

RENEWAL MINISTRIES

CATHOLIC RENEWAL & EVANGELIZATION

DECEMBER 2024



“We consider Christmas as the encounter, the great encounter, the historical encounter, the decisive encounter, between God and mankind. He who has faith knows this truly; let him rejoice” // St. Paul VI

Ralph spoke with Scott Hahn at a large conference in São Paulo, Brazil, hosted by Sobre a Rocha de Pedro. 📍



LAUNCHED INTO THE DEEP

— 2024 — Year in Review

Let's thank God!

It's been an amazing year with so many opportunities to help people come closer to Christ or come to Him for the first time.

We carried out thirty-five separate missions this year to twenty-five different countries, where we were able to help thousands of people in myriad ways, including conversion, healing, deliverance, becoming missionary disciples, and saying yes to the call to holiness!

I was personally involved in three of our major efforts in Brazil, Uganda, and Ukraine. We published detailed reports on Uganda and Ukraine in the September and November newsletters, which you can read at www.renewalministries.net/newsletter. We have been asked to do something very similar in Cameroon next July, at a conference for up to five hundred priests and a general conference with tens of thousands to celebrate the fiftieth anniversary of the country's Catholic Charismatic Renewal.

And, almost unbelievably, we have just completed taping twenty-six new programs of our weekly TV program, which is distributed by EWTN throughout the world and due to start airing in March of 2025. The programs currently are being edited in post-production—for our forty-first year of worldwide, uninterrupted proclamation and teaching through this wonderful means.

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What are people watching?



OUR TOP VIDEOS

2024 TOP FIVE VIDEOS:

Pope Francis and an Empty Hell
- 59,000 views -

The Truth about Vatican II and the Charismatic Renewal
- 55,000 views -

Same Sex Blessings: Clarity in the Confusion
- 43,000 views -

Are All Religions Paths to God?
- 30,000 views -

The Courage and Clarity of Archbishop Chaput
- 29,000 views -

ALL-TIME TOP FIVE VIDEOS:

Fr. Michael Scanlan's Amazing Prophecy: An Urgent Message for Today
- 337,000 views -

Two Events That Will Precede the Lord's Return: Are We Seeing Them Now?
- 332,000 views -

It is Now Unmistakably Clear Where We Are Being Led
- 246,000 views -

I Never Thought I'd See This Happen
- 220,000 views -

Ralph Martin Responds to Bishop Barron on the Salvation of Non-Christians
- 213,000 views -

Access these videos and more:

www.youtube.com/@renewalministries



The Sisters of the Immaculata, who work with youth and families in Australia, visited with the Renewal Ministries' staff after attending the Eucharistic Conference.



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When a young University of Michigan television and media student walked into my office more than forty years ago and offered to help us launch a weekly television ministry, I never thought we'd still be at it forty years later. It is such a sign to me—and I hope to you as well—of the Lord's grace and favor. (My new memoir, *A Life in the Spirit*, tells of this and many other amazing things that have happened over the years! Visit www.renewalministries.net/ralphmemoir to order a copy. Order by Dec. 8 to ensure delivery in time for Christmas!)

Our ministries to high school young men and women reached more youth than ever before and have inspired several other parts of the country to initiate their own similar outreaches.

And our radio ministry continues apace. In 2025, Sr. Ann Shields' *Food for the Journey* will celebrate its thirtieth year, and Peter's *Fire on the Earth* will celebrate twenty years.

Perhaps our most currently impactful media effort is that of our YouTube channel, which has had more than nine-million views since its inception. You can see this year's top five videos and our top-five videos of all time in the sidebar on the left of this page. Visit our YouTube channel at www.youtube.com/@renewalministries to watch these videos and more!

Our close relationship with Sacred Heart Major Seminary continues! It was a real privilege and opportunity to teach the priests who come here from all over the world for our summer



Ralph spoke at the ChristLife National Leaders Conference in Baltimore, Maryland.

DIGITAL/ SOCIAL MEDIA

Find inspiration from Renewal Ministries for everyday life and a Catholic perspective on current events:

 Website

www.renewalministries.net/media

 YouTube

www.youtube.com/renewalministries

 Instagram

www.instagram.com/renewalministries

 Facebook

www.facebook.com/CatholicRenewalMinistries

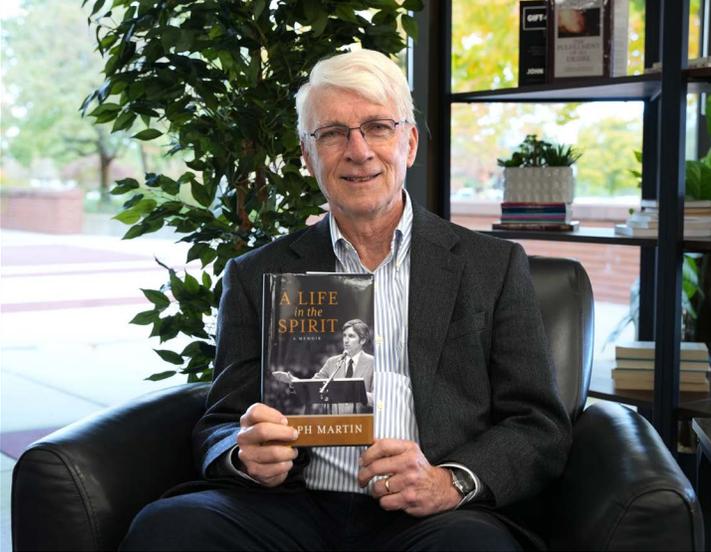
 Blog

www.renewalministries.net/blog

Enjoy these programs from Ralph Martin, Peter Herbeck, and Sr. Ann Shields:

- *The Choices We Face* (TV) www.renewalministries.net/tcwf
- *Food for the Journey* (radio) www.renewalministries.net/ffj
- *Fire on the Earth* (radio) www.renewalministries.net/foe
- *Right Now with Ralph Martin* podcasters.spotify.com/pod/show/rightnowwithralphmartin

A Life in the Spirit chronicles Ralph Martin's journey from the beginning of the Catholic Charismatic Renewal to becoming one of the most courageous voices defending the truth of the Gospel during an age of dissension and disbelief.



Licentiate in Sacred Theology program. I also am grateful for the opportunity to currently be teaching transitional deacons from seven different dioceses and religious orders who will be ordained as priests next spring.

Also, we recently completed our annual Renewal Ministries' US Board of Directors meeting. I was again impressed—and grateful to God—for the excellent members of the board the Lord has given us. We are equally blessed with an outstanding group of individuals on our Canadian Catholic Renewal Ministries Board of Directors, which holds its annual meeting early this month.

I feel like we are walking on water—that we, indeed, have launched out into the deep and are being held up by

the grace of God working through you, our long-time and recent supporters. **Your help has been essential for all that has been accomplished so far and continues to be essential to walk through the open doors for 2025. Please consider a special end-of-the-year gift if you are at all able!**

Gratefully,

Ralph Martin

Ralph Martin
President, Renewal Ministries



GIVE NOW...

You can donate on our website at www.renewalministries.net/donate, or scan this QR code:



While filming *The Choices We Face*, Ralph's wife, Anne, and Maggie, one of their nineteen grandchildren, visited him on-set.



THE CHOICES WE FACE

The Choices We Face | This fall, we recorded our forty-first season of *The Choices We Face*, which will begin airing in March 2025. The season features a tremendous lineup of guests, including Sr. Mary Gabriel, SV (pictured at right); Patti and Al Mansfield; Fr. Basil Nortz, ORC; Dr. Mary Healy; and Dr. Monique Ruberu.



AT HOME & ABROAD



"I want to thank you again for coming to Brazil. Your testimony of fidelity, your courage in times of confusion and cowardice, and your lucidity in exposing the truth made all the difference."

(Email)



"I'm so encouraged by your books and ministry! I appreciate you speaking the truth in love."

(Email)



"Thanks to the entire Renewal Ministries staff for your generous and inspiring work on behalf of Catholics and other Christians everywhere. Your podcasts are particularly interesting. I love the variety of topics, all clearly presented and pertinent for those who love the Church and strive to grow in faith. Reading your publications is inevitably enriching. Ralph Martin's books, especially *A Church in Crisis*, always hits the mark. It is honest, accurate, challenging, and hopeful."

(Email)



Top left, Pete Burak co-hosted EWTN's broadcast of the National Eucharistic Congress in Indianapolis, Indiana. Top right, Rachel Herbeck spoke at a monthly talk called Holy Brews, in Ypsilanti, Michigan.



Peter Herbeck and Bishop Scott McCaig spoke at a priests' retreat in Lincoln, Nebraska. In 2024, Peter spoke at multiple diocesan priest retreats, seminary retreat days, and a day of reflection and prayer for ninety bishops leading into the National Eucharistic Revival. He also spoke at a number of men's conferences and retreats for married couples, and mentored next-generation leadership.

Peter Herbeck spoke in Kaunas, Lithuania, at a variety of events, the main ones being a diocesan mission and priest retreat. He also was interviewed by a local radio station. Dr. Peter Williamson (not pictured) and Bohus Zivcak (bottom left) also served in Lithuania.



"I love seeing the way God empowers all the young people and the way He draws them closer to Himself! Not only that, there are so many great volunteers and a very amazing selection of spiritual, uplifting music!!"
(Facebook comment)



"I love getting to see everyone again, to praise God, and to learn more about what He is doing in the world."
(Facebook comment)



"From beginning to end, the day was delightful. So much prayer and goodwill under one roof can't go unrewarded by God, who send us his Holy Spirit! God bless all who attend and those organizing. Counting down the days to the next Lift Jesus Higher Rally."
(Facebook comment)



"It is uplifting to see so many young people praising God and singing! Transformational!"
(Facebook comment)



LIFT JESUS HIGHER // YOUTH RALLY

More than nine-hundred people attended the Lift Jesus Higher Youth Rally in Toronto. The event featured motivating talks, inspirational testimonies, Adoration, and powerful worship. Pictured, Fr. Graham Keep processes with a monstrance through the crowd during a time of Adoration.

LIFT JESUS HIGHER // ADULT RALLY

Over 2600 people attended the Lift Jesus Higher Rally in Toronto. The theme was *Take Heart*, from the story of the blind man Bartimaeus in Mark 10. The day included talks by Fr. Alex Colautti, CC, Fr. Matthias Thelen, Debbie Herbeck, and Peter Herbeck; prayers for healing (pictured below at right); Mass celebrated by Archbishop Francis Leo; and more. One participant said, "It feels so powerful. You go home feeling like, 'We have work to do,' but it gives you things to work with. I find it very important to come."

Save the Date
MARCH 29, 2025
TORONTO ONTARIO
Details: www.ljhr.ca



GLOBAL MISSIONS

In 2024, Renewal Ministries completed thirty-five missions in twenty-five countries. We have plans to complete forty-two missions in twenty-nine countries in 2025.

Mexico | Renewal Ministries sends multiple mission teams to Mexico City each year. One of those teams consists of students from a local high school. At right, a student distributes food alongside members of a community living in a garbage dump, with whom we have a longtime relationship.



2024 Mission Countries:

- Australia
- Cameroon
- Canada
- Croatia
- Democratic Republic of the Congo
- Gambia
- Ghana
- Guinea-Bissau
- Hungary
- Kazakhstan
- Latvia
- Lesotho
- Liberia
- Lithuania
- Malawi
- Mexico
- Namibia
- Nigeria
- Papua New Guinea
- Romania
- Spain
- Uganda
- Ukraine
- United States
- Zambia
- Zimbabwe



Ukraine | Ralph is pictured in the chapel of a Ukrainian seminary. He spent a week there ministering to priests and others affected by the ongoing war.



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Hungary | One large event in Hungary is a weeklong family camp with about three-hundred people that leads to deep conversions and inner healing.

UGANDA | Ralph spent two weeks on mission in Uganda. He spoke at the country's biggest-ever retreat for priests and bishops and at a fiftieth anniversary charismatic renewal celebration.

NEXT GENERATION



Pine Hills Camps

"Thank you for providing our children with such a rich and Spirit-filled week at Pine Hills Camp. They've told us of their many encounters with Jesus. From the bottom of our hearts, thank you!"

(Parents of campers)



BE LOVE REVOLUTION (BLR)

"The Be Love Revolution team are joyful, missionary disciples. God's love and the excitement of their faith radiates from them and was contagious for our eighth grade girls."

(OLGC Parish School, Plymouth, Michigan)



"Thank you for the countless ways you have touched not just my life but countless girls. I know I would not be the person I am today without Be Love Revolution."

(High school girl)



FORGED

"Forged was extremely formative through my high school years, teaching me the value of leadership, brotherhood, and the importance of being an authentic Catholic man, all while embracing humility. With its slogan, 'formed in faith, refined in friendship,' I've experienced a supportive community of men, who I now call brothers and closest friends, who push me everyday to grow in faith, excellence, and virtue."

(High school graduate)



Pine Hills Camps | In their thirty-ninth year of existence, the week-long Pine Hills Boys' and Girls' Camps both experienced their largest numbers of campers yet! The camps include powerful prayer meetings, talks, Spirit-filled leadership, and lots of fun!



BE LOVE REVOLUTION | Be Love Revolution serves hundreds of young women each year through a weekly Bible study, twice-monthly gatherings with Adoration, teaching, and small group discussions; small groups that meet for discipleship and prayer; quarterly events for junior high girls; service opportunities; leadership opportunities; weekly contact with high schoolers and middle schoolers that develops relationships and evangelizes them; and more.

FORGED | Forged helps young men be "formed in faith, refined in friendship" through the Church's proclamations in the context of friendship. Forged gathers for spiritual, social, and competitive nights that engage the boys in a dynamic way, and serves high schoolers through weekly events and middle school boys by presenting the fullness of the Gospel at retreats.



DECEMBER 2024 EVENTS

Toronto, ON
Catholic Renewal Ministries Annual Board Meeting
 December 1-2
 Ralph Martin, Peter Herbeck, and the Renewal Ministries Team

Ponchatoula, LA
St. Joseph Advent Parish Mission
 December 6-7
 Peter & Debbie Herbeck
 Details: stjosephsonline.com

Vacaville, CA
St. Joseph Advent Parish Mission
 December 6-8
 Ralph Martin
 Details: stjv.org

Huntington, NY
A Catholic Perspective on Healing Ministry
 December 7
 Dr. Mary Healy
 Details: eventbrite.com/e/bringing-gods-gift-of-healing-to-the-world-tickets-896567646967

Windsor, ON
South Windsor Catholic Family of Parishes Evangelization Night
 December 9
 Ralph Martin
 Details: ly42ja.sites.ecatholic.com

Belleville, IL
St. Henry Parish Centennial Celebration
 December 15
 Dr. Mary Healy
 Details: sthenrybelleville.com

* Not open to the public.

 For a complete listing of events, visit RenewalMinistries.net/Events.



Renewal Ministries is a Catholic ministry committed to renewal and evangelization in the Church. It seeks to proclaim Jesus Christ through its TV, radio, and social media outreaches, as well as through books, conferences, retreats, and other international evangelistic events.

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To those whose selfless commitment helps guide our ministry.

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PLEASE PRAY

- ▶ That we may make room in our hearts and lives to receive the fullness of what the Lord desires for us this Advent.
- ▶ That the Lord grants abundant provision to those struggling to meet their needs during this season of generosity.
- ▶ For the prayer intentions of all our supporters, their family members, and their parish families, especially as they face the challenges of illness and economic uncertainty.

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