

ABLAZE HANDOUT November 15, 2015
THE FATHER'S UNFOLDING PLAN

I. Morning Offering (Apostleship of Prayer)

O Jesus, through the Immaculate Heart of Mary,
I offer you my prayers, works, joys, and sufferings of this day
in union with the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass throughout the world.
I offer them for all the intentions of Your Sacred Heart:
the salvation of souls, reparation for sin, and the reunion of all Christians.
I offer them for the intentions of our bishops and of all the Apostles of Prayer,
and in particular for those recommended by our Holy Father this month. Amen.

II. The Father's Unfolding Plan for All of History and Each Person: Holiness

"For this is the will of God, your sanctification: that you abstain from immorality; that each one of you know how to control his own body in holiness and honor, not in the passion of lust like heathens who do not know God. . . .For God has not called us for uncleanness, but in holiness" (1 Thessalonians 4: 3-5, 7).

A. On-Going Conversion as Missionary Disciples: Sanctification and Growth in Virtue:

1. Purification (Penitential Act)
2. Illumination (Liturgy of the Word)
3. Union (Holy Communion)

B. Purgation for Illumination and Union: Determining Root Sin and Rooting It Out

1. Pride: Decision to base my security and self-esteem on myself
 - a. Haughtiness
 - b. Self-love
2. Vanity: Decision to place my security in others and what they think about me
 - a. Need for attention and affirmation
 - b. Shyness/Cowardice
 - c. Hypocrisy
 - d. Jealousy/Envy
3. Sensuality: Decision to place my security in things and feelings
 - a. Primacy of feelings
 - b. Materialism
 - c. Life of Pleasure

C. List of Opposing Virtues:

1. Pride: Humility, Simplicity, Meekness, Compassion, Docility, Service to Others, True Dependence on God
2. Vanity: Purity of Intention, Deeper Love of Christ, Seeking and Seeing Christ in Others, Self-Acceptance, Detachment, Unselfishness
3. Sensuality: Discipline for Love of Christ, Intense Focus on Christ, Abnegation and Self-Denial for Love of Christ, Hope, Spirit of Loving Sacrifice, Patience, Purity

D. Capital ("Deadly") Sins and the Opposing Virtues:

1. Pride (Humility)
2. Avarice (Liberality)
3. Envy (Brotherly Love)
4. Anger (Meekness)
5. Lust (Chastity)
6. Gluttony (Temperance)
7. Sloth/Acedia (Diligence)