

What's New for April

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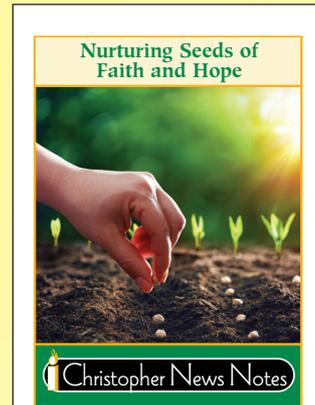
The Christophers wish everyone a happy and blessed Easter! May the glory of the risen Christ transform our lives and bring peace and healing to those most in need.

Our latest News Note, "Nurturing Seeds of Faith and Hope," which you should receive this month, reflects upon the many ways we grow closer to God when we allow the virtues of patience, humility, love, and kindness to guide our actions. This News Note mailing will also include the prayer card called "Light" by Ashley Rose Olbrich.

This past month, The Christophers held our annual Leadership Course at the University of St. Mary of the Lake/Mundelein Seminary in IL. The weekend included engaging activities to help participants boost their confidence and improve their public speaking. A special thanks to our dedicated team members, Pam, Gloria, Annmarie, and Magdalena, for their commitment to sharing the Christopher message and inspiring students to make a positive impact in the world today.

We are heartened by so many communications with those reaching out to request materials and share the importance of our mission in their lives and in the lives of people they serve. For instance, a prison chaplain shared a story of how he learned about The Christophers from an inmate who asked about getting our materials for himself and other prisoners, and we were happy to provide.

We also: 1) supplied literature for a pilgrimage for those suffering from addictions; 2) received calls from a priest in Ireland, who requested our "Three Minutes a Day" book; 3) received a call from a woman in Alaska asking for copies of Father John Catoir's "A Simple Guide to Happiness"; and 4) fulfilled a West Virginia donor's request for News Notes and prayer cards to place on a table near the adoration chapel at her church.



SPRINGTIME IS THE SEASON FOR PLANTING SEEDS IN THE GROUND so we can watch them turn into beautiful blooms in the weeks and months ahead.

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As the sun rises, Lord, let Your Light shine on those that we love.

Your Light to strengthen our faith, Your Light to heal our bodies, minds and souls.

Your Light to be forever grateful for our many blessings.

Your Light to recognize the angels that surround us.

Your Light to know the joy of surrendering our lives...to Your Will.

—Ashley Rose Olbrich

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It has been a joy to communicate with these, and so many other, humble servants in recent weeks, and we are happy to provide all they request.

In one of his columns for April, Father Dougherty wrote about the Feast of Saint Louis de Montforte, who used the phrase "Totus Tuus" or "Totally yours" in tribute to our Blessed Mother. "Mary is the safest, easiest, shortest, and most perfect way of approaching Jesus," said Saint Louis, whose feast falls on April 28th.

Father Dougherty also wrote about Divine Mercy Sunday, which falls on the second Sunday of Easter. His column on Divine Mercy brings into focus the influence this beautiful devotion had on Pope Saint John Paul II, who said:

"Those who sincerely say, 'Jesus, I trust in You,' will find comfort in all their anxieties and fears. There is nothing that man needs more than Divine Mercy—that love which is benevolent, which is compassionate, which raises man above his weakness to the infinite heights of the holiness of God."

May this Easter season open all our hearts to the Divine Mercy of God so that we might be raised above our anxieties and fears to share the mercy of God with a world in need. Thanks to our donors for making all we do possible. You remain forever in our prayers!

Gratefully,
Mary Ellen Robinson
President

