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Dear Members and Visitors to TodaysCatholics.com,

If you have visited a few of our web site pages, or some of our groups or social media channels, you could have been seeing barrages of banner ads, text links to merchandise, and buttons galore saying "Contribute!" "Support TCC!" After all, This is May of 2016, and TodaysCatholics.com is a very tiny online community run by ...

... a chick in a wheelchair. I am not just Chief Cook and Bottle Washer, Leader of a small band of volunteers. I am also a disabled person living and running this community on a fixed income.

My dream is that as we grow, TCC will be led, at least in part, by the members of the community. The reality is that here in the United States, I have options as to how I grow the management and leadership, but almost all of them require some kind of Board of Trustees or Directors. Ideally, That group will have at least one seat for a clergy and a lay person from each of the denominational families that make up The One Holy Catholic Apostolic Church, so that TCC has a leadership that truly reflects all of Catholic life. I'd like to hope there will be enough seats that there is also room for a Certified Public Accountant, a Lawyer, and a Social Media Whiz.

For now, as much as I don't like to have to, I must have some sort of plan and vehicle to get money to be able to grow this community. I came across a Mission-Focused organization named The Yoke, and found that their approach of putting all the revenue generating stuff in one section, with just a single button or link to it, was more in line with my sometimes uncomfortable relationship with what Yoke calls "Christ-onomics" .

What this means is not just less ads on pages. If you buy a book from our bookstore, you will be helping to pay the monthly hosting. In some cases, you may also be supporting a TCC Member who is a Published Author. If you buy a tshirt, you will be helping to build capital to open new channels, and possibly supporting a member who is a artist. If so moved, you can also Contribute cash directly to TodaysCatholics.Com, and if you do, it will be used responsibly.

I have an entire team that helps me stay as active and independent as I can, and without them this community would not have survived since 2009. I am also a freelance writer, a poet, and work that mini job from home to earn some of what I personally need. While I may take a draw eventually from TCC, you can rest assured that what you contribute, or buy, is not paying for a Cadillac, expensive clothing, or other nonsense.

I have always believed in being transparent and responsible in the communities I have been a leader in – from Girls Scouts, to Chamber of Commerce, and more. My intention is that at least once a year, TCC will post a PDF copy of a Balance Sheet and an Income Statement. I pray that someday they are part of regular updates to members, with a full audited professional Annual Report everyone can read at or after the TCC Annual Meeting.

Some of our channels will have advertising, but those are not something I can control at this point. Right now, we will still be relying on a fair amount of free or cheap services.

If what our mission is, and what we have accomplished so far sounds like something you would like to be an active part of building, let me know. You join me in the work and the fun by mailing or emailing (see under logo), messaging me, preferably via the TCC Facebook Page.

I hope that members and visitors to our community find this approach to be one that demonstrates that TCC and myself are trying our best to follow The Way as Jesus taught us Catholics and the world. I ask you then, to look around, come back often to see what is new, sign up for our email newsletter, and to help us grow into fulfilling our Mission.

Thank you & Take Care,

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