

RISK & ADVENTURE

RETREAT SCHEDULE

20-22 JUNE, 2008

FRIDAY

P.M.

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| 6:00 | Meet at Retreat Center
(cabin assignments) |
| 7:00 | Light Supper |
| 8:00 | Introductions and Opening Prayer |
| 8:30 | SESSION 1-
RISK & ADVENTURE |
| 9:00 | Group Discussion |
| 11:00 | Night Prayers (Chapel) |

OPENING PRAYER

Priest: In the name of the Father, and the Son and of the Holy Spirit.
All: Amen.
Priest: The Lord be with you.
All: And also with you.
Priest: Let us pray:
Heavenly Father, there are many other things we could be doing this weekend. But each one of us has come here because of a desire in our hearts to discover our destiny. Like men and women of every age, we are seeking the personal fulfillment that only You can provide.

As true God and true man, your Son Jesus has proclaimed himself “the Way, the Truth and the Life” for man. Yet in our freedom, we recognize that this Way can be experienced as either a scary or exhilarating risk...an imposed or magnificent adventure.

Father, send your Spirit upon us this weekend, so we may continue to recognize the intimate companionship of your Son throughout our pilgrimage here on earth. We promise you our best efforts to make this a successful retreat. We offer you open hearts and minds. In return we confidently await your grace and strength now, and your blessings of love and peace in times to come. We make this covenant with you, Heavenly Father, and with Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God for ever and ever.

All: Amen.
Priest: Lord, you are the God of life and love.
All: Come and share your infinite life and love with us.

Priest: Lord, your word is always true and righteous.
All: Instill in us a love for truth and righteousness.

Priest: Lord, you are the God of the fulfillment of our desires.
All: Give us the grace to be faithful to your law of life and love.

Priest: Lord, you call us to intimate union and obedient service.
All: Give us the peace of a good conscience and the joy of your personal companionship.
Priest: Final blessing....

Session 1: Risk & Adventure

Deep in our hearts, every one of us desires a great life: passionate love, close friends, fulfilling work and interesting pursuits. This is the adventure of young adulthood. For some young men and women today, it is a time full of promise, excitement and responsibility; for others, it's a time of uncertainty, anxiety and fear. Why? Because young adulthood is the time to commit to the greatest human adventure of all – the adventure of Love. In a fallen world, the glory of that adventure naturally comes with risk and sacrifice. *But those who never embark upon it never really live.* Are you ready to commit everything to the Life and Love your heart craves?

Reflections:

Adventure \ad*ven"ture\

from Latin adventurus, future participle of advenire, to arrive.

v. To take a risk in the hope of a favorable outcome

"One dark night, / Fired with love's urgent longings / -Ah, the sheer grace! / I went out unseen/ my house being now all stilled."
--St. John of the Cross

"Whether we call it sacrifice, or poetry, or adventure, it is always the same voice that calls."
--Antoine de Saint-Exupéry

"Everybody feels the longing to love and to be loved. Yet, how difficult it is to love, and how many mistakes and failures have to be reckoned with in love! There are those who even come to doubt that love is possible. But if emotional delusions or lack of affection can cause us to think that love is utopian, an impossible dream, should we then become resigned? No! Love is possible, and the purpose of my message is to help reawaken in each one of you -- you who are the future and hope of humanity -- trust in a love that is true, faithful and strong; a love that generates peace and joy; a love that binds people together and allows them to feel free in respect for one another."
--B16

"Life is an adventure, dare it."
--Blessed Teresa of Calcutta

SATURDAY

A.M.

- 8:00 Rising
- 8:30 Breakfast
- 9:15 Morning Prayer & Mass
- 10:00 SESSION 2–Fantasy or Adventure?
- 10:30 GROUP DISCUSSION

P.M.

- 12:00 Lunch
- 1:00 SESSION 3 –
The Master of Our Risk
- 1:30 GROUP DISCUSSION
- 2:00 Penance Service & Confessions
- 3:00 Hour of Silence
- 4:00 The Rosary
- 6:00 Supper
- 8:30 Risk Movie
- 10:00 GROUP DISCUSSION
- 11:00 Night Prayers (Chapel)

Session 2: Fantasy or Adventure?

"When I was a child, I used to talk as a child, think as a child, reason as a child; when I became a man, I put aside childish things," says St. Paul (1 Cor 13:11). Yet today, many young men and women cling to their adolescence. Distracted by the "sim" and "cyber" fantasies of the popular culture, it is easy to put off the adventure of real life, and often the real people who surround you. Statistics show that many young people are taking longer to act upon major life decisions such as vocation, spouse and work. "There are too many doors, too many people, too much competition," laments one 28-year-old (Newsweek Magazine).

Reflections:

"In the past, people got married, got a job and had kids, but now there's a new ten years that people are using to try and find out what kind of life they want to lead. For a lot of people, the weight of all that possibility is overwhelming."

—Zach Braff, Actor, Director

"Either you face reality wide open...calling a spade a spade, embracing its entire presence, even its meaning; either this, or you place yourself in front of reality, defend yourself against it, almost with your arms flung in front of your eyes to ward off unwelcomed and unexpected blows."

—Luigi Giussani

"The modern economy is good at getting us to postpone our lives little by little in the expectation that, sometime, maybe soon, we will be able to let go and enjoy the world in a free and unbounded way." —John Waters, Columnist, Irish Times

"To love at all is to be vulnerable. Love anything, and your heart will certainly be wrung and possibly broken. If you want to make sure of keeping it intact, you must give your heart to no one....Wrap it carefully round with hobbies and little luxuries; avoid all entanglements; lock it up safe in the casket or coffin of your selfishness. But in that casket--safe, dark, motionless, airless--it will change. It will not be broken; it will become unbreakable, impenetrable, irredeemable."

—C.S. Lewis

Session 3: The Master of Our Risk

Who can help us through the risk of a great Life and Love? Jesus Christ, the one who risked everything on the Cross by giving his entire self away to the Beloved. Now present and alive in the heart of the Church, Christ shoulders our risk in the vocation to which he calls us. Through the sacramental life, especially the Eucharist, he intimately participates in all the adventures of our lives...offering himself “in the flesh” through relationships of love within the Body of the Church...showing us the risk and glory of discipleship through his preached Word. Could we have a better Master than the one who calls himself “The Way”?

Reflections:

“I am only now beginning to encounter, as though for the first time, the utterly staggering dimensions of...Jesus, to grapple with the idea that...God came among us to tell us that everything would be all right. I am only beginning to glimpse the possibility that this story may answer my most fundamental questions in the way nothing else has ever done.”

—John Waters, *Lapsed Agnostic*

“Whenever you gather for Mass, when you go to Confession, whenever you celebrate any of the sacraments, Jesus is at work. Through the Holy Spirit, he draws you to himself, into his sacrificial love of the Father which becomes love for all. We see then that the Church’s liturgy is a ministry of hope for humanity. Your faithful participation is an active hope which helps to keep the world – saints and sinners alike – open to God; this is the truly human hope we offer everyone.”

—B16

“It is not a matter of bravado, but of Christian courage, to expose oneself to risk.”

—Hans Urs von Balthasar

“True love receives all things that come from the Beloved—prosperity, adversity, even chastisement—with the same evenness of soul, since they are His will.”

—St. John of the Cross

Mary, Star of Hope

With a hymn composed in the eighth or ninth century, thus for over a thousand years, the Church has greeted Mary, the Mother of God, as

“Star of the Sea”: *Ave maris stella*.

Human life is a journey. Towards what destination? How do we find the way? Life is like a voyage on the sea of history, often dark and stormy, a voyage in which we watch for the stars that indicate the route. The true stars of our life are the people who have lived good lives. They are lights of hope. Certainly, Jesus Christ is the true light, the sun that has risen above all the shadows of history.



But to reach him we also need lights close by — people who shine with his light and so guide us along our way. Who more than Mary could be a star of hope for us? With her “yes” she opened the door of our world to God himself; she became the living Ark of the Covenant, in whom God took flesh, became one of us, and pitched his tent among us (cf. *Jn* 1:14).

—Pope Benedict XVI, *Spes Salvi*, 49

SUNDAY

A.M.

- 8:00 Rising
- 8:30 Breakfast
- 9:00 Morning Prayer
- 10:00 SESSION 4—
The Open Road
with an Open Heart
- 10:30 GROUP DISCUSSION
- 11:30 Evaluations, Clean-up and Break

P.M.

- Noon Lunch, Pack & Clean
- 1:00 Closing Mass
- 2:00 Depart Retreat Center

Session 4: The Open Road with an Open Heart

A heart ready for love is an open heart, and therefore, a heart that embraces everything life has to offer. The greatest adventurers of human history – the saints – knew that they needed the divine communion of the Church to remain this wide open to every person they encountered. On the open road there are lovers, friends and companions, as well as robbers, strangers and lepers. Sound too risky? The Lord does not want you to go alone. He desires to stay with you, and calls others *to be together* with you! This is why he sends his disciples out two by two. The companionship of family and friends who are attached to Christ are his intimate Way for us now in our pilgrim journey on the open road towards Him.

Reflections:

“With his hand in his mother’s, the child will go into any unlit room in the world. Only the communal dimension renders the human being sufficiently capable of overcoming the experience of risk.”
–Luigi Giussani

“If a young man or woman stayed at home all the time without seeing anyone, nothing would ever happen in his or her life. To fall in love you have to spend time with people!”
–Father Raniero Cantalamessa, Preacher of the Pontifical Household

“The opposite of a Christian people is a people grown sad and old.”
–Georges Bernanos, *Diary of a Country Priest*

“The joy of Jesus will be my strength--it will be in my heart. Every person I meet will see it in my work, my walk, my prayer--in everything.”
–Blessed Teresa of Calcutta

“As the saints teach us so vividly, prayer becomes hope in action. Christ was their constant companion, with whom they conversed at every step of their journey for others.”
—B16

The Adventure with Christ through His Church

"The Risen Jesus makes himself our traveling companion as we go on our way...." –B16

Any vital relationship requires time—real time. How can you recognize Jesus Christ present and moving in your life and circumstances? Risk giving him some time each day to reveal himself to you and bring you his certainty about the Father's plan for your life. Following are the practices and acts where Christ is present to us through the life of the Church...

- *Sunday and Weekday Mass*
- *Frequent Confession*
- *Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament*
- *Praying the Liturgy of the Hours*
- *Scripture reading*
- *Rosary*
- *Fasting*
- *Small Group Communities*
- *Care for the poor*
- *The Gift of Self in Charity*

Keep going in the greatest adventure... Make a commitment to:

- *Attend Mass one additional day during the week*
- *Say an Act of Contrition every night before you fall asleep*
- *Spend an hour with Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament*
- *Wake up 15 minutes early and read the Scripture readings for the Mass of the day; allow his Gospel to shape your heart everyday*
- *Say a decade of the Rosary on your fingers as you drive to work or walk to class*
- *Gather a group of friends for weekly prayer, discussion and dinner*
- *Take a week without dessert, the car radio or your favorite show...fasting is especially effective if you are praying very seriously about something to do or a risk to take or someone to love.*
- *The next time you see someone in some need, work to satisfy that need in charity with an open and generous heart.*

Reflections:

"Have we perhaps lost something of the art of listening? Do you leave space to hear God's whisper, calling you forth into goodness? Friends, do not be afraid of silence or stillness, listen to God, adore him in the Eucharist. Let his word shape your journey as an unfolding of holiness. —B16

"There is no other way of Christian prayer than Christ. Whether our prayer is communal or personal, vocal or interior, it has access to the Father only if we pray 'in the name' of Jesus. The sacred humanity of Jesus is therefore the way by which the Holy Spirit teaches us to pray to God our Father."

—Catechism of the Catholic Church, 2664

“The Only Master of the World...”

...He had been a good workman.
 A good carpenter.
 As he had been a good son.
 A good son to his mother Mary.
 A nice good child.
 Nice and docile.
 Nice and dutiful.
 Nice and obedient to his father
 and mother.
 A child.
 Such as all parents would like to
 have.
 A good son to his father Joseph.
 To his foster father Joseph.
 The old carpenter.
 The master carpenter.
 As he had been a good son also
 to his Father.
 To his Father who art in heaven.
 As he had been a good comrade
 to his little comrades.
 A good schoolmate.
 A good playmate.
 A good play companion.
 A good fellow workman.
 A good fellow carpenter.
 Among all other fellows.
 Fellow carpenters.
 For all fellows.
 Fellow carpenters.
 As he had been a good poor
 man.
 As he had been a good citizen.
 He had been a good son to his
 father and mother.
 Until the day when he had begun
 his mission.
 His preaching.
 A good son to his mother Mary.
 Until the day when he had begun
 his mission.
 A good son to his father Joseph.
 Until the day when he had begun
 his mission.
 In short all had gone very well.
 Until the day when he had begun
 his mission.
 He was generally liked.

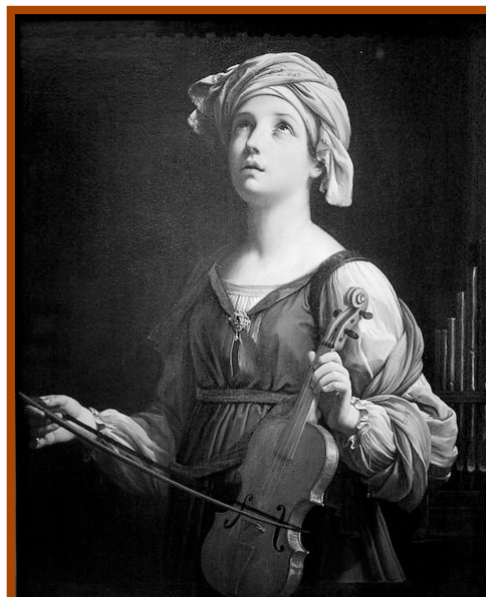
Everybody liked him.
 Until the day he had begun his
 mission.
 Comrades, friends, fellow
 workmen, authorities,
 Citizens,
 Father and mother,
 Thought it was all right,
 Until the day when he had begun
 his mission.
 Comrades thought him a good
 comrade.
 Friends a good friend.
 Fellow workmen a good fellow.
 Not proud.
 Citizens thought him a good
 citizen.
 His equals a good equal.
 Until the day when he had begun
 his mission.
 Citizens thought he was a good
 citizen.
 Until the day when he had begun
 his mission.
 Until the day when he had
 showed himself another citizen.
 The founder, the citizen of
 another city.
 For he was a citizen of the
 heavenly city.
 And of the everlasting city.
 Comrades thought him a good
 comrade.
 Friends a good friend.
 Fellow workmen a good fellow.
 Not proud.
 Citizens thought he was a good
 citizen.
 His equals a good equal.
 Until the day when he had begun
 his mission.
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 his mission.
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 showed himself another citizen.

The founder, the citizen of
 another city
 For he was a citizen of the
 heavenly city
 And of the everlasting city.
 The authorities thought it was all
 right.
 Until the day when he had begun
 his mission.
 The authorities considered he
 was a man of order.
 A serious young man.
 A quiet young man.
 A young man with good habits.
 Easy to govern.
 Giving back to Caesar what is
 Caesar's.
 Until the day when he had begun
 disorder.
 Introduced disorder.
 The greatest disorder in the
 world.
 The greatest disorder there ever
 was in the world.
 The greatest order there had
 been in the world.
 The only order.
 There had ever been in the
 world.
 Until the day when he had gone
 out of his way.
 And in going out of his way he
 had disturbed the world.
 Until the day when he had
 showed himself.
 The only Government of the
 world.
 The Master of the world.
 The only Master of the world.
 And when he appeared to all.
 When his equals plainly saw.
 That he had no equal.
 And when he appeared to all.
 When his equals plainly saw.
 That he had no equal.
 At that moment the world began
 to think that he was too great.
 And to bother him...

—Charles Péguy



Music Hymnal



Veni Creator Spiritus

1. Ve - ni, Cre - a - tor Spi - ri - tus;
1. Cre - a - tor Spi - rit all Di - vine,

2. Qui di - ce - ris Pa - ra - cli - tus,
2. O gift of God, Thine is the sweet

Men - tes tu - o - rum vi - si - ta;
Come, vi - sit ev' - ry soul of Thine
 Do - num De - i al - tis - si - mi,
Con - so - ling name of Pa - ra - clete;

Im - ple su - per - na gra - ti - a
And fil - with Thy ce - les - tial flame,
 Fons vi - vus, ig - nis, ca - ri - tas,
And spring of life, And fire of love,

Quæ tu cre - as - ti pec - to - ra.
The hearts which Thou Thy - self didst frame.
 Et spi - ri - ta - lis unc - ti - o!
And sweet an - noin - ting from a - bove.

3. Tu sep - ti - for - mis mu - ne - re,
3. The mys - tic sev'n - fold gifts are Thine,

4. Ac - cen - de lu - men sen - si - bus;
4. Kin - dle with fire brought from a - bove

Dex - træ De - i tu di - gi - tus,
Fin - ger of God's right hand di - vine;
 In - fun - d'a - mo - rem cor - di - bus;
Each sense, and fill our hearts with love;

Tu ri - te pro - mis - sum Pa - tris,
The Fa - ther's pro - mise sent to teach
 In - fir - ma no - stri cor - po - ris
And grant our flesh, so weak and frail,

Ser - mo - ne di - tans gut - tu - ra.
The tongue a rich and heav'nly speech.
 Vir - tu - te fir - mans per - pe - ti.
The strength of Thine which can - not fail.

Kyrie

Ky' ri___ e e le' i son. Ky' ri___ e e le' i son.
 Lord___ have___ mercy. Lord___ have___ mercy.

3 Chri' ste___ e le' i son. Chri' ste___ e le' i son.
 Christ___ have___ mercy. Christ___ have___ mercy.

5 Ky ri___ e e le' i son. Ky ri___ e e le___ i son.
 Lord___ have___ mercy. Lord___ have___ mercy.

Alleluia

Refrain
 Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia!

4 Verse
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6 Refrain
 Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia!

Offertory: Only Begotten Word of God Eternal



1. On - ly be - got - ten, Word of God e -
 2. This is Thy tem - ple; here Thy pres - ence' -
 3. Here in our sick - ness heal - ing grace a -
 4. Hal - low'd this dwell - ing where the Lord a -
 5. Lord, we be - seech Thee, as we thron'g Thy
 6. God in three Per - sons, Fa - ther ev - er -

ter - nal, Lord of cre - a - tion,
 cham - ber; here may Thy ser - vants
 boun - deth, light in our blind - ness,
 bi - deth, this is none o - ther
 tem - ple, by Thy past bless - ings,
 last - ing, Son co - e - ter - nal,

mer - ci - ful and might - ty, hear now Thy
 at the mys - tic ban - quet, hum - bly a -
 in our toil re - fresh - ment: sin is for -
 than the gate of hea - ven; stran - gers and
 by Thy pres - ent boun - ty, fa - vor Thy
 ev - er - bless - ed Spi - rit, thine be the

ser - vants when their joy - ful voic - es
 dor - ing, take Thy Bo - dy bro - ken,
 gi - ven, hope o'er fear pre - vail - eth,
 pil - grims, see - king homes e - ter - nal,
 chil - dren, and with ten - der mer - cy
 glo - ry, praise, and a - dor - a - tion,

rise to Thy pres - - - - - ence.
 drink of Thy chal - - - - - ice.
 joy o - ver sor - - - - - row.
 pass through its por - - - - - tals.
 hear our pe - ti - - - - - tions.
 now and for ev - - - - - er.

Sanctus

Sanctus, Sanctus, Sanctus Dominus Deus Sabaoth.
Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of Hosts.

Pleni sunt caeli et terra gloria tua. Hosanna in excelsis.
Filled are the heavens with Thy glory. Hosanna in the highest.

Benedictus qui venit in nomine Domini. Hosanna in excelsis.
Blessed who cometh in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name; Thy kingdom come;
 Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day
 our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive
 those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation,
 but deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever.

Agnus Dei



A gnus De i, qui tol lis pec ca ta mun di: mi se re re no bis
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: have mercy on us.

A gnus De i, qui tol lis pec ca ta mun di: do na no bis pa__cem.
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: grant us peace.

Communion: O Food to Pilgrims Given



1. O food to pil__grims giv en, O__ bread of life from
 2. O stream of love past tell ing, O__ pur est foun tain,
 3. O Je sus, by__ thee bid den, we__ here a dore thee,

heav en, O man na from on high! We hun ger; Lord, sup
 well ing, from out the sav ior's side! We faint with thirst; re
 hid den in forms of bread and wine. Grant when the veil is

ply us, nor thy delights de ny us, whose hearts__ to thee draw nigh.
 vive us, of__ thine a bun dance give us, and all__ we need pro vide.
 ris en, we__ may be hold, in heav en, thy coun__ te nance di vine.

Melody: INNSBRUCK: Heinrich Isaac, 1539; harm. J.S. Bach, 1729
Words: Maintzich Gesangbuch

Recessional: Ave Maris Stella

1. A - ve ___ ma - ris ___ Stel - la ___ De - i Ma - ter al - ma,

2. At - que sem - per Vir - go, ___ Fe - lix cae - li por - ta

3. 1. Hail, Star ___ of ___ the sea, ___ Gra-cious and ___ ev - er

4. Vir - gin mo - ther of God ___ Bles - sed gate of hea - ven.

5. 2. Su - mens il - lud ___ A - ve ___ Ga - bri e - lis o - re,

6. Fun - da nos in pa - ce, ___ Mu - tans He - vae no - men.

7. 2. You who ___ re - ceived ___ that A - - ve From Gab - ri ___ el's lips, ___

8. Es - tab - lish us in peace ___ Trans-form - ing the name: Eve.

9

3. Free sin - ners from - their chains _____ Bring light to the blind. _____

10

Drive a - way _____ our ills, _____ ask for us all bles-sing.

11

4. Show your - self a _____ Mot - her: _____ may he who _____ born for _____ us,

12

deigned to be _____ your son, _____ through you re - ceive our prayers.

13

5. Vir - gin _____ with - out _____ e - qual, _____ Meek a - bove _____ all oth - ers,

14

Make us freed _____ from sin, _____ Meek _____ and _____ chaste.

15

6. Keep our _____ life un - spot - ted, _____ pro-cure a _____ safe jour - ney,

16

so that see - ing Je - sus, _____ We might re - joice for - ev - er.

17
7. To God — the Fa-ther be praise, ————— To Christ most — high be glo-ry,

18
And to the ho - ly Spi - - - - rit, be to Three one hon - or.

19
7. Sit laus — De - o — Pa - tri, ————— Sum-mo Chri - stus De - cus,

20
Spi - ri - tu - i Sanc - to, ————— Tri bus ho - nor un - us.

In die Natiuitatis Dñi. 37

sanctū suū in oculis ōnium gētiū. **Dñs reg. ex.**

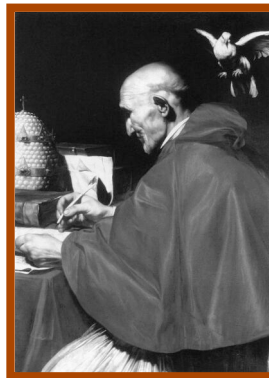
Otū fecit dñs alleluia salutare suū alle-
luia. **Cantate. 2. ♪** **B**eatus vēter qui te
portauit Christe & vbera quæ suxisti. **Dñs reg.**

Vers. N ocl fecit dñs
glorare suū. **I** n con-
pitu gentiū reuelauit
iustitiam suam. * * *

Angelus ad pastores
ira. & quintū.

a it annūtio vo bis gau dium
mag nū quod e rit ōni popu -
lo quia natus est vobis hodie Salua tor

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Pope Saint Gregory I

Pange Lingua

1. Pan - ge, lin - gua glo - ri - o - si Cor - po - ris mys - te - ri - um
 1. Sing, my tongue, the Sa - vior's glo - ry, Of His Flesh the mys - t'ry sing;
 2. Tan - tum er - go sa - cra - men - tum, Ve - ne - re - mur cer - nu - i,
 2. There fore we be - fore Him ben - ding, This great sa - cra - ment re - vere;
 3. Ge - ni - to - ri, ge - ni - to - que, Laus et iu - bi - la - ti - o,
 3. Glo - ry let us give and bles - sing, To the Fa - ther and the Son,
 San - gui - nis - que pre - ti - o - si, Quem in mun - di pre - ti - um
 Of the Blood, all price ex - cee - ding, Shed by our im - mor - tal King,
 Et an - ti - quum do - cu - men - tum No - vo ce - dat ri - tu - i:
 Types and sha - dows have their en - ding, For the ne - wer rite is here;
 Sa - lus, ho - nor, vir - tus quo - que, Sit et be - ne - dic - ti - o.
 Ho - nor, laud, and praise ad - dres - sing, And e - ter - nal be - ni - son.
 Fruc - tus ven tris ge - ne - ro - si Rex ef - fu - dit gen - ti - um.
 Des - tin'd, for the world's re - demp - tion, From a no - ble womb to spring.
 Prae - stet fi - des sup - ple - men - tum Sen - su - um de - fec - tu - i.
 Faith, our out - ward sense be - frien - ding, Makes our in - ward vi - sion clear.
 Pro - ce - den - ti ab u - tro - que, com - par sit lau - da - ti - o.
 Ho - ly Ghost, from both pro - gres - sing, E - qual laud to Thee be done.

O Jesus Christ, Remember

1. O Je - sus Christ, re - mem - ber When Thou shalt come a -
 2. Re - mem - ber then, O Sa - vior, I sup - pli - cate of
 3. Ac - cept, di - vine Re - dee - mer, Thy ho - mage of my
 gain, U - pon the clouds of hea - ven With all Thy shi - ning
 Thee, That here I bow'd be - fore Thee, u - pon my ben - ded
 praise; Be thou the light and ho - nor And glo - ry of my
 train; When e - v'ry eye shall see Thee, in De - i - ty re -
 knee; That here I own'd Thy pre - sence, And did not Thee de -
 days; Be Thou my con - so - la - tion When death is dra - wing
 veal'd Who now u - pon this al - tar In si - lence art con - ceal'd.
 ny, And glo - ri - fied Thy great - ness, Though hid from hu - man eye.
 nigh; Be Thou my on - ly trea - sure Through all e - ter - ni - ty.

Salve Regina

Sal ve Re gi na Ma ter mi se ri cor di ac Vi ta, Dul ce do et spes no stra sal ve.
Hail, holy Queen, Mother of mercy, our life, our sweetness and our hope.

Ad te cla ma mus ex ul es fil li He vae. Ad te su spir ra mus
To thee do we cry porr banished children of Eve. To thee do we cry

ge men tes et flen tes in hac la cri ma rum val le.
mour ning and weep ing in this valley of tears.

E ia er go, ad vo ca ta nos tra, il los tu os mi se ri cor des oc cu los ad nos con ver te
Then, our ad vo cate, Your merciful eyes turn to us.

Et Je sum, be ne dic tum fruc tum ven tris tu i, no bis, post hoc ex il i um o sten de.
and Jesus, the blessed fruit of your womb, show unto us after our exile.

O cle mens: O Pi a:
O clement: O Loving

O dul cis Vir go Ma ri a.
O sweet virgin Mary.

Questions for Small Group

Risk & Adventure

1. What struck you about the witness talk? Did the armor analogy make sense to you? Why do you think the Church proposes “humility” as the perfect stance for a relationship with God and others?
2. Read the definition of “adventure.” Why is risk always involved?
3. A famous quote from Vatican Council II states this truth: “*man...cannot fully find himself except through a sincere gift of himself*” (GS 24). Adventure naturally implies “putting your self out there”? Why?
4. Read the quote by John of the Cross. What does “my house being now all stilled” imply to you?
5. Do you think Pope Benedict XVI has a good sense of the worries and concerns of the young adult heart? Are you hopeful or skeptical after reading his words?

Fantasy or Adventure?

1. What struck you about the witness talk? Why do you think the witness was able to remain peaceful while he was discerning his vocation and path? How does that contrast with couples he encounters who seem fearful or unrealistic about the future?
2. Read the Zach Braff quote. Why is the future so daunting for many young men and women today?
3. Do you consider all the screens a contributing *cause* of young adult malaise, or the *effect* of deeper issues?
4. In his trip to America, B16 said: “*The manipulation of truth distorts our perception of reality, and tarnishes our imagination and aspirations.*” How have the fantasy world portrayals of relationships between men and women, families, etc., affected you and your friends?
5. Read the Giussani quote. Discuss examples of the “open stance” toward reality, versus the “defensive stance.”

Master of Our Risk

1. What struck you about the witness talk? Through his work, this witness was able to see, hear and give careful attention to men and women who have thoughtfully chosen to follow Christ in his Church. How are the vocations alike? How are they different?
2. “Real love is demanding. I would fail in my mission if I did not tell you so,” said John Paul II. How does Jesus Christ change everything about the risk of attempting to love another intensely?
3. John Waters is the father of Sinead O’Connor’s out-of-wedlock child, a columnist for the Dublin *Irish Times*, recovering alcoholic, cultural bad boy, etc. Suddenly, the living Jesus has had a profound impact on his life. Have you ever met this “Body of Christ” in the flesh, through real people you’ve encountered in the Church?
4. Read the quote from B16. Is this the way you experience the sacramental life of the Church? If not, how do you get there?
5. Read the Balthasar quote. How do the stories of the martyrs make more sense when viewed through the lens of risk and adventure?

The Open Road with an Open Heart

1. “Curve balls” are part of life on the open road. What struck you about the witness’ personal experience of suffering, faith and companionship in family life?
2. John Paul II once said “Man cannot live without love...his life is senseless if love is not revealed to him...if he does not participate intimately in it.” Why is companionship so essential to the human heart?
3. What is the dynamic at work in Giussani’s statement: “With his hand in his mother’s, the child will go into any unlit room in the world?”
4. Read the Bernanos quote. Part of the fear of adulthood is the fear of becoming “sad and old.” In a culture obsessed with looking young and staying young, how does an authentic Christianity keep men and women joyful and young at heart, even into the elderly years?
5. Mother Teresa of Calcutta had a big adventure and took many risks in companionship with Christ, through the communion with her sisters. How does this happen within your own group of family and friends?

Pope Benedict XVI Speaks to Young People....

“Firstly, you have to know what we really want, right? Christianity, Catholicism, is not a collection of prohibitions: it is a positive option. It is very important that we look at it again because this idea has almost completely disappeared today. We have heard so much about what is not allowed that now it is time to say: we have a positive idea to offer, that man and woman are made for each other, that the scale of sexuality, eros, agape, indicates the level of love and it is in this way that marriage develops, first of all as a joyful and blessing-filled encounter between a man and a woman, and then, the family, which guarantees continuity among generations and through which generations are reconciled to each other and even cultures can meet.”

--Interview in Valencia, Spain for the World Meeting of Families

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“There is another aspect of prayer which we need to remember: silent contemplation. Saint John, for example, tells us that to embrace God’s revelation we must first listen, then respond by proclaiming what we have heard and seen (cf. 1 Jn 1:2-3; Dei Verbum, 1). Have we perhaps lost something of the art of listening? Do you leave space to hear God’s whisper, calling you forth into goodness? Friends, do not be afraid of silence or stillness, listen to God, adore him in the Eucharist. Let his word shape your journey as an unfolding of holiness....Dear friends, truth is not an imposition. Nor is it simply a set of rules. It is a discovery of the One who never fails us; the One whom we can always trust. In seeking truth we come to live by belief because ultimately truth is a person: Jesus Christ. That is why authentic freedom is not an opting out. It is an opting in; nothing less than letting go of self and allowing oneself to be drawn into Christ’s very being for others (cf. Spe Salvi, 28).

--Speech to Young People in New York, April 19, 2008