



A **MESSAGE FROM THE BISCARINI'S:** **PRIDE, ARROGANCE, POWER PLAY...YOU DECIDE !**

2 weeks ago I was invited to a book presentation of Cardinal Angelo Comaschi. He is considered by many the best candidate for the next papacy. What I found very interesting was the boldness about the subject of the book: "Peter an autobiography"! If this were Pope Benedict's work it would be more justifiable since he is considered the successor of Peter according to Catholic tradition, but coming from one of his underling? Partially it is the cardinal's arrogance and partially it is a ploy to gain more status and prestige with his "co laborers" and the community at large. Anyways, I am glad I went because at the presentation I had the chance to meet Andrea Bocelli. Those of you who have been praying for him may be glad to know that I went up to him and told him that some believers from the States were praying for him. Do not give up the prayers; though he is open to "spiritual things" he

still has only a limited tradition with the institutional church.



Thanksgiving was a wonderful time of celebration. Jane as usual did a great job with the meal and decorations. The guests (mostly unbelievers) felt a strange and inviting warmth and love as we shared the story behind Thanksgiving and had a time of reflection giving God the glory and praise He deserves. One of the guests in particular was so touched that she invited everyone to her home and duplicate the "talks" during Christmas time (note- she only knew 3 of the 18 guests).

From the heart:

Our GEM's president asked me to give a presentation in Chicago to some foundations in behalf of the mission



With Bocelli, that he may see...

agency. On my way there while on the plane I "received" this message which I would like to share with you:

Philosophers tell us 'we live a life of quiet desperation' (Thoreau), but that is a long cry from the promises of life and an abundant one of John 10:10

Even dead fish can float downstream, this too is a far cry from the "be strong and courageous" of Joshua 1

Have we stopped dreaming? Schweitzer says: "The tragedy of life is what dies inside a man while he lives"....what is wrong with us? We have grown apathetic, too compliant in the name of tolerance in the hope of hope itself....How in the world are we to bring change if we don't cry out for power from above, how can we speak boldly if we fear the "moral majority" every time we have an opportunity to stand for justice, for righteousness, for freedom in honor of the one that paid dearly to set us free!!! Wake up brother and sister, wake up...or is your slumber already a permanent one?

This is not a call to war, is a call to LIFE!! We need to start experiencing it within ourselves. Stop

pretending- be transparent before your heart hardens. Come forth before the throne like a fresh lump of clay that can be molded by His maker. The furnace of life sometimes hardens us to the point at which we need to be broken in order to be changed...God knows how painful that is and yet like a dog that returns to his vomit, we fall back to our ways...Lord be merciful with our tepid nature, help us not to walk the fine line, but to put wings to our flight into a newer dimension closer to You that others may see the difference and be drawn by the work of the Holy Spirit in our lives. To you be the glory forever and ever Amen!



Here are some shots from the YOUNG life outreach....

*Have a fantastic
and blessed
Christmas!*

*By the way, we just
finished a new site:
viaveritas.org*

love you Peppo and Jane

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