love." – 1 Corinthians 16:13-14



National Office of DTS

We Welcome Our Newest DTS Chapters!

1. St. Joseph Catholic Church – Winstead, CT – Diocese of Hartford
2. St. Dominic – Baltimore, MD – Archdiocese of Baltimore
3. Holy Trinity Parish – Paola, KS – Archdiocese of Kansas City in Kansas
4. St. Theresa Parish – Phoenix, AZ – Diocese of Phoenix
5. Blessed Sacrament – Ontario, OR – Diocese of Baker

6. Vocations Office – La Crosse, WI – Diocese of La Crosse
7. Sts. Peter and Paul Retreat Center – Newark, OH – Diocese of Columbus
8. All Souls Catholic Church – Englewood, CO – Archdiocese of Denver
9. St. Francis of Assisi – Frisco, TX – Diocese of Dallas
10. St. Patrick's Church – New Orleans, LA – Diocese of New Orleans
11. Immaculate Conception Church – Lapeer, MI – Archdiocese of Detroit
12. St. Michael the Archangel – Mulvane, KS – Diocese of Wichita
13. Christ our King – Mount Pleasant, SC – Diocese of Charleston
14. St. Mary – Aspen, CO – Archdiocese of Denver
15. Queen of Angels – Port Angeles, WA – Archdiocese of Seattle
16. St. John the Baptist – Plymouth, WI – Archdiocese of Milwaukee
17. St. Bernard – Watertown, WI – Diocese of Madison
18. St. Henry – Watertown, WI – Diocese of Madison
19. St. John Vianney – Northlake, IL – Archdiocese of Chicago
20. Our Lady of Guadalupe - Immokalee, FL – Diocese of Venice
21. St. Patrick's – Mauston, WI – Diocese of La Crosse
22. St. Hilary Church of Perpetual Adoration – Pico Rivera, CA – Archdiocese of Los Angeles
23. St. Michael the Archangel – Fredericktown, MO – Diocese of Springfield-Cape Girardeau

Archbishop Raymond Burke Delivers Keynote at DTS Benefit Dinner

On Wednesday, January 31, 2007 His Excellency, The Most Reverend Raymond L. Burke, Archbishop of St. Louis gave the keynote address to a packed house at the first DTS Benefit Dinner in Naples, FL. The event was held at the Naples Hilton Hotel to raise the needed funds to help spread DTS throughout the country. Also in attendance who gave the invocation was the new Bishop of Venice, The Most Reverend Frank J. Dewane. In his keynote address, Archbishop Burke highlighted how DTS is faithfully adhering to the key components of the late Pope John Paul II's vision for a "New Evangelization". Archbishop Burke's address will soon be available via the National Office and will also be available on the DTS website. Among several



needed items, the DTS National Office is trying to raise funds to reproduce the new DTS DVD and get copies into the hands of its existing chapters as well as eventually getting a copy to every parish in the United States. DTS really works and the National Office is humbly and faithfully determined to help the apostolate reach teens and young adults everywhere.



Rhett Young, Eddie Cotter, Archbishop Burke and Bishop Dewane at DTS Benefit Dinner

DTS Present at National Conference on Catholic Youth Ministry

Eddie Cotter and Chris Stefanick were present at the 31st biennial National Conference on Catholic Youth Ministry held from November 30 thru December 2 at Las Vegas, Nevada. Chris and Eddie talked about DTS to countless numbers of the more than 2600 parish youth ministers, diocesan directors and clergy from around the country who were in attendance at the conference. They distributed 1000 DTS DVD's and brochures to help spread the apostolate.

DTS Presents at Legatus International Winter Summit

On February 2 in Naples, Florida, Eddie Cotter and DTS Board Member and Chapter Leader at St. Mary's in Pine Bluff, WI, Dr. Bill Evans presented the DTS apostolate in two sessions at the Legatus International Winter Summit. Legatus (Latin for "ambassador") is an organization designed exclusively for top ranking



Dr. Bill Evans, Fr. Pavone of Priests for Life, and Eddie Cotter at the Legatus Summit

Catholic business leaders and their spouses. Members meet monthly in forums to promote personal spiritual growth. Their mission is to study, live and spread the Catholic Faith in their business, professional and personal lives. Legatus currently provides service to over 1,800 businesses in 60 chapters across the United States and internationally on three continents. DTS President Scott Ryan and DTS Chairman of the Board Chuck Mifsud are new



Dr. Bill Evans talks about DTS at Legatus Summit

members of Legatus. DTS is grateful for the opportunity to have presented our apostolate to the members of this fine organization. For more information about Legatus please visit their website at www.legatus.org

DTS Presented to Tom Monaghan & Fr. Fessio at Ave Maria University

On January 4, Eddie Cotter and DTS Development Director Rhett Young had the opportunity to meet with and present the DTS apostolate to Mr. Tom Monaghan, founder of Ave Maria and Fr. Joseph Fessio, Provost of Ave Maria at Ave Maria University in Naples, Florida. Mr. Monaghan is the founder of Domino's Pizza and former owner of the Detroit Tigers. Incidentally the Tigers were the favorite team of Venerable Solanus Casey. They won the World Series under Mr. Monaghan's ownership. Ave Maria University is the first new Catholic University founded in the United States in the last 50 years. For more information about Ave Maria please visit their website at www.avemaria.edu.



Tom Monaghan signs copy of his book Pizza Tiger for Eddie at their meeting at Ave Maria University

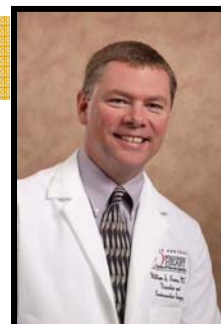
Meet National Director of Resources and Chapter Support Services

The National Office is very happy to introduce its new Director of Resources and Chapter Support Services, Gary Gaudreau. Gary's position was made possible through a grant from the Diocese of Madison. DTS is grateful to the Most Reverend Robert C. Morlino, Bishop of Madison, Reverend James Bartylla, Vocations Director for the Diocese of Madison, and the St. Joseph Foundation for making this possible. In addition to Gary's working for the National Office, he will also be working as the new Coordinator of Youth Ministry for the Diocese of Madison. Gary, his wife Toni and their six children moved to the Diocese of Madison, Wisconsin from the Diocese of Baker, Oregon where Gary was formerly the Director of Religious Education and Youth Ministry.



Meet Newest DTS Board Member

William Evans, M.D. is a vascular surgeon with South Central Wisconsin Heart in Madison, Wisconsin – the largest independent cardiovascular group in the state. Bill and his family are parishioners at St. Mary in Pine Bluff. He is active in parish life as the coordinator for altar servers, lector, choir member, parish council member and the chapter president for the DTS at St. Mary's. He is studying in a regional lay theological institute and discerning a call to the permanent diaconate. We're grateful for Bill's commitment to our young people and welcome him as our newest board member



Things to Remember

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- Visit the website to register your chapter
- Send us pictures and highlights about your DTS Chapter as we plan to highlight a chapter in each newsletter.

DTS is a non-profit 501 (c) (3) corporation. Contributions are tax deductible and are greatly appreciated to support the work of the apostolate. Prayers are especially appreciated.

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Chapter Highlight - St. John the Baptist, Marshfield, WI - Diocese of La Crosse

This wonderful chapter has been in existence since 2002 and has been guided well by Youth Minister Dan Kitzhaber. Eddie had the privilege to attend one of their meetings this past fall to talk about the Venerable Solanus Casey who was a native of Wisconsin.

Their DTS chapel has life sized statues of the Pieta, St. Terese and the Sacred Heart of Jesus. May God continue to bless these dedicated and faithful young Christians.

