Frank Corsentino’s death came as a surprise to all of us. After a freak car accident, he spent many weeks in hospital care and lost his battle to regain his health. Frank was so full of life that it is hard to think of him gone. In his final days he brought into our lives a great concern for him - which was so unlike him. He lived each day wanting to bring us happiness. His jokes and stories are legendary. Even if you’d heard them before, they would always bring a smile to your face. You could tell that he got great pleasure out of bringing laughter to you. It gave his life purpose.

At the Last Supper, Jesus spoke his final words to his disciples in order to give their life purpose. He knew that they would face days of doubt and loss, but he wanted them to have great peace. His purpose was to share the unity he possessed with the Father, so that the disciples might have union with him. His last words to them before offering his final prayer to the Father were these: “In the world you will have trouble, but take courage. I have conquered the world.”

Perhaps Frank Corsentino’s greatest message to us was the message he gave at the end. In the world you will have trouble. Take courage. Be sustained with laughter, faith, friends and love. You will have all you need in the face of life’s troubles to live in the peace of Christ.