



# INSIDE OUT

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“The biggest lie you ever told – your deepest fear about growing old, the longest night you ever spent – the angriest letter you never sent”. Words and music by Bryan Adams...background music to keep me company, while driving, on a surprisingly warm, sunny, spring day. I brought along a book and intended to read a few chapters while soaking up the warm afternoon sun.

“The sweetest dream you had last night – your darkest hour, your hardest fight, I wanna know you – like I know myself, I’ m waiting for you – there ain’ t no one else”! ... by this time Bryan’ s song got me thinking.

Fr. Michael O’ Carroll C.S.SP had written the foreword to the book “God The Father” and I wrestled with his question, “if the Holy Trinity is the center of our faith i.e. three Persons in one God, then how do we express our belief in public worship and in private prayer? How do we initiate and continue a spiritual attitude towards each Divine Person”?

Pope Paul VI urged Catholic teachers and pastors to add a theology of the Holy Spirit to the theology of the Church and that of Our Blessed Mother, that had come from the fourth session of the Second Vatican Council. But this then begs the question: What of God the Father? As Fr. O’ Carroll points out in regards to the Father, “we are living an awakening of consciousness, and of conscience, in regard to His Person”.

Fr. Michael asks the logical question, “Will this awakening of consciousness of God the Father serve to diminish attention to God the Son Incarnate? He answers, “on the contrary it will enable us to come closer to the mystery of His Sonship”.

Was it not Jesus who said “he who has seen

Me, has seen the Father; how can you say “show us the Father”? Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in Me”? (*Jn 14:9, 10*). It’ s no wonder why the only formal prayer given to us by Jesus is the “Our Father”.

In 1932, an extraordinary event occurred. A nun named Mother Eugenia Ravasio reported that God the Eternal Father appeared to her on two separate occasions. The first time was on July 1, 1932. The second time was on August 12, 1932. After a ten-year investigation, the Church approved the apparitions.

According to Mother Eugenia, God Our Father sat next to her to reveal His great love for His children. God Our Father dictated His message to mankind in Latin, a language totally unknown to her. The translation of these messages can be found in the book “God is Father”.

Paraphrasing from the book:

This is the real purpose of My (*God The Father*) coming:

1. “I am coming to banish the excessive fear that my creatures have of Me, and to show them that My joy lies in being known and loved by My children – that is, all mankind, present and future”.
2. “I am coming to bring hope to men and nations. How many have long since lost it! This hope will make them live in peace and security, working for their salvation”.
3. “I am coming to make Myself known just as I am, so that men’ s trust may increase together with their love for Me, their Father. I have but one concern to watch over all men and love them as My children.

“I promised the world a Messiah. I did all I could to prepare His coming, showing Myself in the figures that represented Him, even thousands of years before His coming”!



“But how could I come among them? There was no other way than to come Myself, in the second Person of My divinity. Would men know Me? Would they listen to Me”?

“Most men know of all these events, but they fail to grasp the essential thing: that love was the guiding principle in it all”!

“Oh, how My paternal love has been forgotten by Men! Yet I love you so tenderly! I can understand My children’s weaknesses! Because of this, I asked My Son to give them the means to get up again after they have fallen. They are, chiefly, the seven sacraments, the greatest means of securing your salvation”.

“Of course, nothing prevented Me from coming to you even before the Eucharist, as nothing is impossible to Me! But receiving this Sacrament is an action that is easy to understand and it shows how I come to you”!

“When I am in you, I can more easily give you what I possess, provided that you ask Me for it. Through this Sacrament you are intimately united with Me. It is in this intimacy that the outpouring of My love makes My holiness spread into your souls”.

“I fill you with My love, then you have only to ask Me for the virtues and perfection you need and you can be sure that in those moments when God is reposing in His creatures, nothing will be refused you”.

Do you suppose our loving Father inspired Bryan Adams to compose the words to Inside Out. Listen carefully to the ending, “I wanna know your soul – I wanna lose control, c’ mon n’ let it out – I wanna know you INSIDE OUT....Tell me everything”!

## 聖召大學

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求學階段，分幼、小、中、大學等，未必每個人都能踏入大學的門，人會利用聰明才智立足於社會。

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當聖召的種子播在你身上時，你就會踏進這所聖召大學。這是一間超凡的學府，經過校長 天主作嚴格的揀選，學科艱深而乏味，並不是人人能接受，能夠苦讀而畢業，證書是一枝牧杖，它蘊藏著偉大的使命，就是派遣你到處尋羊，將來帶領他們進天國，責任重大。但請不要怕，原來這牧杖是有無比的磁力，在善牧之下會發揮作用，因此每年必有羊隻投到你的懷裡，在感恩中多謝主賜你年年豐收。

更大的鼓舞，就是天主賜給你們可收可放的生死權，主說：「你們在世上束縛的，我在天上也一樣」。多大的權力呀！但我深信神父們絕不濫用它，他們的形象，和藹可親，笑臉迎人，難道他會置你於死嗎？

在聖召大學畢業，喜悅更勝在名校獲中十優的狀元，在父母與眾親友參與的第一台奉獻彌撒，感人至深，這就是畢業典禮，使你一生回味無窮。在彌撒中，神父穿上嶄新的祭衣，莊嚴地舉行祭獻天主的大禮，如果你能投入的去欣賞，說不定這可引你開步去追隨聖召。

為著將來得天主百倍的賞報，一切的犧牲又算是什麼呢！「在天榮耀歸於主，在地上歸於所愛的羊。」遠遠聽見這號角聲！