

The Our Lady of Guadalupe Silver Rose Run 2010

We were blessed to have the Knights of Columbus present the Our Lady of Guadalupe Silver Rose before an image of Our Lady of Guadalupe during EWTN's televised Mass on Sunday September 19, 2010. Fr. Anthony Mary, MFVA, celebrated the Mass and explained to the EWTN Family the history of the Silver Rose during his homily.

The Silver Rose is a symbol of the unity among the peoples in the Americas and of our commitment to the protection of all human life. The rose, which had been blessed by the Holy Father, has been carried over the course of months from Canada through the United States. The presentation at EWTN was just one stop on the long journey in the annual Knights of Columbus event that started in May, and will end at the rose's final destination at the Basilica of Our Lady of Guadalupe in Mexico City for her feast on December 12.

The Silver Rose Program began in 1960 as a project to honor Our Lady of Guadalupe, Patroness of the Americas, who is now declared as the patroness of the pro-life movement. In 2001, the Knights expanded the program by beginning the "Running of the Rose" from



Canada to Mexico through the United States each year.

Supreme Knight Carl A. Anderson said, "The Running of the Rose is a perfect program for the Knights of Columbus, through it we honor not only Our Lady of Guadalupe, but we also reaffirm the Knights' dedication to the sanctity of human life. It is to the Blessed Mother that we turn in prayer as we work to end the Culture of Death that grips our society. As we think in terms of 'One Life, One Rose,' it is most appropriate that we turn to Our Lady of Guadalupe who made known her will through Juan Diego and the miracle of the roses."



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"May it please Thee O Lord to reward with eternal life, all those who do good to us for the sake of Thy Holy Name"



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As Franciscan Missionaries of the Eternal Word, we are a religious order of Priests and Brothers, founded by Mother Mary Angelina, B.C.P.A., in 1887, who are seeking to live an authentic renewal of consecrated life in the Franciscan tradition. Living in obedience, without anything of our own and in chastity, we share a common life of prayer before the exposed Blessed Sacrament and in Total Consecration to the Mother of God according to St. Louis Marie de Montfort. As consecrated lives, we bear our cross in religion of various Saints or Blessed as well as Our Blessed Mother's. We are dedicated to the work of evangelization - preaching and teaching the Catholic Faith as well as seek out the lost and make known to all men the love and salvation of Jesus Christ. "The lost I will seek out, the strayed I will bring back." - Ezekiel 34:6

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Do You Love Me?

After the Resurrection, Jesus appeared to the Apostles on the shore. He directed them on how to catch numerous fish. After following His direction and catching a great number of fish, "Peter and the Apostles climbed out on shore, they saw a charcoal fire..."

John is the only one in his gospel who uses the word "charcoal fire." This is the second time he uses that word. The first time was a reference when Peter was warming his hands with some soldiers and maidens over the charcoal fire shortly after Jesus was captured. For Peter, seeing that charcoal fire, perhaps reminded him about the prediction Jesus made about him: "before a cock crowed you would have denied Me three times." And we know that prediction came true. And how sorry he was after he had done it.

The Merciful Jesus gives him a chance to make that up by asking him questions three times whether he loves Him or not. And all three times, Peter responded with his yes.

The English version doesn't really tell us what's happening in that dialogue between Jesus and Peter. Because in our language, there is only



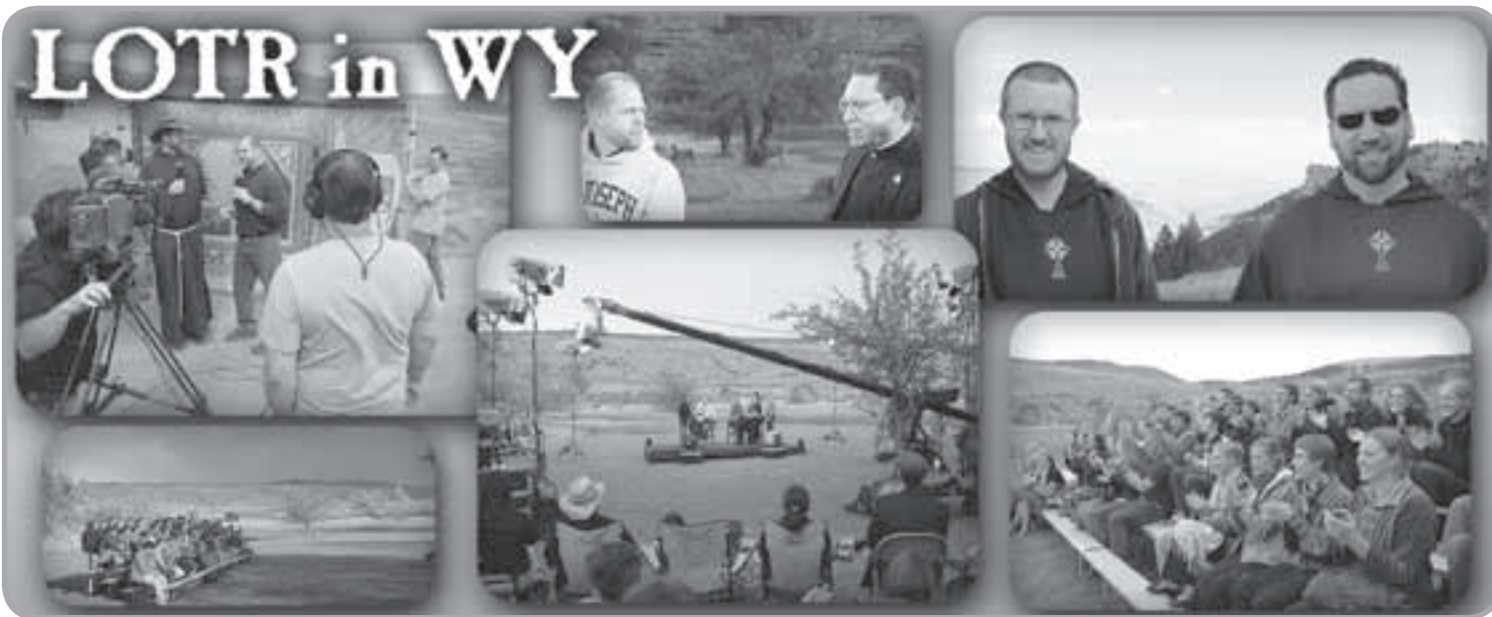
one word for "love"! Often times, when one language is translated to another language, it loses its real meaning. This is one example that the English does not and could not capture the original Greek language in the New Testament.

In Greek, there are several words for "love." One word is "filio." This is the love of friendship. It's a tender love but not the all-en-

compassing kind. Another word is "agapao." This love is more intense than the love of friendship. This is the love without reserve. It's a total and unconditional love. This is the kind of love Our Lord has for each of us — without reserve, total, and unconditional love. This is the highest degree of love — the agape love.

So when Jesus asked Peter the question the first time, He used the word "agapao" for love. But when Peter answered Him, he did not use the same word. He used the lesser degree of love that is "filio" which means the love of friendship. So the dialogue would be something like this: Simon, Son of John, do you love Me without reserve with total and unconditional love? And Peter would say: Yes, Lord, you know that I love you with my poor human love, tender love but not total and not unconditional. The second question, Jesus did the same thing; and Peter answered the same way as before. The third time, though, Jesus switched the use of the word "love". He used what Peter used, the lesser degree of love, the love of friendship: Simon, do you love me with a poor human

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Fr. Mark, Br. Pio, & an EWTN Crew went to Wyoming Catholic College for a 90-minute production of *Life on the Rock On The Road* on September 9, 2010. Fr. Mark & Br. Pio were able to take some time to go hiking in the mountains of WY in between shooting some skits, and b-roll for the show itself.

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love, tender, but not total and not unconditional?

At this point, Simon understands that his poor love is enough for Jesus. It is the only one of which he is capable. Simon Peter is grieved that the Lord spoke to him in this way. He replies: Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you tenderly with my poor human love but not total and unconditional.

By pondering Our Lord's dialogue with Peter, we realize that Jesus has put himself on the level of Peter, rather than Peter on the level of Jesus! Our Holy Father, Pope Benedict, said: "It is exactly this divine conformity that gives hope to the Disciple, who experienced the pain of infidelity. From here is born the trust that makes him able to follow Him to the end."

Before, he used to rely solely on his own strength. Jesus prophesied to the Apostles how they will all run away because of Him. Peter, relying on his own strength and not really knowing what he's saying, said: I will not deny you; I will die for you! Now he knows that he can't really say that anymore because of the fact that he did deny Our Lord three times just like He said he would. Peter knows he's too weak apart from the Lord. Not relying on his own strength anymore but in the Lord, he was able to follow Christ to the end. He did give up his life for the sake of Christ. He even told those who crucified him that he's not worthy to die exactly like his Lord. So, he requested to be

crucified upside down. And that's how he was martyred. And the Lord predicted by what death he was to glorify God when He describes to him about when you're young, you dress yourself and go wherever you want to go; but when you're older, someone else dresses you and leads you where you do not want to go.

The boldness of Peter after his experience of triple denial gives us courage. As Pope Benedict XVI mentions about his patron, "Peter followed the Master with the precise awareness of his own fragility; but this understanding did not discourage him. Indeed, he knew that he could count on the presence of the Risen One beside him. From the naïve enthusiasm of initial acceptance, passing through the sorrowful experience of denial and the weeping of conversion, Peter succeeded in entrusting himself to that Jesus who adapted Himself to his poor capacity of love. And in this way, he shows us the way, notwithstanding all of our weakness. We know that Jesus adapts himself to this weakness of ours."

Like Peter, we are too weak to love Jesus as He loves us - totally and unconditionally. Yet, we can place our confidence in the Lord who longs to receive our love no matter how weak or how little. We love you, Jesus! Make our love like yours, O Lord!

Fr. Miguel Marie, MFVA



Fr. Joseph, Br. Paul, and Br. Justin, visited the PCPA Nuns in Phoenix to help them move from their temporary location in Black Canyon City (North of Phoenix) to their permanent location in Tonapah (West of Phoenix). The nuns just completed the first phase of their monastery construction, and are moving to their house located near their recently completed chapel. The friars also had the opportunity to climb a few mountains and visit the Grand Canyon while they were in Arizona.



On Saturday September 25th, EWTN held an annual Family Picnic on the grounds of the network. EWTN employees, their families, and the friars were invited to come for an afternoon of hamburgers, hot dogs, ice cream, and all sorts of activities, which included caricature drawings, inflatable rides, and pony rides. It was an opportunity for all involved with EWTN to come together to have a fun time with the network family.