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# The Seminarian

## PASTOR AND PEOPLE

By Harold Hasenauer

"How does this relate to me?" is one of the most prevalent questions of our modern day. No matter what the circumstance which involves us as participants, before we do participate we want to know, "What's in it for me; of what practical value is it?" It seems that time is becoming more and more precious to us in this busy world and we don't want to waste any more of it on non-practical matters. Reading just for the sake of knowledge and enrichment? Why, who has time for that? "When I read," you can hear the modern citizen say, "I want something tangible, something I can use now in my job, in my home, in my social contacts. This is a practical world and, therefore, I must be practical, too." As hard as this resignation to practicality may be for most of us to swallow, we must contend with it. We need not fall prey to the deadly wiles of pragmatism, but we certainly must take cognizance of it and seek its values.

During the Thanksgiving recess there will be an excellent opportunity for every Mt. Airy man to give consideration to give consideration to practicality -- as it pertains to his profession. The theme of the national ALS Conference is "The 20th Century Pastor." This kind of conference certainly should strike at some very practical interests. Let us consider some.

How is the pastor to deal with the diversity of people in his parish and keep it unified? In this day the average Christian congregation is composed of people with many different kinds of social backgrounds. There are probably greater varieties of vocations and home environments represented in the parish today than ever before. Is this a problem to the present-day pastor? Does it make his job of preaching and pastoral duties difficult? These and other timely questions are to be discussed in the study section on "Building Community in the Parish." Certainly this is a topic which is related to us as future pastors in the diversified 20th century.

What is the place of the minister of the Gospel, the pastor, in the sick room? Does he belong there at all, since we have such an array of medical men, psychologists and psychiatrists in our day? People today are sick at heart as much as they are sick in body and mind. The spirit of man must be uplifted, and who but the minister of God can be of service here? "The Pastor Justifies His Presence in the Sickroom" is the study section devoted to those imposing questions. Surely, this area of the Gospel ministry is more and more a demand upon the pastor as he counsels with his people who are at base the children of God.

"The Pastor faces Secularization in Education" is the challenge of the third section. The pastor essentially is the teacher in his parish. Is it the duty of the Christian Church only to fill in the gap, the lack of religious training, in public education, or does it have a larger responsibility in education, in and out of the Church? Religious education cannot be reserved for Sunday alone. It must be a part of man's whole life; it must reach him at home, in his work and during the week. How this may be done must be discussed now.

"My," says one neighbor woman to another, "aren't these teenagers the limit? All they seem to think about is speedy cars, making money, and having a good time." Whether this woman's observation is correct, is questionable, but we must recognize the fact that the parent generation does consider today's youth to be "problems" in some way or another. What has the Church to say about these seeming "problems?" Is the pastor giving consideration to the youth of his parish in the parish program? The pastor must take a special interest in their welfare and progress and help them relate their spiritual life to their needs and everyday living. These things can be considered in the section on "The Pastor and the Youth of His Parish" -- a must for us today!

However practical this conference appears, it is not without its theological implications. Indeed, the pastor cannot escape the compelling Word of God which underlies his entire ministry. The Word of God is the standard which the pastor must proclaim practically. Therefore, practical methods are very necessary. We must seek now to find the values therein if our ministry later is to be the best that we can offer.

### A PRAYER BY AQUINAS

Give me, O Lord, a steadfast heart,  
 which no unworthy thought can drag downwards,  
 an unconquered heart, which no tribulation can wear  
 out;  
 an upright heart, which no unworthy purpose may tempt  
 aside.  
 Bestow upon me also, O Lord my God,  
 understanding to know thee,  
 wisdom to find thee,  
 and a faithfulness that may finally embrace thee;  
 through Jesus Christ our Lord.

St. Thomas Aquinas (1225-74)

ALS CONFAB REGISTRATION PASSES  
ALL EXPECTED ESTIMATES: NEW  
STUDY GROUP LISTED

Registration for the 1953 Association of Lutheran Seminarians conference, set for Mt. Airy, November 26-28, has already surpassed all anticipated estimates. The largest group - 43 - of the 126 men who have pre-enrolled are from Mt. Airy.

With the exception of the 12 seminarians expected from Waterloo Seminary, the men are giving up their Thanksgiving vacations in order to attend the conference. The reason for this unexpectedly high registration probably is two-fold, according to George Handley, conference chairman: the practical nature of the conference theme, and the fact that the meeting gives the men a chance to see Mt. Airy, Philadelphia, and points east.

Because of the large attendance, a fourth study group has been added -- "The Pastor and the Youth of His Parish," which will be led by the Rev. Lawrence M. Reese, director of youth work for the Board of Parish Education of the ULC.

In recognition of the conference, the seminary library will feature a display of the history of the Lutheran Church in eastern Pennsylvania. The book-store will be open to sell books written or translated by the conference leaders.

Of interest to the conferees will be a tour of Philadelphia's religious and historic places of interest. William Laird, former student body president, is chairman of the tour.

Dr. Heinecken is adviser to

YOST VISIT SET FOR NOV. 24

Tuesday, Nov. 24, will mark a visit to our campus by the Rev. John C. Yost, candidate secretary for the Board of Foreign Missions. Mr. Yost will address the student body, and, according to Joe Schwartz, president of the Heyer Commission, he will be available for appointments throughout the day. Appointments will be posted at a later date.

the conference, and Dr. Doberstein is consultant.

Paul William Schubert, ALS president, will be absent, due to his internship in the Virgin Islands, but Chicago seminarians will elect a president pro-tem to preside at the business sessions of the association.

Newsletter editor and chairman of publicity is Ernest Pretsch, and Gil Doan is responsible for the program details. Taking charge of the refectory staff and arrangements is Jack Scherch. Paul Feil and Harold Hasanauer are in charge of worship and speakers, respectively. Al Patterson is housing chairman, and registrar is Harold Weiss.

A special Thanksgiving service, at which Dr. Steimle will preach, will be the first formal part of the conference, and a "Thanksgiving Dinner" will feature Friday evening's banquet.

Organist for the conference will be Victor Kroninger, while the choir will be composed of a group of Mt. Airy men. Serving as liturgists will be Donald Moyer, Harold Norris, Ken Ensminger, and George Handley, the conference chairman.

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## MOYER, STUDENT BODY PREXY, POINTS TO DEVELOPMENTS

Since the first student body meeting, there have been a number of developments which should be brought to the attention of the students.

The new Student-Faculty Committee, which was in the formative stage of development at the beginning of the term, has made positive strides forward. Composed of the Administrative Committee of the faculty and a committee of seven students, we met for the first time to consider the student-urged program of daily Vespers.

As a result, the Vespers were instituted and will be continued until the end of the term, at which time they will be term-

inated or continued on the basis of student support. This is the first accomplishment of a committee which can be very helpful to the life of the seminary.

Under the leadership of John Stadlander, the student members of the committee meet regularly to crystalize student opinions and proposals. Then, with specific suggestions, they meet with the faculty members of the committee.

The effectiveness of this group depends upon faithful student support, and constructive suggestions submitted by members of the student body.

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This is the second edition of the new version of The Seminarian. On a smaller budget than previous publications, the new publication gives a more regular and more complete coverage of what Mt. Airy men are thinking and doing.

The Student Body owes a vote of thanks to Ken Shirk and his staff for the creation and the success of this new publication.

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In a few days, now, our Seminarian will be honored with the presence of the annual conference of the Association of Lutheran Seminararians. According to the latest reports there will be more than 80 visitors here for that conference.

To them, we extend a hearty welcome and want them to know that we stand ready to serve them during their visit to our campus.

Donald D. Moyer

## WIVES CLUB HEARS SUTCLIFFE AT NOVEMBER MEETING

By Marion Hinman

The Wives Club heard Mr. Richard Sutcliffe, assistant editor of The Lutheran, discuss some of the privileges and problems of the wife of a pastor, at the group's meeting on Nov. 12.

Mr. Sutcliffe has formulated his views on this subject through friendships with pastors and their wives. Furthermore, having been a member of a parsonage family himself for twenty years, he is able to draw upon personal experience. His father was a pastor in Maryland and Pennsylvania areas for 28 years.

Some of the responsibilities that fall upon the wives of pastors were brought to the attention of the club members. Mr. Sutcliffe emphasized the fact that it is virtually impossible for any married man to reach his highest goals without the constant help and encouragement of his wife.

"Show me a truly effective pastor," he said, "and I will show you a good wife at his side." Specific examples vividly illustrated this point.

Informal discussion followed Mr. Sutcliffe's talk with refreshments prepared and served by Jean Joyce, Joan Rittberger, Shirley Griep, and Sunny Austin. Cards inviting all wives of seminarians had been sent out by Gloria Ziegler and Babs Gebert.

At the business meeting preceding Mr. Sutcliffe's address, devotions were led by Lee Mess-

## MISS TREICHLER JOINING STAFF

To the married men of Mt. Airy, we introduce Miss Hope Treichler. The single men have probably all met her; she's single!

Miss Treichler is the new faculty secretary. A graduate of Taylor Business School in Philadelphia, she was formerly part-time parish secretary in her native Telford, Pa.

In addition to her secretarial duties, she served as adviser to the Telford Parish Luther League.

We welcome Miss Treichler to our campus.

"There will your heart be also."

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ner. The Constitution Committee--Dotty Norris, Gloria Ziegler, Abbie Stadlander, and Lee Messner--had met previously, and a rough draft of their constitution was presented to the group for revision. Final results are now being compiled.

The Executive Committee has decided to have several "workshop" sessions throughout the year with a different speaker each time. Professors and pastors will be asked to address the group on such subjects as church organization, Sunday School work, and the church at large.

Originally these sessions were planned for wives of seniors, but the committee realized that all of the wives would want the opportunity to benefit from the lectures. However, wives of seniors are particularly urged to attend.

ANGELS OPEN PROMISING SEASON  
BY DOWNING MESSIAH, 58-23

The Messianic hopes of Dr. Ross Stover's squad of contestants were severely shaken when a band of angels from Mt. Airy met and bested them. This encounter -- a basketball game and not a celestial battle -- ended with the score 58-23, and the Angels were on top.

This was the first game of the season for the Angela, and they gave every indication of being the most successful squad to represent Mt. Airy in years.

The victory was an easy one. Jen Walker, Chick Schneider, and Art Henna took turns picking off rebounds, while Ernie Schmidt, Larry Hand, and Don Gebert set up plays and played beautiful floor games. Scoring leaders were Hand and Henna who had seventeen and fourteen points to their credit.

There never was a doubt of a victory for the Angela, and the second string played the entire second half.

This year's squad has a lot of spirit and is quite talented. They have all the necessary qualities for a victorious season, but could stand some vocal support. This writer predicts that the Angela will end up the season near the top of the League, and he'll be quite disappointed if they don't win the championship.

The Lutheran Athletic League lists the following games for November, with all games set for Trinity Church:

Nov. 11 Advocate  
20 Hope

--Ray Wolfert

SYMPOSIUM COMMITTEE PLANS FOR  
PAROCHIAL SCHOOL DISCUSSION

Under the leadership of its chairman, Kenneth Kneminger, the Symposium Committee has been hard at work arranging the details for this fall's symposium. The topic, "Parochial Schools, the Answer to a Thorough Christian Education?" treats a subject that has been much disputed, and suggests a very profitable evening.

Three speakers have been proposed. The first, the Rev. Inno Janssen, Jr., is the pastor of the Lutheran Church of the Redeemer (Missouri Synod) in Mayfair. His is a very active, growing parish which has recently established a parochial school.

The Rev. Robert Neumeier, the second speaker, is known to many seminarians for his lecture on Christian Education delivered here at the Seminary last year. As pastor of Zion Lutheran Church in Wilmington, Delaware, he has shown great interest and skill in the field of Christian Education.

The third speaker, a representative of the board of Parish Education, is the Rev. Kent Gilbert. In his post as editor for the board, the Rev. Gilbert has had much experience in the educational work of the parish.

Although no date has been determined as yet, the symposium will probably be held in the not-too-distant future.

DO YOU WANT MONEY?

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RAY

BEST



CORONATION, SHAKESPEARE, STOP  
AT OBERAMMERGAU HIGHLIGHT  
FELL'S CYCLE THROUGH EUROPE

By Jack Bailingham

Cycle through Europe in summer alone? You're crazy! It can't be done. Maybe you think so now, but I'll bet you a new black shirt you'll change your mind after talking with senior Paul Reil. Why? Because he did it last summer.

In three months, Paul went through England, Scotland, France, Switzerland, Italy, Austria, Germany, and Holland. All this on one little English bike, no less.

It would be difficult to go through the whole trip that Paul took, but some of the highlights will give you an idea of what he experienced.

Fortunately, they just happened to be having one of those coronations over there while Paul was cycling through London. Since the traffic was so heavy, he decided to stake out a claim (or, as they might have said, select a spot), on the sidewalk with the rest of the chaps. After a day and a night, all of the splendor of the Coronation rolled past his sleeping bag.

Another outstanding part of his trip through England was a two-day stay at Stratford-on-Avon where he saw "The Taming of the Shrew" and "The Merchant of Venice" at the Shakespeare Memorial Theatre.

A stopover at Cambridge during May week, which is a two-week period of social and athletic activities after exams; a trip through Edinburgh, Scotland;

and a rain-drenched trip through the lake district were other highspots on the "Isles."

Crossing the Channel, he arrived in Paris in time for Bastille Day, which he watched from a spot near the Arch de Triomphe. Here, he fortunately missed out on Communist-staged riots.

The three most interesting things about France were the sidewalk cafes where you could sit down any time and watch the world roll by, the book stalls along the Seine, and the "pissons" with their intricate perforated designs.

Other outstanding sights in France were Chartres Cathedral at Versailles, which, according to Paul, is the outstanding example of Gothic architecture, and Mont-Saint-Michel. Then on for a trip to Alsace-Lorraine and a stopover at the home of Albert Schweitzer. This, incidentally, can be verified by the seminary's address and Paul's signature in the guest book.

A two-and-a-half-day stay at the village of Oberammergau was probably "the highlight of the entire trip" where he went through Passion Hall and spent most of his time wandering through the woodcarving shops.

Without any effort (that's the way he said it) Paul was able to put 1700 miles of travel between his tires and European ground, and on his first day of cycling he made 60 miles. Don't let this scare you though. Paul admits he cheated a little and took a train from one general locality to another, and then cycled



to the points of interest from there.

Paul feels that cycling is the best, if not the only, way to see Europe. Although he stayed in Youth Hostels most of the time, Paul slept in everything from the English Speaking Union in Berkeley Square to a chicken coop in France, without losing his shirt once. He didn't carry much more clothing than this along with him.

In boiling the three months down to the barest essentials, Paul feels that the greatest things in the trip were the youth hostels, the people he met, and the situations that he saw in out-of-the-way places.

This trip "alone" didn't last; in fact, it was impossible to stay alone very long. There were so many people -- young, old, male, female -- who were all taking the same kind of trip, that a fellow was bound to meet up with someone and travel with them for a day or two, or even a week.

There were British, American, Canadian, Australian, New Zealand, Swedish, French, German, South African cyclers who were more than compatible and who made excellent traveling companions.

So, don't hesitate -- shine up that bike, strengthen those leg muscles, get out those shorts and that beret, and go, man, go!

A BIT OF SOUND ADVICE FROM OUR PREDECESSORS

The student publication of the Lutheran Theological Seminary in 1885 was called the "Indicator."

ANNUAL SENIOR BANQUET  
SLATED FOR APRIL 30

Friday, April 30, has been set as the date for the annual Senior Banquet, when, as in former years, the seniors and their guests will be feted by the underclassmen.

No speaker has been announced as yet, but the program committee is already mapping out an evening's entertainment to match last year's good time.

Serving on the committee are: Alex Black, chairman; Al Gibson, Paul Fosh, Bob Loucks, Elwood Semmel, Charles Kampmeyer, Bob Grochau, Jerry Miller, and Harold Hasenauer.

In the May, 1885 issue, they published some advice on pastoral and pulpit habits. Here is a smattering from that article.

1. Don't rush into the church. Approach holy things in a reverent way.
2. Don't be a reader nor a rant-er in preaching. If you use a manuscript, preach with the animation and freedom as though you had none, and if you have no manuscript, with the care and correctness as though you had.
3. Don't preach without being prepared, and don't pretend to be unprepared when you are.
4. Don't deliver eulogies nor condemnatory speeches at funerals. Speak about the dead person as little as possible.
5. Don't be the clown in social gatherings.
6. Don't put into the general prayer anything that ought to have gone into the sermon.

## THE CLERGYMAN DEALING WITH THE SICK

The Rev. Wm. J. Miller, Jr. D. D.

Dr. Miller, pastor emeritus of Tabernacle Lutheran Church in Philadelphia, has served that parish for 38 years. A graduate of Gettysburg College, he spent five years organizing campus youth groups for the Y.M.C.A. Upon his graduation from Gettysburg Seminary in 1908, he accepted a call to Tabernacle Lutheran Church. During his many years as pastor before his resignation in 1946, the congregation grew from 60 to a commu-  
ning membership of over 700.

The call of the sick is the call of Christ to the faithful minister. For over forty-five years it has been my privilege to hear and to try to answer that call. It should sound loud and clear in the ear of every clergyman. Christ heard it. It was one of the greatest challenges of His ministry. We are to follow in the foot-steps of the Master. He gave himself unselfishly to meet the physical needs of men. It mattered not how busy He was. A large block of His time was devoted to this service. Some of His finest contacts with men were gained through this ministry. Men were drawn to Him. The doors of their hearts were opened to Him. Helped not only when men of their own accord came to Him, but He sought them out. He was interested in all phases of life, physical and spiritual. He Himself radiated life and gave it freely to others.

SO WITH US, HIS MINISTERS, the challenge comes to us. It presents to us one of our finest opportunities. Our faithfulness in this sphere of service commends us to God and endears us to our people. It increases the usefulness of our lives. As with Jesus, we must not wait for people to come to us, but we must go to them. Some people are most unreasonable, expecting their minister to know instinctively when they are ill. In such cases, if he does not see them he is not to blame. People should notify their pastor even as they call their doctor. Some people take for granted that their relatives or friends will let him know of their illness but this often does not happen. These things being so, it is necessary for us ministers to be constantly on the alert to discover those who are ill. We should always let it be known that we desire to be notified of the illness of any of our people and that we are only too anxious to minister to them

This may be done from the pulpit or through printed statements. If church members are absent from the services of the church, make inquiry regarding them. In this way, we may discover cases of illness we would not otherwise know about. At least people will know that they have been missed. Numbers of people seem to love to say that they have been absent from church for quite a while or even that they had been at the point of death and no one, not even the minister, cared enough to call on them.

As soon as possible after receiving notification of an illness follow up with a pastoral visit, or even before that make a telephone call. Again, do not wait until a patient is critically ill before visiting. A good rule to follow is to visit before a patient is seriously ill. It will then be a natural thing for the patient to expect you when more serious conditions develop. You will have formed the ground work for future visits and will not be a "crepe hanger." People then will not think they are going to die just because the minister called.... Just drop in casually, telling them you heard they were not well and you wanted to see how they were. The frequency of the visits may be determined by the nature of the case. Once a week may be all that is necessary. Sometimes a daily visit may be advisable. The telephone may supplement your visits and manifest your interest.

THE QUESTION MAY ARISE, "SHALL I VISIT CONTAGIOUS CASES?" I'll never forget how this question faced me in my very early ministry. I was called to a home where, unknown to me, a child was afflicted with diphtheria. The child died. When I went I saw the diphtheria quarantine sign on the door. My first thought was, "Shall I go in?" Then my better self said, "This is your business." I went in and trusted God. On coming out of the house, I walked for some time in the open air, inhaling the oxygen. Since then, I have had little or no fear about such visitations, going wherever the call of God makes itself heard. Of course, I have taken proper precautions about making other calls immediately afterwards, especially where there were children. Of course, the Municipal Hospital for Contagious Diseases was one of my calling places. It is wise to wear the robe that is furnished you, not to stand too close to the patient's bed, to antiseptically wash your hands on leaving. I have gone wherever I felt it my duty to go and trusted God. I have had no bad results. What would you think of a doctor who would refuse to attend a patient because he had a contagious disease? Then why should a minister fail?

NOW ABOUT THE HOUR OF THE DAY IN WHICH TO MAKE CALLS. Do not make the habit of morning calls. In the hospitals, the nurses are generally very busy in the morning hours caring for the patients. They should be considered and not hampered. We should seek to help them in their work. So in the homes, the morning hours are the time when house-wives are busy caring for the house and the patients. They should not be interrupted.

All this means that we should not just seek our own convenience but think of others as well. Of course, there will be times when for special reasons, morning calls will be necessary.

**IN THE SICK ROOM ALWAYS RADIATE CHEER.** Never tell the patient anything which will leave him in a doleful mood. Carry a smile always with you. If when you enter the sickroom the patient looks better say so at once. A patient generally lightens up when you enter the room. In all truthfulness you can give them a cheerful word about his appearance. It helps. It is not always necessary to sit down. Stand by the patient's bed-side and just give a few words of encouragement, a helpful Scripture verse and a word of uplifting prayer. Include the doctors and nurses in your prayers. Never stay long. Your bed-side manner means a lot, just as with a doctor. There are times of course when a patient needs an advisor or someone to whom he may unburden his soul. In such cases a longer visit will be necessary. This is very true as one approaches the end of life. Courage and strength must be given to the patient and to the family.

**EVEN IN CONVALESCENCE** be careful not to remain too long. Have you been ill yourself? Then you know from experience how well meaning people have stayed and stayed, thinking they were doing you a favor and helping you. All the time you were getting weaker and weaker and quite worn down. I know from my own experience. The patient may tell you not to leave and say he is not tired, but after you have left he is apt to have a let down.

**NEVER FORGET THAT YOUR MISSION IS TO BRING HOPE,** encouragement and the strengthening of faith. I have found it helpful to deal with people on the basis of getting well, preparing them for living. This will, if need be, prepare them for death. It will not be scaring them into a supposed death-bed repentance. Of course there will be times when we must deal frankly with the future life. Always bring forth the forgiving love of Christ in life and death.

**NOW TAKE THE OPERATIVE CASES.** I have found it well to visit a patient if possible shortly before his operation, or at least the day before. You can give strength to meet the ordeal and help to remove all fear. Some people, however, do not want a minister or in fact anyone, relative or friend, present at the time of operation. We must respect their feeling or we may do more harm than good. With the consent of the surgeon I have been present at many operations upon the desire of the patient. Very often I have taken time to remain with the family during the period of the operation. One can do much to build up the morale and strengthen their faith. This takes time in the busy pastor's life but, oh, how it helps! It also helps the patient to know his loved ones are being cared for. Later in the day of the operation it is well to call at the hospital and make inquiry regarding the condition of the patient. It may also be

wise to have just a word of thanksgiving to God with the patient for watching over him.

IN MATERNITY CASES the pastor is frequently called on the phone soon after the child has been delivered. I have found it helpful to call at the hospital if possible that day or the next to congratulate the mother, and have a little prayer committing her, the baby, and yes, the father to the Master's care, thanking Him for the gift from heaven.

ALWAYS REMEMBER you are Christ's representative and you are to help develop a living, loving faith in Him in the patients to whom you minister. It means you must give yourself without stint. It often will be sacrificial service. Christ gave Himself. He was the GREAT PHYSICIAN. It took much out of Him. We read that virtue went forth from Him. So as faithful stewards of His ministry it will take much out of us. Do not hesitate to give yourself. Do not delegate to someone else the work you should personally do. An assistant cannot take your place where you ought to be. He may augment your work but should not take your place. Your faithfulness will show your interest in your people. You are not just a preacher but a servant of men for Jesus' sake. As such the rich and the poor should alike find Him in you. Each person is a child of God for whom He wants you to care. Your work among the sick and afflicted may be the means of leading many to Christ and revealing the loving heart of God. Be courteous, be kind, respect the sensitivity of your patient. I once asked a doctor if he felt we ministers helped them in their work. His answer was: "You certainly do."

#### PRAYERS FROM THE SAINTS AND FATHERS

O Thou, from whom to be turned is to fall,  
 to whom to be turned is to rise,  
 and in whom to stand is to abide for ever:  
 Grant us in all our duties thy help,  
     in all our perplexities thy guidance,  
     in all our dangers thy protection,  
     and in all our sorrows thy peace;  
 through Jesus Christ our Lord.

St. Augustine (353-430)

O God, whose greatness knoweth no term, whose wisdom no bounds, whose peace excelleth all understanding; thou that dost love and help us without measure: Help us to love thee; if not according to thine own immeasurable bounty, yet according to our fullest powers; which do thou multiply and deepen, so we may love thee more and more; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

St. Bernard of Clairvaux (1091-1153)