

Fr. Perozich comments —

When I was in the seminary a fellow seminarian, now a priest, expressed himself in very evangelical Christian rather than commonly Catholic ways. One of his favorite and frequent ejaculations was, Romans 1:16 **“For I am not ashamed of the gospel. It is the power of God for the salvation of everyone who believes: for Jew first, and then Greek.”**

While this is true and necessary both to say and to hear, it was a bit disturbing since it is not a common Catholic expression, even though it is the word of God in the Bible.

Even though I am a priest who daily pray, celebrate Mass, acknowledge Jesus as the Savior, I get caught up in the activities of daily living in the world, and may not remember another biblical teaching, 1Peter 2:9 **“But you are “a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people of his own, so that you may announce the praises” of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light.**

Michael Brown describes himself as a convert from Judaism and from hedonism in his former life. He is the spirit behind this movement, “Not Ashamed of Jesus Day”.

A grandmother I know tries to teach her grandchildren about the faith. One of her precocious grandchildren retorted, “You always want to talk about God; I want to talk about something else.”

The retorts are even worse in the world. Our Holy Father Francis had a backdrop of plastic bottles in the ocean when he addressed migrants rather than the cross for fear of offending. This was a missed opportunity to show that any good that he or I do comes from the sacrifice of Jesus on the cross.

Notre Dame University hid the cross back when President Obama came. This was a missed opportunity to show that any good thing that Notre Dame does comes from the sacrifice of Jesus on the cross.

Clergy who preach social issues for human development often miss the opportunity to show Jesus as the source of their love and power to do any good in this world, and more importantly to lead people to eternal life.

2Timothy 7-10: **“For God did not give us a spirit of cowardice but rather of power and love and self-control. So do not be ashamed of your testimony to our Lord, nor of me, a prisoner for his sake; but bear your share of hardship for the gospel with the strength that comes from God. He saved us and called us to a holy life, not according to our works but according to his own design and the grace bestowed on us in Christ Jesus before time began, but now made manifest through the appearance of our savior Christ Jesus, who destroyed death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel.”**

THIS IS WHAT I AM ABOUT, rather than all the worldly activities which occupy so much of my time. I need to own it.

NotAshamedofJesus.org,"

April 14 declared 'National Not Ashamed of Jesus Day'

**'Together, we can overcome cancel culture,' says
Christian author**

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By [Bob Unruh](#)

Christian apologist, radio talk host and author Dr. Michael Brown is launching a campaign to establish, every April 14, a new annual day of observance he calls [National Not Ashamed of Jesus Day](#).

Are leftists trying to make Christians
feel ashamed of their beliefs?

"On that day, we're encouraging every one of us to make a public statement of our faith in whatever way we can," explained Brown, who is also a WND columnist.

"Together, we can make history. Together, we can send a message. Together, we can help turn the tide. Together, we can overcome cancel culture and push back against the silencing of the lambs. Together, we can – and will – be heard," he explained.

"You can wear a Gospel-themed T-shirt to school or bring a Bible to work and put it on your desk. You can share the good news with someone new or make a clear proclamation of your faith on social media. Whatever is permitted and whatever is good and right, this will be the day to send a simple message: we are followers of Jesus, and we are not ashamed," he said.

It's a message, says Brown, that should be delivered every day.

"But here's the thing. Many of us have floated under the radar for years. Our colleagues at work don't know we are believers. Our friends don't know about our faith, at least, the depth of our faith. Our neighbors are unaware that we are believers. We may be sincere, but we are stealth," he said.

And now is the "time to come out of our hiding," he said.

"But why April 14? It's because of Esther 4:14, which quotes the famous words of Mordechai to Queen Esther when their Jewish people were facing mass attack and even annihilation at the provocation of Haman. Mordechai said to her, 'For if you remain silent at this time, relief and

deliverance for the Jews will arise from another place, but you and your father's family will perish. And who knows but that you have come to your royal position for such a time as this?"

He cited the "shame" that once was associated with gays and lesbians, who promote "out" days and now are trying to shame those who do not support their agenda.

"While we pray for those who identify as LGBTQ, while we reach out to those on the radical left, while we bless those who curse us, we also stand up in the power of the Spirit and proclaim to the world WE ARE NOT ASHAMED OF THE GOSPEL. WE ARE NOT ASHAMED OF JESUS. WE ARE NOT ASHAMED OF GOD'S WORD. AND WE WILL NOT BE SILENCED," he said.

"You'll find lots of practical ideas, along with a special information for leaders, at

NotAshamedofJesus.org,"