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Dear Editor Please include this in Your Readers Write Column.

This is in response to Angie Roessner's letter published on 9-12-15 titled: "Vain attack on Catholicism".

I have in my possession a bookmark which shares or reflects the true beliefs of Catholics which Angie requested. Here it is in its entirety.

"Remembrance of the Holy Mission Conducted by Rev. James Minch, CPPS at St. Peters Church Fort Recovery, Ohio January 20 to 26 1963. Save Your Soul. 1. Receive regularly the Sacraments of Penance and Holy Eucharist. 2. Say your morning and evening prayers. Make acts of Faith, Hope and Charity every day; at night, before retiring, examine your Conscience and make an act of Contrition. 3. Attend Mass on all Sundays and Holydays of Obligation. 4. If there exist any Church Societies in your parish, join at least one of them. 5. It is an obligation binding under sin to Contribute to the support of the Church. 6. You are obliged to avoid the occasions of sin; an occasion of sin is any person, place or thing which will likely lead you into sin. 7. Practice Daily Devotions to the Blessed Virgin Mary. Ask for her intercession, particularly for the grace of a Happy Death. 8. Remember: Death – Judgment – Heaven – Hell and you will persevere unto the end. Rev George Niekamp, Pastor."

As a reminder to persevere the Catholic faithful are encouraged to wear the Brown Scapular or the Scapular of Our Lady of Mount Carmel which doing so carries the promise: "Those who die wearing this scapular shall not suffer eternal fire."

Mary also gave 15 Promises to those who pray the Rosary; the fifth one is: "The soul which recommends itself to me by the recitation of the Rosary shall not perish."

The Catholic Church also shares: "It's true that some radical Muslims believe there is heavenly reward for killing infidels who resist conversion to the Muslim faith. We Christians know there can be no possible reward for murder. It is mortal sin, which cuts the murderer off from God. Strictly speaking, those radical Muslims would not be guilty of mortal sin because they believed what they did was right. But they would still be murderers, bearing all the spiritual, moral and emotional consequences of having taken innocent life. If God in His mercy should admit them into purgatory, there they would require unimaginable purgation. The Catholic Answer pg. 28, 29 9/10/11." Check out The Catholic Catechism: The Church & Non-Christians (CCC) 841-848.

I missed reading "Christine Flowers vain attack on Catholicism".

However, I would strongly encourage Mercer and Auglaize Counties to read the Scriptures and look to Jesus for their salvation over the Catholic Catechism and the recommending of their soul to Mary.

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