

# THE CATHOLIC GLOBE ...in the classroom

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## ON THE RECORD

### 'This house is not for sale'



By CHARLIE MARTIN

Thirteen studio albums – now that's a lot! Bon Jovi's 13th album is entitled "This House Is Not for Sale" and is the first disc released since long-time lead guitarist Richie Sambora left the band. However, the rockers from New Jersey play on, and their big fans like me keep loving their sound and messages.

The album's title single prompts the question: "What do you really value in your life?" In the song's video, Jon Bon Jovi takes a drive around his old Jersey neighborhoods and thinks about the stories these houses represent.

His memories about the homes of his childhood align with what the song's character states: "These four walls have got a story to tell." Their value lies not in their state of disrepair, but on how "this house was built on trust," and "no wrecking ball could knock it down."

Almost all of us can generate feelings of nostalgia about past aspects of our lives. Life does bring us to experiences and lessons that resurface as memories when we view certain items or possessions.

For example, you might bump into an old computer file of a paper written for a class. You remember how hard you worked on that paper and questioned whether it was good enough to pass the course.

You recall the surprise and delight when you did pass. You can feel again that all the work was worth your effort.

Do you value the paper? Perhaps to some degree, though maybe its topic seems irrelevant to your life now.

What you really value is what the paper represents – that you took on a challenge even when it was unclear if you could succeed. Like the house in the song, your paper "has a story to tell."

While memories can be valuable, the deepest value lies in the journey itself – the real story of your life and how you created it.

This story contains your successes and failures, your hurts and satisfactions, your loves and your heartbreaks.

As you consider how you have learned and grown in life, can you look at yourself with respect and appreciation? Can you recognize how the guidance of God is always upon you? Maybe you can see one of life's most important truths – that you are so valuable to God.

We should learn from our mistakes but also value the whole story. What you learn today may be precisely the knowledge that another needs tomorrow to avoid an even deeper hurt.

The song's "house" was built on trust – this can stand as a metaphor for your whole life. Can you keep "building" your life with trust in God who gave you the opportunity to create your story?

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### "This House is Not for Sale"

These four walls have got a story to tell  
The door is off the hinges, there's no wishing them well

Outside the sky is coal black, the streets are on fire  
The picture window's cracked, and there's nowhere to run  
I know, I know, this house is not for sale

#### Refrain:

I set each stone and I hammered each nail  
This house is not for sale  
When memories live and my dreams all fail  
This house is not for sale  
Coming home, I'm coming home

Swirl my spike into the ground and I stake my claim  
Standing on the dirt where they'll dig my grave

Now I built these walls, it's in my veins  
No time for lookin' back, the world is out the door  
This heart, this soul, this house is not for sale

(Repeat refrain.)

This house was built on trust  
That's what it is, it always was  
No wrecking ball could knock it down  
This house was built on higher ground

(Repeat refrain.)

Coming home, I'm coming home  
(This house is not for sale)  
Coming home, I'm coming home  
I'm coming home, I'm coming home

This house is not for sale

Sung by Bon Jovi  
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## CHILDREN'S STORY

### Jesus gives sight to a man who was born blind

By JENNIFER FICAGLIA  
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One day Jesus and the apostles came upon a man who had been blind since birth.

The apostles thought the man was blind due to sin.

"Neither he nor his parents sinned; it is so that the works of God might be made visible through him," Jesus explained. "We have to do the works of the one who sent me while it is day. Night is coming when no one can work. While I am in the world, I am the light of the world."

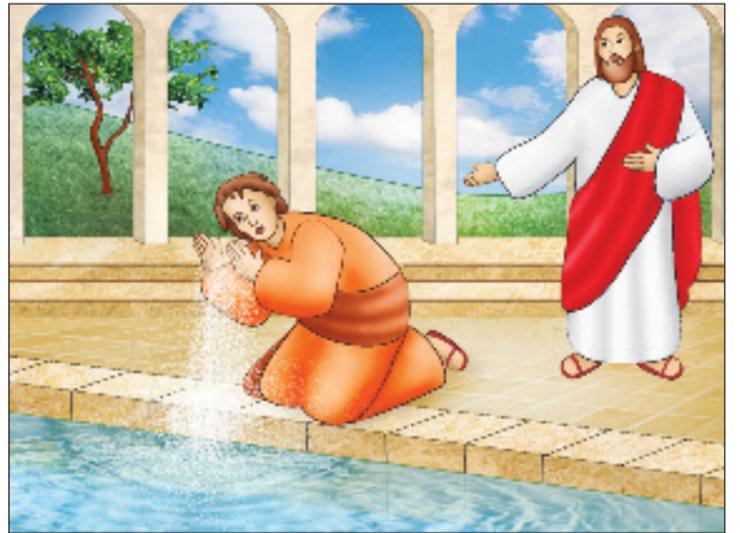
Jesus then put a mixture of clay and his own saliva on the man's eyes and told him to wash himself. Afterward, the man was able to see.

The man told everyone who asked him exactly how he had gained his sight.

He was then brought before the Pharisees to tell his story. Some of them did not think Jesus was from God because he cured the man on the Sabbath instead of resting.

But some of the others argued that a sinful person could not do such miracles.

The Pharisees talked to the man's



parents, who confirmed the man was their son who had been born blind. They were afraid to say more, because they did not want to be thrown out of the synagogue for saying Jesus was the Messiah.

So the Pharisees again called the man before them and asked how he gained his sight.

"Why do you want to hear it again? Do you want to become his disciples, too?" the man asked.

The Pharisees made fun of him, saying that they were disciples of Moses, not Jesus. They still did not believe Jesus came from God.

"It is unheard of that anyone ever opened the eyes of a person born blind. If this man were not from God, he would not be able to do anything," the man said.

The Pharisees became angry and threw him out of the synagogue.

When Jesus heard what happened, he went to talk to the man.

"Do you believe in the Son of Man?" Jesus asked.

"Who is he, sir, that I may believe in him?" the man replied.

"You have seen him, the one speaking with you is he," Jesus answered.

The man looked at Jesus. "I do believe, Lord," he said, and he worshiped Jesus.

#### READ MORE ABOUT IT:

John 9

#### Q&A

1. What did the apostles think caused the man's blindness?
2. Why did the Pharisees refuse to believe what happened?

## PUZZLE

Can you find the miracles of Jesus in the list below? Put a circle around the ones that he performed.

See *Matthew 8* for hints.

- Healing Peter's mother-in-law
- Making flowers grow in the desert
- Healing a paralyzed servant
- Making it rain during a drought
- Healing a woman with a broken finger
- Curing a leper

Answers: See page 19

## FEATURED SAINT: St. Vincent

St. Vincent Ferrer was born in Spain in 1350. He became a Dominican friar in 1367 and was famous for his preaching.

He also performed mission work in Spain, France and Italy and became known for his miracles.

He died in 1419 on one of his missions, and we remember him on April 5.



## BIBLE ACCENT

### Jesus performed many miracles

The Gospels contain many stories about the miracles Jesus performed.

Jesus healed many people during his ministry. He made the blind see, the sick get well and the crippled walk. He even raised people from the dead.

Sometimes, Jesus helped people who were possessed by evil spirits. Once when he commanded a spirit to leave a man's body, the spirit spoke to him and recognized him as the Son of God.

There are several miracles Jesus performed in regard to food. At the wedding in Cana, he turned water into wine. There also are two accounts of Jesus feeding large crowds of people with just a few fish and loaves of bread. Jesus blessed those small amounts

of food, and there was enough for everyone to eat as much as they wanted. There was even food left over after everyone had eaten their fill.

Sometimes, Jesus' miracles involved nature. Once, when his apostles were on a boat in the sea, he walked on the water to meet them. Another time, he and his apostles were on a boat when a violent storm began. The apostles were afraid, but Jesus calmly said, "Quiet! Be still!" and the storm stopped.

Many people came to believe that Jesus was the Messiah because they saw the miracles he performed. Even though we weren't there to see Jesus' miracles firsthand, we can read about them in the Bible and believe.

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