



# RENEWAL MINISTRIES

2017  
YEAR IN  
REVIEW

Proclaiming Jesus through Catholic Renewal and Evangelization | December 2017

## Dear, Dear Partners in the Mission of Jesus!

As I look back over the past year and see all that has been accomplished, my heart fills with both amazement and gratitude to the Lord and to you who have made all this possible. This whole issue is devoted to showing you an overview of the past year and all that has happened through your prayers and support. Be inspired by the pages that follow!

### HERE IS A QUICK RECAP OF OUR YEAR IN NUMBERS:

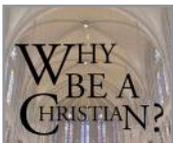
- 37** YEARS OF Renewal Ministries
  - » 281,166 views of our YouTube programs.
  - » 38% increase in Facebook followers.
- 33** YEARS OF The Choices We Face
  - » Nearly 75% increase in blog subscribers.
  - » 100,319 distinct visitors to the website from 184 countries—nearly an eleven percent increase!
- 23** YEARS OF Food for the Journey
  - » Forty-five missions to thirty-five countries.
  - » 150 Masses offered for deceased supporters.
- 12** YEARS OF Fire on the Earth
  - » Tens of thousands of booklets, books, CDs, and DVDs distributed.

Behind these statistics are countless human beings who have been exposed to the Word of God and the action of the Holy Spirit: some have been converted, some have been encouraged, some have been strengthened to resist temptation and persevere, some have been set free from the oppression of evil spirits, some have been inspired to evangelize, and some have been moved to join their suffering to the suffering of Christ and offer it for the salvation of souls.

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A letter ▶  
from Ralph Martin



**BACK BY  
POPULAR DEMAND!**

By Ralph Martin

This booklet will refresh and strengthen your faith and serve as a resource for anyone searching for answers about the purpose of life.

## MISSION IN HONG KONG



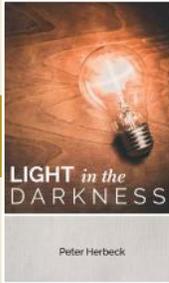
Pictured above is the Hong Kong skyline at night. Pictured to the left are Ralph Martin, Peter Herbeck, and Tom Edwards in front of the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in Hong Kong. The group recently was there for a three-week Asian journey. Agnes, one of the organizers, is with them.

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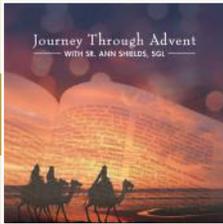
# NEW RESOURCES

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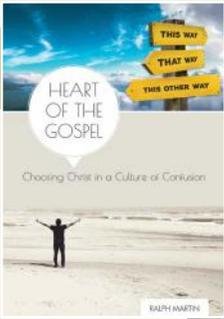
Booklet ▶



CD ▶



◀ DVDs



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There also has been a notable increase in opportunities to contribute to the strengthening and formation of leadership in the Church. **Our young adult leaders are increasingly being asked to be part of national consultations on young adult ministry and to give talks, conferences, and formation resources to those engaged in this ministry.**

Dr. Mary Healy, Dr. Peter Williamson, Paco Gavrilides (all close friends of Renewal Ministries), and I continue to have wonderful opportunities to strengthen the future leadership of the Church at Sacred Heart Major Seminary, where we all teach. And just today, I received an email from one of our summer session priest students who told me that his whole religious order is now studying a chapter or two each month of *The Fulfillment of All Desire*. This makes more than twenty-seven religious orders, seminaries, colleges, and universities that are using one or more of my books in their courses and formation programs.

### We also are able to support institutions and ministries engaged in proclaiming the Gospel.

I delivered theological papers that dealt with the confusion undermining evangelization in the Church at theological conferences at Ave Maria University in Florida; the Catholic University of America in Washington DC; the Urbaniana Pontifical University in Rome; the St. Mary Major Seminary in Trivandrum, India; and the Franciscan University of Steubenville. I also was asked to give major talks at the Lighthouse Catholic Media/Augustine Institute National Conference, the ChristLife National Conference (see picture below), and

the Legatus National Conference. And Sr. Ann Shields, SGL; Peter Herbeck; and other Renewal Ministries' speakers have had numerous opportunities to spread the message as well. If you look at the **Outreach menu** on our website, **www.RenewalMinistries.net**,

and scroll down to the Event Calendar, you'll be amazed at how much is going on each month!

Just a few weeks ago, I was able to give a retreat/study session to the permanent deacons and their wives in the Diocese of Steubenville, Ohio. This makes the forty-seventh diocese in which I've been able to help strengthen the lives of many priests and some deacons as well.

I am a poor singer (I hope in heaven I'll be able to sing really well!), but join me now in singing:

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow;*

*Praise Him, all creatures here below;*

*Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host;*

*Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost!*

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*Praise God the Father who's the source;*

*Praise God the Son who is the course;*

*Praise God the Spirit who's the flow;*

*Praise God, our portion here below!*

Your brother in Christ,

*Ralph Martin*

Ralph Martin

**P.S.** If you are able to make a special, end-of-the-year "Christmas gift"—an offering of thanks to the Lord in gratitude for all He has done—to help us enter next year in a strong position to continue serving Him in all the ways He asks of us, please do so.

*For all you have done already,*  
**THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU!**



Ralph with ChristLife founder Dave Nodar, who was a guest during the 2017 season of *The Choices We Face*.

## Please Pray...

✚ That in Advent, we may "draw closer to God and learn more fully the gift that we have been given" (Sr. Ann Shields, SGL).

✚ For those grieving, that hope and healing can be found in this time of waiting for our Lord.

✚ For the prayer intentions of all our supporters and their family members, especially as they face the challenges of illness and economic uncertainty.



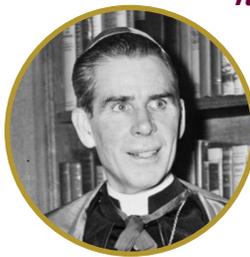
*Until we meet again . . .*

We celebrate the lives of  
 . . . Fr. Francis Martin  
 &  
 Fr. Michael Scanlan, →  
 two close friends of  
 Renewal Ministries who went  
 to be with our Lord this year.  
 Join us in praying for the  
 repose of their souls and in  
 thanksgiving for the blessing  
 they have been to so many.



*“How to find Christmas peace in a world of unrest?*

*You cannot find peace on the outside,  
 but you can find peace on the inside,  
 by letting God do to your soul what Mary let Him do to her body,  
 namely, let Christ be formed in you. ”*



VENERABLE ARCHBISHOP FULTON SHEEN

## WHEN IN ROME...



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Ralph Martin, Patti Mansfield, Dave Mangan, and Dr. Mary Healy all spoke at the Golden Jubilee of the Catholic Charismatic Renewal (CCR) in Rome. ❶ Ralph led a time of repentance in preparation for asking the Holy Spirit to fall once again. ❷ Major events took place at the Circus Maximus, where tens of thousands of people from 127 countries came to celebrate. Ralph also spoke at Golden Jubilee events in Belgium, Portugal, and Michigan. Dr. Healy also spoke at CCR events in Brazil, Canada, Lithuania, and the United States.

❸ Ralph was in Rome for a meeting of the consultors for the Pontifical Council for the New Evangelization. Dr. Mary Healy also was in Rome for a meeting of the Pontifical Biblical Commission this year.

# A Fruitful Year

Proclaiming Jesus Through  
Catholic Renewal & Evangelization



## HOME OUTREACH



Above: Ralph Martin & Dr. Mary Healy spoke at the annual Renewal Ministries' Gathering. Mark your calendar: the next Gathering will be **APRIL 6-8, 2018**.



**More than 400 people attended this year's annual Renewal Ministries' Gathering**, which featured a live-stream talk by Ralph Martin, as well as talks and workshops by Peter Herbeck, Sr. Ann Shields, and Dr. Mary Healy. There also was a time of prayer and empowerment led by Fr. Mathias Thelen.

### PASSING THE MISSION TORCH TO A NEW GENERATION!

Ralph spoke to his grandson Charley's class about Renewal Ministries' mission. He also spoke in Ann Arbor, Michigan, to middle school students about Fatima and to high school seniors at the final session of a Life in the Spirit Seminar.

Country Coordinator Tom Edwards is pictured above, praying over an attendee at the 2017 Gathering. 



### EXPANDING OUR OUTREACH TO CLERGY & OTHER RELIGIOUS

- ☛ Ralph with priests from all over the world gathered for the Sacred Heart Major Seminary summer courses for priests working toward the Licentiate in Sacred Theology Degree.
- ☑ **MAHALO!** Ralph gave nine talks to ALL of the priests in Hawaii this year.



# DIGITAL OUTREACH

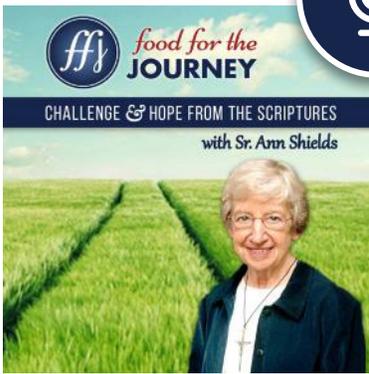
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- 🔊 *The Choices We Face*
- 🔊 *Food for the Journey*
- 🔊 *Fire on the Earth*

Did you know you can access all of these programs 24/7 on our website? Go to [www.RenewalMinistries.net](http://www.RenewalMinistries.net), click on "Media," and choose a program.

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**IT'S ALL FREE AND EASY!**



## i.d.9:16 LAUNCHED AN APP!

You can download this App for **FREE** and have easy access to programs and resources from both i.d.9:16 and Renewal Ministries.

- ▶ **Food for the Journey**
- ▶ **Fire on the Earth**
- ▶ **The Choices We Face**
- ▶ **Website**
- ▶ **Blog**



Forming young adults into intentional disciples of Jesus Christ.



## YOUNG ADULT OUTREACH HIGHLIGHTS

**WELCOME**  
our newest  
additions to the  
i.d.9:16 TEAM



Assistant Director  
**Joey McCoy**



Program Coordinator  
**Katie Perrotta**

**14** CHAPTERS—3 of these were added in 2018



**31** VOLUNTEERS on the Mexico Mission Trip



**75** ALPHA COURSE ATTENDEES



**350** MILLENNIALS GATHERED for annual Barn Party



**450** MILLENNIALS ATTEND or tune in to monthly Disciples' Nights



**200,000**  
PEOPLE REACHED  
via social media



# GLOBAL OUTREACH



**TORONTO**



Ralph's booklet  
 ◀ *The Final Confrontation*  
 was printed in Spanish.  
 Peter's booklet  
*Light in the Darkness* ▶  
 was printed in Portuguese.



**It was the largest year yet for the Lift Jesus Higher Rally in Toronto, Ontario.** 3100 people attended the adult rally and more than 1300 attended the youth rally. Speakers included Sr. Ann Shields (pictured above middle), Bishop Scott McCaig, Peter Herbeck, and Cardinal Thomas Collins. Chris Bray provided music for the youth event; Connor Flanagan (pictured above left) both spoke and sang.



**BRAZIL**

Photo taken at the Sanctuary of Divine Mercy Center in Curitiba.

**NOVA SCOTIA**

Peter and Debbie Herbeck spent a week in Brazil speaking with the large Catholic Charismatic community there. Peter spoke on a Catholic prime-time television program that had a live audience of 3000 people and an at-home audience of six million people. Peter was the first foreign preacher on the network.

Peter Herbeck (far right) prays over Fr. James Mallon while leading a parish staff retreat in Halifax, Nova Scotia, Canada. Fr. Simon Lobo (above left) and Paul Lang are playing guitars. Peter also helped train parish staffs in Lansing, Michigan, and London, Ontario, this year.



**INDIA**

Renewal Ministries sent a team to India for more than two weeks of speaking and teaching in four dioceses. Pictured above left, Ralph and Anne Martin prayed with a nun in Vasai. Pictured above right are Ralph Martin with Archbishop Felix Machado and Renewal Ministries' Board President Deacon Dan Foley praying at an outside rally.



FATIMA



Ralph spoke at a celebration for the Golden Jubilee of the Catholic Charismatic Movement in Fatima, Portugal, shortly before the one-hundredth anniversary of Mary's final apparition there. During his time in Fatima, Ralph was greatly moved by the self-sacrificing love exemplified by the young children Jacinta, Francisco, and Lucia.



HAITI

MISSION  
OUTREACH

— IN 2017 WE WENT ON —  
45 MISSIONS IN 35 COUNTRIES



GHANA

THANK YOU!

We also want to extend our deepest gratitude to the members of our US and Canadian Renewal Ministries' Board of Directors, for all of their prayers and support!

# On the Road

## December 2017 ENGAGEMENTS

### Donaldson, IN

#### Rejoice! Women's Retreat

Dec. 1-3

Sr. Ann Shields, SGL

Contact: Jan at [jtheheartpraise@msn.com](mailto:jtheheartpraise@msn.com)

### Had-Dingli, Malta

#### Cenacolo Covenant Community

#### Retreat Weekend

Dec. 1-3

Dr. Mary Healy

Contact:

[andrewconsiglio@youthfellowship.org](mailto:andrewconsiglio@youthfellowship.org)

### Denver, CO

#### International Missionary Foundation

Dec. 2

Ralph Martin

Details: [www.imfmission.org](http://www.imfmission.org)

### Brighton, MI

#### Advent by Candlelight

Dec. 2

Debbi Herbeck

Contact: [carolinegabel@yahoo.com](mailto:carolinegabel@yahoo.com)

### Toronto, CA

#### Renewal Ministries' Board of Directors Meeting\*

Dec. 3-4

Ralph Martin; Peter Herbeck;  
& Sr. Ann Shields, SGL

### Columbus, OH

#### Parish Advent Event

Dec. 7

Sr. Ann Shields, SGL

### Ann Arbor, MI

#### i.d.9:16 Disciples' Night

Dec. 7

Billy Kangas

Contact: [katie@id916.com](mailto:katie@id916.com)

### Rimini, Italy

#### Italian National Leaders Conference

Dec. 7-9

Ralph Martin

[www.rms-italia.it](http://www.rms-italia.it)

### Sarasota, FL

#### Advent Day of Reflection

Dec. 9, 2017

Dr. Mary Healy

Contact: [nancyflan@verizon.net](mailto:nancyflan@verizon.net)

### Ada, MI

#### Mary's "Yes" Women's Event

Dec. 12

Debbie Herbeck

Details: [www.strobertchurch.org](http://www.strobertchurch.org)

RSVP to (616)676-9111 ext. 114

### Washington DC

#### Young Adult Healing Retreat at Shrine

Dec. 15-16

Dr. Mary Healy

Contact: [louisbrownjr@gmail.com](mailto:louisbrownjr@gmail.com)

*\* Not open to the public.*

For a complete listing, visit:  
[RenewalMinistries.net/Events](http://RenewalMinistries.net/Events)

## Save the Dates!

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Toronto, Canada ▶ MARCH 3, 2018  
[www.lift-jesus-higher-rally.ca](http://www.lift-jesus-higher-rally.ca)

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Annual Renewal Ministries' Gathering  
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Ralph Martin

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#### Chairman of the Board

Monsignor Gregory Smith, Vancouver, BC

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