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FROM BISHOP DOLAN

My dear Friends,

Since May this newsletter has not appeared, but I think most of you have had our news online, or by mail, with the weekly bulletin, especially the Bishop's Corner. It might well be called the "News Corner," as it veers between "Tell All" (as dear old Father Randolph used to say) and my meteorological and spiritual musings. The sermons often continue to deal with the Covid Revolution, as a way of comforting and informing our Catholics, submitted to heavy doses daily of Communist propaganda. Matched (or masked) with reduced oxygen intake, life has indeed been confusing and stressful.

All of these months Father Cekada has been suffering from strokes and related maladies with very great and humble patience. He certainly was most patient with me, his caregiver. He would no sooner make some progress than another problem would present itself. Death was always in mind, but it crept in so slowly that I didn't expect it. But when I saw Fr. Cekada in the hospital on Labor Day, I just thought "he is dying." He received devoutly his Viaticum, or final Holy Communion, that day, and we prayed for a long time, until he needed to rest.

But it was only the kindness of the palliative care nurse who alerted me to take the necessary steps to get Father Cekada home. I am grateful to her, and to Hospice, as well as to Fr. Cekada's longtime and most devoted physician and his staff. These crises often bring out the best in people, still today, when so many are mesmerized by the mask, and unwittingly play their part in this psyop production, next stage of the one world revolution.

Father Cekada returned home on Thursday afternoon, September 10, for what would be a short stay. But he was home, away from the dreadful hospital. Slowly, as we visited with him and most of all prayed, a look of peace came over him, and his restlessness ceased, during the hours of Thursday night into Friday. Even though Father Cekada was in his agony, it was a most tranquil one. His soul slipped away at about 10:00 AM, just as a devoted nurse parishioner was finished shaving him. His death reminded me of Father Solanus Casey's passing at that same hour in 1957, as a nurse was washing him. I thought to say, "Behold, O Lord, I come. Lord Jesus receive my soul. Into Thy hands I commend my spirit," and he was gone... Gone to God, to our good Judge Jesus, to eternity. A holy and I think, a happy death. "Sweet Heart of Mary, be my salvation" was his daily prayer.

You will have followed reports of his funeral, the finest tribute any true priest has received in this dark time of the eclipse of



Father Cekada was buried at St. Stephen's Cemetery a short distance from St. Gertrude the Great Church on Thursday, September 17th. The beautiful autumn day belies the immense sadness of both the clergy and the faithful as the casket was lowered into the ground where Father's mortal remains will await the resurrection on the Last Day.

the Church. Three bishops, 14 priests, seminarians, and over 200 faithful assisted. With Father Cekada's death, an era of grace, enlightenment and conversions, comes to an end. We do not know what this "brave new world" of Covid/Revolutionary Reset holds, but we are confident in the mercy of God, and trust even in the midst of this oppressive chastisement.

You may still read Father Cekada's many articles online, watch his "informative and entertaining" videos, and purchase his monumental book, *Work of Human Hands*. You must, however, spare a prayer for the happy repose of his soul. If you wish, make an offering for the education of seminarians, the next generation of priests, to which Fr. Cekada was always most devoted.

Some pictures will help you to follow the many activities at St. Gertrude the Great over the Summer months. We have enjoyed peace and tranquility here in West Chester, Ohio. It is not so everywhere. Active persecution faces our priests and people in other places, particularly Nigeria and Argentina. Remember them, too, in your charitable prayers and offerings.

May the Angels be your guard, and Mary your solace. May Father Cekada's supremely priestly soul rest in peace.

– Most Rev. Daniel L. Dolan

(below counterclockwise) Confirmations on the Vigil of Pentecost. The Feast of Corpus Christi was observed with the recitation of the entire Divine Office and a solemn Mass. On the Solemnity of Corpus Christi First Holy Communion was administered. The Vigil of the Nativity of St. John the Baptist saw a parish gathering and the blessing of the bon-fire. Our Lady's Assumption began with the blessing of herbs and first fruits. Also on the Assumption Father Nkamuke, seminarians, faithful held a Rosary procession through the streets of Portharcourt, Nigeria. Finally, Father Alberto Gonzales visiting a poor family in Argentina with whom your generous alms help to support.

