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Office of Parish Stewardship July 2019

We are pleased to present our July issue of **ONE FAMILY IN MISSION** newsletter. We invite you - as part of that **FAMILY** - to share articles, best practices and any other items that you believe would benefit our community of Stewards. Please send them to tzalud@drvc.org.

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Stewards of the Month Sts. Thomas More & John Fisher: Stewards of Faith & Freedom

On June 22nd we celebrated the feast day of two notable saints and martyrs: Thomas More and John Fisher. Great stewards of Faith and Freedom to be recognized as we will soon celebrate Independence Day.

It is fitting that these men share a feast day, because they were both Englishmen martyred within two weeks of each other. They were martyred for the same cause (religious freedom) on the same occasion (defending the sanctity of marriage and Papal authority against State usurpation) and at the hands of the same man (King Henry VIII).



(Our Lady of Victories, Kensington, London;
Photo by Fr. Lawrence Lew, OP)

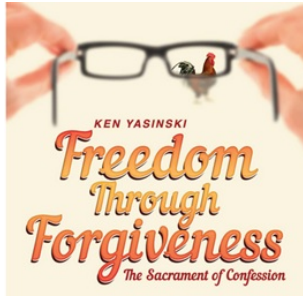
In addition to this, they were beatified together (by Pope Leo XIII in 1886) and canonized together (by Pius XI in 1935). Through the centuries they stand together - one a layman and statesman, the other a priest and bishop - as models and heroes of religious freedom against encroaching government power.

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As Americans, this month we celebrate Independence

THE MONTH



Freedom Through
Forgiveness
by
Ken Yasinski

Day.

Throughout July 4th week, we will see and hear about many great American presidents, soldiers and heroes. America has also given birth to many great Catholic Stewards throughout her history.

The New World has given the Catholic world saints, such as Elizabeth Ann Seton and Katherine Drexel, along with many other Catholic heroes, such as Venerable Fulton Sheen and Fr. Augustus Tolton. It is good for us as Americans to be inspired by great Catholics who grew up and lived on our land. Hearing about these Catholic stewards makes the idea of sainthood more personal.

These great men and women, of different race and background, prove that with God, holiness is possible. One does not have to be born in Rome, Italy to be a saint and our American Catholic stewards prove just that!

This month pray for our country, that we can respect all life (from the moment of conception to natural death) and for an increase in vocations to the priesthood.



HAPPY FOURTH OF JULY!