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*'the shining one who heals'*

## Feast of St. Raphael



The second [archangel],  
who is set over all the diseases  
and all the wounds of the children of men,  
is Raphael ...

excerpt from  
*The Four Archangels*  
The Book of Enoch 40:9

*Art: St. Raphael*  
circa 1600 AD, Los Angeles County Museum

## St Raphael Message 2020

*The Most Rev. William S.H. Downey*

Saturday, October 31, 2020

Dear Friends:

As this issue of *Ubique* goes to Press we are confronted by many challenges. In the midst of a global pandemic which threatens the health and lives of millions of people around the World, we are also impacted by the economic implications of massive unemployment and feelings of uncertainty hopelessness. Political unrest and violence plague some of our cities and many suffer from a sense of loneliness and isolation. In the center of this apparent chaos we here in the USA are approaching our general Presidential election.

This issue of our magazine is dedicated to the celebration of the Festival of St Raphael the Archangel. Raphael in Hebrew means **God Heals**. As such, Gabriel is invoked as Angel of health and healing. At this time in our society we need the healing balm that comes through the ministry of God's Holy Angels, for we need restoration and healing on many levels, not just the physical.

This time of year is also a time when we celebrate All Saints and All Souls Days: all the Holy Ones who have moved up along the Road of Spiritual Evolution. The Feast of All Saints celebrates the victory of all of those people who have completed their human evolution and who as perfected men and women, have passed into the Higher Kingdom of Heaven as true sons and daughters of God. It celebrates their victory but it also foreshadows the day when each of us will have attained that stupendous goal, the fruit of ages of upward toiling life, through all the lower kingdoms and hundreds of successive lives in order to experience in this human kingdom which is the supreme battleground of the emerging divine soul of man.

Those of us who have heard the call of the master to "Come and Follow Me" have enlisted in His company of faithful laborers. We know and affirm on a daily basis that there is no room for fear or hopelessness. In the words of St Paul (Romans 8): **Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall trouble or hardship or persecution or famine or nakedness or danger or sword? No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.**

Yes, we are more than conquerors, we are overcomers, victors in this battle of life. We are called to be Light Bearers in a World of Chaos and Darkness. What a tremendous privilege to carry the Light of Christ into situations that might baffle others who have no light. We are called and commissioned and anointed by our baptism and confirmation to be almoners of Christ's blessings. Yes, it is a privilege—but also a responsibility. Let us joyfully accept the challenge.



## Regarding Our Lady and the Ray Stones

*a question posed to and answered by*

*The Most Rev. William S.H. Downey*

Dear Presiding Archbishop William,

I was reading the following from an article about Our Lady of Grace and was wondering if the gems and rays referenced are the same gems and rays in our altar. Is there a connection?

“Our Lady appeared to St Catherine Laboure in France in 1830, brilliant rays showed from the jeweled rings on her fingers. Our Lady said, “These rays symbolize the graces I shower upon those who ask for them. The gems from which rays do not fall are graces for which souls forget to ask.”

Deaconess Rabeca Collin

Answer:

An excellent question! It has been my great privilege to visit the Church of the Miraculous Medal in Paris, France where Our Lady appeared to St Catherine Laboure. The late Archbishop Graham Wale arranged for us to visit this Pilgrimage site when I was visiting him in 2016.

The Church is located at 140 Rue de Bac but through a set of very strange circumstances the taxi driver dropped us off at another church at 128 Rue de Bac. We did not know what this church was and later discovered it to be the home of the Societe étrangères de Paris (The Paris Foreign Missions Society), the very place where in 1718 Dominique Marie Varlet had been consecrated to the Episcopacy in the Roman Catholic Church. Varlet was the bishop who ultimately consecrated bishops in the Netherlands, creating the Old Catholic Church from which we derive our Orders and apostolic succession! So unbeknownst to us, it was arranged for us to make pilgrimage not only to the church where the Miraculous Medal was given to the World but also to the church where the World was given the Old Catholic Movement out of which the Liberal Catholic Church evolved!

We were finally able to visit the Chapel of Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal and it was a very moving experience saying the Rosary with hundreds of other devotees in the place where St Catherine had her encounter!

Now back to your question. Accounts of the vision which St Catherine had do not reveal to us what kind of jewels or gems may have been on the hands of Our Lady. According to certain esoteric schools the following Gems and stones are considered particularly effective in channeling and focusing the Feminine energy:

Opal, Moonstone, Pearls and Mother-of-Pearl as well as certain other stones such as rose quartz, bloodstone, Aquamarine and others that seem both masculine and feminine. This list is by no means exhaustive.

When I designed the medallion which is given to the new deaconess at the time of her advancement to that office I included the universal symbol for Our Lady, the M surmounted by a Cross and

surrounded by 7 stars as opposed to 12 shown on the miraculous medal. So the seven Ray jewels have both masculine and feminine aspects, depending upon the manner in which these tools are used.

I think the most important part of the quote of Our Blessed Mother is her explanation of why some of the rays shown on the Medal never make it to earth. That is that, “These rays symbolize the graces I shower upon those who ask for them. The gems from which rays do not fall are graces for which souls forget to ask.”

The lesson for us as Christian Initiates is that we should be regularly aligning ourselves with the graces that flow from the Immaculate Heart of Mary, which of course actually flow from the Source of all Grace and Blessing, The Great White Throne of God. I’m reminded of the words from the Epistle of James in which the writer says “*Ye have not because Ye ask not.*” Our Lord says in the Gospel of Matthew 7th Chapter “*If you, then, though you are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father in heaven give good gifts to those who ask him!*”

The graces offered as free gifts are outlined in Galatians 5:22-23: “*But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law.*”

Yes, I believe the gems referenced in St Catherine’s vision are somehow related to the idea and concept that all of Nature, including the mineral kingdom, provides a channel for the Grace of God, just as we Liberal Catholics believe God’s Sacramental Grace is channeled through the Work of the Altar.



The Miraculous Medal



Deaconess Medallion

# Spiritual Progress

*Rev. Steven Arndt*

*a sermon for Trinity 16: Justice*

Somehow the scales of justice are always moving in the direction of balance. Can we see this?

We read in every Eucharist the *Act of Faith*, which begins:

**We believe that God is Love and Power and truth and light;  
that perfect justice rules the world.**

These are words of incredible power. They not only remind us, but also help us inculcate this understanding.

In today's *Collect* we read:

**O God, in whom is no variableness, neither shadow of turning;  
we lean upon thy justice as upon a pillar of thy throne**

and from the Epistle of St. Paul the Apostle to the Galatians we also read:

**Let every man prove his own work, for every man shall bear his own burden.  
Be not deceived; God is not mocked for whatsoever a man soweth that shall he also reap.**

This idea of perfect justice brings up the question: are there no victims? Is the law so perfect that everything is in fact perfect? If this is truly the reality, then the law gives me both peace and uneasiness, and something to reconcile.

This law of perfect justice gives me peace in knowing as I look at what is happening in the world, I can say to myself that, as difficult as war, disasters, polarity in people's opinions, the disparity of wealth, etc, etc, somehow in the bigger picture, which I can't fully see, this all makes perfect sense, and I need to make peace with that. On the other hand, the feelings that I can experience regarding what I can observe in the world around me are very real, and am I somehow to acknowledge them but also to ignore them?

Perhaps the season of Trinity can be thought of as time spent for reflecting on the relationship we share as souls, who we experience as unique, captive of our humanness, but also shared, as a part of the greater fullness of God. I am not sure that these two ideas can be reconciled by merely reflecting on this relationship, but bringing it to mind and acknowledging it can, if we are open to it, allow for us to grow in our personal understanding of this relationship.

Another relationship that may make this a little easier for us to reconcile is that, I believe, we are all family. When I say ALL, I am not excluding anyone. If this is in fact true, then this explains, to some extent, how and why we have feelings about people we have never met who may be in very difficult situations, and maybe halfway around the world. Or of those we know and would like to interact with but that obstacles seem to exist. It also means, that it is perfect justice, that we experience those feelings associated with our extended world family.

Our Eucharist, where we recite the *Act of Faith*, where we come together and worship as one, and receive the Blessed Sacrament, all aid us in being able to reconcile perfect justice and also assist us in unfolding a greater understanding of our relationship with the Trinity.

I have been thinking about these ideas recently, more and more, as it helps me, and I have also found sharing this with others can also assist them.

There is a Canadian comedian by the name of Red Green. Red is full of memorable sayings that seem to have at least an ounce of wisdom in them. He likes to remind the men in his life that they are all on the same team, and I would extend that to all of humanity is on the same team. His little piece of wisdom from the winter-snow-covered great white north, where hockey is the sport of choice is, "Keep your stick on the ice, we are all in this together."



## In Memoriam

### The Rt. Rev. Hein van Beusekom

*The Most Reverend William S. H. Downey*

Our dear brother and fellow laborer for Christ, Hein Van Beusekom, passed to the Higher Life in February, 2020. Bishop Hein was born August 31, 1925. He joined the Liberal Catholic Church through baptism on October 22, 1950. He was baptized by Bishop Adriaan Vredde who was at the time Regionary Bishop of the Netherlands. +Hein was ordained to the sacred order of the priesthood June 9, 1957 by Bishop August Goetmakers. +Hein immigrated to the USA and served as a priest of this Province for many years until he was elected to the Episcopacy and was consecrated February 7, 1987 as Auxiliary Bishop by Bishop Gerrit Munnik. He was appointed Regionary Bishop of the USA, May of 1999 to August 2000.



In his secular life +Hein was a medical physician and practiced traditional medicine. Later +Hein studied the Ancient Chinese methods. Bp. Hein was a lifelong member of the Theosophical Society, serving the Society in a number of positions of responsibility, and a long time resident of Krotona Theosophical Community. He was also a member of Co-Masonry.

It was my privilege to have worked with Bishop Van Beusekom for many years here in Ojai and to have had benefit of his wise counsel. He was a very spiritual person and a great student of the esoteric side of life.

Bp. Hein is survived by his loving wife Pauline and three adult children and their families.

Bp. Hein had been on the inactive status of the church for a number of years due to the advance of age related problems. But he remained a regular attendee until recently. He will be greatly missed on the physical plane but ever in our hearts and our thoughts.

I can imagine the voice of the Master welcoming our brother with the beautiful words of the Gospel of Matthew, *“Well done, thou good and faithful servant: thou hast been faithful over a few things, I will make thee ruler over many things: enter thou into the joy of thy lord.”*

### Remembering Bp. Hein

*Rev. James Voirol*

+Hein always seemed to have an interesting story. He was blessed with second sight since childhood. One of his favorite stories was about his escape from conscription into the German army while he was a teenager living in the Netherlands. He said this little spirit directed him to crawl out onto the roof when the German army was seeking him. He had reminiscences about childhood in Java and the many nature spirits and magicians he encountered there.

I first met +Hein in 1997 when Rochelle and I moved to Krotona where +Hein was resident head. I was impressed by his gentle, happy spirit and ready smile. In a short while I began attending Our Lady and All Angels in Ojai where +Hein was celebrating. Soon he became Rector and then Regionary and ordained me to the Priesthood (and passed on the job of Rector as well).

Bp. Hein had a habit of losing things. He often mentioned that when he lost his Bishop's ring, he consulted with Dora Kunz, one of Bishop Leadbeater's clairvoyant proteges, and she told him where to find it.

Riding in a car with +Hein driving was not for the faint of heart. We accompanied him on several white-knuckle drives to LAX which were quite frightening. He was quite an aggressive driver and lead footed. But we survived.

+Hein was a natural ritualist. His work in church seemed effortless (except Homilies where he struggled to find the proper English words). +Hein's memory slipped a great deal in recent years and he spent the last couple of years in a nursing facility. I had the privilege of giving him Extreme Unction and assisting Archbishop William to conduct his funeral.

## The Rt. Rev. Ruben Cabigting

*The Most Reverend William S. H. Downey*

The Right Reverend Ruben Cabigting passed peacefully in his sleep to the Higher Life on Sunday, 22 December, 2019.

Bp. Ruben was born 27th August 1926 in the Philippines. He served with distinction in the US Navy. Ruben joined the church in the Philippines in 1976 and was ordained to the sacred order of the priesthood in 1977 by +Sten VonKrusenstierna. +Ruben was consecrated to the Episcopacy November 14, 1993, by +Lawrence Smith assisted by Bishops Maurice Warnon and Robert McGinnis.

Bishop Cabigting served as Auxiliary Bishop in the USA nobly and faithfully and supported the work of the Church around the World. He was always ready to serve and most generous with his time and resources.

Bishop Ruben was a lifelong member of the Theosophical Society and lived and worked at Olcott in Chicago. He was also a 33 degree Co-Mason. He shall be greatly missed.

## Remembering Bp. Ruben

*Rev. Terrence Metz*

+Ruben remains one of the finest people I've ever had the opportunity to meet and know. We've been together in multiple states plus New Zealand and Australia and he never failed to bring a smile to my face. Insightful and wise about everything, from home construction to computer applications.

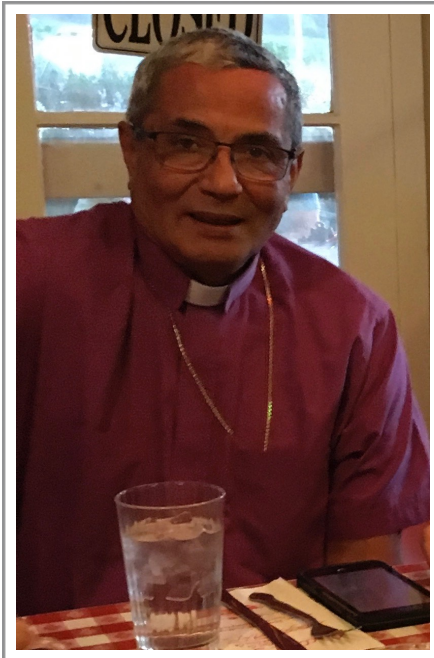
He showered us with his energy, research, and knowledge—especially with remarkable presentations on:

- Christianity (Parts one through four)
- The Heaven World
- TLCC — Transformation (Parts one and two)
- TLCC — Origins
- Chakras and the Sacraments
- God's Plan
- A Study in Consciousness
- Initiations

He would normally meet you with a smile and sense of vibrancy, to the last of his days. We first met in 1980 and I was also glad to know that +Ruben would "be there." Is there a higher compliment you can pay to someone? If so, insert here .....

However, he is one that I don't miss so much because whenever I think of +Ruben, he's there, being of service to others.





Our dear brother David Guillien passed away in late August while hospitalized with Covid 19. I received a call from his beloved wife Gisela, and I extended my personal condolences on behalf of Anita and myself and on behalf of the entire Province of the United States of America Liberal Catholic Church.

Father David Guillen was born Sept 7, 1954 and was baptized in the Roman Catholic Church. He joined the Liberal Catholic Church and was baptized and confirmed sub-conditione Aug 13, 2006, by myself. He was ordained to the Priesthood April 15, 2012, by Bishop Gaspar Torres.

David and Gisela have served the parish of Nuestra Senora de Los Angeles and the Spanish speaking Community in Hialeah, Florida, from the time of his ordination. As a couple, Deaconess Gisela and Father David literally kept the doors of the parish open for all of these years at great personal expense and effort.

David was a dedicated and devoted priest whose loyalty and faith was unwavering even in the face of great challenges. On a personal level, I must say that I am proud to have called him my friend. He shall be greatly missed. At the same time I know that our loss is Heaven's gain. I am confident that Fr. David will continue to serve in his Higher Life.

+William



As Bishop Robert McGinnis, who passed away in 2017, was considered by many to be a living example of a Southern Gentleman, Laura his spouse was the epitome of the "grand Southern Lady." Laura was not only a wonderful helpmeet for +Robert, as the wife of a Bishop, she was indeed truly his Soul-Mate. Theirs was a real Love Story. It has been my pleasure and honor to be their friend for more than forty-five years.

Any of our LCC family who may have had opportunity to meet or get to know Laura and Robert will know what wonderfully splendid people they were.

After +Robert's passing I kept in contact with Laura from time to time. Laura passed over in December 2019. I am confident that Laura and Robert will continue to labor for our Blessed Lord and Master from higher realms.

+William

## PROVINCIAL NEWS

*Sr. Kathleen Clute and Parish Correspondents*

### Provincial News

#### Ordination to the Subdiaconate

The Rt. Rev. Lloyd Worley ordained Christopher Crews to the Subdiaconate, Sunday, May 12, 2019, at St. Albert's Liberal Catholic Church, Greeley, Colorado. Christopher spent 11 years working through the Minor Orders of the Church, while serving at St. Albert's. Father Brian Satterlee, Rector of St. Albert's, was the Master of Ceremonies. Servers included Paul Crews as lead server, Michael Satterlee as crozier bearer, and Dane Barns, server.



*Photo courtesy of Kimberly Crews.*

#### Acceptance of Priest to The LCC

The Reverend Jeremiah Loch, previously ordained a priest in the Russian Orthodox Church, was accepted into full membership of the Liberal Catholic Church as of September 17, 2020. His signed and notarized Oath of Canonical Obedience was been received by The Most Rev. William S.H. Downey. Fr. Loch is assigned to St. Gabriel and All Angels Parish, Fairfield, Iowa, where Fr. James Palmer is the Rector and Bishop Thomas Miller is Bishop in residence. A formal ceremony of Admission and investiture will be scheduled in the future.

#### A LibCat Thought Experiment

*Sr. Kathleen Clute*

Let's say you are travelling. Perhaps you are in an airport between flights. You strike up a conversation with a person sitting next to you and during the conversation it is revealed that you believe in God. The person with whom you are speaking emphatically does not.

But, as your boarding is called and you are leaving the other person behind, that person suddenly asks you, "If God exists, what is the most important thing to know about God?"

You have the merest moment to reply. What is your answer?

Please send your answers to

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by December 14, so that I can include them in the next issue of *Ubique*.  
I am looking forward to hearing from Laity as well as Clergy!



For I will restore health unto thee,  
and I will heal thee of thy wounds,  
saith the Lord.

Jeremiah 30:17

*Art: St. Raphael & Tobias*  
*from an altarpiece by Perugino, c. 1499*  
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