

Fr. Perozich comments —

*I have often heard that we need to do **reparation** for sins.*

*Jesus repaired man's relationship with God by His passion, death, resurrection and ascension into which we enter at every Eucharist even if we do not receive Holy Communion. (So invite your non Catholic friends to this profound and powerful event for their salvation.)*

*Each person baptized into Jesus continues the **reparation** in this time and place by rejecting the evil in the world, confessing one's failures in the Sacrament of Penance, and then living as Jesus taught. This is **reparation**.*

*One big example would be a woman in a troubled pregnancy who chooses to have her child while so many murderous abortions are done daily. This woman repairs the damage of "fetuscide" and pounds a nail in the coffin of this satanic practice.*

*Humility instead of pride/judgment, forgiveness instead of vengeance, generosity instead of greed, magnanimity instead of envy, diligence instead of sloth, moderation instead of gluttony, chastity instead of lust all repair the damage that Satan brings to troubled souls.*

*Too many heralds in modern Christianity proclaim their own thoughts among which are virus/vax, immigration, now censorship from Pope Francis for those with views counter to his own as well as bishops doing the same for priests who promote classic Catholic moral theology, economic resets, climate and race theories and on.*

*Jesus did not teach this.*

*He resisted temptation by Satan and cast out demons by His word and by forgiving sins, giving us Himself as the antidote to the ancient enemy of man.*

*Ephesians 6:13ff **"For our struggle is not with flesh and blood but with the principalities, with the powers, with the world rulers of this present darkness, with the evil spirits in the heavens.***

*Therefore, put on the armor of God, that you may be able to resist on the evil day and, having done everything, to hold your ground. So stand fast with your loins girded in truth, clothed with righteousness as a breastplate, and your feet shod in readiness for the gospel of peace. In all circumstances, hold faith as a shield, to quench all [the] flaming arrows of the evil one. And take the helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God. With all prayer and supplication, pray at every opportunity in the Spirit.*

*To that end, be watchful with all perseverance and supplication for all the holy ones and also for me, that **speech may be given me to open my mouth, to make known with boldness the mystery of the gospel for which I am an ambassador in chains, so that I may have the courage to speak as I must.***

*Fr. Rossetti is a psychologist and an appointed exorcist priest. He knows the working of the human mind, how the experiences of life which damage the soul can be revisited to be repaired; and he knows the limits of psychology.*

*As an exorcist he knows how prayer drives out demons.*

*I am not an exorcist appointed for extraordinary exorcisms, but I can and do exorcise demons in the Sacrament of Penance with the forgiveness of sin, direction to holiness through a proper penance.*

*Outside of the Sacrament of Penance, all Christians have the power to intercede for those overcome by evil and to repair the damage by NOT participating in the same evils, rather by living as Jesus taught. This is **reparation.***

*Because of the hopelessness and frustration of the evils coming at us from so many places in the world, including the church, a tendency can be to curse the darkness and the person who walks in darkness.*

*“But denunciatory rhetoric is so much easier and cheaper than good works, and proves a popular temptation. Yet is it **far better to light the candle than to curse the darkness,**”September 1907 pastor William Watkinson’s sermon “The Invincible Strategy”.*

*That candle for us is the Paschal Candle, Jesus Christ the light to/of the world to be proclaimed with the lips, believed in the heart, and practiced in prayer and daily life.*

*The gates of hell will not stand against us united to Jesus.*

# Exorcist Diary: Demons Of Despair

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When “Gary” came in for his session, you could “cut the feeling of despair around him with a knife,” it was so palpable. He had always struggled a bit with hopelessness, but this time, it was incredibly strong. The thought went through my head, **“Don’t try to talk him out of it; pray him out of it.”** So we immediately went into an intense exorcism session. At the end of it, the despair was gone and he was back to his self.

As a psychologist, I typically endeavor to have **people get in touch with their feelings and “own” them.** If they don’t, they are liable to stuff their emotions and then

they come out “sideways,” in all sorts of dysfunctional ways such as alcohol abuse, drugs, sex, porn, nasty behavior and more. This is particularly true of what people call “negative” emotions such as anger, hurt, resentment, and darker emotions like despair. We humans need to learn to manage these more difficult emotions.

**Now, I have to make an adjustment in my thinking.** Most of the time, what I have said is true. But **there are times when people’s emotions don’t come from their psyche, they actually come from the bowels of hell.** Or more likely, the person may feel a *little* of these negative emotions, and then **Satan exaggerates them into an overwhelming crisis.**

This only makes sense. When demons are present, **they infect you with their evil psyche. They are immersed in narcissism, fear, paranoia, anger and, yes, despair.** It is for good reason that Dante’s Inferno has inscribed over the Gates of Hell, “Abandon all hope ye who enter here.” Having definitively rejected God, demons and the damned have forever rejected the true source of all hope.

**There are many things that happen in the course of an exorcism and this transformation is one of them. I have often seen the light of God’s hope shine once again in the faces of the afflicted, who sometimes began in the mire of a demonic despair.**

**When grappling with dark feelings of despair, oftentimes, people need a psychologist. But there are times when only an exorcist will do.**

*Monsignor Rossetti’s book, [Diary of an American Exorcist](#), can be purchased [here](#).*

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