

## The JTO Connector 2020

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## **Dear JTO Brothers and Sisters:**

My hope and prayer are that you and your family are safe and well. What a crazy time this has been. Isolation, anxiety, fear, and dread have been dominant fixtures in our day to day life experiences. Though I trusted, or at least attempt to trust, that God was involved in helping me to understand and survive. I will admit that without the opportunity to receive the Eucharist on Sunday, my Mass experience and the start of my week was a bit muted. Now that it seems that we are entering a period where we have an opportunity to find our new normal (and go back to Mass and receive Jesus), I am finding a need to step back and reacquaint myself with the God that I know loves me. I am looking to the JTO Virtual Connect 2020 program on Saturday, July 25<sup>th</sup> for that first hand encounter. I look forward to learning more about how St. Clare's experience with God can challenge and propel me into a refreshed relationship with a God who is ready to fill me with His grace and mercy. And the fact that I get to share the experience with some of you will make it even richer and life changing.

I encourage you to consider joining us on July 25<sup>th</sup> from the comfort of your home. It will be a unique chance for you to step back and face the impact of these past weeks of quarantine. I am convinced that He wants to speak to each of us about the impact this experience will have on our lives as we move forward. My suspicion is that we are headed toward a new normal – one where God's presence is incredibly needed. Each of us will have a part to play. JTO Virtual Connect 2020 will allow for times of reflection, formation, prayer, and fraternity. Please prayerfully consider joining us. Personally, I am eager to see your face and to welcome you.

The information below tells you how to register. Please remember that there is no cost. If you have questions, do not hesitate to call me at 231.670.1511 or respond to this email message. All you need is a devise with a camera and a microphone to join us for a wonderful, inspirational, and fun-filled day. Listen to the whispers and know that God is calling you to participate.

May continue to bless you and your family!

Ken Rasp

## • Theme – St. Clare of Assisi

- Where From your office, dining room table, coffee table, or anywhere you are comfortable at home
- What You will need a computer, Chromebook, iPad, phone, etc. to participate
- When Saturday, July 25, 2020
- Who JTOers, their family, their friends Actually anyone who feels called to join us!
- <u>Registration Form</u> Click on the link for the most updated version of the Registration Form
- Cost of the Weekend NO CHARGE Donations Accepted
- Registration Process
  - Complete the JTO Virtual Connect 2020 <u>Registration Form</u> and return to:

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**Program Information** – The Program Team is hard at work retooling an on-site program into a virtual program. They are committed to find ways to allow for prayer, formation, connection and fun – all centered around the theme of St. Clare of Assisi. Those interested will receive a information prior to **JTO Virtual Connect 2020**. The materials in the box will allow you to appropriately prepare for the day. We invite any JTOers who have knowledge and experience with technology and virtual meetings to come to our aid. Your expertise and experience are needed as we plan this day. Please contact Ken Rasp.

**For questions about JTO Virtual Connect 2020** – Contact **Ken Rasp** - <u>kenrasp55@gmail.com</u> or his mobile at 231.670.1511. You can also visit the JTO Connect website at - <u>itoconnect.org</u>.