



THE CENTER FOR THE
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Message from the Executive Director

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Love and Lent

Happy Valentines Day! And a Blessed Lent.

It seems odd to celebrate love and begin the 40-day Lenten journey on the same day. While most of us will be fasting on Ash Wednesday/Valentine's day this year, the dual celebration is actually a powerful reminder of what Lent is really all about.

“Lent” a 40 day time for fasting, prayer, and penance that prepares us to celebrate and remember the Passion of our Lord Jesus on Good Friday.

“Passion” an intense, powerful feeling and demonstration of love; adoration; ardor; fervor.

In a unique way this year, we are reminded that Lent presents us an opportunity to *receive* God's love more fully, so we may *share* God's love more perfectly.

“Love does not brood over injury” (1 Corinthians 13:5b).
Or as Fr. Ubald would always instruct us, *we must forgive*.

So whether you are giving up chocolate or complaining, this Lent we can also focus on love. Receiving God's overwhelming, passionate, healing personal love for each of us. And then sharing that love by forgiving. Forgiving ourselves. And forgiving someone else.

“And ‘to love him with all your heart, with all your understanding, with all your strength, and to love your neighbor as yourself’ is worth more than all burnt offerings and sacrifices.” Mark 12:33



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Commemorating Fr. Ubald Rugirangoga

This past January 7th marked the 3-year anniversary of Fr. Ubald's entering into eternal life. Bishop Edouard Sinayobye of the Diocese of Cyangugu, Fr. Robert Rubayita, Director of the Center for Secret of Peace, and the family of Fr. Ubald invited all who were able to come to join in the special memorial Mass celebration.

The Center for the Secret of Peace honored the life and legacy of Fr. Ubald with a special multi-day program, Mass, and installation and dedication of a larger-than-life 8-foot bronze statue of Fr. Ubald raising the monstrance holding Jesus in the Eucharist.

In the days leading up to January 7th, the Center hosted a Reflection series: "In the Eucharist, Jesus heals" with daily reflections on the heritage of Fr. Ubald and the healing power of Jesus in the Eucharist.

For those who were unable to watch the livestream of the Mass and statue dedication, these photos and video clips capture a glimpse of the memorial celebration and the tribute that was paid to honor Fr. Ubald's life and legacy.

Video prepared by Fr. Valens, newpew of Fr. Ubald



Commemorating Fr. Ubald (continued)

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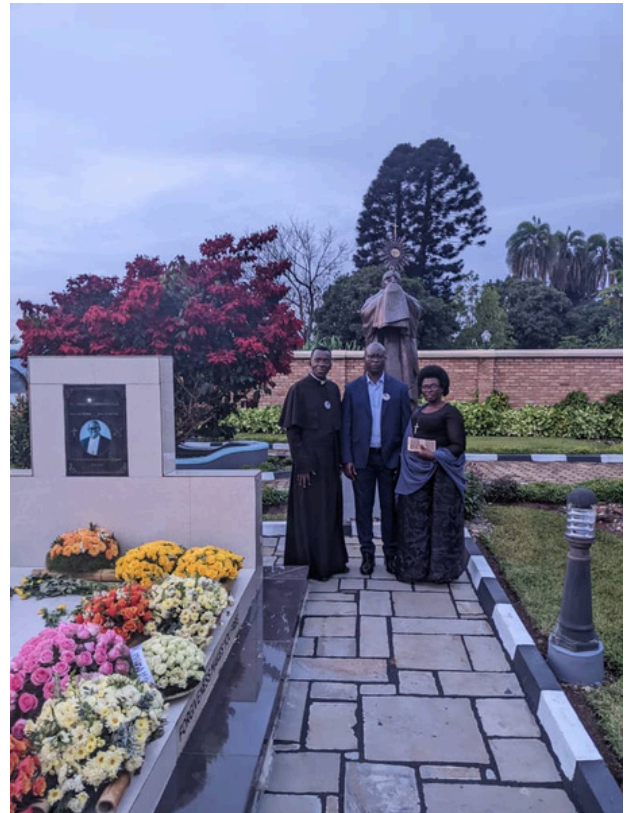
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1. Bishop Edouard leading graveside prayers
2. Fr. Ubald's brother, Reverien, and family
3. Fr. Ubald's sister, Pascasie and family and friends
4. Fr. Ubald's sister Pascasie, with her husband and Fr. Valens, nephew of Fr. Ubald

Fr. Ubald statue installation and dedication



We are very grateful to the generous donors from the United States and Europe who provided the funds needed to create the bronze statue of Fr. Ubald for the Center for the Secret of Peace.

We extend deep gratitude to Fr. Leszek, a Polish missionary priest of the Marian Fathers of the Immaculate Conception. Fr. Leszek has served in Rwanda for more than 30 years and was a very close friend of Fr. Ubald. Fr. Leszek oversaw the entire creative process of the sculpture: commissioning Polish sculptor Ladislaus Dudek, providing the vision, overseeing the design, traveling to Poland several times, coordinating shipment and delivery of the statue from Poland to Rwanda. He ensured that every detail was perfect and fully captured not only Fr. Ubald, but the legacy that Fr. Ubald left in his message of love and forgiveness.

Bishop Edouard Sinayobye presided over the unveiling and blessing of the statue at the conclusion of the anniversary memorial Mass for Fr. Ubald.

Fr. Ubald statue unveiling January 7, 2024

courtesy of Pacis TV, Rwanda





Our “\$40 in 40 days” Lenten campaign starts today!

Make a Lenten offering of \$40 in 40 days
(Just \$1 a day!)

Our goal:

125 people participate
totaling \$5000 in Lenten offerings

AND.....

Thanks to a very generous friend of Fr. Ubald,
there is a BONUS match.
Your gift will be matched dollar for dollar.



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P.O. Box 3534
Jackson, WY 83001

Welcome Bishop David Ricken

We are honored and delighted to share that Bishop David Ricken of the Diocese of Green Bay, Wisconsin, has agreed to serve on the Board of Directors of the Center for Secret of Peace Foundation. Bishop Ricken was a very close friend of Fr. Ubald for many, many years and a strong supporter and promoter of Fr. Ubald's ministry in the United States. We are grateful for the practical support and spiritual counsel that Bishop Ricken brings to the Board.

Prayers for Healing

Anyone who attended one of Fr. Ubald's healing Masses and programs vividly remembers Fr. Ubald processing through the congregation and sanctuary carrying the Monstrance with the Eucharistic Jesus. And the Lord worked wonders. Jesus performed many miracles and thousands upon thousands were healed—in body with physical healing, in mind with psychological healing, in relationships with forgiveness and reconciliation, and in their soul with spiritual healing.

We give thanks and praise to God for the gift of Fr. Ubald and his life work on earth. We know that Fr. Ubald is not done praying for us! Let us remember to ask his intercession for continued healing in our own life, our families, our churches, our communities, our nations, and our world.

For private use

Heavenly Father we give you thanks for your servant and priest Fr. Ubald Rugirangoga, whose life and ministry manifested the miraculous power of Your Divine Mercy. Facing unspeakable pain and sufferings, he entrusted himself to You through intense prayer and total surrender. In your infinite goodness, you sent Fr. Ubald to his beloved Rwanda and to the world as a joyful apostle of peace and reconciliation, preaching forgiveness and healing in the name of Jesus. His testimony, fueled by his love for the Eucharistic Presence and his filial devotion to the Blessed Mother, brought a multitude of souls to the Church and to a living and loving relationship with You in the Holy Spirit.

If it be Your will, O God, glorify Your servant Fr. Ubald and make known his holiness by granting the favor I now ask through his prayerful intercession:

(Mention your request.)