

St. Joseph Marian Center

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THE WORLD APOSTOLATE OF FATIMA, U.S.A.



*"Family of Nazareth,
Pray for Us"*

Father Jeffrey L'Arche, MS—Autumn/Christmas 2018 Issue A Message from our Spiritual Director



THE YEAR WINDS DOWN AND WE FOCUS ON MANY IMPORTANT PILLARS OF OPPORTUNITIES TO ENHANCE OUR FAITH. THE CHANGING OF THE SEASONS FROM AUTUMN TO WINTER IS A SIGN OF THE QUICKNESS OF OUR LIVES ON EARTH. EVERY YEAR THAT WE CELEBRATE THE SEASONS WE ALSO CELEBRATE THE SEASONS OF LIFE: FROM BIRTH TO OUR DEATH.



BUT FOR BELIEVERS GOD HELPS US TO ALWAYS KEEP OUR SIGHTS ON THE THINGS OF ETERNITY AND HEAVEN. MARY'S MESSAGE AT FATIMA IS REALLY ABOUT HEAVEN, OUR TRUE HOME. OUR BLESSED MOTHER'S MISSION WAS TO REMIND US OF OUR TRUE DESTINY AND THAT IS THE PRESENCE OF GOD.

NOVEMBER 1ST, ALL SAINTS DAY, BEGINS WITH A POIGNANT REMINDER THAT WE ARE ALL CALLED TO HOLINESS OF LIFE. THE PURPOSE OF THE CHURCH AND THE SACRAMENTS AND LITURGICAL PREACHING IS TO BECKON US TO THE THINGS OF HEAVEN. THE FORGIVENESS OF OUR SINS IS A GREAT PART OF THIS PROCESS. ALL SOULS DAY WHICH FOLLOWS ON NOVEMBER 2ND IS ALSO A REMINDER OF OUR TRUE DESTINY. EVEN THE SOULS IN PURGATORY ARE HAPPY BECAUSE THEY KNOW THAT THEY WILL EXPERIENCE GOD'S BEATIFIC VISION FOR ALL ETERNITY. THEY NEED OUR PRAYERS. THE COMMUNION OF SAINTS IS A STRONG BOND BETWEEN ALL BELIEVERS IN HEAVEN, PURGATORY AND FOR US WHO ARE ON EARTH.

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF MARY ON DECEMBER 8TH IS ALSO A STRONG REMINDER OF GOD'S LOVE FOR US AND THE MATERNAL SOLICITUDE OF THE BLESSED MOTHER FOR US. MARY'S LIFE ALWAYS POINT TO HER SON. SHE WAS PRESENTED TO US AT THE FOOT OF THE CROSS AS OUR MOTHER. LIKE THE BELOVED APOSTLE WE TAKE MARY INTO OUR HOMES. SHE IS A STRONG MEMBER OF OUR FAMILY.

WE OUGHT TO DEVOTE OURSELVES TO PRAYER AND INTERCESSION FOR THE CHURCH AND ALL ITS MEMBERS AT THIS CRITICAL JUNCTURE OF THE CHURCH' EXISTENCE. WE IMPORE EVERYONE TO SAY THE ROSARY DAILY AND MEDITATE UPON THE MYSTERIES OF FAITH. TAKE ADVANTAGE OF HOLY HOURS AND PRAYER BEFORE THE BLESSED SACRAMENT. AS CHILDREN OF GOD WE LOOK TO CHRIST TO HELP US IN OUR TIME OF NEED. ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS REMIND US EACH YEAR THAT LIGHT TRIUMPHS OVER DARKNESS EVEN IN THE COLDEST TIMES. JESUS IS THE ONLY LIGHT. LET US BE CHRIST BEARERS AND BEAR THE LIGHT OF CHRIST OF OUR BAPTISMAL DAY AND ALL THE DAYS OF OUR LIVES. **FR. JEFF, M.S.**

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NOVEMBER : ALL SAINTS DAY APPRECIATION MONTH

We celebrate in thanksgiving All Saints Day on November 1st every year. We are blessed with two new saints to our Holy Catholic Church family. Sts. Francisco and Jacinta.

In the Apostles Creed; “the Communion of Saints” as described in the Basic Catechism: “We are in communion with the saints in heaven by honoring them as the glorified members of the Church, and also by our praying to them, and by their praying for us.” **We can find our saints on the dates in the calendars parishes provide.**

It is believed that the Catholic Church placed All Saints Day, on the day after Halloween to give this Pagan celebration a holy, positive experience. In Our Lady of Angels Parish outside of Binghamton, NY, our youth choir dressed up in their Halloween costumes and sang in the Vigil Mass for All Saints Day before going Halloween trick or treating.

In reflection for the Sainthood of St. Jacinta and St. Francisco, by Father Jason Brooks, L.C. on the Light House Media CD said; “Francisco and Jacinta are for the first time, the youngest saints in our Church (now saints), not because they saw the Blessed Virgin Mary , but that the children became saints because of their practice of “Heroic Virtue.”

In Poland, my Dad shared with me that children were named after the saints name closest to the day they were born to protect them and to pray to them throughout their lives. They celebrated their birthday on their saints day, not on their actual birthday. My saints day is on May 30th. The saint on my birthday is St. Boniface. So the closest female patron saints name is St. Joan of Arc. It is a Hebrew name and it means: “Yahweh is gracious”. I love the pillowcase prayer to her, I purchased in our Resource Center. It says:

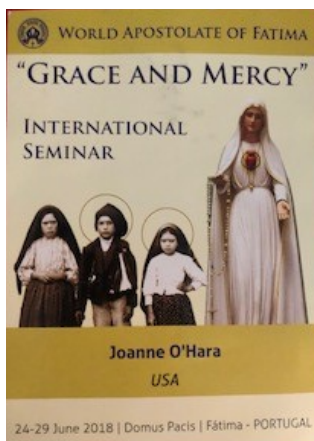
“I pray that I may be as strong as you, St. Joan. I ask that you ride alongside me in my own battles. Help me remember that what is worthwhile can be won when I persevere. Help me hold firm in my faith, and believe, as my Heavenly Father does, in my ability to act well and wisely. Amen”. My Daughter Dee has the Guardian Angel Prayer on one pillowcase and the Divine Mercy Jesus image and prayer on another. She loves it and enjoys sleeping with them on her pillow.

We are all called to sainthood.

Our Lady of Fatima teaches us how we are called to sainthood.

Sister Angela de Fatima during her International Conference presentation of June 6th said, “When Our Lady asks, Do you want to offer yourselves to God?” Sister asks, “Why do I like this sentence so much?” “Because it gives us, from the beginning the reason in which we want to present the life of Francisco and Jacinta with our own lives. She adds, Pope Benedict (XVI) saying, “What was God doing in Fatima? Search for people that were willing to cooperate with Him in the history of salvation.. She asked us, “You got it? You understand it? Okay.” (English is her second language so she would verify with us our understanding of her presentation.) “So this is from the beginning the question Our Lady did in the beginning in May, I’m sure you have already heard. Are you willing to offer yourselves to God? Whatever is going on in the message of Fatima, it’s not for the good of Francisco and Jacinta. But it is for

the salvation. So like with our lives, even this charisma of Fatima, of the World Apostolate at Fatima, I’m sorry my friends. It’s not for your own good only. Okay? It’s to touch your lives, yes. So in opening our hearts, we can be instruments in God’s hands to save the city of men. Of course Pope Benedict is talking about St. Augustine’s idea of humanity. So the life of Francisco and Jacinta, from the beginning, is not for their own good but it’s to cooperate in the history of salvation. **And in the end, it is what Fatima is all about. Salvation, and during our time, Peace..”** So in these two words we have the summary of the secrets of Fatima, of the purpose, why the Blessed Mother came to Fatima sent by God. Salvation and Peace. From the beginning of their lives, Francisco and Jacinta know, it is for that.”



IN NOVEMBER WE REMEMBER All Souls Day IN THANKSGIVING

The three shepherd children asked Our Lady about two teens if they were in heaven? One yes, Amelia would be in purgatory until the end of the world.

Our Lady said souls fall into Hell like snowflakes because there is no one to pray and offer up reparations for them. My Dad from Poland always asked us to pray for his Mom on All Souls Day. Old World Catholics prayed for their loved ones on All Souls Day.

Sister Faustina, through Our Lord's request, asked us to pray the Divine Mercy Chaplet for the dying because the evil one snatches more souls of the dying of fear, from the afterlife. In the Divine Mercy DVD it reflected how Sister Faustina spiritually visited a tormented dying man and how her praying the Divine Mercy Chaplet at his bedside softened and brought this dying man, calm, and became peaceful before he died. Blessed Mother reminded us, "Be not afraid."



Our Faith is not a guided tour but a journey for our salvation.

How does the Basic Catechism of Christian Doctrine teach this? This way:

1. WHO MADE YOU? God made me. **2. WHY DID GOD MAKE YOU?** God made me to know Him and serve Him in this world, and in the next.

3. TO WHOSE IMAGE AND LIKENESS DID GOD MAKE YOU? God made me to His own image and likeness. **4. IS THIS LIKENESS TO GOD IN YOUR BODY OR IN YOUR SOUL?** This is like to God because it is a spirit, and is immortal.

5. HOW IS YOUR SOUL LIKE GOD? My soul is like God because it is a spirit, and it is immortal. **6. WHAT DO YOU MEAN WHEN YOU SAY THAT YOUR SOUL IS IMMORTAL?**

When I say my soul is immortal, I mean that my soul can never die.

7. OF WHICH MUST YOU TAKE MOST CARE, OF YOUR BODY OR OF YOUR SOUL? I must take care of my soul; for Christ has said,

"What doth it profit a man if he gains the whole world, and suffer the loss of his own soul?"

IS THIS WHY THE ANGEL OF PEACE AND OUR LADY OF FATIMA CAME TO TEACH US HOW TO SAVE ALL SOULS FOR PEACE?

Our Lady came down from heaven in response to Pope Benedict XV's request in an 8 Day novena in union with Bishops and the faithful around the world to ask for her intervention during World War I, as the Pope saw the War to end all. Our Lady came down in an obscure location in Fatima, Portugal. Fatima, Portugal is named after a Muslim Princess, named after Mohammad's most favored daughter. Mohammad said his daughter Fatima is only second to Blessed Mother Mary. She married a Catholic Prince and was baptized into the Catholic Faith. How is it Mary came here, in answer to Pope Benedict's request for her intercession? Was it God who knew we would need her for our times? There are many in pain as the results of turning away from God and wanting freedom to be free. Free from the restrictions of our Faith? For Abortion? Live without God? **God is not undone by evil.** As Blessed Mother said to the three shepherd children, "You have seen Hell (where poor souls fall because they have no one to pray for them and offer up sacrifices.) To save them, God wishes to establish devotion to my Immaculate Heart during the Pontificate of Pope Pius XI. If it is done as I say, many souls will be saved and there will be peace. The war is going to end. Russia will be converted. **If not, a worse one will come (WWII) and break out. Russia will spread her errors throughout the world, causing wars and persecutions of the Church. The good will be martyred, the Holy Father will have much to suffer, various nations will be annihilated.** In the end my Immaculate Heart will triumph." Russia will be converted, there will be a period of peace." **Let us pray the Rosary. Peace.**



What we can do during Advent; as in the Song, Away In A Manger. LET EVERY HEART, PREPARE HIM ROOM

(During this season, we look for ways we can give back as a gift to the baby Jesus in thanksgiving for the salvation of souls and for world peace.

There are many organizations to look into sharing of our gifts

Our Lord was born in a stable where there was no crib for a bed for his head , wrapped in swaddling clothes.

We have newborn babies born in similar limited environments where new mothers have no clothes, blankets, etc. to bring their new born babies home in.



NATIONAL CHRIST CHILD SOCIETY
WHERE LOVE LEADS TO ACTION OF ALBANY

A need in our diocese brought to our attention is a desperate need of new volunteers to knit ,to crochet, do needlework, (or Sew) for the local chapter of the Christ Child Society. The yarn and fabric is provided for free if needed.



The Christ Child Society of the Albany, NY Diocese serves women and children in need throughout the Capital region; from Saratoga to Schoharie and from Amsterdam to Hudson. The chapter is 40 years old. They prepare over 500 layettes annually and distribute them to 29 agencies who serve pregnant women.

Is there anyone who can volunteer some time and help to continue the tradition of including handmade sweaters, hats, blanket?

If you can help with this most desperate need, please contact:

Anna Morales at (518) 355-2849 or Joanne O'Hara at: (518) 355-3897

CONTENTS OF A LAYETTE

1. 1 Afghan, Fleece Blanket or Quilt 36x42" or 40x40"
2. 1 Dozen Diapers
3. 2 Receiving Blankets
4. 2 Sleepers (6-9 months)
5. 2 Medium Body suits (3-6 months)
6. 2 Large Bodysuits (6-9 months)
7. 1 Sweater Set with hat, socks or booties
8. 1 Hooded Towel
9. 1 Book
10. 1 Packaged together: Prayer Card, Shaken
11. Baby Syndrome, Sleepy Time Card



Extras: 1-3 depending stock on hand)

Thank you and God Bless sharing your talents with us.



ADVENT IS A TIME FOR- NEW BEGINNINGS THE RETURN BACK TO GOD TO JESUS THROUGH MARY'S "YES" MAY BE OUR YES



Christmas is a wonderful time and is one of the happiest times of the year. Our Savior is born. During Advent we find the Church reflecting on the Jesse Tree.

Jesse, in the Old Testament was the father of the great King of Israel, David. Jesse and David were given some of the most important promises from God including God's only son would be born through their family line. There are 11 branches with ornaments or pictures reminding us of the people and the events decorating the Jesse Tree. It starts with 1.) Adam and Eve, Gen 1-3; 2.) Noah, Gen 6-9; 3.) Abraham and Sarah, Gen. 12-25; 4.) Joseph and his brothers, Gen. 37-50; 5.) Moses, Exodus; 6.) Ruth, Book of Ruth) 7.) David, 1 Samuel 16-1 Kings; 8.) Emmanuel, Isaiah 2-11; 9.) Micah, Micah 5:1-3; 10) New Jerusalem, Isaiah 40-66; concluding with, 11.) John the Baptist, Luke 1-3. As the Basic Catechism question reflects: "Where is God? God is everywhere, he knows and sees all things, even our most secret thoughts." A lot more than the depicted Santa in movies this time of year who only knows when you are sleeping and when you are awake; knows when you are good and when you are bad. This Christmas image only sees the outside actions. God knows our hearts. Our treasure is where our hearts shall be.

Advent brings us back to the very beginning. Remembering our grafting on to the Jewish roots foretelling our Savior's birth. We appreciate how much God loves us for sending his Son into the world into a family. Blessed Mother Mary's Fiat, yes, answering Pope Benedict XV's novena to come down to overcome communism and WWI to bring peace and salvation into the world, she continues to teach us how. At the International Conference, Sister Angela de Fatima guided in response to Mary's Immaculate Heart that we consecrate ourselves everyday from the atheism in our own lives so to bring us closer to Jesus' Sacred Heart.



As we prepare our homes for celebrating the birth of Our Lord, prepare also our hearts during Advent to bring us from darkness into God's light. From the darkness of Adam and Eve's fall to original sin, to Mary's yes Fiat to bring into the world, the Prince of Peace. They are the new Adam and Eve's yes response to God's call.



How do you celebrate Christmas? Some ideas Saints has given us:

- St. Francis of Assisi live re-enactment of Jesus' birth Nativity Creche and crib.
- Schoolmaster Father Franz Gruber put the Christmas poem, "Silent Night" to music at Christmas Midnight Mass in 1818 when the church organ didn't play.
- St. Boniface, a priest in England borrowed pagan oak Christmas tree idea and changed it to Evergreen tree that never loses its leaves reflecting the life Jesus offers that never ends.
- St. Nicholas generosity for the poor; died Dec. 6, Bishop of Myra, Turkey in the 4th century. (We put our shoes out night before.)

MERRY CHRISTMAS, BLESSED NEW YEAR.

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"Most Holy Virgin who hast deigned to come to Fatima, to reveal the treasures of graces hidden in the recitation of the Rosary, inspire our hearts with sincere devotion, that meditating on the Mysteries of our Redemption recalled therein, we may obtain the conversion of sinners, the conversion of Russia, and the favors we ask you now for the greater glory of God, - for your own honor, and for the good of souls. Amen"

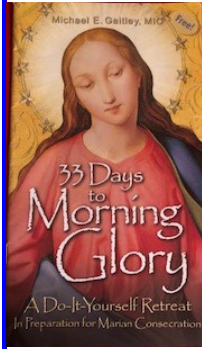
Our Lady of the Rosary of Fatima, pray for us (This Fatima Prayer is found under the Fatima Statue)

What we can do during Advent; LET EVERY HEART, PREPARE HIM ROOM IN OUR HEARTS
THROUGH PRAYER AND OUR CONSECRATION TO BRING US CLOSER TO HIM

PREPARATION FOR MASS

(St. Thomas Aquinas (1225-1274) from
2018 Breaking Bread Church Song book)

Almighty eternal God, behold,
I come to the Sacrament of
your Only Begotten Son, our
Lord Jesus Christ, as one sick
to the physician of life, as one
unclean to the fountain of mercy,
as one poor and needy to the
Lord of Heaven and earth. I
ask, therefore, for the abundance
of your immense generosity,
that you may graciously cure
my sickness, wash away my
defilement, give light to my
blindness, enrich my poverty,
clothe my nakedness, so that I
may receive the bread of Angels,
the King of kings and Lord of
lords, with such reverence and
humility, such contrition and
devotion, such purity and faith,
such purpose and intention as
are conducive to the salvation
of my soul. Grant, I pray, that
I may receive not only the
Sacrament of the Lord's Body
and Blood, but also the reality
and power of that Sacrament.
O most gentle God, grant that
I may so receive the Body of
your Only Begotten Son our
Lord Jesus Christ, which he
took from the Virgin Mary, that
I may be made worthy to be
incorporated into this Mystical
Body and to be counted among
its members. O most loving
Father, grant that I may at last
gaze forever upon the unveiled
face of your beloved Son,
whom I, a wayfarer, propose to
receive now veiled under these
species: Who lives and reigns
with you for ever and ever.
Amen.



CONSECRATION

**To Her Immaculate Heart
TO JESUS THROUGH MARY**

Bishop Sharfenberger requested we renew our
Consecration to Jesus through Mary,
November 5 - December 8, 2018,
using Father Gailley's book, "33 Days to Morning
Glory."

Salvation first came through a woman who said
yes to God's call.

At the Youth Summit on October 23, a youth asked the priest
speaker (It might have been Bishop Robert Baron? I didn't see
the priest's name because I was listening while driving when
the question came up on our local radio channel WOPG AM
1460. Great channel).

The youth said, they do not like when Christian persons, who
are in ones face preaching the Bible. How should a Catholic
show their faith?

The priest responded, "by witnessing the Joy to others and
Peace in your lives." They will say, "I want what they have. I
want to know what is their secret."

It is the emptying of ourselves and filling ourselves with Christ.
St. Louis de Montfort 33 Day Consecration teaches us how.
Father Gailley brings us the history of saints who lived the
Montfort devotion and we witness their Catholic faith through
their actions. For example, Pope St. John Paul II, St. Mother
Teresa of Calcutta, St. Maximillian Kolbe. The priest summit
speaker shared a story of 21 Christians martyred in Libya. As
the terrorist killed the first 20 Christians, they each said in faith
and peace, "Jesus save us". As they approached the 21st person
to martyr, he said "I am not a Christian but I want to know their
God", and he was the 21st to be martyred. All 21 are shown as
the Martyrs of Libya. Their faith saved their "eternal life", and
their souls (as we discussed in the question, how are we like
God from the Basic 'Baltimore' Catechism.) As the song goes,
"They will know we are Christian by our love, by our love.
They will know we are Christians by our love," (written by a
Catholic Priest, Peter Scholtes
in the year 1966.)

"Mary, we know nothing is
impossible with God. Pray with
us for our salvation and for
peace in the world."

"O Jesus, it is for love of You,
for the conversion of sinners,
and in reparation for the sins
committed against the Immacu-
late Heart of Mary." Amen.



Prayer of Consecration

Vouchsafe to reign, O most loving Mother, over this family, that it be your own, and wishes to be, yours in prosperity and in adversity, in joy and in sorrow, in health and in sickness, in life and in death. Reign over our wills, leading them in the path of virtue traced by you for us with your example, in a perfect submission to the will of God.

Reign in our hearts which desire nothing but to be consumed with your love for you and Jesus. We want to be pure like you; we want to atone for so many crimes committed against you and against Jesus.

Bring to our country and to the whole world the kingdom of peace in justice and charity.

Therefore, we now promise to imitate your virtues in the practice of a Christian life, and to offer you the wreath of our Rosary and the flowers of our sacrifices, in the spirit of Reparation and Penance. Amen.



GRATEFUL HEARTS GATHER HERE THIS YEAR

Our Hearts are where our Treasure is. So thankful. Thank you to all who have supported Our Lady of Fatima's ministry in our diocese. Thank you to all the financial and spiritual prayers for (SJMC) St. Joseph Marian Center.

We printed only 2 newsletters in 2017, so to be able to utilize your generous donations for large ads in the Evangelist to try to reach as many people as possible, equaling the other two 2017 newsletters. We are blessed to have Bishop Scharfenberger here and supporting us and in Auriesville on May 13, 2017. We thank Auriesville for their kind assistance offering their site for Our Lady of Fatima's 100th Anniversary. The denomination of priests there were called back to N. Y. City causing a void for Confessions in the afternoon. A huge thank you to our Spiritual Director, Father L'Arche and to Father Iannotti, Father Torres, and Father Slezak for being true sons of Mary in their assistance with morning Mass, Reconciliation, and Scapular enrollments. It was a truly most Spiritual event. Thank you for all who donated their time and financial support, especially my husband Tim who tithed his retirement bonus for the 100th anniversary success. We want to thank all who have supported Tim and I for the last 10 years, and continue to support us as Custodians of Our Lady of Fatima Pilgrim Image Statue and St. Joseph Marian Center. They are:

- Guilderland Printing for all their support printing all of our newsletters.
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- For the Altamont Post Office for their assistance in our bulk mailing newsletter services.
- but most and not least, Our Board of Trustees who make Our Ministry possible. God's blessings to all.

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JESUS SAID, "I'VE COME TO SET THE WORLD ON FIRE." (LUKE 12:49-53)

LET'S TURN THIS CATHOLIC SHIP AROUND TOWARD SALVATION AND WORLD PEACE.

Also, Sister Angela from Fatima tells us how. How are we called to help through the message of Fatima?

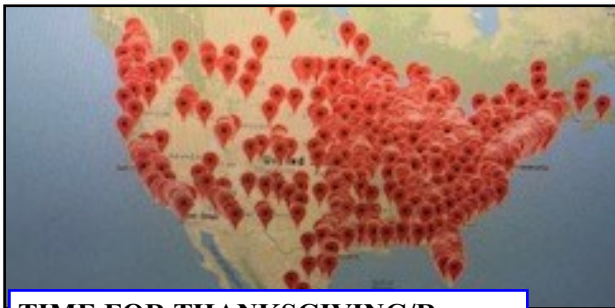
ADVENT- BRINGING OURSELVES BACK UNDER GOD'S MANTLE OF PROTECTION

THE TIME IS NOW. As Pope St. John Paul II said, "You are the hope of the Church. You are my hope."

God has given us free will. To follow God or Not. May this Harvest season reflect our harvest of our faith.

AS POPE ST. JOHN PAUL TEACHES: "OPEN THE DOORS FOR CHRIST."

We Need To Trust In Something Greater Than Ourselves—the Greatest Generation didn't know they were great, they answered to the needs of the time and were tested to be the best. To be their best selves.



**TIME FOR THANKSGIVING/Rosary
Coast-to-Coast (grateful turn-out map.)**



St. Joseph Marian Center Rosary Coast-To-Coast located at St. Madeleine Sophie Church

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The Immaculate Heart of Mary will inspire us. Inspire us to live the life we have imagined. A sign I bought says, "Live in such a way that those who know you, but don't know God, will come to know God because they know you."

Author unknown. We see the awesome turnout United States-wide. This is a great sign how our country will come to know God through everyone's Rosary and all those that weren't registered on the Rosary Coast-to-Coast site results.

The U.S. is almost filled in coast to coast. Let's come back to our roots in our Faith preparing for the Thanksgiving and Advent season. Remember All Saints Day and All Souls Day. How can we offer our gifts for Our Lord's Birth?

(Albany Diocese Prayer "Re-igniting our faith" ->)

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Prayer of Re-Igniting Our Faith

God of untiring mercy, open our hearts to hear your voice. Send your living flame of love into our hearts to overflow with abundant generosity of spirit. May the burning passion of your love for all transfigure our lives, our families and our parishes.

Re-ignite in us each day the joy of spreading the Gospel. May our living faith in your Real Presence shine in our hearts so that we may bring it to whomever you lead us each day.

We place our prayer in the heart of Mary, under Her title of the Immaculate Conception, Patroness of our nation and our Diocese, through which we consecrate ourselves to your Divine Mercy.

Amen.

