



Just Like Jesus, You and I



ISIS + ACLU = Catechists Needed. That was the title of last Sunday's *More Faith and Education Bulletin* Page. "The Islamic State (ISIS) universally and the American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU) nationally" read the message that followed, "are two forces that try to remove Christ, Christians, and Christianity from the public square." Yes: both organizations are spending time, talent, and treasure to make sure that Christ, Christians, and Christianity are indeed removed – if not from the face of the earth – at least from the public square!

"God so loved the world (we are told in the Holy Bible) that He gave His only Son, so that everyone who believes in Him might not perish but might have Eternal Life!" (Saint John III:16). Yes: God took flesh (like you and I) in the privacy of a woman's womb: a historical event that is made public every 25th of December all around the world. He did not however, remain in the privacy of His mother's womb. Yes for nine months He listened to her conversations with God and neighbour as she prayed the Psalms and recited the Torah; He travelled in haste with her to her cousin Elizabeth's home and heard the greeting: "Who am I that the Mother of *my Lord* should come to me?" (Saint Luke I:43); He ate and drank with her the Passover Meal remembering that night when the Angel of Death passed over homes marked with the *blood of a lamb*. And yes, like you and I, He thankfully came forth from the womb to go into the world and make Disciples of all nations, Baptizing them and teaching them!

"As the Father has sent Me" Jesus said, "so I send you" (Saint John XX:21). Yes, just like Jesus was sent so He in turn sent you and I to "go therefore and make disciples of all nations, Baptizing them in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you" (Saint Matthew XXVIII: 19-20a). For two hundred and thirty four years Americans at every level of government, education, healthcare, ... acknowledged that right of a majority of her citizens, but in 2010 our elected government, with the hand of the President, mandated Christians to stop carrying out their commission. Please, while Christ, Christians, and Christianity in 2016 America, contrary to the mindset/heartset of 1776-2010 America, may be mandated to "not go public", we still have the right to "keep Christ alive" in the privacy of our churches and schools! Please rise up now and answer the call to be a Catechist. Our/Your future depends on what we/you do in the present! **Please call Mrs. Joanne Stuhlinger, Director of Religious Education at (516) 546-1057 for more information and Join Us Sunday, 28 August 2016 in the church to pray for the Restoration and preservation of Religious Freedom in the United States!**

Please Come Home and join us for a

Holy Hour

as we pray for Life, Marriage, & Religious Liberty

Sunday, 28 August 2016

8:00 P.M. in the church

