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July 10, 2022 ▪ The Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

## France's 2008 "Pizza Acrobatics Champion" was ordained a priest this June

By Valentine Leroy



*Crowned the French champion of pizza acrobatics, he surprised everyone when he felt a deeper calling.*

Sometimes there's only one step to take and in this story it was from the apron to the chasuble.

A former pizza chef, Christophe Rébéccai left the kitchen to become a priest. This young man from the French Caribbean island of Martinique was ordained to the priesthood on June 6, 2022, at the cathedral of Fort-de-France (Martinique) by Bishop Macaire, and he testifies to "the joy of having found true wealth."

Crowned the French champion of pizza acrobatics (the "sport" of spinning, throwing, etc, pizza dough) in 2008, he was the pride of his father who had destined him to take over the family pizza business. But Rébéccai felt a deeper calling.

"It was at the time when I was most invested in my career, when I was beginning to get external recognition, that I was more and more drawn to God," he tells Aleteia. **"At 22, I had the need to go and pray more and more. I felt a call and I told myself that if I'm going to serve the Lord, I might as well choose him in full."**

Born into a practicing Catholic family, Fr. Rébéccai remembers family prayer in particular:

"In the evening, we had our ritual and we prayed together no matter what. Addressing God as Father touched me a lot." He says that this experience gave him a heart open to God's action in his life: "This family prayer allowed me to take a step back right away and not wait 20 years to recognize it."

Christophe also found a particularly inspiring example in his own family: that of his older brother Samuel, who became a priest before him. He remembers one day when his brother offered to pray the Rosary with him. From that moment on, he started going to Mass every day. Side by side during the ordination ceremony, the two brothers are now united by a brotherhood that goes beyond blood ties.

### The Church, a treasure for finding God

Guided by the search for true happiness, a text from the Old Testament that announces the message of Christ (Wisdom 7:7-11) informed Christophe Rébéccai's process of discernment:

*Therefore I prayed, and understanding was given me;*

*I called on God, and the spirit of wisdom came to me.*

*I preferred her to scepters and thrones, and I accounted wealth as nothing in comparison with her.*

*Neither did I liken to her any priceless gem, because all gold is but a little sand in her sight, and silver will be accounted as clay before her.*

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### **“Pizza Acrobatics Champion”... Continued from cover**

*I loved her more than health and beauty,  
and I chose to have her rather than light,  
because her radiance never ceases.  
All good things came to me along with her,  
and in her hands uncounted wealth.*

“This is the summary of my life,” he says.

For the young priest who will soon begin his ministry at the parish of St. Mary of Fort-en-France, this incalculable richness of which the prophet speaks can only be given in and through the Church.

Although the face of the Church is in some ways difficult to love, he likes to recall the words of Padre Pio, which he lives by every day: “The Church does not need me, it is I who need the Church.”

“Through the Church in fact, every person becomes an incalculable wealth,” comments Fr. Rébéccai. “It is enough to be in the Church to find Christ, to find unity and fruitfulness, because the Church is the witness of the Good News and spreads it to the world. Of course, it will have to do this in a different way than in other times because mentalities are different, but the essence remains the same.”

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***“You shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, with all your being, with all your strength, and with all your mind, and your neighbor as yourself.”***

~ Luke 10:27



July 10, 2022

## Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Dt 30:10-14 | Col 1:15-20 | Lk 10:25-37

Written by  
THE  
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### **GROW** AS A DISCIPLE | PRAY, STUDY, ENGAGE, SERVE

My favorite line in "The Wizard of Oz," in the climactic scene when Dorothy realizes "there's no place like home," comes from Glinda: "You've always had the power to go back to Kansas," she tells Dorothy. In the first reading today, Moses tells the Israelites something similar about wisdom and power. He tells them the secret to peace and prosperity isn't "mysterious" or "remote." He says "it is something very near to you, already in your mouths and in your hearts." In the Gospel, when the scholar asks Jesus about the secret to eternal life, he answers his own question by reciting the two great commandments: love God with all your heart, being, strength, and mind, and your neighbor as yourself. "You have answered correctly," Jesus tells him. At our baptism, the Holy Spirit placed the wisdom and power to have the fullness of life in our hearts. The key is to "carry it out," as Moses advises the Israelites. Jesus echoes this message: We must "do this" - love God and our neighbor - to enjoy the life God wants for us today and eternal life with him in the future.

### **GO** EVANGELIZE

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

One of the most heartbreaking things about being a parent is seeing children set limits for who's in and who's out. My daughter was in Kindergarten when she came home in tears, excluded from playing with her friends because she didn't color a picture exactly as directed by another classmate. Our loving Father also sees our pain when we are excluded from being loved, and so when the scholar asks Jesus, "Who is my neighbor?" Jesus refuses to set boundaries for who to include and who to exclude. In using the parable about the Samaritan, Jesus tells us that we are to treat everyone as neighbor, even our enemies. The Samaritans were enemies of the Jews, and those listening to Jesus would have been shocked that a Samaritan was the compassionate hero. This parable challenges us to consider the boundaries we set for who we consider neighbors - those worthy of our compassion and help, and perhaps those we consider "other," or whom we feel we can ignore or reject. And to recognize how the boundaries we set prevent us from sharing the Good News of God's mercy to those he seeks to heal.

**PRAY** Ask the Holy Spirit for the wisdom to discern who you may be excluding as a neighbor. Pray these words from Dorothy Day: "Dear God, please enlarge our hearts to love each other, to love our neighbor, to love our enemy as well as our friend."



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### Saturday, July 9, Memorial of Saint Augustine Zhao Rong, Priest, and Companions, Martyrs

4:00 p.m. Jennifer Andrews (Dec)

### Sunday, July 10, The Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 a.m. Phil Roach (Dec)

9:30 a.m. Mass for Parishioners

11:30 a.m. Marlene Romani (Dec)

### Monday, July 11, Memorial of Saint Benedict, Abbot

8:00 a.m. David Stover (Dec)

### Tuesday, July 12, Weekday in Ordinary Time

8:00 a.m. Ruta Zunde (Dec)

### Wednesday, July 13, Memorial of Saint Henry

8:00 a.m. Mass for Vocations and Lucia Daniele (Dec)

### Thursday, July 14, Memorial of Saint Kateri Tekakwitha, Virgin

8:00 a.m. Alan Crouse (Dec)

### Friday, July 15, Memorial of Saint Bonaventure, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

8:00 a.m. Lorenze Vasquez (Dec)

### Saturday, July 16, Memorial of Our Lady of Mount Carmel

8:00 a.m. Lyliane Corvington (Dec)

4:00 p.m. Ron Bento (Dec)

### Sunday, July 17, The Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 a.m. Ben Buenafe (Dec)

9:30 a.m. Mass for Parishioners

11:30 a.m. Marlene Romani (Dec)

## Prayer for Priests & Future Priests

Eternal Father, We lift up to you these and all the priests of the world. Sanctify them, heal and guide them. Mold them into the likeness and holiness of your Son Jesus, the Eternal High Priest. May their lives be pleasing to you. In Jesus name, we pray. Amen.

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These are the names of the active priests and seminarians in our Diocese. Remember our Bishop has designated Wednesdays as Diocesan Day of Prayer for Vocations. Please continue to pray that more young people will hear and answer God's call to the Priesthood and Religious Life.

Saint Vincent de Paul, Blessed Trinity Conference



Our Blessed Trinity St. Vincent de Paul Conference, a 501(C)3 organization, provides assistance to families in need in our local area and we are looking to add additional members who can assist in performing this mission.

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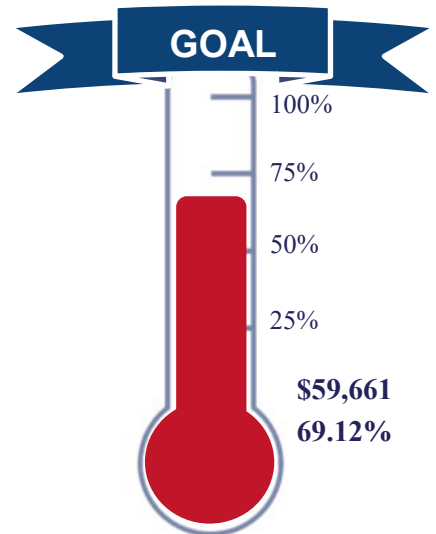
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## EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

### What Jesus Doesn't Say

“If Jesus wanted us to (fill in the blank), he would have said so.”

We hear this argument applied to every controversial topic under the sun — and even some not-so-controversial topics, too. Whenever someone is trying to make a case for a decision they have already made, they call in Jesus' scriptural silence on the matter as their expert, unimpeachable witness.

And sure, there's much Jesus doesn't talk about in the Gospels. But by this logic, we would have to assume that Jesus doesn't care, for instance, if we drive well over the speed limit (he doesn't discuss cars and highways in the Bible) or what we do online (he never mentions the Internet or websites at all!), when we know that certainly is just not the case.

Like the scholar of the Jewish law who challenges Jesus to define who exactly his “neighbor” is, we can argue semantics all we want. But if we rest in prayer and look deep into our hearts, we know what path we need to take, and it's usually not the easy one.

I find that I do this plenty in ways that are far more subtle. I lament that the situation facing me is not sufficiently “black and white.” I become frustrated by the shades of moral grey and toss up my hands, claiming I don't know what the right answer is, insisting that I can't be blamed for the ramifications of whatever decision I make.

What I need to be doing in these situations is asking God for His guidance, even if it makes me nervous. I need to be like the scholar. He was brave enough to ask, even though I think he knew he wouldn't particularly like the answer. Let's strive for that same courage.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS ©LPi

### Prayer for Protection from Hurricanes

*God, Our Father, Creator and Lord of the universe,  
you have set the earth on its foundation  
and all the elements of nature obey your command.  
We humbly beseech you to keep us safe from all dangers  
and calm the storm that threatens us.  
May we be secure in your loving protection  
and serve you always with grateful hearts.  
We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,  
who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, forever and ever.  
Amen.*



### St. Henry | July 13

Saint Henry was born in 972 to Henry, Duke of Bavaria, Germany, and his wife Gisela of Burgundy. Saint Henry's early life was permeated with Christianity, among those who guided his education was Bishop Wolfgang of Ratisbon, who became a saint himself. In 995, Saint Henry succeeded his father as Duke of Bavaria, and in 1002, upon the death of his cousin, Otho III, he was elected emperor. In 1014, Saint Henry undertook the long journey from Germany to Rome to be crowned Holy Roman Emperor by Pope Benedict XIII.

In 1022 Saint Henry assisted Pope Benedict VIII in holding the Council of Pavia, which promoted clerical celibacy and sought to end simony (the buying and selling of ecclesiastical goods and offices). During his reign, Saint Henry used his wealth and position for the Church. He confirmed Benedict's authority over Rome, was a patron of churches and monasteries, supported the Cluniac Reforms, restored episcopal sees, and founded the Diocese of Bamberg where he built a cathedral.

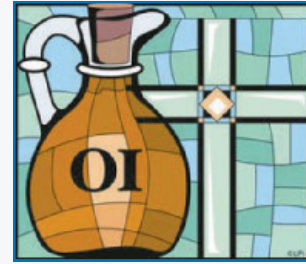
Saint Henry was married to Cunigunde of Luxembourg, to whom he was incredibly devoted. Although disputed by some historians, some stories of the couple's marriage report they took vows of chastity because their union was childless.

Saint Henry died in July of 1024 and was canonized in 1146 by Pope Eugene III.

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