

Editorial : What does 'rest' really mean?

by Fr. Thierry de Roucy

It is generally thought that the best synonym of the word "rest" is the word "idleness". However, there is often nothing which wearies one more quickly than doing nothing...

From our perspective, to "rest" rather means to discover our deepest desires by contemplating beautiful things - splendid landscapes, magnificent works of art, by doing good deeds, by going back, through our readings and our conversations, in the face of the truth. For we are made for the Beautiful, the Good, and the True. The contrary tires us, distorts who we are, and turns us into slaves. That which is beautiful, good, and true benefits us, liberates us. This is what a true vacation is. And this is what I wholeheartedly wish for you.

News from our North American Missionaries

In mid June, we had the great joy of welcoming two new candidates for a "Come & See" weekend at Heart's Home in the Bronx. Both of them discerned that Heart's Home was the right organization to volunteer with and are now preparing for their mission.

Nicolette Berry, from Hornell, NY will join Heart's Home in Naples, Italy; and Megan McInnis from Sonora, CA will join Heart's Home in Lima, Peru. We are thrilled to see the Heart's Home family expand in the United States!

"For the past year, I have felt the desire and God's call to serve His beloved poor. During my stay at Heart's Home USA - Bronx, I have witnessed and experienced the deep compassion, love, friendship support and faith that makes up the community and prayer life, and provides a strong foundation for the mission. From this way of life I know I will be fulfilled both spiritually and emotionally, and this fulfillment will provide the strength, courage, patience and compassion to be a presence of love to those most in need." (Megan)

In the meantime, Ed Adams from Houston, TX is pursuing his mission in Honduras:

"I would like to introduce one of my friends from the neighborhood: Roberto. Roberto is the same age as me: 29. His mother died while giving birth to him. His father not wanting the responsibility of a child took him and wrapped him up and tied him to something that floated and threw him in the river. Somewhere down the river, he was found by



In Naples, where Nicolette will be volunteering

a poor family who took him and raised him. At the age of 14 he left home and has been living in the streets ever since. We are now the only family he has."

Olivia Tai left Canada on July 19, 2006 to join Heart's Home in India. She will spend 17 months in the Heart's Home of Chengalpattu (near Chennai). We are looking forward to receiving news from her!

Bye, Severine !



"I want to thank you all for your great support, help and friendship during my mission here in NY. Thanks to your presence, I have been able to live a very deep time and discover more my own vocation: to follow Christ in participating in the spread of a culture of compassion. After spending 2 years and a half working in the Bronx and enjoying the real sweetness of community life. I am going back to France for one year of studies in our Mother House. I entrust myself to your prayers. God bless you."

Welcome Laetitia



After serving with Heart's Home for 2 years in Haiti and 2 years in Honduras, Laetitia joined our Bronx team mid-July.

We are glad to welcome her in New York and feel blessed with her presence among us.

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Focus on the Meeting of Ecclesial Movements and New Communities

Rome, Pentecost 2006



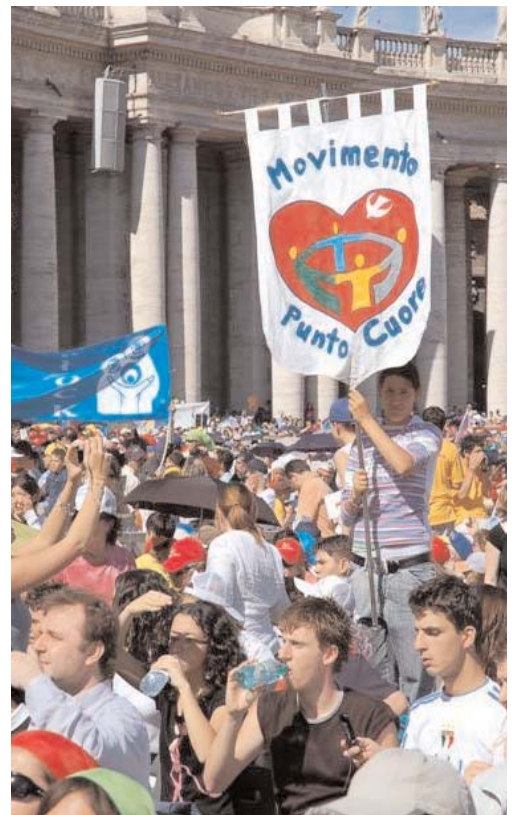
St. Peter's Square was brimming with pilgrims for Pentecost, 2006. The Holy Father Benedict XVI had invited members of the Church's new Movements and Ecclesial Communities to celebrate the coming of the Holy Spirit. For the first time in its short history (16 years!) Heart's Home was officially invited to take part in this meeting, among other larger movements such as Communion and Liberation or the Focolari.

Approximately 400,000 answered the call and participated in this gathering. From Castel Sant'Angelo, along Via della Conciliazione down to St. Peter's Square, the representatives of the Movements presented an image of the Church opening up to the future. A river of people, young and old, praying and singing could be seen from everywhere. Included among them, the Heart's Home group (approx 100 persons from 5 countries) carrying a sign reading "Punto Cuore" (Heart's Home in

Italian) felt very much at home, in the heart of the Church.

Particularly touching were the words of John Paul II, presented through a video tape that recorded the historical first meeting of Ecclesial Movements on May 30, 1998. His words continued to ring out vividly in the vast open-air cenacle which St. Peter's Square had become: "To all of you I want to cry out: 'Be open and docile to the gifts of the Spirit! Welcome the charisms with gratitude and obedience!'"

Msgr. Stanislaw Ryko, president of the Pontifical Council for the Laity, expressed the thoughts of the 400,000 people in the Square, when he addressed the Pope saying: "This Square offers the sight of the marvelous epiphany of multiple gifts with which the Spirit of God continues to enrich and embellish the Church."



While very different from each other they are profoundly united in the mystery of ecclesial communion, and they are unanimously centered on the mission."

It was a true Pentecostal spirit that day. What a great joy for Heart's Home to share its charism of compassion with the other movements in Rome. We experienced the delight of being part of the family of God as members of an ecclesial movement in the Church.

A Summer Piano Concert to benefit Heart's Home

On July 13, Ambassador Loretan, the Consul General of Switzerland in New York hosted a summer piano concert at his residence to benefit Heart's Home.

More than 70 guests enjoyed the beautiful piano recital by the talented Daniel Beliavsky, featuring works by Schubert, Litz and Chopin; and listened to a presentation of Heart's Home by Fr. Jacques Bagnoud, Swiss delegate of Heart's Home in India.

We thank all of the guests who could join us for this special evening, which will enable us to continue our mission.

Pianist Daniel Beliavsky and Agnes



Facts

- The first meeting of Ecclesial Movements and New Communities was called by Pope John Paul II for Pentecost 1998.
- The Pope and the Pontifical Council for the Laity invite all the international movements of the Catholic Church for several days of meeting ending up with large gathering on Saint Peter's square.
- Heart's Home is one of the youngest and smallest of the more than 100 movements and communities invited to attend this meeting.