



**Cardinal Gibbons Assembly 783**  
**Newsletter**  
**August 2012**



**MEETING LOCATION CHANGE:**

Due to construction at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic Church Hall our Assembly Meeting scheduled for August 19, 2012 at 2:30 PM will be moved to St. Michael the Archangel Maronite Catholic Church Hall, 806 Arsenal Avenue, Fayetteville, NC 28305.

**MEETING SURVEY**

On the Assembly Website is a survey concerning our meeting date and time. The goal of the survey is to find out if a new time will work out better for the membership to attend meetings. The survey is at: <http://cardinalgibbonsassembly783.weebly.com/meeting-survey.html>.

**4TH DEGREE EXEMPLIFICATION**

The next Fourth Degree Exemplification will be held on Saturday, October 20, 2012, at the Embassy Suites Hotel Greensboro, NC. Further information is available in the June 2012 edition of *The Golden Plume* at <http://www.kofcnc.org/FOURTH%20DEGREE/Newsletters/2012/04MN0612.pdf>. Instructions for candidates are available on the State website at <http://kofcnc.org/FOURTH%20DEGREE/2008Exemplification.htm>.

**PRIEST SAYS IPADS, TABLETS NO SUBSTITUTE FOR MISSALETTES**

Rome, Italy, Aug 10, 2012 / 04:05 pm (CNA) – In a recent blog post, Father Antonio Spadaro, known as the Vatican’s “cyber theologian,” said that devices such as iPads, smart phones and tablets should not be used instead of missalettes at Mass.

It is “unimaginable that an iPad or a laptop would be carried in procession, or that a monitor would be incensed and kissed during the liturgy,” Fr. Spadaro said.

The liturgy, he explained, is “the bastion of resistance” against the separation of the written word from the ink on the page. “The page remains the ‘body’ of a text,” he underscored.

A member of the Pontifical Council for Communications, Fr. Spadaro wrote in his blog about the decision of the Bishops’ Conference of New Zealand to deny the request by several priests for permission to allow mobile devices to be used at Mass.

He noted that while apps such as iBreviary are making it easier to pray the Liturgy of the Hours or follow the liturgical readings of the day, “The pages of the Gospel remain an integral part of the ritual action of the Christian community.”

He noted that the Council of Trent embraced the technological advances of the day, including the printing press, “and allowed for the creation of useful editions for the creation of a truly global liturgy, that is, uniform in all dioceses and parishes.”

A study carried out by the Pontifical University of the Holy Cross and the University of Logano in 2010, with the support of the Congregation for the Clergy, showed that 17.5 percent of the world’s priests used the internet at least once per day to pray the liturgy of the hours, while up to 36 percent did so at least once a week.

From: Catholic News Agency:

<http://www.catholicnewsagency.com/news/priest-says-ipads-tablets-no-substitute-for-missalettes/>

## **PURGATORY**

By Chris Cooper

Where does the term Purgatory come from? It is not mentioned by name in the Bible. The name, Purgatory, comes from Latin, “purgare”, to make clean or to purify. Does the Bible support the concept of Purgatory? Yes, it does.

First, what is Purgatory? According to Pope John Paul II in his discussion, *Heaven, Hell and Purgatory*, “...the term purgatory does not indicate a place, but a condition of existence, where Christ removes ... the remnants of imperfection...”<sup>1</sup> Purgatory is the condition Christ uses to cleanse us of venial sin so we can achieve a state of perfection.

Now for the question, “Does the Bible support the concept of Purgatory?”

The first passage to consider is 2 Machabees 12:46, “It is therefore a holy and wholesome thought to pray for the dead, that they may be loosed from sins.”<sup>2</sup> The Israeli commander, Judas, prays and makes atonement for his fallen troops. His hope is God will cleanse or purify them from sin.

The second passage for review is Matthew 12:32, “And whoever speaks a word against the Son of Man will be forgiven; but whoever speaks against the holy Spirit will not be forgiven, either in this age or in the age to come.”<sup>3</sup> Christ is speaking of this life and passage into the next life. He is pointing out some sin (venial) will be cleansed after passage into the next life.

The third passage for us to ponder is 1 Corinthians 3:15 “If any man’s work burn, he shall suffer loss: but he himself shall be saved, yet so as by fire.”<sup>4</sup> St. Paul refers to venial sin as “man’s work” and fire as the cleansing agent. Christ uses the condition of Purgatory to burn or purify sin from our souls.

In case you run into any of our diehard Evangelical brethren who still want to argue the point about Purgatory remind them the term “Rapture” never appears in the Bible either.

<sup>1</sup> *Heaven, Hell and Purgatory*, Pope John II, <http://www.ewtn.com/library/papaldoc/jp2heavn.htm>.

<sup>2</sup> *The Holy Bible*, Douay-Rheims Edition, 2 Machabees 12:46, page 959.

<sup>3</sup> *New American Bible*, St Joseph Edition, Mathew 12:32, page 30.

<sup>4</sup> *The Holy Bible*, Douay-Rheims Edition, 1 Corinthians 3:15, page 168.

## **IN MEMORIAM:**

Please keep in your prayers for the repose of the souls of:



**Sir Knight William “Bill” Lund** (U.S. Army Ret. MSG)



**Father Edward J. Kita** (U.S. Army Ret. Lt. Col.)  
September 14, 1925 – June 17, 2012