

SURPRISE! IF YOU WANT TO ACHIEVE EVERYTHING, TRY SOMETHING NEW!

Be People of Hope—Love Those Who Are Without Love!

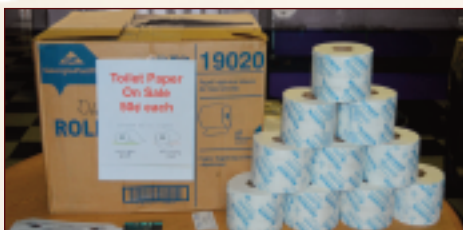
GOD'S SURPRISE—NEWNESS! Pope Francis writes in *The Church of Mercy* pg. 47: I would like to reflect on a word linked to the working of the Holy Spirit: **NEWNESS**. Newness always makes us a bit fearful because we feel more secure if we have everything under control, if we are the ones who build, program, and plan our lives in accordance with our own ideas, our own comfort, and our own preferences. This is also the case when it comes to God. Often we follow him, we accept him, but only up to a certain point. It is hard to abandon ourselves to him with complete trust, allowing the Holy Spirit to be the soul and guide of our lives in our every decision. We fear that God may force us **to strike out on new paths and leave behind are all too narrow, closed, and selfish horizons in order to become OPEN TO HIS OWN**. Yet throughout the history of salvation, whenever God reveals himself, he brings newness—**GOD ALWAYS BRINGS NEWNESS—AND DEMANDS OUR COMPLETE TRUST**: Noah, mocked by all, builds an ark and is saved; Abram leaves his land with only a promise in hand; Moses stands up to the might of Pharaoh and leads his people to freedom...This is not a question of novelty for novelty's sake, the search for something new to relieve our boredom...The newness that God brings into our lives is something that **brings fulfillment, that gives true joy, true serenity**, because God loves us and desires only our good. Let us ask ourselves today: **ARE WE OPEN TO "GOD'S SURPRISES"?** Or are we closed and fearful before the newness of the Holy Spirit? Do we have the courage to strike out along the new paths that God's newness sets before us, or do we resist, barricaded in transient structures that have lost their capacity to **OPENNESS TO WHAT IS NEW?**

SURPRISE! WELCOME EVERYONE—BE PEOPLE OF HOPE! If we continue **to be who we are**, we will continue **to go no where!** God's will and plan to prosper—to “be everything” and “achieve everything”—is **“be love for all those who are without love.”** Do it as a community working together—in solidarity—pooling its resources, going out, striking out on new paths. If you are open to surprises—the newness that God's plan brings—newness that brings fulfillment, that gives true joy, true serenity, see cards 29 and 30 for a **novel idea** and a **new plan!**

Thank you for your concern, Kandy Roe

A NOVEL IDEA! Toilet Paper for Sale!

This entrepreneur runs a computer store downtown but understands that people need to go and takes advantage of the market. He says people see the display and it sells fast!



THE HOMELESS AND JOBLESS HANG OUT IN THE PARK. DEAD AND DISTRESSED DUCKS ARE ALL AROUND.



HOMELESS PHOTO ENCOUNTER BY ISAIAH ROSSIL (16)

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Card 32: A Wakeup Call to the People of the City of San Bernardino

Go Out! Go Out! Be People of Hope!

GO WHERE YOU WOULD RATHER NOT GO!

Encounter What You Would Rather Not Encounter!



MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF JESUS, HAS BEEN APPEARING TO SIX VISIONARIES SINCE 1981 IN MEDJUGORJE, BOSNIA-HERZEGOVINA, GIVING THEM MESSAGES, CALLING THE WORLD TO PRAY SO WE CAN KNOW WHO WE ARE AND WHERE WE NEED TO GO!
(card 15)



“POPE FRANCIS “THE CHURCH MUST STEP OUTSIDE HERSELF. TO GO WHERE? TO THE OUTSKIRTS OF EXISTENCE, WHATEVER THEY MAY BE, BUT SHE MUST STEP OUT. JESUS TELLS US, ‘GO INTO ALL THE WORLD!’ GO! PREACH! BEAR WITNESS TO THE GOSPEL! GO OUT! GO OUT!”
(The Church of Mercy PG. 99)

WHO ARE WE? WHERE ARE WE GOING?

GO WHERE YOU NEED TO GO!?!?



LOOK CLOSELY AT THIS PHOTO AND YOU WILL SEE A WOMAN GOING IN A BUSH IN THE HEART OF DOWNTOWN SAN BERNARDINO!

GOD'S WILL AND PLAN: “BE CARRIERS OF THE GOOD NEWS AND BE PEOPLE OF HOPE. BE LOVE FOR ALL THOSE WHO ARE WITHOUT LOVE.”

MARY'S CURRENT MESSAGE FROM MEDJUGORJE

“DEAR CHILDREN: In a special way, today I am calling you to prayer. Pray, little children, so that you may comprehend **WHO YOU ARE** and **WHERE YOU NEED TO GO!** Be carriers of the good news and be people of hope. **Be love for all those who are without love.** Little children, you will be everything and will achieve everything (prosper) only if you pray and are **OPEN TO GOD'S WILL**—to God who desires to lead you toward eternal life. I am with you and intercede for you from day to day before my Son Jesus. Thank you for having responded to my call” *(Med. 11/25/14).*

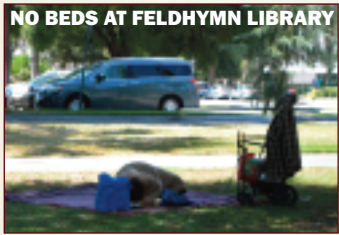


WHO ARE WE? WHERE ARE WE GOING?

WELCOME TO SAN BERNARDINO: No Jobs! No Beds! No Showers! No Toilets!

Pope Francis has been sending the world a message: Welcome and encounter everyone, build solidarity (community unity) to deal with the spreading human crisis of homelessness. Go against today's culture of exclusion and rejection.

GO WHERE WE WOULD RATHER NOT GO! Pope Francis/The Church of Mercy pg. 55: Jesus prophesied to Peter: "When you are old, you will stretch out your hands, and another will gird you and carry you **WHERE YOU DO NOT WISH TO GO**" (John 21:18). These words are addressed first to those of us who are pastors: we cannot feed God's flock unless we let ourselves be carried by God's will even **WHERE WE WOULD RATHER NOT GO**, unless we are prepared to bear witness to Christ with the gift of ourselves, unreservedly, not in a calculating way, sometimes even at the cost of our lives. But this also applies to **everyone...IN GOD'S GREAT PLAN**, every detail is important, even yours, even my humble little witness...I am thinking of advice that St. Francis of Assisi gave his brothers: preach the Gospel, and if necessary, use words. Preach with your life, with your witness. Inconsistency on the part of pastors and the faithful between what they say and what they do, between word and manner of life, is undermining the Church's credibility.



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ENCOUNTER WHO WE WOULD RATHER NOT ENCOUNTER:

Pope Francis/The Church of Mercy pg. 60: We are called by God to promote the culture of encounter. Because of economic humanism that has been imposed in the world, the culture of exclusion, of rejection, is spreading. There is no place for the elderly or the **unwanted child**; there is no time for the poor person in the street. It seems that for some people, human relations are regulated by two modern "dogmas": **efficiency** and **pragmatism**.

Dear *ministers* and seminarians who are preparing for ministry—have the courage to go against the tide of this culture...**Encountering and welcoming everyone, [building] solidarity—a word that is being hidden by this culture, as if it were a bad word—solidarity and fraternity (community unity): these are what make our society truly human.** Be servants...of the culture of encounter! I would like you to be almost obsessed about this. Be so without being presumptuous, imposing "our truths," but rather be guided by the humble yet joyful certainty of those who have been found, touched, and transformed by the Truth who is Christ, **ever to be proclaimed** (Luke 24:13-35).

"The word solidarity... refers to the creation of a new mind-set that thinks in terms of community and the priority of the life of all over the appropriation of goods by a few" (Pope Francis).



PLACES WHERE WE WOULD RATHER NOT GO: My daughter, Karmel Roe, ran for mayor last year. Her platform was to use community resources to get homeless people off of our streets. This is contrary to the current dogmas that refer to these expenditures as **"wasteful"** and **"non-essential."** During her campaign, she made our team **"come out of ourselves"** and **"go to the outskirts"**—to places where we did not want to go and to people we would rather not encounter! We were praying at the abandoned Krikorian Theater on Del Rosa, the homeless huddled in every corner on a cold day, when a police officer stopped to ask us why we were where she thought we shouldn't be! We walked every park, encountering homeless and forsaken dogs. In the heart of downtown many buildings are abandoned with broken windows and the mall is no mall at all! Trash cans all around town are salvaged by the homeless; they go where they need to go, pushing shopping carts. As I was driving down Arrowhead Avenue, I saw a woman **going** right in front of a restaurant window at lunch hour, right in front of the patrons, and a man was handing her toilet paper! She most likely tried to use the restaurant restroom but was not welcomed so decided to go where she needed to go, even though she'd rather not!



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COME OUT OF YOURSELF, GO OUT TO THE OUTSKIRTS, AND BE PEOPLE OF HOPE: Pope Francis/The Church of Mercy pg. 72: ...following Jesus, means learning to **come out of ourselves** in order to go to meet others, **to go toward the outskirts of existence**, to be the first to take a step toward our brothers and sisters, especially those who are the most distant, those who are forgotten, those who are most in need of comfort, understanding, and help. **THERE IS SUCH A GREAT NEED TO**

BRING THE LIVING PRESENCE OF JESUS, MERCIFUL AND FULL OF LOVE!... Following and accompanying Christ, staying with him, **DEMANDS** "coming out of ourselves," **REQUIRES** us to be outgoing; to come out of a dreary way of living faith that has become a habit out of temptation to withdraw into our **own plans**, which end up **SHUTTING OUT GOD'S CREATIVE ACTION**. **God came out of himself to come among us; he pitched his tent among us to bring to us his mercy that saves and gives HOPE.** Nor must we be satisfied with staying in the pen of the ninety-nine sheep; if we want to follow him and to remain with him, we too must **"go out"** with him to seek the lost sheep, the one that has strayed the furthest. Be sure to remember: we need to come out of ourselves, just as God came out of himself in Jesus and Jesus came out of himself for all of us.

ENCOUNTERS WE WOULD RATHER NOT HAVE: My husband and I are downtown San Bernardino property owners. We try to maintain our units, but next to us is a building that has been boarded up. Excessive ^{\$1,000} daily! code enforcement fines have left the property owner no choice but to abandon the property, leaving it for the homeless and prostitutes to occupy. The units are full of trash inside and out, along with mildew, mold, lice, rats, roaches, and bedbugs. Drugs are sold openly. The tenant in our units let the squatters in, most likely to use his bathroom, and his unit became infested with the bedbugs, which costs us over a \$1,000 to exterminate. The exterminator said that it is the **new problem** in San Bernardino and it is not going away. After years, the city attorney said that the units are set to be demolished; but this will not fix the problem. Where do you think these people are going? These people are not going to Redlands; they will be going to other vacant buildings in the neighborhood because there are so many and it is winter. To keep warm in the vacant properties, homeless start fires. **Two children were burnt alive at the 260 block of W. 14th Street on November 20, 2014.** Their father was left unrecognizable, the mother was in the hospital having a **baby**. The firemen could hear him screaming. The police said the property was a foreclosure and had been boarded up just 10 days earlier. The **family** had repeatedly been kicked out of the property, but kept coming back. The city had issued more than \$100,000 in fines because of code violations. Mayor Davis said squatters living in foreclosed properties is far too **common** a problem in the City of San Bernardino.

A NOVEL IDEA! *Cleanliness is next to godliness!* Vatican City, 11/14/14: After hearing from a homeless man that a bath is more urgently needed than food in Rome, Bishop Krajewski, the Vatican's papal almoner, charged with carrying out acts of charity for the poor and raising the money to fund them, commissioned three private showers be added to the Basilica's public restrooms, strictly for use by the homeless. The almoner realized that visitors coming to the Basilica—one of the largest tourist attractions in the world—might be put off by the presence of homeless coming to the Square for a shower, but said, **"The Basilica (Church) exists in order to keep the Body of Christ and we serve Jesus' suffering body by serving the poor."** Large donations have been forthcoming. They are also seeking volunteers to help with the shower service, towels, underwear, and help from those in beauty schools. The reason for keeping the homeless clean, he explained, is because it reduces the risk of diseases spread through dirt.