

The Catholic Church of the
Immaculate Conception

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Parish Office Hours

Monday: Noon to 4:00 pm
Tuesday-Friday: 9:00 am to 4:00 pm
Saturday & Sunday: Closed

Mass Schedule

Daily Mass: Monday - Saturday at 8:00 am
First Friday Mass & Devotion: 8:00 am

Sunday Masses

Saturday Vigil: 5:15 P.M.
Sunday Morning: 8:30, 10:00, 11:30 A.M.
Sunday Evening: 5:15 P.M.

Holy Day Masses: 8 A.M., 7:00 P.M.

Penance: For daily Mass goes 7:30 AM, For Parish on Saturday: 4:30 to 5:00 P.M., and by appointment

Baptisms & RCIA: *By appointment only.* Please email Deacon Fitzmorris at rfitzmor@diocese-sdiego.org.

Weddings: By appointment only. Arrangements must be made at least **one year** in advance. Please contact the office

Funerals: *For arrangements, please call the parish office.*



History of Immaculate Conception Parish

It was here in Old Town that Father Junipero Serra celebrated his First Holy Mass in California on July 2, 1769, near the site of the present Immaculate Conception Church, and it was on the hill overlooking Old Town that he planted the cross which marked the site of the Mission and the Presidio.

In 1849, the first parish church was established in Old Town with the name of Immaculate Conception and was dedicated in 1858. It still stands and is known as the Old Adobe Chapel on Conde Street. The cornerstone to the present Immaculate Conception Church was laid in 1868 under the direction of Father Antonio Ubach. With the population swing toward the south, it was not until July 6, 1919, that the church was dedicated by Archbishop John J. Cantwell of Los Angeles.

WE PRAY

MASS INTENTIONS

11	8 AM	<i>Easter Weekday</i> Mother's Day Novena	MT
12	8 AM	<i>Ss. Nereus and Achilleus; St. Pancras</i> Mother's Day Novena	RE
13	8 AM	<i>Our Lady of Fatima</i> Mother's Day Novena	RE
14	8 AM	<i>St. Matthias</i> Mother's Day Novena	MT
15	8 AM	<i>St. Isidore</i> Mother's Day Novena	RE
16	8 AM	<i>Easter Weekday</i> Mother's Day Novena	RP
	5:15 PM	†Louis Meade	RP
17	8:30 AM	Marie Wagner, SI	RP
	10:00 AM	†Kenneth Francis	RE
	11:30 AM	†William Kennedy	RE
	5:15 PM	Mother's Day Novena	RP

APOSTLESHIP OF PRAYER

May: Intentions of the Holy Father

Universal: That, rejecting the culture of indifference, we may care for our neighbors who suffer, especially the sick and the poor.

Evangelization: That Mary's intercession may help Christians in secularized cultures be ready to proclaim Jesus.

PRAY: SEMINARIANS IN THEOLOGY

3rd	David Exner North American College Rome,
3rd	Brian Frice Mt. Angel Seminary OR
4th	Bernardo Lara Mt. Angel Seminary, OR
1st	Oscar Lopez, Mt. Angel Seminary OR
2nd	Nathan McWeeney Mt. Angel Seminary OR
1st	Eric Tamayo North American College Rome
3rd	Corey Tufford North American College Rome,
3rd	Derek Twilliger Mt. Angel Seminary OR
3rd	Billy Zondler, Mt. Angel Seminary, OR

PRAY FOR OUR PRIESTS

11	Rev. Patrick Wainwright, MC
12	Rev. Cavanaugh Wallace
13	Rev. Raymundus Wea, SVD
14	Rev. Thomas West, OFM
15	Rev. Robert White
16	Rev. Michael White, CSSp
17	Rev. Neal Wilkinson, SJ

PRAY THE SCRIPTURES

Monday: Acts 16:11-15; Ps 149:1-9; Jn 15:26-16:4
 Tuesday: Acts 16:22-34; Ps 138:1-8; Jn 16:5-11
 Wednesday: Acts 17:15-18:1; Ps 148:1-14; Jn 16:12-15
 Thursday: Acts 1:15-26; Ps 113:1-8; Jn 15:9-17
 Friday: Acts 18:9-18; Ps 47:2-7; Jn 16:20-23
 Saturday: Acts 18:23-28; Ps 47:2-10; Jn 16:23-28

PRAY FOR THE SICK

Jesus, we ask you to bring your peace and healing touch to those who are ill, afraid or worried. Amen

Esther Fitch,	Tony Jenkins,
Lydia Castillo Herrera	Peter Nalwalker,
Margaret Kelly,	Bob Witt,
Patricia Kennedy,	Frank Garay,
Dorothy Kleint,	Connor Domsitz,
Deena Marchiano,	Frances Garcia,
Dena Mendoza,	Michael Blase Ambuul,
Jean Miller,	Socorro Pacheco,
Patricia O'Grady,	Linda Lee,
Lupe Riccio,	Joan Busalacchi,
Mary Jane Tiernan,	Amparo Valenzuela,
Marguerite Vorst,	Robby Witt,
Marie Whitman,	Phyllis Altomare,
Martha Zamudio,	Denise Cooney,
Carlos Amaya,	Alicia Ambrose,
Fred Levine,	Shirley Pearson,
Mike Rodriguez,	Diego Cárdenas.
Lisa Becerra,	Inez Cerda Bull
Maguire Fitzpatrick,	Joanne Mangiamelli

PRAY FOR OUR DEPLOYED MILITARY

Jesus, protect all who serve our country.

Sgt. Ahmed John Alexander,	Robert Clinton Long, MC2,
Natalie Augustine,	Sgt. Adriana Matizel,
Major Jerry Bloomquist,	Wendell Miculob,
Col. Mike Bodkin,	LTJG Joe F. Moralez, USN;
Danny Carpenter, USMC,	LCPL Matthew A. Pena,
LTJG Joseph Colangelo, USN,	Sgt. Richard Pierce,
Cpl. Samuel James Comer,	Sgt. William Paul Powers and
Daniel Dinglebeck, USN, PFC,	Cinco,
David Eley, USMC,	CPL Wilson Santiago;
Micah Emery,	Alfred Tello,
Sgt. Christopher Escalona,	Ricky Thibeault,
Capt. Pedro Esquivel,	Tony Tullos,
1Lt. Cortez Fabia,	PFC Travis Vliet; & 3rd
Juan Carlos Galazza,	Marine Aircraft Wing.
SSGT. Vincent Charles Lucario,	

†PRAY FOR OUR DECEASED†

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace Amen.

Kianna Meade,	Laura Marks,
Julia M. Ocampos,	Alvin Weaver,
Ernie Proo,	William Bethel,
Joan Schmittin,	Lillian Sinclair,
Karina Sosa,	Olga Hritz,
Clyde Southern, Jr.,	Imelda Hoeckelmann,
Mariana S. Tadena,	Angelina Olivarez,
William Kennedy,	Alice Perry,
Robert McMahan,	Joseph Moreno,
David Diaz,	Louie Serrano,
Margie Gautier,	Gustavo Sosa,
Patrick Piggot,	Floyd Watson
Rodney Serrano,	Iola Torre
Concepción Garza,	Thomas Briggs
Richard Solís Moreno,	Emilie Graham

A LIFEBOAT FOR A SINKING SOCIETY

—Stephen J. Kovacs, serves on the humanities faculty of Western Governors University.

FROM THE PASTOR

Society and Sanity. By Frank Sheed.

Frank Sheed had many rare gifts that combined to make him one of the great Catholic apologists of the twentieth century. Among his many noteworthy achievements is an extensive list of books on all major areas of Catholic thought, each written with his characteristic clarity, wit, and academic expertise. *Society and Sanity*, an overview of Catholic anthropology and social and political philosophy, is perhaps his most acclaimed work. First published in 1953 and recently re-issued by Ignatius Press, it is just as relevant today as it was sixty years ago. Then as now, a major cause of our social problems is that we are ignorant of the fundamental principles of human nature and society. In this book, a true classic, Sheed explains these principles so that we can learn once again “how to live well together.”

The central thesis of the book is that in order to treat man correctly we must first know what he is. To see man as anything other than what he is would be insanity. As individuals and as a society, we must strive for sanity, which consists in “seeing what *is*, living in the reality of things.” This sounds simple enough, and in a sense it is, but unfortunately *insanity* is the norm today. We take others for granted and try desperately to avoid having to answer the question of what man is, but the question is unavoidable. In our current state of insanity, the human person is exceedingly vulnerable to abuse. It is fashionable these days to appeal to an endless list of human rights for our own protection, but until we know what man is, who is to say that we actually have these rights? Thus, Sheed says, “The first of the rights of man is to be treated as what he is.”

Our ancestors had a much better understanding of what man is. They knew that man is made in the image of God, possesses an immortal spirit, and is redeemed by Christ. These fundamental ideas about man are what truly civilized the Western world and earned it the name “Christian.” Our only hope of restoring some sanity to society, and rebuilding our civilization, lies in a return to these ideas.

Man is made in God’s image and is therefore a spiritual being; he has permanence and an unchangeable identity, having been made by God for eternal union with Him. While man is spiritual, he is also bodily. It is a perennial difficulty for man to accept himself as a composite of body and soul, and he usually overemphasizes one element to the detriment of the other. Although the spirit of man is primary, the body too is essential and sacred. Only Christianity truly embraces the total reality of man as an “organic compound” of spirit and matter.

Western civilization was founded on the idea that it was God who created man and the universe — an idea firmly rooted in observable reality. Since God is the Creator of man, human rights flow from the dignity of man’s God-given nature. Even the pre-Christian pagans, by reason alone, came to a realization of the dignity of man — a dignity that demands reverence. It is Christ’s redemptive sacrifice on the cross, however, that allows us to appreciate man’s full dignity, for Christianity teaches the fundamental truth that “every man has value simply for being man.” As a society today, we are in the habit of treating others as things instead of persons with intrinsic worth, and at this point we are so accustomed to doing so that we rarely even notice the many modern attacks on human dignity, let alone stand up in its defense. “To use God’s name without reverence is normally a lesser profanity compared with using God’s image without reverence,” Sheed explains. “God is more vulnerable in the living man made in His likeness than in the sound by which men have chosen to name Him.”

As crucial as it is to have this proper metaphysical understanding of man, it is not enough to know man in his essence and by definitions alone; we must also know man as he really exists. We all experience man a little differently, but we can all agree on this fact: Man is at once “damaged and free.” Even without the dogma of original sin, we can tell that human nature is seriously wounded, with all its faculties distorted and inclining us to a “diseased craving for the irrational.” It is just as evident that man has freedom, which is why he is so unpredictable. Man can, and often does, choose lesser goods over greater ones, even to the point of rejecting God — the supreme good. Human freedom, when misused, disconnects man from reality and introduces innumerable evils into society.

In the social order, it is imperative to take the essential and existential aspects of man into account. To do so is not to compare the ideal of man with the fact of man. Both are facts. “We must try to restore man to the kind of being he essentially is; and we must try to restore him by means that take account of his nature,” Sheed writes. This is true reverence for man. Man, whether he realizes it or not, is, like all other creatures, subject to the laws of the universe promulgated by God. To know and live according to these laws affords man the greatest freedom and happiness possible, for these laws are part of the very structure of his being, and they orient him toward God. The moral laws, in particular, involve the totality of man and “tell us how to handle ourselves harmoniously with reality.” Unlike the physical laws, however, the moral laws must be taught to us by God Himself because they are more difficult to learn and more necessary to be known.

According to Sheed, all the commandments and prohibitions of the moral law can be reduced to “one single principle of action, love.” Love, in essence, is not an emotion, as is commonly thought, but willing the good of others. “The one thing that can bring love, like reverence, is the realization that God loved all men enough to become man and die for them on Calvary.” —continued on page 7

AROUND THE PARISH

Gifts of Treasure

With gratitude for the gifts we have received, parishioners and visitors made a joyful return to the Lord..

May 3, 2015

Total Collection: \$5,093.77
Envelopes: \$3663.00 Plate: \$1430.77
Total contributing households: 95

5:15 Sat	\$ 750.24
8:30 Sun	\$1338.05
10:00 Sun	\$ 884.27
11:30 Sun	\$ 716.00
5:15 Sun	\$ 793.21
Mailed	\$612.00

EXPENSES

April 27-May 1, 2015

Cable	\$92.16
Diocesan Tax	\$4269.14
Health Insurance	\$1515.00
Ministry Supplies	\$605.50
Music Ministry	\$ 600.00
Office Supplies	\$129.48
Payroll (incl. tax)	\$2992.79
Payroll Service	\$46.45
Pension	\$364.96
Waste Disposal	\$369.59
Worker's Comp	\$123.66

Total: \$11,108.73

FAMILY CATECHESIS

Continues on **May 17** from 9:45 - 10:45. Immaculate Conception offers Family Catechesis in the brides' room of the hall to prepare children and parents the faith. Classes meet every two weeks

WELCOME TO IMMACULATE CONCEPTION!

To register at the parish, please fill out the form below, and drop it in the basket or call the office at 295-4141.

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 STREET _____
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 PHONE _____



Pray the Rosary in May



2015 Baptism Schedule

June 01 Class
June 07 Baptisms
 (see ic-sandiego.org for more dates)

MADE IN HIS IMAGE

The less beauty the soul has, the more it needs to decorate the body. Excessive luxury of dress and vain display of external beauty are signs of the nakedness of the soul. The beauty of the King's daughter is from within.

—*Archbishop Fulton Sheen*

...from the Office of Young Adult Ministry

XLT: Adoration, Praise and Worship
Friday, May 15th 7-8:30pm at
Good Shepherd Catholic Church

Gather with young adults from all over San Diego for XLT (short for "Exalt"), night of Adoration, Prayer, Reflection, and Praise & Worship. Music will be led by a team of young adult musicians from different parishes across the Diocese. Come to know Christ in the Blessed Sacrament and be transformed in your encounter with the living God! For more info, contact Jeannie at jeannie.v.nguyen@gmail.com

Rock 'n Roll Marathon
Coming Sunday, May 31

Flyers with alternate routes will be provided the weekend of May 23-24

Marriage Programs

Marriage Encounter: Renew your relationship.
 May 29-31, 2015
 To register, call Mike or Anita at 619-445-0564 or apply online at wwme-sandiego.org

AROUND THE PARISH

<u>Parish Calendar</u>		
May		
12	Gentle Stretch Class	5:00 p.m.
13	Choir Practice	5:30 p.m.
16	Evangelization:East and West	10:00 a.m.
17	Parish Pancake Breakfast Know Your Parish Sunday	9:30 a.m.
19	Gentle Stretch Class	5:00 p.m.
20	Choir Practice	5:30 p.m.
24	Building Fund Collection	
25	Memorial Day Observed Parish Office closed	
26	Gentle Stretch Class	5:00 p.m.
27	Choir Practice	5:30 p.m.
31	Rock 'n Roll Marathon	5:30 a.m.
June		
01	I.C. Seniors Luncheon	11:00 a.m.
02	Gentle Stretch Class Pastoral Council (closed meeting)	5:00 p.m. 6:00 p.m.
03	Choir Practice	5:30 p.m.
09	Gentle Stretch Class	5:00 p.m.
10	Choir Practice	5:30 p.m.
12	Vespers	7:00 p.m.
13	Traditional Latin Mass	10:00 a.m.
14	Parish Registration Sunday Parish Pancake Breakfast	9:30 a.m.
16	Gentle Stretch Class	5:00 p.m.
17	Choir Practice	5:30 p.m.
21	Quarters and Cans Sunday	
23	Gentle Stretch Class	5:00 p.m.
24	Choir Practice	5:30 p.m.
27	Missionary Coop Plan Sunday	

Centering Prayer Group

The group is now meeting at St. Brigid parish until further notice. For information, contact Bernie Kleinke at 619-297-4437.

MOTHER'S DAY

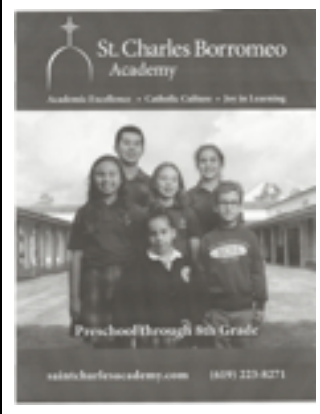
May God bless all mothers who have conceived children in the womb; may He bless mothers who have given birth to children; may He bless mothers who sacrificed their lives in raising children.

SECOND VATICAN COUNCIL: LUMEN GENTIUM

THE MYSTERY OF THE CHURCH

... 11. Those who approach the sacrament of Penance obtain pardon from the mercy of God for the offense committed against Him and are at the same time reconciled with the Church, which they have wounded by their sins, and which by charity, example, and prayer seeks their conversion. By the sacred anointing of the sick and the prayer of her priests the whole Church commends the sick to the suffering and glorified Lord, asking that He may lighten their suffering and save them; she exhorts them, moreover, to contribute to the welfare of the whole people of God by associating themselves freely with the passion and death of Christ. Those of the faithful who are consecrated by Holy Orders are appointed to feed the Church in Christ's name with the word and the grace of God. Finally, Christian spouses, in virtue of the sacrament of Matrimony, whereby they signify and partake of the mystery of that unity and fruitful love which exists between Christ and His Church, help each other to attain to holiness in their married life and in the rearing and education of their children. By reason of their state and rank in life they have their own special gift among the people of God. From the wedlock of Christians there comes the family, in which new citizens of human society are born, who by the grace of the Holy Spirit received in baptism are made children of God, thus perpetuating the people of God through the centuries. The family is, so to speak, the domestic church. In it parents should, by their word and example, be the first preachers of the faith to their children; they should encourage them in the vocation which is proper to each of them, fostering with special care vocation to a sacred state.

PARISH & COMMUNITY



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EVANGELII GAUDIUM- Pope Francis

56. Behind this attitude lurks a rejection of ethics and a rejection of God. Ethics has come to be viewed with a certain scornful derision. It is seen as counterproductive, too human, because it makes money and power relative. It is felt to be a threat, since it condemns the manipulation and debasement of the person. In effect, ethics leads to a God who calls for a committed response which is outside the categories of the market- place. When these latter are absolutized, God can only be seen as uncontrollable, unmanageable, even dangerous, since he calls human beings to their full realization and to freedom from all forms of enslavement. Ethics – a non-ideological ethics – would make it possible to bring about balance and a more humane social order. With this in mind, I encourage financial experts and political leaders to ponder the words of one of the sages of antiquity: “Not to share one’s wealth with the poor is to steal from them and to take away their livelihood. It is not our own goods which we hold, but theirs”.

The Society of St. John Chrysostom-Western Region, as part of their mission to promote increased understanding between Catholics and Orthodox Christians, will present a program on **Saturday May 16, 2015, 10:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.** "Evangelization: East and West" in Serra Hall.

The Society of St. John Chrysostom-Western Region, is an ecumenical organization of laity and clergy of the Eastern and Oriental Orthodox Churches and the Eastern Catholic and Roman Catholic Churches which was established to make known the history, worship, spirituality, discipline and theology of Eastern Christianity, and to work for the fullness of unity desired by Jesus Christ.

STOP HUMAN TRAFFICKING NOW

Human trafficking is a \$32 billion-a-year global industry while San Diego ranks nine nationwide in top destination areas.

Public forum moderated by the Diocesan Office for Social Ministry to bring awareness to the disturbing reality of human trafficking in San Diego.

Panelists include Chief Deputy District Attorney Summer Stephan, Presiding Juvenile Court Judge Carolyn Caietti, Department of Homeland Security Special Agent Juan Jacobo, Public Defender Marian Gaston, Marisa Ugarte from the Bilateral Safety Corridor Coalition and Grace Williams representing Children of the Immaculate Heart.

Monday, May 11, 2015
6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.
Our Mother of Confidence Catholic Church
3131 Governor Drive, San Diego

Light refreshments will be served before and after the event, there is no fee. For information, contact Linda at (858) 490-8323 or larreola@diocese-sdiego.org

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It is love alone that unites persons in a deep and lasting manner. And since he is social by nature, man needs union with other persons in order to be who and what he is. The two fundamental groups to which man can belong are the family and society, with the family, the fruit of marriage, being primary.

“The continuation of the race,” Sheed writes, “which requires above all things an ordered framework of life, is entrusted to sex, which of itself makes for chaos. It is in marriage that these two irreconcilables are reconciled.” Marriage serves not just to produce children but also to bring them to maturity, so it must have permanence. To become fully formed human beings, children need a holistic formation that can only come from a father and a mother together, as a union of man and woman, representing the fullness of humanity. Outside of marriage, sex brings “diminishing returns” because it is complete not as a mere union of bodies but when that bodily union expresses the union of personalities. “When, into the union of bodies, all the shared life and shared love of a man and woman are poured, then you have the sexual union in its fullness.”

The Bible has a lot to say about sex and marriage as they pertain to the law of God, and the Catholic Church echoes these messages in her own teachings. Sex used in any way counter to its nature leads directly to man’s destruction, so it must be used in conformity with God’s design. In other words, “sex must be itself.” Contraception, adultery, divorce, and related practices are perversions introduced by man that deform sex and destroy the marital union. Such perversions not only cause suffering for the individuals immediately involved, but the greater society suffers even more from the consequent breakdown of the institution of marriage. Yet as hard as it is for modern man to realize, the Church is not anti-sex. Rather, as Sheed explains, the Church “sees that the health of marriage requires a positive attitude to sex. It must be wholeheartedly accepted as God’s plan for the continuance of the race; its pleasure must be accepted simply and frankly and with all gratitude to God, by whose will it is there.”

Marriage requires the total self-giving of spouses out of love for the other in order to be successful. Such selfless love is not commonly found, however, which is why there is also great need for reverence in marriage. Reverence, Sheed claims, is even more important than love. Love can fade but reverence is unchanging, for it recognizes the reality of the other person and cannot be deceived. Reverence brings permanence and serves as a safeguard against disenchantment and division. It takes much effort to make marriage work, and man has a duty to strive for its success. In the end, the family, and society itself, rise or fall with the health of marriage.

Just as man needs to be part of a family to be complete, he also needs society. The individual family cannot be entirely self-sufficient and relies on the larger community for its various needs, practical and otherwise. For this purpose, a social authority is needed to organize and lead men as one harmonious body for the sake of the common good. The members of society do not grant this authority; it comes from God and acts not as a parallel authority to God and His Church but in communion with them. Our Lord Himself said, “Render to Caesar the things that are Caesar’s, and to God the things that are God’s” (Mk. 12:17). The governor(s) of the

state, “Caesar,” exists to serve man, not vice versa, and ontologically he has no superiority over even the least among his subjects. Therefore, Caesar must have reverence for his subjects, and they in turn should have reverence for him. The laws of the state, even though they may be fallible, must also be respected by members of society, for without laws there would be chaos. “The only alternative to the rule of law is the tyranny of the strongest,” Sheed reminds us. Yet ordinances issued by Caesar that directly contradict the law of God or man’s nature are not true laws and should not be obeyed.

It is important to distinguish between society and the state. Society is larger and precedes the state, which is the organized society. As Sheed puts it, “The unit of Society is a man, of the State a citizen: and a man is more than a citizen. Every man *is* a citizen, but not only a citizen. . . . Shakespeare was a citizen, but that was not his greatest excellence or his greatest usefulness to Society.” Thus the political order should come from the “social fact,” rather than be imposed on society in a form that does not suit society in its present situation. “The political order should keep its place as the outgrowth of the Social and not try to re-shape the Social to its own taste.” This requires a good Caesar. Although Caesar will never be perfect, since he comes from the society itself, it is necessary for society to be healthy and have an appropriately formative culture in order to produce a Caesar who is capable of being a good leader.

Social values vary, but one value that must always be present is the human person, the “*raison d’être* of Society and State.” It is a constant temptation for the state to overstep its bounds and wrongfully impose itself on the citizenry, which is why it is crucial at all times to remember the truth of man. The well-being of man is the foremost social priority, and while the state by itself cannot get man to reach his ends, it should foster an environment that supports man’s advancement. This advancement is not primarily economic or political but consists in the development of a fully formed personality and the securing of man’s freedom to live according to his true nature.

In modern times, man’s personality, the “outward expression of [his] inner reality,” is unequivocally denied. Men are no longer understood to be superior to animals or even distinct from other men, but are merely part of “the masses.” God has been eliminated and man stands in His place as head of the universe, simultaneously leaving man and the universe without meaning. We have lost our connection with reality and have made ourselves into “un-men,” which makes it easier for Caesar to manipulate us. Tragically, this dehumanization has become so complete that the state now has stepped in and asserted itself over practically every aspect of human life, including the family and religion. Caesar must come to realize that he cannot remake mankind according to his ideals. He and all men are ultimately dependent on God alone, who with intimate knowledge of man, His creation, remade mankind in Christ. Thus, to lead a truly human society, Caesar must imitate Christ, “the model of all who must handle men.”

Society and Sanity is a lifeboat for a sinking post-Christian society. If only we lived by the principles taught in its pages, we could enjoy the peace and harmony of a sane society. One hopes this book will never go out of print.