

PENTECOST - MAY 31, 2020





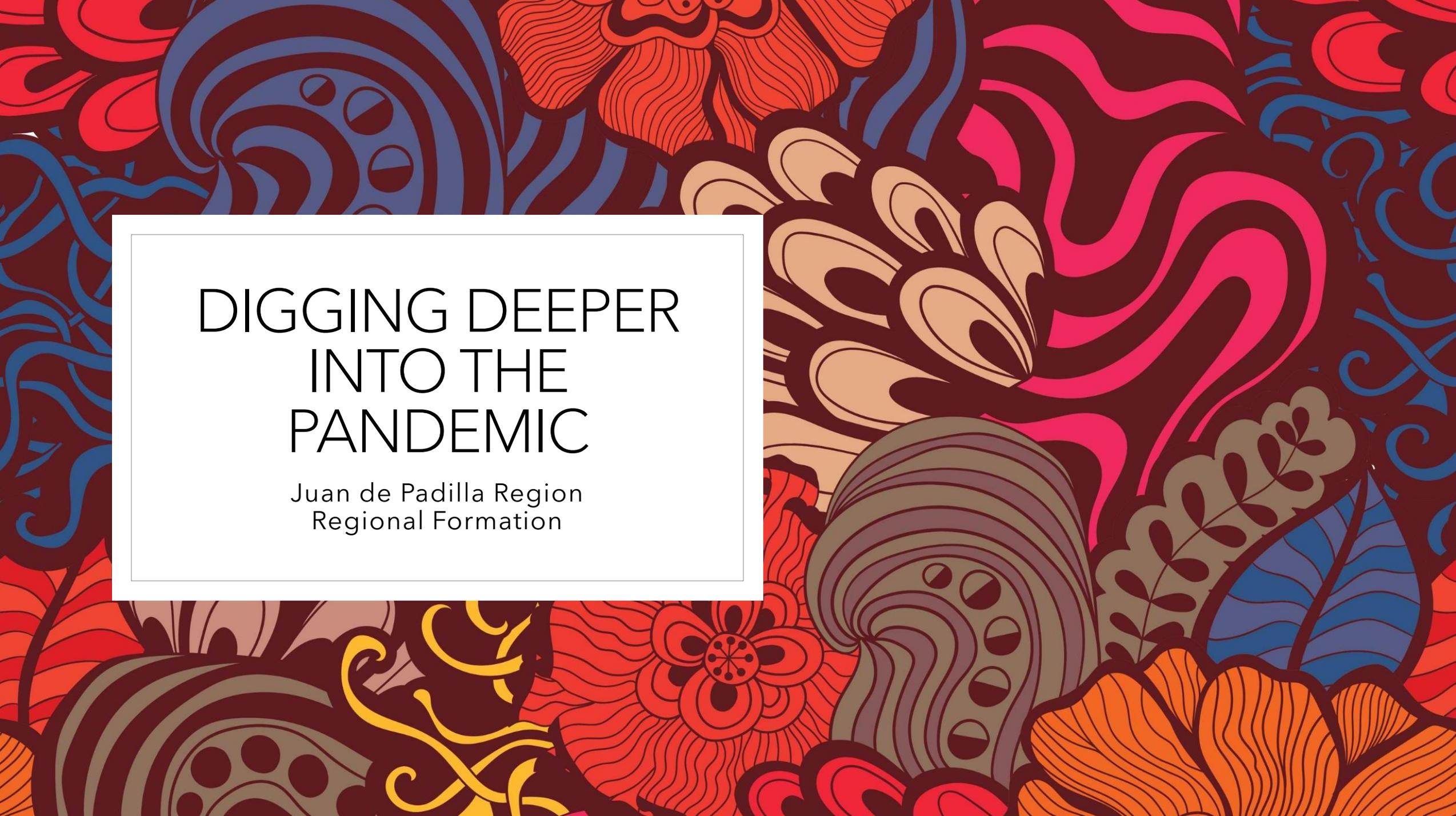
The Hebrew word *rûah* (commonly translated as breath, wind, spirit, or Spirit) occurs in the Hebrew scriptures/Old Testament 378 times—more frequently than Torah, Shalom, or Sabbath.

COME HOLY SPIRIT, COME

Prayer for the Seven Gifts of the Holy Spirit

O Lord Jesus Christ Who, before ascending into heaven did promise to send the Holy Spirit to finish Your work in the souls of Your Apostles and Disciples, deign to grant the same Holy Spirit to me that He may perfect in my soul, the work of Your grace and Your love. Grant me the Spirit of Wisdom that I may despise the perishable things of this world and aspire only after the things that are eternal, the Spirit of Understanding to enlighten my mind with the light of Your divine truth, the Spirit on Counsel that I may ever choose the surest way of pleasing God and gaining heaven, the Spirit of Fortitude that I may bear my cross with You and that I may overcome with courage all the obstacles that oppose my salvation, the Spirit of Knowledge that I may know God and know myself and grow perfect in the science of the Saints, the Spirit of Piety that I may find the service of God sweet and amiable, and the Spirit of Fear that I may be filled with a loving reverence towards God and may dread in any way to displease Him. Mark me, dear Lord with the sign of Your true disciples, and animate me in all things with Your Spirit. Amen.

Come Holy Spirit, come by means of the
Powerful Intercession of the Immaculate Heart of Mary, your well beloved spouse.



DIGGING DEEPER INTO THE PANDEMIC

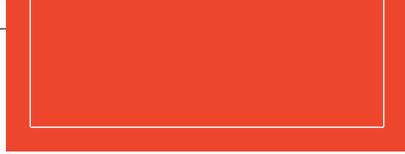
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Regional Formation

Digging Deeper Into the Pandemic

Goals:

1. Review present life under the pandemic
2. Discuss how the Pandemic might effect our future
3. How can we learn to build a stronger Church from this experience.





INTO THE DESERT

ADDICTIONS

AMERICA

MODERN CULTURE



Constant Stimulation

- Workaholism, desire to be productive



Control

- Deepest issue of American Culture
- Want to be in charge



Choice -

- Shopping, services, Friday penance choice

American Addictions

We have time now - How can we use our time?

Shortages - No longer can get what we want -

Hard for Americans to give up anything - Mass, Eucharist, freedom



A CERTAIN HEAVINESS

- Weariness
- Break out of old weaknesses
- Failures of charity
- Difficulties in prayer
- Disturbing dreams



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CHALLENGES



CHANGES TO OUR LIVES

- HOME - Families together, life has become more integrated
- JOBS - Lay offs, business closings
- SCHOOL - Parents "home school" children or participate in Virtual School - or no school at all
- CHURCH - Lack of Sacraments, Mass, Confession, donations down
- HUMAN INTERACTIONS - relationships with others, personal contact - handshakes, hugs
- Mental Health - Stress and Anxiety, increased drugs, alcoholism, verbal / physical abuse
- Hunger - Children who received 2 of their 3 meals at school - no longer
- Loss of security, financial resources
- Lack of sleep, increase of bad dreams
- Own Mortality -People thinking about evil more, death alone
- Delay of non-emergency medical treatments - Medical insurance inadequate
- Fear contamination, afraid to be with others, face masks, gloves, distancing

Media is Good – but can't expect it to do everything

Spiritual Life

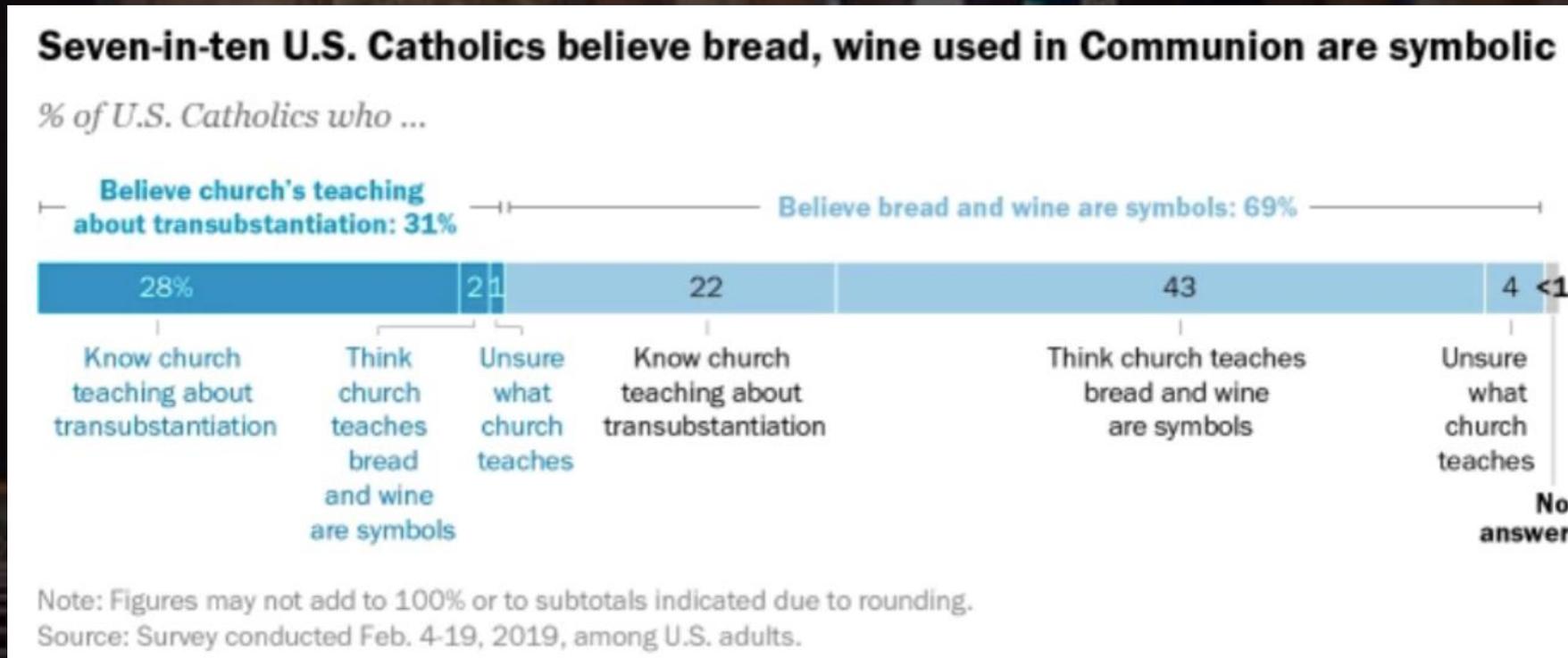
Media has allowed us to do things we might have not been able to do before

- Churches have quickly developed on-line Masses, Adoration, prayer, sacramental classes, spiritual direction classes, bible study,
- Conferences, Zoom, Youtube, Facebook, blogs, social media, group emails
- Free books, movies - streaming into your computer / TV
- Loss of attention span, boredom, over-stimulated, tired of watching

◦ Education - online

- Students finished semester through online course
 - Lack of hands on teaching/learning
 - Boredom, lack of attention span
 - Cheating very easy
 - Fear of falling behind
 - No socializing with peers
 - Some have decided not to attend college until they are sure that they will not have classes online.
 - Fear of contamination - large classes, crowds, cafeterias, labs
 - Dorms - not able to provide adequate social distancing

The Pew Research Center released [a new study](#) explaining that most Catholics in the United States believe the Eucharist is symbolic of Jesus' body and blood, rather than believing in the Real Presence of Jesus Christ under the forms of bread and wine.



The Church - Has Pandemic Revealed the Truth?

- A survey of all Catholics found that 70 percent of Catholics did not believe in the Real Presence of the Eucharist - after getting used to staying home - will they return?
- Eucharist without Confession - Can you receive the Eucharist in the state of mortal sin? What do we believe and practice.
- The Faith is not practiced in families. Children do not know the Faith

Changes in Mass Attendance

(England, Wales & USA between 2012 -2017)



Table 1

Annual average +/- percentage change in “typical Sunday” Mass attendance, between 2012 and 2017 (* 2012-16 data), in England and Wales, and 22 US (arch)dioceses

COUNTRY / STATE	(Arch)Diocese	Base level annual +/- change in “typical Sunday” Mass attendance
ENGLAND & WALES	<i>All*</i>	- 2.3 %
TEXAS	<i>Dallas</i>	+ 0.9 %
COLORADO	<i>Denver</i>	- 0.8 %
OHIO	<i>Steubenville</i>	- 1.4 %
OHIO	<i>Columbus</i>	- 1.5 %
IOWA	<i>Des Moines</i>	- 1.5 %
TEXAS	<i>San Antonio*</i>	- 1.6 %
FLORIDA	<i>Orlando</i>	- 1.6 %
MISSOURI	<i>Jefferson City</i>	- 1.8 %
IOWA	<i>Dubuque</i>	- 1.9 %
NEW JERSEY	<i>Trenton</i>	- 2.1 %
ILLINOIS	<i>Rockford</i>	- 2.2 %
NEW HAMPSHIRE	<i>Manchester</i>	- 2.2 %
ILLINOIS	<i>Chicago</i>	- 2.2 %
GEORGIA	<i>Savannah</i>	- 2.3 %
CALIFORNIA	<i>San Francisco</i>	- 2.5 %
NEW JERSEY	<i>Newark</i>	- 2.6 %
ILLINOIS	<i>Springfield</i>	- 2.9 %
WISCONSIN	<i>Milwaukee</i>	- 2.9 %
PENNSYLVANIA	<i>Philadelphia</i>	- 3.2 %
WISCONSIN	<i>Green Bay</i>	- 3.6 %
NEW YORK	<i>Rochester</i>	- 4.0 %
NEW YORK	<i>Ogdensburg</i>	- 5.7 %

Church Goers – Who are they?

(Catholicism in the time of Coronavirus by Stephen Bullivant)

People are dying

- ...40% of American Catholics who attend Mass weekly or more are over the age of 70, compared to just 20% of the population as a whole.
- This age group who are at most at risk of dying if they do contract the virus.
- Means that church communities (the same is true for many non-Catholic churches too) will be hit harder, perhaps even several times harder, than the "US average."

Immigration slows down

- Historically, in America, 1st and 2nd generation immigrants have been major church goers
- Pandemic has caused borders to close slowing down immigration, effecting church attendance/growth

Creatures of Habit

- Old habits may die hard, but once dead, they're hard to revive too.
- People who attended Mass out of habit may find that staying home is now their habit

Education

- At least 100 Catholic Schools are closing permanently - affecting 50,000 students (Huffington Post) - due to job loss, and fear that there will not be another job, canceled spring fundraisers, in-person services, church offertory collections....(the Loop, Catholic Vote 5/20/20)
- Possibility that 40 percent of families will continue to home school their children (WorldNet Daily)
- Many Colleges and Universities are struggling to stay open. Students reluctant to return not wanting the possibility of having to return home with online classes. No safe campus experience.

What have we Learned?

- Civilization is fragile
- Nothing is stable
- We are interdependent
- We can no longer take things or people for granted



After the Pandemic - Coming Out Stronger

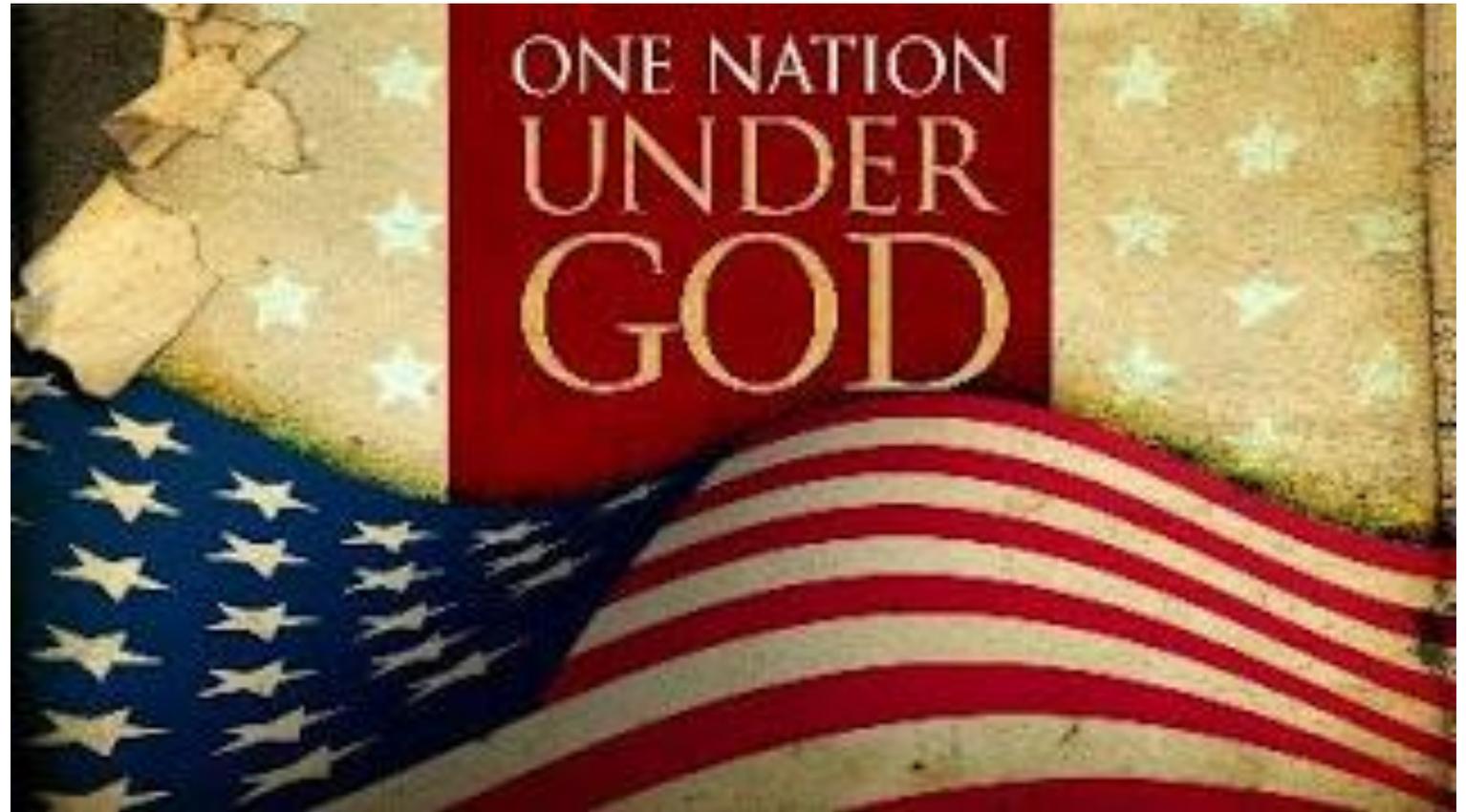


True conversion—the metanoia that Jesus talks about—is so much more than moral reform, though it includes that. It has to do with a complete shift in consciousness, a whole new way of looking at one’s life. ~ Bishop Robert Barron

Where is God in all of this?

America Lost

- Religious Americans have long grieved for a nation that has abandoned God and His law.
- Lamented the disorder of our customs, sexual mores and culture.
- Watched the painful disintegration of our families, communities and churches.





Hosea

Come back to me with all your heart.
Don't let fear keep us apart.
Trees do bend, 'though straight and tall;
so must we to others' call.

Long have I waited for your coming home to me
and living deeply our new life.

The wilderness will lead you
to your heart where I will speak.
Integrity and justice,
With tenderness, you shall know.

Long have I waited for your coming home to me
and living deeply our new life.

You shall sleep secure with peace;
faithfulness will be your joy.

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and living deeply our new life.

Hosea 6:1, 3:3, 2:16,21; Joel 2:12
Gregory Norbet

RECLAIMING OUR LAND

– Joshua

*"I will give you every place
where you put your foot"*

RECONSECRATING
OUR HOMES, LAND TO
UNITED HEARTS

CONSECRATIONS TO:

- ST JOSEPH,
- GOD THE FATHER,
- IMMACULATE HEART
OF MARY AND
SACRED HEART
OF JESUS

DISCOVER OR REDISCOVER
THE ONE, HOLY, CATHOLIC, AND APOSTOLIC CHURCH



Your Ideas, thoughts

Was this coronavirus a warning?

What are you more aware of now?

Do we need to change?

As Franciscans, what can we do personally and fraternally?

Need to catechize Catholics

Expand time for Confession - very limited now

[://churchpop.com/2019/08/07/new-study-finds-70-of-u-s-catholics-do-not-believe-in-jesus-real-presence-in-the-eucharist/](http://churchpop.com/2019/08/07/new-study-finds-70-of-u-s-catholics-do-not-believe-in-jesus-real-presence-in-the-eucharist/)

VACCINE THOUGHTS – Radio Maria - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7BHYaiM2AZs&feature=youtu.be>

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They must be careful not to be angry or disturbed at the sin of another, for anger and disturbance impede charity in themselves and in Others. ~St. Francis of Assisi, *The Later Rule*