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In these times of turmoil it is important for us to come together and discern our role in promoting:

Peacemaking in Our Fractured Society

Information on submitting proposals for goals and resolutions was sent to AUSCP priest members on March 3rd.

The Deadline for submitting proposals is March 31, 2017.

Proposal forms are available from the AUSCP office.

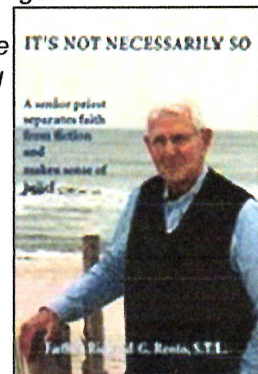
2017 John XXIII Awards

We are happy to announce a second recipient of the **2017 John XXIII Award** which honors individuals who have exemplified the spirit of Vatican II in their lives and ministry. (In the last bulletin we announced **Brian Massingale** as a recipient.)

Congratulations to **Richard Rento**, an AUSCP member from the Diocese of Patterson, NJ! He was nominated by AUSCP member **Ed Lambro**. Ed said: *Throughout his career, Dick Rento has been an exemplary priest and pastor. Undaunted by the backlash against the Second Vatican Council during the "reign" of John Paul II, Dick continued to present the council's agenda in a clear and uplifting manner. He encouraged his congregation never to give up on the hope and promise of the council fathers. His preaching, writing and personal witness have been an inspiration to forward thinking priests, brothers and sisters and the laity in general.*

I cannot think of an individual in my lifetime who has been more authentic, challenging and yet utterly faithful to the struggling Church.

In his book ***It's Not Necessarily So***, Dick himself says: *Eighty five years a Catholic Christian, 58 years a priest, I find the content of my faith undergoing unprecedented development. Why should that not be, I ask myself, when, in the words of Cardinal Newman, 'To live is to*



change, and to change often is to become perfect?' The church has committed itself to change in the Second Vatican Council, and its documents provide us with an initial blueprint, a starting thrust from our long-cultivated inertia, the momentum of which we must maintain.

Join us in Atlanta as we honor Dick Rento and Bryan Massingale with 2017 John XXIII Awards!

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