



August 15, 2011
Assumption of Mary

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

We are thrilled to share with you our plans for the 10th Annual **Ignited By Truth!** On February 24-25, 2012 at the NC State Fairgrounds in Raleigh, we hope to continue our mission of *bringing to light the truth of the teachings of the Catholic Church and igniting in our hearts a love for our Faith*. Speakers so far include:

- **Michael Barber**, Professor of Theology and Scripture at John Paul the Great Catholic University and host for “Reasons for Faith Live” on EWTN
- **Dr. Philip Mango**, Director of St. Michael Institute for Psychological Sciences
- **Sr. Miriam James Heidland**, Former Volleyball Star now a member of the Society of Our Lady of the Most Holy Trinity (SOLT)
- **Bishop Michael F. Burbidge** of the Diocese of Raleigh, Closing Mass celebrant and homilist

We watch in amazement at the continued outpouring of God’s blessings on the conference. 1,500 people answered God’s call to attend IBT 2011. Over 300 people submitted evaluation forms; nearly all rated the conference very valuable in helping them grow in their faith. Several wrote that it gave them tools to save their marriages, one woman witnessed her hope in a resource to cure her infertility, and another man heard God calling him to the priesthood.

The desire in our hearts to go forward with our mission remains strong. We feel Christ’s thirst for souls and want to do all that we can to cast the net even further. So many who are Catholic do not realize the great gift that they have in their Faith and cannot use it. Many more do not know the truth of the teachings of the Catholic Church that would help them to live in happiness. With God’s help, we continue our work so that even more souls may have a chance to “get ignited” and become light for the world.

We received many suggestions from this year’s guests and would like to make the conference even better next year! **Our plans to improve the IBT experience plus growing costs have raised our budget to \$86,000.** We want to continue to keep the ticket price low to allow as many people as possible to be able to attend. Many travel from remote corners of the Diocese and would not otherwise be able to afford it. Others are coming from Charlotte, Virginia, and beyond! More ask for scholarships, which we want to continue to provide in faith. We also want to reach out to the Hispanic community and provide free talks for them in Spanish on Friday night.

Estimates for income from ticket sales and vendor tables amount to approximately \$50,000, leaving us with \$36,000 to be raised. **We are Storming Heaven to raise the entire \$36,000 by October 1, 2011.** With God, all things are possible!

Last year, we held our *Storming Heaven for Ignited By Truth Walk-A-Thon* in the cold and rain of November. 111 “ignited” walkers of all ages offered up their sufferings for Ignited By Truth and raised \$9,000. This year, we have moved the Walk-A-Thon back to September in hopes of better weather. With

the state of the economy, we know that we need to raise even more. We expect that many of our donors will not be able to support us as they have in the past.

Please join us for the Walk-A-Thon! Come to Fred G. Bond Metro Park in Cary, NC on **Saturday, September 17, 2011** and help us raise the money needed to have IBT 2012! Ask a friend, a family member, a neighbor, and a work- or school-mate to each sponsor you \$20 and you have raised \$100 for Ignited By Truth! Who knows what effect your witness of enthusiasm for the Faith will have on them? Maybe they will come to the conference and **get ignited!**

Unable to participate in the Walk-A-Thon? **We need your donation!** Ignited By Truth is a grassroots effort. We do not receive any large business sponsorships; we don't have the backing of any generous philanthropists. The conference is made possible each year by donations given from the heart by many people who just want others to realize the treasure of our Catholic Faith.

Please prayerfully consider what you can offer. Even a small contribution will help! Together, with God, we can reach our goal and make it possible for the mission of Ignited By Truth to continue.

Can't afford even a small donation? Please pray for the conference! Your spiritual gifts offered in faith and love will win graces to inspire other people to provide the money needed.

Below is a slip for your offering. An envelope addressed to IBT is also enclosed. Please remember the gift that the conference has been for you and prayerfully consider what you can do to share this gift with others. Thank you and may God bless you for your generosity!

In Christ,

Christine Sulzen

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Coordinator for Ignited By Truth

*“Bury yourselves therefore in the heart of Jesus Crucified,
desiring nothing else but to lead all men to follow His will in all things.” – St. Paul of the Cross*

Help us Storm Heaven between now and October 1, 2011!

- I will pray and offer up _____
(Masses, Rosaries, Holy Spirit Novena, IBT prayer, or other prayers) daily or weekly.
- I will make a spiritual sacrifice of _____
- I will participate in the Walk-A-Thon. Enclosed is my registration form.
- I will make a donation. Enclosed is my check payable to:
“St. Anthony of Padua c/o Ignited By Truth”. (All donations are tax-deductible.)
 - Please do not include me on the list of donors.
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