

Let the Stones Cry Out

By Deacon Wigton

In college, I loved biology. I was amazed to find such order in the universe. It was there that I first recognized what St Thomas Aquinas knew this so well. He noted, "that the observable order and purpose in the universe imply a divine intelligence or designer, which is God." Maybe I should have read the Summa Theologica first, so I wouldn't have had to wait so long to realize the extraordinary intelligence of the designer. Only later could I reflect on the passage in Romans, where it made me feel pretty small to have taken so long to realize God was the Intelligent Designer. "The wrath of God is indeed being revealed from Heaven against every impiety and wickedness of those who suppress the truth by their wickedness. For what can be known about God is evident to them, because God made it evident to them. Ever since the creation of the world, His invisible attributes of eternal power and divinity have been able to be understood and perceived in what He has made. As a result, they have no excuse." Romans 1: 18-20). No excuse! What I saw under a microscope or observed in a telescope, should have been enough for me to realize that a little Dominican Nun at St Andrew's Grade School was on target when she drilled the Baltimore Catechism Questions and Answers into our heads! How could I have doubted? It should have been clear in the first few questions:

1. Q. **Who made the world?** A. God made the world.
2. Q. **Who is God?** A. God is the Creator of Heaven and earth, and of all things.
3. Q. **Why did God make you?** A. God made me to know Him, to love Him, and to serve Him in this world, and to be happy with Him forever in the next.

Ok, now I really had no excuse! Not only could I see it in all of God's creation that surrounded me, it was also handed to me in grade school. Believe me, there was a lot of time wasted on 'Big Bang Theories' in my exploration to make sense of God's Universe. The Dominican Nun might not have been a sophisticated scientist, but she did recognize an Intelligent Designer when she saw one!

The very last words of the first Gospel for Palm Sunday are



yelling at me. Jesus is entering into Jerusalem on a colt. He rode a colt! It was not a Warhorse like other Kings chose to ride into their kingship. This was the fulfillment of a prophecy in Zechariah 9:9 symbolizing His arrival as a humble, peaceful king rather than a war-waging conqueror. As Jesus rode in, the bystanders were singing "Hosannah, Blessed be the King who comes in the name of the Lord." The Pharisees began to demand that Jesus tell them to stop. To them, Jesus replied: "I say to you that if they keep silent, the stones will cry out!"

I insist that the stones are 'crying out'! All of creation is singing Hosannahs. The stones are crying out, the stars are crying out. Every atom and every fiber of the universe is praising God and giving Him glory. Perhaps even more amazingly, God is persistent in His search for us, wanting for us to see His wonderful care for us. We cannot hide from Him! Even when we are among the foolish who suppress the truth of His mastery and design of the Universe in our wickedness, He pursues us as He did me. Another King, King David sang His praises in his Psalm 139. He sang, "Where can I hide from your spirit? From your presence, where can I flee? If I fly with wings of dawn and alight beyond the sea, even there, your hand will guide me, your right hand holds me fast." Jesus is there. Always there. Relentless. The very stones are singing His magnificence as the Designer of this transient dwelling place. A place where we can know God, Love Him, and serve Him so that we can be happy with Him forever in Heaven. I learned this from a Dominican Nun so many years ago. The stones have verified that it is true. Join the stones and all of creation. Jesus is waiting night and day in the Chapel, waiting for us to sing "Hosannah, blessed be the King who comes in the name of the Lord!"



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Prayer feeds our lives. Prayer is a gift. It is a gift because Christian Prayer is based on knowing the Lord Jesus, and having the Holy Spirit stir and move through us in prayer. Please keep these intentions in your prayers.

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Jill Anderson - Home
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 Betty Flaska - Maple Valley
 Gerri Galla - Villa in Traverse City
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 Ann Mazurek - Home * Kelly Priest - Lansing Area Asst. Living
 Joyce Novak - Maple Valley

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	Maggie Steck
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- Timothy Fisher — US Army
- Peter Freundl — US Coast Guard
- Daniel Guilday — US Navy
- Joshua Harris — US Coast Guard
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- Charles Berninger — US Coast Guard
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- John Bunek — US Navy
- Curtis Bunek — US Navy
- Keith Castle — US Marines
- Matthew Culver — US Navy

Prayer for The Vocations in Our Diocese

Seminarians:

Jake Belanger
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 Mark Steck
 David Witkowski

Religious Life:

Sister Philomena Marie
 of Christ Crucified
 (Gianna Belanger)

Margaret Foster

Candidates for Diaconate:

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 Neil Witkowski

Christopher Witkowski



In Our Thoughts & Prayers Recent Prayer Intentions

G & J - Healthy Pregnancy & Baby * Max Q. - Headaches
 Keith - Heart Issues * Denise - Pacemaker Surgery * Monica Duffy
 Brittany C. - 41 yr. old mom of 3 sons - Brain Aneurysm Surgery caused Stroke
 Marilyn Lane - New Cancer Diagnosis * Al Garvin - Heart Issues
 Steve Johnson - New Cancer Diagnosis * Joe Garvin - New Cancer Diagnosis
 Caroline Bardenhagen - Heart Issues * Ted * Lynn - Skin Cancer Surgery

~ ~ CONTINUED PRAYERS NEEDED FROM PREVIOUS MONTH ~ ~ ~

Pope Francis * Cecily Nedow - Surgery & Challenges * Janice Thompson Barr
 Phil Phillips - Hip Rehab * Jim Mattis - Several Health Problems
 Fr. Lawler's Mother - Serious Health Issues * Rita Wilson * Carol - Recovery
 Lou & Diane Dunson - Both Serious Health Issues * Mark Scott - Illness
 Ron Novak - Leg Injury Recovery * Jill Anderson - Heart attack / Heart Issues
 GF - Continued Health Recovery * Susie - Complications from Eye Surgery

For the Recently Deceased & Their Families

Robert Bunek * Alice Karkutt * Leonard Thoreson
 Nancy A. Priest (St. Mary Parish) * Dale Kropp
 Greg Gleason * Sharon Baxter * Ted Lanham

Cancer Patients:

Ben * Peter Freundl * Martin Gallagher * Tim Keilty
 Bob LaCross * Christopher McGlynn * Vic McCarty
 Arthur McCormack - stage 4 lung * Heidi Sedlacek Musser
 Jan Novak - Continued progress * Joyce Olds * Janet R. - BC
 Francis Rosinski * Therese Rosinski * Tom Savage * Craig Stallman
 Herbie S. - Kidney & bone * Ruth Trotsky - Cancer & Parkinsons
 Kelly Winowiecki Florip * Tina VanderWulp * Ben * Christi
 Danielle - breast cancer * Dan S. * Gabby - melanoma * Kathleen
 Lori * Marissa * Patricia - lung cancer * Randy * Steve

* Ongoing Prayer Intentions *

- * Chris Berkey - ALS *
- * Ed Budd - Diagnosed with Agent Orange Complications *
- * Delores (Ditto) Couturier - Stroke Recovery *
- * Toddler Henry Gauthier - Continued Progress in Mobility & Normal Development *
- * Lucas P. - teen - serious food allergies and EOE *
- * Conor Rigan - age 5 - Continued Cancer Recovery *
- * Hailie Tondreau - Hypermobile Ehlers-Danlos Syndrome *
- * Randy W. (Buckley) - Parkinson's *
- * Rich Zywicki - Continued Healing - Serious Head Injuries *

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