

# Living In the Holy Tradition (“Living”)

Summer Pilot 2012

## 1. Book

- BXVI, *Jesus of Nazareth, Part II*.
- This book contains numerous topics and sub-topics derived from Jesus’ life that are independent from one another. For example, “The Entrance into Jerusalem” discusses the three Passover feasts celebrated by Jesus in his public ministry, the theological meaning of “ascent to Jerusalem”, how Jesus entered into Jerusalem, theological and scriptural background for his riding on a donkey, etc. It has very little in common with the next topic “The Cleansing of the Temple”. As a result, *Living* will study selected independent topics. Please don’t stop coming to meetings just because you have missed one or two topics; you will still be able to follow the next one with no concern for continuity.

## 2. Holy Tradition

- *Living* will begin with an overview of what we mean by the Holy Tradition. If you wish to come prepared for the first meeting, please read CCC 74-95 before the first meeting.
- In this summer’s trial version, *Living* uses the above-mentioned book, which is a little scholarly in nature. However, BXVI is more than a scholar and a theologian; he was the head of the Congregation of the Doctrine of Faith; above all, he is the current Pope. Therefore, his works are rooted deep in the Catholic Tradition. He quoted not only scholarly sources, but also Church Fathers and prominent Church documents.
- If *Living* becomes an on-going program, the materials we study will be 100% magisterial documents, including Papal encyclicals, apostolic letters, exhortations, conciliar documents, etc.

## 3. A Completely Different Approach

- Compared to BSP and CRP, *Living* uses a completely different approach. Be prepared for a lot of reading from the texts. Therefore, you will need not only the book, but also a good command of English.
- Most of the time, I will do the reading myself. It’s easier this way because I don’t read everything. To save time and to be precise, there will be a fair amount of

jumping around. This way, we can focus more on the useful passages or lines. If I'm tired, I may seek your help to read some of the passages.

- I will explain as I read. You are welcome to ask questions or make comments anytime. Following my reading and explanations, I will invite discussion.
- We will do a meditational prayer to conclude each topic.

#### 4. Outline of Topics

- An outline of 7 topics to be covered in this pilot project, together with the related pages, is provided in the Program Schedule link (click on the book on the home page). If you want to be well-prepared, I recommend that you read the topics and the related pages before coming to each meeting. On the other hand, I think most of you will be able to follow me even without any preparation. Remember: we do this to enjoy the riches of the Church's tradition. No need for pressure; just have fun! I look forward to the fun; I hope you would as well!

- Edmond Lo, Program Director.

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