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## ***Poor Banished Children* provides thrilling centerpiece for summer reading**

*Novel sets tone for a season of enjoyable, provocative stories of faith and courage*

**SAN FRANCISCO, June 6, 2011** – Her mystery unfolds on a 17<sup>th</sup> Century British beach. Washed ashore from who knows where, the young woman has a confession to make and a story to tell ó as soon as the locals figure out who she is and where she came from.

So begins Fiorella De Maria's fascinating ***Poor Banished Children***, the tale of one woman's search for freedom and redemption. Published in the U.S. by Ignatius Press, the book highlights a small library of great summer reading available now from the San Francisco-based publisher.

De Maria, who studied English and literature at Cambridge, has earned the National Book Prize of Malta in the foreign-language-fiction category for an earlier work, ***The Cassandra Curse***. Thomas Howard, author of ***Narnia and Beyond***, calls her latest work "serious fiction with prose that is clean, strong and worthy."

***Poor Banished Children*** sets the stage for a great summer of reading featuring Ignatius titles. Others include:

***Fire of Love*** – Award-winning Spanish author Jose Luis Olaizola uses love to frame this historical novel on the life of St. John of the Cross. "This historical novel paints a striking portrait of one of the most revered saints in history, in a landscape that makes the life and times of John of the Cross relevant to our own age," said Leonardo Defilippis, the actor who also directed the film ***John of the Cross***.

***Manalive*** – This classic novel by the brilliant G. K. Chesterton tells the rollicking tale of Innocent Smith, a man who may be crazy ó or possibly the most sane man of all. Beautifully written, mixing the ridiculous with the profound, full of hilarious dialogue and lushly detailed writing, ***Manalive*** demonstrates why life is worth living, and that sometimes we need a little madness just to know we are alive.

***Toward the Gleam*** – In the tradition of J.R.R. Tolkien and C.S. Lewis, Author T.M. Doran takes readers on an intriguing, mysterious journey. In a richly imaginative story that features a giant pirate and slaver, a human chameleon on a perilous metaphysical journey, a mysterious hermit, and creatures both deadly and beautiful, Doran explores the consequences of the predominant ideas of the 20th Century.

More information on all of these hot summer reads is available online using the following directory:

***Poor Banished Children*** – [www.poorbanishedchildren.com](http://www.poorbanishedchildren.com)

***Fire of Love*** – <http://www.ignatius.com/Products/LSJC-P/fire-of-love.aspx>

***Manalive*** – <http://www.ignatius.com/Products/MA-P/manalive.aspx>

***Toward the Gleam*** – [www.towardthegleam.com](http://www.towardthegleam.com)

For more information or to request review copies of these engaging novels from Ignatius Press, please contact Alexis Walkenstein with The Maximus Group at 678-990-9032.

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