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"Dear children! Pray with me for a new life for all of you. In your hearts, little children, you know what needs to be changed. Return to God and His Commandments, so that the Holy Spirit may change your lives and the face of this earth, which is in need of renewal in the spirit. Little children, be prayer for all those who do not pray; be joy for all those who do not see the way out; be carriers of light in the darkness of this peaceless time. Pray and seek the help and protection of the saints so that you also could yearn for Heaven and Heavenly realities. I am with you and am protecting and blessing all of you with my motherly blessing. Thank you for having responded to my call."

MEDJUGORJE
June 25, 2020

"Dear children! I am listening to your cries and prayers, and am interceding for you before my Son Jesus, who is the Way, the Truth and the Life. Return, little children, to prayer and open your hearts in this time of grace and set out on the way of conversion. Your life is passing and, without God, does not have meaning. This is why I am with you to lead you towards holiness of life, so that each of you may discover the joy of living. I love you all, little children, and am blessing you with my motherly blessing. Thank you for having responded to my call."

**Meditation on the
MAY 25, 2020 Message**

by Fr. Al Bermudez, OSSM

"Motherly Blessing"

Mary invites us as the Easter Season climaxes at the glorious feast of the Pentecost (Birth of the Church). Mary and the apostles were praying together all that time so that the arrival of the Holy Spirit will change the condition of the world. Today as always, we are praying and asking Mary and Jesus to send us the Holy Spirit. We are in need of renewal and healing as we work and pray to overcome the effects of the Corona virus. The Holy Spirit will help us to work and pray for that renewal. As Mary speaks of her message, "For all those who do not pray." We need to stand, pray and work with those First Responders, family and friends that God will show us the way out. We need to be Carriers of the Light in the darkness as Mary says in this peace less time. Mary wants us to be empowered by the Holy Spirit. Mary also said "Pray and seek for health and protection, so that in serenity we may yearn for Heavenly Realities. Let us listen today and hear Mary saying, "I am with you and blessing you all with my Motherly Blessing"

Amen and God Bless
Love, Father AL

**Meditation on the
JUNE 25, 2020 Message**

by Fr. Al Bermudez, OSSM

"Pray for Conversion"

Our spiritual Mother Mary, identifies herself by the relationship she has with her son Jesus, "who is the way, the truth and the life".

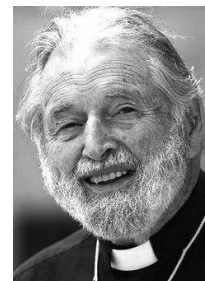
It is God the Father himself who has chosen Mary by election through the Arch Angel Gabriel who reveals to Mary "As Full of Grace", the Lord is with the blessed among women and the fruit of Her womb, Jesus. Her Cousin Elizabeth also acknowledges her special election as stated in saying "Blessed are you among women". We the church pray Holy Mary, Mother of God, Pray for us sinners now and at the hour of our death, Amen. Mary calls and urges us to return to prayer and with fully committed hearts in this time of grace that the Lord is providing for our conversion (Turning away from sin and seeking the teachings of Jesus with fully committed hearts).

Life will have meaning and holiness as Mary, Our Mother leads us to discover the joy of living. A mother's love wants us to have a desire for holiness and to the joy of living.

Mary again reminds us the Love she has for us, and gives us a MOTHERLY BLESSING!

Love, Father AL

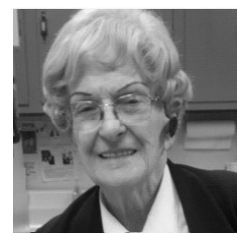
WHERE IT ALL BEGAN



Fr. Peter Mary Rookey, OSM
Oct. 12, 1916 - Sept. 10, 2014
The Apostle of Compassion



Margaret M. Trosclair
June 19, 1933 - March 14, 2019



Gertrude Gayle Ponseti
Oct. 14, 1937-Dec 10, 2019

**THE LORD'S BLESSINGS RECEIVED WHILE SUFFERING FROM
THE CORONA VIRUS**

by Melanie Babin

The Lord comes to us in our time of need when we surrender ourselves to Him. I truly felt His Presence when I became ill with the Corona Virus in early March 2020. Although I have been ill with the flu and other respiratory illnesses, this virus took me down where I depended on the Lord in prayer and in the complete isolation I felt while sick. In the beginning, all I could do was sleep 20 hours a day. In those moments of dozing off and waking up, I kept the TV on EWTN. I could hear the Mass, those who prayed the Rosary for us, and most especially I saw Eucharistic Adoration. As I slept one evening, I turned over to face the Lord in Adoration and I heard Him say,

"I will protect you."

Those words brought me His peace and comfort while I lay in confusion. Throughout those few weeks, I had people calling me to pray with me after I had more clarity of mind. My friend told me as she prayed that she saw the Blessed Mother praying beside my left shoulder with us. I felt those prayers of intercession from Mother Mary and all those who were offering their Rosaries for my complete healing. In one of my darkest moments, while experiencing chills and fever, as I laid on my side, I saw the feet of Jesus nailed to the Cross. I felt like I was there, close enough to kiss His feet. I saw His Blood from His wounds.

"Suffer with Me for the salvation of Souls."

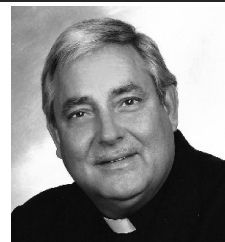
I believe the Lord wants us to surrender to Him in our suffering, to unite ourselves to Him on the Cross and offer what we are going through to bring souls to Him. If we only realize how much our own suffering could help others, we could save so many Souls.

This time with the Lord was so special. It brought me to a deeper relationship with Him and His mother. I have eternal gratitude for those moments. For Mother's Day I purchased a statue of Mother Mary. She is blessed and stands by my front door. As I pass her and kiss her daily, she says, **"Love my Son."**

If you have an inspiring story to share, please email maryshelpersi97@bellsouth.net so we may share with our readers.

At Fatima, Portugal, in 1917, Our Lady made it very clear that the rosary is the solution to our earthly problems.
LET'S PRAY DAILY THE ROSARY.

From The Desk of Margaret Trosclair by Father Paul Bergeron



Where do we go from here?

With the Covid Pandemic having left many deaths in its path, I can't help but thinking of Psalm 23 ,where we find ourselves relying totally on The Lord. It is The Lord that will lead us to better pastures. We are the Sheep of His Flock and with Him we place all our hope and trust. Relying on The Lord, is our only way out. There is nothing in this world that can save us from our own destruction. Saint Faustina knew this well as she wrote in her Diary- "**Jesus I Trust in Thee**". It is a lesson that we must learn time and time again. Saint Paul, my beloved Patron, spoke of this when he said "**We must die to self in order to truly live**". What he meant by this is to put to death all that is not of Christ within us. Jesus Himself referred this death to a grain of wheat,

"Unless a grain of wheat dies, it remains just a grain of wheat, but if it dies, it produces much fruit".

What the world is experiencing now is a call for change. How can we continue to live in a world that we have defiled through our sins. In the bible it states that the people ate and drank and committed sins even up to the time before The Great Flood and Noah and his Ark. But all is not lost, for if we turn back to God with all our hearts, He will hear our cries and truly answer us. The Good Book also reminds us that "**There is more rejoicing in Heaven for one repentant sinner than a thousand righteousness**". So my friends, the time is now! Where do we go from here is up to you and I. We must indeed work out our salvation. Jesus has indeed given it to us by His Death and we need only to grasp it each day that we live. The Greeks have a word for this-it is called **METANOIA**, which means a change not just for a day, *but for a life time.* God Bless You All Fr. Paul Bergeron

Mother Mary's love and healing

On March 17th, 2016 my husband Matt and I attended the 20th anniversary of Mother Mary's appearance to Louis Saia in Houma. I met a precious lady named Carolyn, who is a member of Marys Helpers. She noticed and pointed out how swollen my ankles and feet were that evening. I was so touched and moved by her empathy and concern, it really meant a lot to me. I have problems with fluid retention because of heart issues and another condition called SIADH, (syndrome of antidiuretic hormone). Carolyn was sharing some heartbreak and concerns she was dealing with at the time. We stepped outside onto the porch for privacy and I asked her if it was ok for me to pray for her. We held hands and I prayed for her what the Holy Spirit moved me to pray, and she shed some tears. It was beautifully moving. God is So good. We both knew and were aware that the porch we were standing on was the very spot Mother Mary stood, but were not focused on it. We were just lost in prayer. One morning it hit me that my feet and ankles have never been swollen again since then. All Praise, Honor and Glory to God! And Thank You from the bottom of my heart Mother Mary for your love and intervention for my healing. Glenda Hardey

Our Blessed Mother Heard Louis' Prayers

Well I remember it though it were yesterday. The date was Feb 17th five years ago. The weather was freezing and as I lay on my couch, I had my winter pajamas on and two blankets over me trying to keep warm. You see even though I had the central heat on high, I could not get warm because for the last three months I had been having chemo and radiation treatments with no results. I had gone to the doctor for a sore shoulder before I began my treatments and he thought it may be a rotator cuff operation that I needed to have, but after he had given me a PET scan, he realized that it was fourth stage cancer. That was just the beginning of my problems because I also had a tumor the size of a grapefruit wrapped around my spine. Getting back to the Feb 17th event, the phone rang and it was Louis Saia on the line telling me that he was coming to my house to pick me up to be prayed over on the very spot where he personally saw The Blessed Virgin Mary. My response to him was not favorable, as I told him of how I was feeling. Not taking no for an answer, he picked me up from my home with my pajamas on and a blanket wrapped around me. Louis prayed over me and I listened to every word of his prayer to The Blessed Mother. I was impressed and was moved with his prayer begging her to heal me, so much so, that I was moved to tears. When he brought me home, back on the couch, a half an hour later, I begin to feel a warm feeling starting from my toes all the way up to my head. I threw the blankets off me and knew that something was going on spiritually. The next day I was scheduled for another treatment of chemo and the following day I received a call from my doctor to tell me that the chemo, after three months, had finally kicked-in. What happened next was truly a miracle. The tumor had left the spine and began to shrink to the size of about a plumb. The oncologist said that all of his years practicing, he had never witnessed this happening. They were then able to operate on me and retract the tumor. Now it's been five years and not a re-occurrence of my cancer. I have no doubt that Our Blessed Mother had heard and answered the prayers of Louis.

Father Paul Bergeron

Remember to keep us between the light and gas bill

We want to thank all of those who have already answered our plea by sending us donations. We are truly blessed to have you our generous Helpers of Mary. Please keep us between the light bill and the gas bill as Margaret and Gayle would say. Also we welcome ideas to help us raise funds and to improve our ministry. Please jot it down and send it in or email us at MarysHelpers97@bellsouth.net. Also if you have a story or testimony that you would like us to share in our newsletter, send it to us.

May God Bless You and keep you safe always!

When we appeal to the throne of grace, we do so through Mary, honoring God by honoring His Mother, imitating Him by exalting Her, touching the most responsive chord in the Sacred Heart of Christ with the sweet name of Mary.

Saint Robert Bellarmine

ENCYCLICAL LETTER
The JOY of the GOSPEL
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APOSTOLIC EXHORTATION

of the
SUPREME PONTIFF
FRANCIS
to the BISHOPS,
PRIESTS, DEACONS,
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PERSONS, &
The LAY FAITHFUL
on the PROCLAMATION
of the GOSPEL in
TODAY'S WORLD
Part 46



CHAPTER THREE
THE PROCLAMATION OF THE
GOSPEL

[142] To believe that the Holy Spirit is at work in everyone means realizing that he seeks to penetrate every human situation and all social bonds: "The Holy Spirit can be said to possess an infinite creativity, proper to the divine mind, which knows how to loosen the knots of human affairs, even the most complex and inscrutable". [143] Evangelization is meant to cooperate with this liberating work of the Spirit. The very mystery of the Trinity reminds us that we have been created in the image of that divine communion, and so we cannot achieve fulfilment or salvation purely by our own efforts. From the heart of the Gospel we see the profound connection between evangelization and human advancement, which must necessarily find expression and develop in every work of evangelization. Accepting the first proclamation, which invites us to receive God's love and to love him in return with the very love which is his gift, brings forth in our lives and actions a primary and fundamental response: to desire, seek and protect the good of others.

179. This inseparable bond between our acceptance of the message of salvation and genuine fraternal love appears in several scriptural texts which we would do well to meditate upon, in order to appreciate all their consequences. The message is one which we often take for granted, and can repeat almost mechanically, without necessarily ensuring that it has a real effect on our lives and in our communities. How dangerous and harmful this is, for it makes us lose our amazement, our excitement and our zeal for living the Gospel of fraternity and justice! God's word teaches that our brothers and sisters are the prolongation of the incarnation for each of us: "As you did it to one of these, the least of my brethren, you did it to me" (Mt 25:40). The way we treat others has a transcendent dimen-

sion: "The measure you give will be the measure you get" (Mt 7:2). It corresponds to the mercy which God has shown us: "Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful. Do not judge, and you will not be judged; do not condemn, and you will not be condemned. Forgive, and you will be forgiven; give, and it will be given to you... For the measure you give will be the measure you get back" (Lk 6:36-38). What these passages make clear is the absolute priority of "going forth from ourselves towards our brothers and sisters" as one of the two great commandments which ground every moral norm and as the clearest sign for discerning spiritual growth in response to God's completely free gift. For this reason, "the service of charity is also a constituent element of the Church's mission and an indispensable expression of her very being". [144] By her very nature the Church is missionary; she abounds in effective charity and a compassion which understands, assists and promotes.

The kingdom and its challenge
180. Reading the Scriptures also makes it clear that the Gospel is not merely about our personal relationship with God. Nor should our loving response to God be seen simply as an accumulation of small personal gestures to individuals in need, a kind of "charity à la carte", or a series of acts aimed solely at easing our conscience. The Gospel is about the kingdom of God (cf. Lk 4:43); it is about loving God who reigns in our world. To the extent that he reigns within us, the life of society will be a setting for universal fraternity, justice, peace and dignity. Both Christian preaching and life, then, are meant to have an impact on society. We are seeking God's kingdom: "Seek first God's kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well" (Mt 6:33). Jesus' mission is to inaugurate the kingdom of his Father; he commands his disciples to proclaim the good news that "the kingdom of heaven is at hand" (Mt 10:7).

181. The kingdom, already present and growing in our midst, engages us at every level of our being and reminds us of the principle of discernment which Pope Paul VI applied to true development: it must be directed to "all men and the whole man". [145] We know that "evangelization would not be complete if it did not take account of the unceasing interplay of the Gospel and of man's concrete life, both personal and social". [146] This is the principle of universality intrinsic to the Gospel, for the Father desires the salvation of every man and woman, and his saving plan consists in "gathering up all things in Christ, things in heaven and things on earth" (Eph 1:10). Our mandate is to "go into all the world and proclaim

the good news to the whole creation" (Mk 16:15), for "the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God" (Rom 8:19). Here, "the creation" refers to every aspect of human life; consequently, "the mission of proclaiming the good news of Jesus Christ has a universal destination. Its mandate of charity encompasses all dimensions of existence, all individuals, all areas of community life, and all peoples. Nothing human can be alien to it". [147] True Christian hope, which seeks the eschatological kingdom, always generates history.

The Church's teaching on social questions

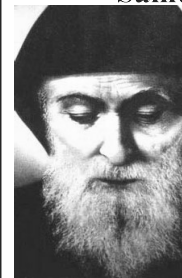
182. The Church's teachings concerning contingent situations are subject to new and further developments and can be open to discussion, yet we cannot help but be concrete—without presuming to enter into details—lest the great social principles remain mere generalities which challenge no one. There is a need to draw practical conclusions, so that they "will have greater impact on the complexities of current situations". [148] The Church's pastors, taking into account the contributions of the different sciences, have the right to offer opinions on all that affects people's lives, since the task of evangelization implies and demands the integral promotion of each human being. It is no longer possible to claim that religion should be restricted to the private sphere and that it exists only to prepare souls for heaven. We know that God wants his children to be happy in this world too, even though they are called to fulfilment in eternity, for he has created all things "for our enjoyment" (1 Tim 6:17), the enjoyment of everyone. It follows that Christian conversion demands reviewing especially those areas and aspects of life "related to the social order and the pursuit of the common good". [149]

Part 47 Next Month

St. Sharbel Makhlof

May 8, 1828 - December 24, 1898

Saint of Miracles



**Recent Documented
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by Margaret Bieser

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SAINT Charbel

The Wonder Worker of Lebanon

By Ben Broussard Source: Crusade
**The righteous shall flourish like a palm tree.
He shall grow like a cedar of Lebanon. (Ps. 91:13)**

The Biblical cedars of Lebanon have towered on mountaintops for thousands of years. Lebanon, a country mentioned in the Bible more than 70 times, today carries the cedar on its flag. The towering cedar is prized for both its quality and the stability of its wood, not to mention its fragrance.

Our Lord himself walked the rugged country of Lebanon when He visited Tyre and Sidon. He foresaw all that would come to pass. He also looked to our days, and saw all the crises facing not just Lebanon but the entire world.

It was here that Divine Providence raised up a man who could be called a true "cedar of Lebanon." An exemplar of every virtue, his mission would be to help not just the people of his homeland, but the entire world. The quality of his life, the stability of his total dedication, and the fragrance of his sanctity rose to the heights of heaven. God gave to this man great power to work miracles. This man was Saint Charbel Makhlof.

DEDICATED TO GOD

Charbel Makhlof was born on May 8 1828. He was the fifth child of Antoun Zaarour Makhlof and Brigitta Chidiac. At baptism he received the name of Youssef (Joseph). The family lived in the rural village of Bekaa-Kafra, high in the Lebanese mountains.

At his mother's knee young Youssef learned to pray with great devotion. As was the custom among Maronite Catholics, the children knelt and repeated their mother's prayers before the small home altar at day's end. The smoke of incense rose with their prayers at evening twilight.

As he grew, Youssef was drawn to the examples of the lives of the saints and to the life of a hermit, as was practiced by two of his uncles. Youssef took charge of his family's flock, daily bringing them to pasture. In a small grotto near where the sheep grazed, young Youssef placed an icon of the Blessed Virgin. In the peaceful solitude he would pass the day in prayer. The other boys of the village ironically began to call the place "the grotto of the saint".

In the heat of summer or the snows of winter, the thoughts of Youssef always turned heavenward. With each passing day, he fervently prayed to Our Lady that he could live his days entirely in God's service.

"GOD WANTS ME ENTIRELY FOR HIMSELF!"

At 23, Youssef quietly left home and headed for the Monastery of Our Lady in Mayfouq, Lebanon. Here he began the novitiate, taking the monk's habit and the religious name "Charbel", after a second century martyr.

It did not take long for his family and friends to notice his absence. His mother and other relatives, learning of his whereabouts, tried many times to persuade him to return. Charbel's only response was emphatic: "God wants me entirely for Himself!"

After the first year of novitiate, Brother Charbel was sent to the monastery of Saint Maron at Annaya. Here he learned to sing the Divine Office seven times a day. The Maronite monks held all of their ceremonies in Aramaic, the language spoken by Our Lord. He studied the Divine Liturgy and the

monastic duties, always striving to make progress in the way of perfection. Apart from this, Charbel took on the domestic works of the monastery, including baking bread, cultivating the land, making shoes, mending and washing clothes and working as a carpenter.

In 1853, at the age of 25, Charbel pronounced his solemn final vows of poverty, chastity and obedience. He was next sent to another monastery to study theology. Here Charbel proved himself as an excellent student and an exemplar of sanctity. After six years of study he was ordained a priest on July 23, 1859.

PERFECT SELF-CONTROL

Father Charbel returned to the monastery of Saint Maron at Annaya. Here he would spend the rest of his life.

The new priest was reverent in the exercise of his sacred duties. With great humility he also performed the manual labors of the community. The piety of Father Charbel could not be confined to the monastery, and word soon spread of his deep devotion and self-mastery.

One day the monks were working in the fields when they found a dangerous snake. Every attempt to frighten off the serpent failed. Father Charbel was called. He calmly rose from his prayer, approached the snake, and commanded it to go away and never return. The snake immediately obeyed and slithered away. On another occasion, swarms of locusts began to plague the area, endangering the crops. Father Charbel once again calmly approached the pests and commanded their departure. The locusts left immediately, and the harvest was spared.

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The Hand of Mary

A Beautiful Story of Mary's Protection By Michael Lambert

(The following was adapted by the National Catholic Register from Michael Lambert's account.)

Michael Lambert already had a devotion to the Blessed Mother before that day in Vietnam. "I had studied as a seminarian for the Marist Fathers," the native of Georgia says. "I had been dedicated to Our Blessed Lady as an infant by my mother." But he would have an even greater devotion later, when he came to understand what had happened to him there.

It was February 1968, at the height of the Vietnam War. The Tet holiday, New Year's festivities celebrated by families throughout Vietnam, had begun on Jan. 31. To honor it, combatants had called a truce — until North Vietnamese defense minister Gen. Nuygen Giap, defense minister for North Vietnam, launched a countrywide "general uprising." Communist forces attacked major cities and military bases throughout South Vietnam at the very moment many South Vietnamese troops were on leave with their wives and children.

Lambert's Company H, Second Battalion Fifth Marines, were ordered to head into Hue' (pronounced "whey"), a city that was both strategically and psychologically key. It was Vietnam's Alamo, only more dear. Hue was the former capital of Vietnam. It was the location of the former emperor of Vietnam's ancient fortress, known as the Citadel. More recently, it had been colonized by the French, who brought Western architecture and the Catholic faith.

The journey to Hue was strange and silent, Lambert remembers. "Usually, on a trip into a South Vietnamese city, children begging for food would swarm the trucks," he said. "The marines would toss 'cration' meals and candy bars to the kids." The young soldiers would laugh at the resulting melee.

"This time," he said, "the only ones on the side of the road were the bodies of dead American soldiers."

As the convoy headed into the old French section of Hue, "the scene began to resemble a Wild West movie," he said. "We began receiving heavy machine gun fire from the steeple of a Catholic church." Once they got to the military compound in Hue, they learned what had happened. The North Vietnamese had slipped into the city by night, occupying it and massacring thousands. The Marines would have to take it back. And they would have to do it block by block, house by house, on the Communists' terms.

"Urban warfare was a totally new experience for us," said Lambert. "The vicious house-to-house and room-to-room tactics demanded a unique aggressive spirit."

The fighting was intense.

"After six days, we had developed a routine

that consisted of violent assault supported by heavy automatic weapons fire," he recalled. "Once the enemy return fire was suppressed, a fire team of three marines would rush into a building and run from room to room tossing in fragmentation grenades and spraying each room with automatic fire from their M-16 rifles. After many days without sleep and little food, these assaults became mechanical. Many of us were like walking dead."

The horror of the war, the total confusion of combat, the physical exhaustion of the soldiers and the deadening of the soldiers' sensitivity to killing are hard for most people to understand, Lambert said.

But these elements also make *Mary's intervention* in the carnage and filth of that particular battle all the more extraordinary, he added.

Lambert's reinforced platoon, which had started out with 65 marines, had dwindled to 20 men in six days of continuous fighting. That's when Company Commander Captain Ron Christmas gave the order to clear a Catholic church near the Phu Cam canal. The church was suspected of being the location of the machine gun nest that had fired at the convoy a week earlier. "I issued a brief order to my three squad-leaders to clear the churchyard and check the church itself," said Lambert. "I gave special attention to the bell tower." Noticing a basement staircase descending from a low door in the back of the church, he decided to check that out himself.

"I removed an M-26 grenade from the front pocket of my flack jacket and tucked my M-16 rifle under my right armpit," he said. "As I descended the staircase, I readied the grenade. I placed my left index finger into the safety ring and began to ease the pin out of the arming mechanism of the hand grenade."

Lambert easily could have thrown the grenade into the room at the bottom of the stairway, but he didn't.

Instead, **"I felt a gentle hand touch me and lay over the grenade,"** he said. "In one of those inexplicable moments in time, I instantly knew I was to re-safe the deadly grenade."

He did, returning it to his flack jacket. Stepping off the stairway landing, he entered the crypt of the Church.

"There in the darkness, I saw a sea of lit vigil lights with Vietnamese huddled over them," he said. "The parishioners of the church had taken refuge in the basement."

He led them out into the light of day and sent them to the refugee center.

After four more days of fighting, Lambert was wounded, treated and sent back into combat. In the rush of events, he forgot all about the incident in the Church basement.

Until 25 years later.

Then a father of six, he heard about a priest in New Orleans who had the reputation, like

Padre Pio, of reading souls in confession. "On impulse," he said, "I made an appointment with that priest."

They traveled from Atlanta and each family member made a general confession. Lambert was the last.

The priest knew nothing of his past or identity, and at the end of the general confession he asked Lambert if he had anything else to discuss.

"I mentioned that I was experiencing troubling dreams about my experiences in Vietnam," said Lambert.

"You mean about the church?" asked the priest.

"Yes, Father," said Lambert.

Answered the priest:

"That was the Blessed Mother's hand that stopped you from throwing the hand grenade."

The church was named Our Lady of Perpetual Help.

Hail Holy Queen

Hail Holy Queen, Mother of mercy, Our life, our sweetness, and our hope. To thee do we cry, poor banished children of Eve. To thee do we send up our sighs, mourning and weeping in this valley of tears. Turn then, most gracious advocate, thine eyes of mercy towards us. And after this, our exile, show unto us the blessed fruit of thy womb, Jesus. O Clement, O Loving, O Sweet Virgin Mary.

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Gracias por haber respondido a mi llamado. “

Ultimo Mensaje, 25 de junio de 2020

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