Hello everyone and welcome to The Vortex where lies and falsehoods are trapped and exposed. I’m Michael Voris coming to you from Cebu, the oldest city in the Philippines.

We are standing here at the shrine of St. Pedro Calungsod .. the Philippines first boy saint. He was martyred by some villagers who were furious that the Jesuit priest he was accompanying had baptized one of the villager children.

San Pedro was only 17. As the Jesuits were expanding their missionary efforts in the Pacific Islands .. it was typical for them to identify young men who would make ideal catechists and would be willing to help them in their island hopping efforts to go ashore and help teach indigenous people the Catholic Faith.

Pedro was one such young fellow. He never strayed from the side of the priest he accompanied, eventually taking a spear for him before being bludgeoned to death.

The priest .. Fr. Diego Luís de San Vitores was also martyred a few moments later but not before holding a crucifix aloft and giving young Pedro final absolution. Padre Vitores was beatified by Blessed John Paul in 1985.

As you may know .. we get invited all over the world on a regular basis to meet and give conferences and talks on the faith and faith related matters. One of the things that always stands out to us is how often it is young men behind much of the activity we are involved in.

We flew here to Cebu late last night from Davao where we once again had time to spend with the Catholic Faith Defenders .. as a matter of fact .. they are celebrating their 35th anniversary in Davao this year.

Every Sunday night .. they go into the town plaza .. set up their microphone and speakers and start talking about the Catholic faith. Many heretical groups and sects have invaded the Philippines in the last 25 years and have caused many Catholics to desert the one true faith.

So these young men .. and there are quite a number of them .. meet and pray and socialize together on a regular basis and as we said .. spend every Sunday night in the plaza. Like last year, they extended the honor to us to talk to those gathered.

But as we look around not only The Philippines, but other places in the world as well, from the Juventutm groups in London England and the state of Michigan as well as other locales, to dedicated young men in Australia .. and those fighting for life in Ireland .. to the seminarians we have met almost everywhere and who contacts us by the hundreds on
a regular almost daily basis .. it is really remarkable to see that .. seemingly from out of nowhere .. young men are becoming engaged in the Church Militant .. and we don’t mean just our website .. although many ARE members.

We mean .. they are out their .. literally doing battle .. verbal and spiritual battle .. dedicating their lives to the cause and service of Holy Mother Church. And this is entirely in keeping with the nature and makeup of men.

What too many liberals and modernists in the Church have forgotten is this simple truth .. men want to belong to something they can die for.

They don’t have a death wish .. but we are built to face death if we need to .. in the cause of something greater than ourselves. But so much of what has taken place in the Church because of watered-down gobbly-gook idiocy passed off as Church teaching has been massively uninspiring.

There isn’t a man worth his weight in testosterone who would die for the Church of Nice .. but there isn’t a man who knows and loves the Faith that wouldn’t die in a heartbeat for the Church Militant .. the name given the Church here on earth that the Holy Father said .. just last ..last year is described by no other name that more captures its essence.

When Blessed John Paul beatified Pedro Calungsod in March of 2000 in St. Peter’s he said .. “Young people today can draw encouragement and strength from the example of Pedro, whose love of Jesus inspired him to devote his teenage years to teaching the faith as a lay catechist… Today, Blessed Pedro Calungsod intercedes for the young, in particular those of his native Philippines, and he challenges them. Young friends, do not hesitate to follow the example of Pedro, who ‘pleased God and was loved by him’ and who, having come to perfection in so short a time, lived a full life.”

We see this happening again all over the world .. as we have commented on in a few previous Vortex episodes.

Young men are having something stirred up inside them .. something that speaks to their masculinity .. something which inspires them to want to devote themselves to the truth and the faith .. and if need be die for it .. but in the meantime .. certainly live a life of sacrifice for it.

It is a clear and undeniable sign of the activity of the Holy Spirit .. as He once again breathes life into the young. Chesterton once said .. what proves that the Church is Divine isn’t that it doesn’t die .. he actually pinpointed 5 times in history he believed it had died, but that it was continually being resurrected.

It is impossible to look around the world and travel and meet all these young men, some
priests, some seminarians others lay who don’t reassure every fiber of your being that another resurrection is indeed taking place right in our midst and it is a resurrection dedicated to the Church Militant.

The Church of Nice is dying because it lost its way. The Church Militant is resurrecting and taking its place and can indeed imagine that San Pedro is very much helping lead the effort from his place in heaven attending the throne of God.

From Cebu in The Philippines,
GOD Love you,

I’m Michael Voris

Dear Friend in Christ,

A 17th century Filipino saint is the model for the Church’s 21st century resurrection.


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