

For God, For Humanity...For Homeopathy

A note from Joette: I asked my new assistant to do some research on the Vatican's use of homeopathy. She filled me in on some striking information. And now, I want to share it with you, too.

Whether Catholic or not, it's appropriate for the upcoming season of Lent and food for thought. Enjoy!

Italy was rescued from the ravaging cholera epidemic during the first half of the 19th century.

That's a fact.

But did you know that the Holy Pontiff saw that it was homeopathy that did the good work? That's right. From within the Vatican, the successors of St. Peter himself bestowed accolades and great honors upon homeopaths!

Two popes, in particular, made sure to recognize those physicians who used homeopathic medicine to save many lives from succumbing to the disease.

What's more, they not only recognized the accomplishments of homeopathic physicians, but actively integrated and encouraged homeopathy within the Vatican.

Yes, indeed. The Vatican has a history of honoring homeopathy.

Popes publicly acknowledged that homeopaths served the "princes"- "princes" meaning the popes, dignitaries and common people who were cared for by homeopaths.

And so to that end, a famous Italian doctor,

Dr. Settimio Centamori, a homeopathic physician, was awarded the Grand Cross.

(The Grand Cross was the highest honor.)

Bestowed upon a layperson for his work in homeopathy!

This was after his homeopathic treatment restored health to those who had suffered from the deadly cholera epidemic.

But, Pope Gregory XVI didn't just recognize homeopathy's effectiveness in the hands of the good doctor, but also issued a Papal Bull, which in cases of emergencies, allowed even the priests to administer remedies.

So Catholic priests administered homeopathic remedies under the orders of the Pope.

Then, Pope Pius IX, continued to honor the works of homeopaths and granted Dr. Charge, the Order of St. Gregory the Great. This is one of the Five Orders of the Knighthood of the Holy See.

Great honors indeed.

Like Dr. Centamori, Dr. Charge saved many from the cholera epidemic. Among those people cared for by him, only 2.9 % died as compared to up to 70% of those who died after being treated in the conventional hospitals!

What about the pope's personal treatments?

Well, Pope Leo XIII's chronic tracheal infections became less serious with homeopathy.

And his homeopathic care apparently added years to his life..... He was the Church's oldest pope, when he died at 93.

So you see, the Vatican doesn't just evangelize the Gospel

message, but the good news of homeopathy, too!

Fine, you say, that was back in the 19th century, but what about more recently?

Homeopathy still has its place within the Vatican walls. The late Pope John Paul II was cared for by the respected homeopathic, Dr. Francesco Negro.

He had a choice of any physician, yet, not unlike other learned and noteworthy citizens of Europe, he chose a homeopath.

So, as a Catholic, I have to acknowledge, if homeopathy is good enough to have been bequeathed with the Papal Grand Cross, is good enough for Pope Gregory XVI, Pope Pius IX, Pope Leo XIII and Pope John Paul II, I guess it's good enough for me! [i]

[i] In writing this article, I referred to Dana Ullman's informative book, *The Homeopathic Revolution; Why Famous People and Cultural Heroes Use Homeopathy*

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