

Intro Praise & Worship Commentary

Deacon Jack Sullivan Website

After much delay we have officially activated the Praise & Worship Commentary website containing several inspirational writings authored by Fr. Carlo Colonna SJ and Messianic Jewish Rabbi Stuart Dauermann, a believer in Jesus.

Individuals who have reflected over these commentaries have often said that these writings are ideal for everyday lay people giving us direction and growth in the journey of prayer life, helping to build a living relationship with God. Commentary # 14 posted on the website is a new one that was just received from Rabbi Benjamin Berger of Jerusalem. Rabbi Berger is an early member of the Messianic Jewish community who may have been one of the first Messianic Jews who individually met John Paul II to inform the Church of this extraordinary movement expanding throughout the world.

This website can also be considered as a study of praise and worship from the unique perspective of the two authors representing the world's most ancient Jewish and Catholic faith traditions.

As a point of reference this praise & worship project is the fruit of the Boston Catholic Messianic Jewish dialogue group that began in 2011 and now contains approximately 40 clergy, rabbis, and religious of whom Deacon Jack Sullivan is one of the members.

Through this dialogue group we have learned some extraordinary things that are little known to the public at large, such as the significant increase of Jewish believers in Jesus. Below are some interesting facts;

- Messianic Jewish congregations in Israel have more than tripled in number since the 1990's and now number more than 120 congregations (Kehiloth). There are more than 300 Messianic Jewish congregations in the USA. This level of witness hasn't occurred since the first and second century. (Source; TJCii) . Go to;

<http://tjcii.org/>

- As we continue on into the third millennium following the birth, death, and resurrection of our Lord, let us look forward to the growing Jewish witness to Jesus Christ, surely a great *sign of our time*. May it foreshadow the time, not too far off, when *all Israel* will recognize the Messiah, and our Lord will return (CCC 674).
David Moss, President, The Hebrew Catholic, Newsletter No. 94, Fall-Winter 2014. Go to;

<http://www.hebrewcatholic.net/>

It is interesting to note that over the past decade or so the Boston area has been blessed with a shower of some significant Vatican approved miracles....and we are all encouraged to reflect on the generosity of God who sends them. All you have to do is Google Boston Miracle; Emmanuel Charles McCarthy, Arthur (Artie) Boyle, Frank Kelley, or Jack Sullivan. It is often said that God sends these type gifts or other smaller graces to us as quick winks for those carefully focusing on Him.