

MEET THE FOUNDER

Rev. Frank Eberhardt was born and raised in a Roman Catholic home, attending Mass daily and educated in Parochial Schools. Wanting to serve God as a Priest he entered the priesthood studying with the Congregation of the Mission (CM), this is the Order of Saint Vincent DePaul founded in the 1600's. In 1968 he began his training as a missionary priest who would take the teaching of Catholicism around the world. Those were the days of Vatican II with many scholars teaching about the Church's future; it was during those years that he met and spoke with The Honorable Bishop Fulton J Sheen.



Frank loved research and his mind is still geared to ask the basic questions of: Who, what, where, when, why and how, about everything. During a summer vacation he was at the Mass when an elderly lady asked, "How many Masses do I need to have said to free my husband from purgatory?" The lady was recently widowed and was concerned how long it would take for her husband to be cleansed from his temporal punishment of sin in purgatory. She wanted him to be in heaven as quickly as possible. As head librarian Frank began searching and found more questions about Catholic Doctrine than answers. The teaching priests and theologians voiced their disapproval but gave no answers.

He asked permission to study the only resource he had not yet examined, The Holy Scriptures. Being told the Scripture could confuse him he was assigned a Father Confessor to answer his questions and keep him on the path of the One True Church.

After a year and a half he had many questions his Father Confessor and other priests could not answer. Questions like: "Why are we the only faith calling it self Christian that teaches the existence of a place like purgatory (a place where sins are purged before a Christian can enter Heaven)? It is clearly taught in the Scripture, Hebrews 1:3, Christ has already by Himself cleansed (purged) us from all sin by the sacrifice of Himself. Thus 1 Corinthians 15 can rightfully say that absence from the body is presence with the Lord." And another question, "Why are we taught that it is the Mortal Sin of Presumption to say that I know I will be in heaven when I die? Doesn't 1 John 5:13 tell us that 'these things have I written to you who believe in the name of the Son of God that ye may know ye have eternal life?'"

Frank was Born Again in 1972, left the Catholic Seminary, earned his degree in Bible in 1976 from Bob Jones University and founded **GOSPEL OUTREACH INTERNATIONAL TO ROMAN CATHOLICS** that same year. He was ordained to preach through the Gospel Fellowship Association in 1977 and received the *Who's Who In American Christian Leadership* award in 1989. He lives by the conviction that the Scripture is our sole rule of faith which will show all who study them the truth of Salvation. "*So then faith cometh by hearing and hearing by the word of God*" **Romans 10:17**

For more information about brother Frank's Salvation please read his testimony "I wanted to serve God as a priest" available through **GOSPEL OUTREACH INTERNATIONAL TO ROMAN CATHOLICS**