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MEDJUGORJE
July 25, 2021

"Dear children! I am calling you to be prayer for all those who do not pray. Little children, witness with your lives the joy that you are mine and God will heed your prayers and give you peace in this peaceless world where pride and selfishness reign. Little children, you be generous and be the love of my love, so that pagans can feel that you are mine and convert to my Immaculate Heart. Thank you for having responded to my call."

MEDJUGORJE
August 25, 2021

"Dear children! With joy I am calling all of you, little children, who have responded to my call: be joy and peace. Witness with your lives Heaven, which I am bringing to you. It is time, little children, that you be a reflection of my love for all those who do not love and whose hearts hatred has conquered. Do not forget: I am with you and intercede for all of you before my Son Jesus, that He may give you His peace. Thank you for having responded to my call."



**Meditation on the
JULY 25, 2021
Message**

by Fr. Al Bermudez, OSSM

Prayer has many definitions. Prayer comes from a person, whatever they vocalize or gesture. A person may be praying alone or in a group or community to God or whatever they consider God. Prayer has been an expression of humanity from its earliest communication.

Consider later expressions to God like Egyptians who had many Gods or idols. To them worship & prayer were intimate sharing about life & eternity. The books of Genesis in the Old Testament, Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers and Deuteronomy are about a people praying to their God. Those books are only an introduction to prayer because God is introduced as a personal God & a God who demands an intimate relationship with his children. God introduces himself & begins communication of prayer & worship, the God of Abraham, Isaac & Joseph was the personal God of His people. They were Hebrew slaves among the Egyptians. Moses was called to a face to face encounter with God in an epiphany of a fiery bush. The Lord was answering the prayers of His people. God said, "I am, the God of Abraham, and I have heard my people's cries". This prayer and intimacy with Yahweh, the Lord God, will lead them to greater worship and will lead to faith amid consequences.

In Jesus' lifetime, was God's perfect communication with us. Jesus shows & teaches his disciples how to pray. We learned that Jesus taught his followers to pray the perfect prayer "The Our Father", in the gospels of Matthew, Mark, Luke and John.

Since the lifetime of Jesus, He called his disciples to be witnesses and examples of the kingdom.

We are to share our intimacy with Jesus through our prayer line. To love our friends (brothers & sisters) as He has loved us. St Paul & Mary are powerful witnesses of this prayer and love of the Lord God. Mary calls us to that witness of love and to love of our life filled with joy. Others will see and be attracted to our joy and God will seek to fill your prayer life with peace in this peaceless world.

Consider the gift God has given you free of pride and selfishness. This comes about in our faith life through discipline & habits. Mary desires us to avoid the reign and attitude of the world and live a generous love life through her, "By the love of my love, pagans will convert to my Immaculate Heart". Let's share in Mary's love and express God's gift of joy.

Amen and God Bless Love Fr AL

St Michael Feast Day Sept 29



St. Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle. Be our protection against the wickedness and snares of the devil. May God rebuke him, we humbly pray. And you, O prince of the heavenly host, by the power of God banish into hell Satan and all the evil spirits who roam through the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen.

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**Meditation on the
AUGUST 25, 2021
Message**

by Fr. Al Bermudez, OSSM

This message starts with Dear Children, a sign of Mary's affection for you and I. It is a means for us to place ourselves in a state of positive reception like a mother saying to her children, "Listen Baby.", as she says with joy & love. We are filled with joy who listen to Mary's calling by showing your love & peace. This is like your lives that you will receive in heaven. You will be free of all negative talk & only of love and peace.

Unlike the world today which is sadness and filled with complaining and pessimism. When you are witness to love & teaching people what heaven is like, listen to your own words that are positive and unlike the pessimism of the times. This negative attitude sends a message that speaks of sadness and darkness in the world. A negative witness to our neighbor.

Our Marian witness will bring the peace of Jesus and will fill our hearts with the witness of heaven. You can tell yourself, "I know what heaven is like because I see God's hand in some people's lives full of joy and peace in the world right now." That is a witness from Heaven! How? What if many of us did live lives like Mary calls little children, act and live as children in heaven. If we share with joy and peace to others who are feeling hate and who's heart has been overcome by it. The battle of love begins. New love and peace will conquer especially where love endures. Where love endures, peace will follow. Mary tells us, "Jesus welcomes us all" and we will be brothers and sisters of our Mother Mary, Our Lady of Peace.

P.S. So.... Overcome your fear of shyness. Say Hello and witness to them. Invite them to share with you something new.

Love Fr AL

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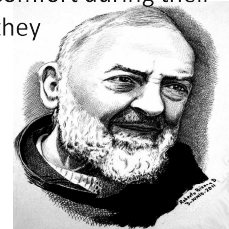
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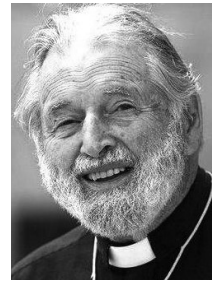
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O Glorious Saint Pio, patron of those who are in need of healing, I call upon you and seek your help. Please intercede for all those who are in need of spiritual, emotional or physical healing. Obtain for them comfort during their sufferings, strength when they feel weary, hope when they feel discouraged, and joy when they are down-hearted. Help them know the peace of Jesus and the certainty of His victory in their sufferings, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Agonizing Heart of Jesus, have mercy on the sick and dying.
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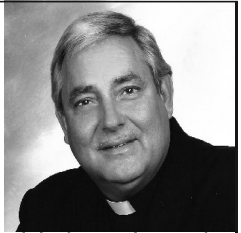
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From The Desk of FATHER PAUL BERGERON



There is a little story about an eagle and a snake. We are often asked to give our trials; tribulations; crosses; and troubles in this life to God and let Him handle it. If the eagle stays on the ground with the snake, it becomes very dangerous because the eagle could get bitten and die. But the eagle has an innate knowledge of this so it swoops down and grabs the snake with its talons and brings it up in the air where the snake becomes helpless. It cannot strike while in the air. The eagle then has a chance of killing the snake to feed itself and its young. So what can we derive from this story and how does it apply to our prayers? Well, the snake can be compared to Satan. When we are of the world we place ourselves in the position to encounter the snake(Satan) waiting for us with all his temptations hoping that we will be bitten by his evil dealings. When we live in the world and not of the world, we are like the eagle giving our prayers to God. High in the sky Satan cannot strike. Our talons is the faith we have in God. God will take our prayers and answer them and destroy the evil one because we are His children.

God Bless Fr. Paul.

THE SHRINE OF OUR LADY OF COMPASSIONATE PROTECTION HOUMA MASS EVERY MONTH ON THE 17th

CELEBRANT: FATHER PAUL BERGERON
SEPT 17 FRI- 5PM CONFESSION 5:30 ROSARY 6PM MASS
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JIM BOWIE ROAD IN HOUMA, LA

HOUMA MASS SITE NEEDS RENOVATIONS

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DAYS TO REMEMBER

- Sep 4-Upper Room Prayer Cenacle/Houma
- Sep 6-Labor Day
- Sep 8-Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary
- Sep 14-Exaltation of the Holy Cross
- Sep 15-Our Lady of Sorrows Feast Day
- Sep 17-Houma Mass FRIDAY 6pm**
- Sep 29-Holy Archangels (Michael, Gabriel and Raphael)
- Oct 2-Upper Room Prayer Cenacle/Houma
- Oct 3-Respect Life Sunday
- Oct 7-Our Lady of the Rosary
- Oct 13-Our Lady of Fatima Miracle of Sun
- Oct 16-America Needs Fatima Rosary Rally
- Oct 23-Rosary at MARY'S HELPERS 10:30**
- Nov 1-All Saints Day Nov 2-All Souls Day

17th of EACH MONTH MASS SCHEDULE AS FOLLOWS:
17th on SATURDAY-10AM CONFESSION 10:30 ROSARY 11AM MASS
17th on MON - FRI - 5PM CONFESSION 5:30 ROSARY 6PM MASS
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NINE DAY PRAYER FOR LIFE: NOVENA TO OUR LADY OF SORROWS

Pray this novena 9 days between Sept 7 (the vigil of the feast of the Birth of Mary) and Sept 15 (the feast of Our Lady of Sorrows)



At times, it seems that life is threatened on all sides. Please join with others across the nation in prayer. We pray for the intercession of Mary, the Mother of our Life, our Faith and our Hope.

'As we contemplate this Mother, whose heart a sword has pierced (cf. Luke 2:35), our thoughts go to all the suffering women in the world, suffering either physically or morally. In this suffering a woman's sensitivity plays a role, even though she often succeeds in resisting suffering better than a man. It is difficult to enumerate these sufferings; it is difficult to call them all by name. We may recall her maternal care for her children, especially when they fall sick or fall into bad ways; the death of those most dear to her; the loneliness of mothers forgotten by their grown-up children; the loneliness of widows; the sufferings of women who struggle alone to make a living; and women who have been wronged or exploited. Then there are the sufferings of consciences as a result of sin, which has wounded the woman's human or maternal dignity: the wounds of consciences which do not heal easily. With these sufferings too we must place ourselves at the foot of the Cross.'

Pope John Paul II (Mulieris Dignitatem, 21)

Let us pray:

DAY ONE through NINE – God, come to my assistance. Lord, make haste to help me.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. As it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen

Holy Mother of God, hear the prayers of the Church for all mothers, especially those wearied by life and overcome by the suffering they bear for their children. Hail Mary...

O Mother of the Word Incarnate, intercede for them from your place in heaven, that the mercy of your divine Son might lighten their burden and give them strength... Hail Mary... Glory to the Father...

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

O BLESSED Virgin Mary, Mother of our Redeemer! remember we are thy children, given to thee by thy Divine Son, when expiring on the cross. Mother of sorrows! by the tears which flowed from thy eyes when Saint John related how the traitor Judas sold thy Divine Son for the vile price of thirty pieces of silver; how, in the Garden of Olives, he was agonized with fear and sorrow, the blood gushing through every pore; by all the anguish that overwhelmed thy heart when thou didst hear that Jesus, the only object of thy love, was condemned to death; by the sorrow that pierced thy maternal bosom, in meeting thy only beloved Son loaded with a heavy cross, spent through loss of blood, fatigue and pain; by that heroic resignation to the divine will, which, triumphing over the sentiments of nature, sustained thee at the foot of the cross; by the excess of grief that would have robbed thee of life, had not God preserved thee for the comfort of his disciples and of his infant church; by the dolors that rent thy desolate heart when beholding thy beloved Jesus, most beautiful in his comeliness above the sons of men, become a prey to death, the ignominious death of the cross; by all the sufferings of thy most afflicted heart, obtain for us, O Mother of Mercy, true contrition for our sins, persevering fervour in the divine service, and the particular favours we solicit in this Novena.

O thou most tender and afflicted Mother, who didst sacrifice thyself on the same altar with thy beloved Son, and whose heart was penetrated by the nails that fastened him to the cross; as it was our sins inflicted those torments on thy Divine Son, we acknowledge that we justly deserve the wrath of divine justice to fall on our devoted heads. But if those very sufferings have proved our defence and protection heretofore, grant that now at least we may participate profoundly in the sorrow of which we have been the unhappy cause; and obtain, that souls hitherto so insensible to the strongest proofs of love, may, by heartfelt contrition, taste one drop of that bitter chalice of which thou didst drink so deeply. **Amen.**

March/April 2021 Newsletter Article on Page 6 Titled THE THIRD SECRET FROM FATIMA

Some have questioned the article in our March/April 2021 newsletter-Did the article contain The Third Secret From Fatima as the title implied. In reality, the article only referred to the Third Secret in the first paragraph written. The article is more about the 3 days of darkness that has been prophesized. We can offer internet links or paper copies of one of more sources of both The 3 days of darkness and/or the Third Secret from Fatima, if you would like to read them.

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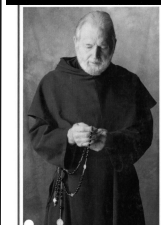
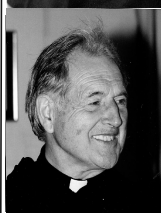
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"I am the one appointed by the eternal Father to crush the head of the ancient serpent and anything that threatens to devour you. Say my rosary and bring me a rose and I will take your troubles to my son, Jesus Christ."

FATHER ROOKEY 7TH ANNIVERSARY IN HEAVEN by Timothy Rookey

Many of you are not on Facebook so I'm sending you below what I posted on several Fr. Rookey Facebook sites today, the 7th anniversary of Fr. Peter's passing from earth to eternal life. Thanks to all of you who have signed the petition on the new Fr. Rookey website in favor of his eventual canonization! We now have over 730 signatures and the list is growing every day. We hope to have a postulator for his cause for sainthood very soon, the good Lord willing. Enjoy seeing the photos below, including the last one that was taken by my friend, Dalia, who prayed at Father's grave today. May his memory be eternal.

We remember Fr. Peter Mary Rookey today on the 7th anniversary of his death and rebirth to eternal life on September 10, 2014. May his example of holiness be better known throughout the world for the greater glory of God. He was truly one of the most magnificent saints of our time, walking in the very footsteps of Christ! I was very blessed to have been his unworthy nephew. Please enjoy our new Fr. Rookey website which can be accessed at: www.therookeysaint.org



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Lord Jesus, I come before You just as I am, I am sorry for my sins, I repent of my sins, please forgive me.

In Your name I forgive all others for what they have done against me. I renounce Satan, the evil spirits and all their works. I give You my entire self, Lord Jesus, now and forever, I invite You into my life, Jesus, I accept You as my Lord, God and Savior. Heal me, change me, strengthen me in body, soul and spirit. Come, Lord, Jesus, cover me with Your Precious Blood, and fill me with Your Holy Spirit. I love You, Lord Jesus, I thank You, Jesus, I shall follow You every day of my life.

Mary, my Mother, Queen of Peace, St. Peregrine, the cancer saint, all you Angels and Saints, please help me. Amen

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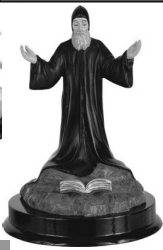
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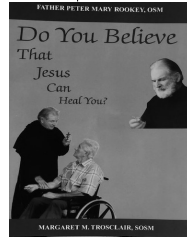
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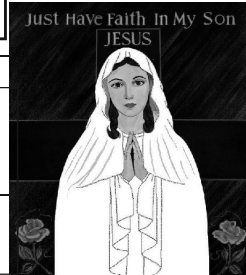


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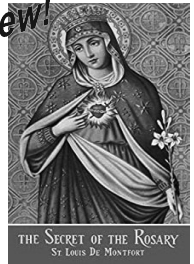


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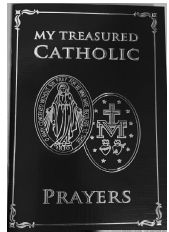
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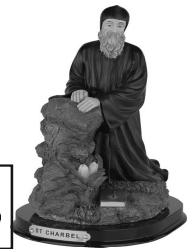
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CONSECRATION TO THE IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY

(We thank Merciful Love in Fresno, CA for their permission for our reprinting and distributing this article excerpted from their publication: Divine Love, #3, 1958.)

One of the least understood parts of the message of Fatima, is the request made by the Blessed Virgin Mary, that people consecrate themselves to her Immaculate Heart. Yet, this consecration really is very easy to understand; is a perfectly natural request for our Heavenly Mother to make of her children; and give her a very powerful weapon for offsetting evil, saving souls and the world, and preserving peace.

According to St. Louis de Montfort, and many other saints, Almighty God has established His Blessed Mother as Mediatrix of All Graces; that all the treasures of Heaven have been placed in her care. (*True Devotion*, No. 25). Some say this will be the next dogma to be defined by the Church. The word "consecrate" means to set aside for a particular purpose and no other. For example, the chalice the priest uses in the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass, is a consecrated object, and cannot be used for anything else. The Blessed Mother is asking us to do the same thing—reserve ourselves exclusively for her use. Each of us has a free will. We can be consecrated for good or evil. For good, by giving ourselves to God, through His Mother, in leading Christian lives and obeying the Commandments. For evil, by giving ourselves up to the pleasures and sins of the world. Mary is asking us to give ourselves to Jesus through her, so she can protect us against the snares of the devil, who is trying to destroy our souls for all eternity. In an apparition to a young girl in Germany in 1946 the Blessed Mother reportedly stated: "If you consecrate yourselves to me without reserve, I shall take care of all the rest." Isn't it logical that, in proportion to our love for Mary, and the degree to which we live our consecration to her, she in turn, will pour out upon us the infinite treasures of Heaven, spiritual and material, which God has placed at her disposal? The Little Flower once wrote: "The treasures of a Mother belong to her children; and I am thy child, O, Dear Mother Mary." (*Daily Thoughts from the Little Flower*) And the greatest treasure Mary gives those who truly are her children, is her Divine Son, Jesus Christ, and happiness with Him forever.

Mary Wants to Protect Us

From a purely practical point of view, the Mother of God wants us to consecrate ourselves to her Immaculate Heart for two reasons: (1) To protect us and our families in the momentous days ahead; (2) To get help from us to save sinners from Hell.

When we consecrate ourselves to the Immaculate Heart of Mary, we are, in effect, placing ourselves, our homes and our families under Our Lady's protection, admitting that we need her help in the dangers ahead—be they spiritual or physical. At the same time, we give to her our prayers, sacrifices and merits from good works that she may use to help save many souls from Hell—including our own.

Anyone who has ever lived on a farm knows that, when a storm arises, the mother hen usually runs out and tries to gather all the little chickens under her wings. If they remain there, they may look out and be frightened at the thunder, lightning and rain, but they have nothing to fear, for the mother hen will protect them.

It is the same with our Blessed Mother. We are all her children. She loves us very much. She does

not want to see any harm come to us, any more than we want to see our children harmed. She has promised a great triumph of her Immaculate Heart. There are indications this may come soon. But before it comes, there is liable to be a period of storm and danger. The Blessed Mother can see this coming, even if we cannot. So our Heavenly Mother is hurrying about as fast as she can, trying to gather all her children, who will listen, under her mantle of protection while there is still time. Those who will do so, by granting her requests and consecrating themselves to her, may look out in the days to come, and may be frightened at what they may see. This may include the destruction of cities, but, especially the despair of those who will have built their hopes in material security, and will see their castles come tumbling to the ground. Yet the Blessed Mother tells her children they will have nothing to fear, for she will protect them spiritually and materially, come what may.

Another very important reason, is to get help to save the souls of dying sinners from Hell. At Fatima, after Our Lady had shown the three children the horrible vision of Hell, she stated sadly: "Many poor sinners go to Hell because they have no one to pray or make sacrifice for them. To help save them, God wishes to establish in the world the devotion to my Immaculate Heart."

What Consecration Does

When we consecrate ourselves to Mary Immaculate, in proportion to how completely we live this consecration, all our thoughts, words, actions, prayers, suffering, merits from our good works, and the fulfillment of daily duties, take on a stupendous increase in value. Then, the Blessed Mother can do much more with all these things than if we are not consecrated. This can be explained by various examples.

In the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass, the priest uses three ingredients: water, wine and a host or wafer of bread. The total monetary value of these is very low. Yet, when the priest pronounces the words of consecration, these articles take on an infinite value, and become the Body and Blood of Our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Then, tremendous graces flow through Them for the salvation of souls. We cannot see the change, but our faith tells us it has taken place.

Our thoughts, words, actions, prayers, and sacrifices, of themselves, certainly are not very powerful in trying to save a world from destruction or many souls from Hell. Yet, when we consecrate ourselves to the Immaculate Heart of Mary, all we give her increases greatly in value; Mary herself adds the extra value in proportion to our degree of consecration. We cannot see the change, any more than we can see the change of the bread and wine into the Body and Blood of Our Lord. Yet Mary assures us that it takes place, and she is able to accomplish much more with what we have given her. Thus, those consecrated to Mary could be the means of buying the grace of salvation for many of other souls. It often has been said: "For the sake of the few, many will be saved."

It is also logical that if we help Mary save other souls, she will help us save our own. Our Lord once told Sister Josepha Menendez (*The Way of Divine Love*) that if He finds one soul in a family, who lives

CONSECRATION TO MARY PRAYER

MARY, my Mother, I consecrate myself to your Immaculate Heart. I am all yours, and all I have is yours. Keep me under your mantle of mercy; protect me as your child, and lead my soul safely to Jesus in Heaven. Purify all that I give you, and take it to Jesus, that He may use it to help save the world and souls. Amen.

Immaculate Heart of Mary, pray for us.



for His sake, gives Him all that He asks, sacrifices herself for Him and does not count the cost—in other words, is totally consecrated to Him—for the sake of that one. He will save all the members of that soul's family, so long as they are willing to be saved. If the soul does not wish to be saved in spite of the graces God may give, then that soul will not be saved. But there may be many in a family, away from God through fear, ignorance, pride, misunderstanding, weakness, or other reasons, who truly would like to be at peace with Him. All these, for the sake of the one totally given to God, can be saved.

Mary Purifies Our Gifts

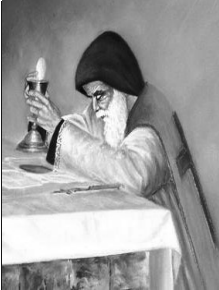
The same is true of those totally consecrated to Mary: for, as St. Louis de Montfort writes, when we consecrate ourselves to her, we really consecrate ourselves to Jesus through Mary.

There are many good souls who do not like the idea of going to Jesus through Mary. They want to go directly to "headquarters"—to Jesus, Himself—with their petitions and offerings. They do not seem to realize that, when they approach Our Lord directly, they are going on their own merits alone. No matter how good they may be, their prayers and offerings cannot possibly have the same value as would be the case if they placed them in the hands of Mary. In proportion to their consecration of love for her, Mary would add many merits of her own. She would then present their offering or request to God. Having lived with Jesus 30 years, Mary, more than anyone else, certainly knows the way to His Heart. If we place our cares, needs and gifts in her hands she will cleanse and purify them, and add what is necessary to make them pleasing and acceptable in the sight of Almighty God, Our Father. Thus, we stand a much better chance of having our requests granted. If we do not get what we ask—because it may not be for our spiritual good—then Mary will obtain for us other needed graces. One way or the other, we will not be turned away empty-handed.

As we have written so often, no devotion to the Blessed Virgin Mary is a true devotion if it does not lead the soul closer to Jesus and more frequent reception of the Sacraments, and obedience to God's Laws.

Jesus and Mary are NOT in competition with each other. Rather, both are as one in desiring, seeking and working for the salvation of souls. The Blessed Virgin Mary was given to us as our Mother, at the foot of the Cross, out of the providence, love and mercy of God for all poor sinners.

At Fatima Our Lady revealed not just her will, but the **WILL OF ALMIGHTY GOD**, concerning devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus and the Immaculate Heart of Mary, when she said: "Tell everybody that God gives graces through the Immaculate Heart of Mary. Tell them to ask graces from her, AND THAT THE SACRED HEART OF JESUS WISHES TO BE VENERATED TOGETHER WITH THE IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY. Ask them to plead for peace from the Immaculate Heart of Mary, for the Lord has confided the peace of the world to her."



Saint Sharbel Miracles

Video Program:

The Fragrance of Sanctity

Episode: Merciful healings through the intercession of St. Sharbel

Prepared and hosted by: Elie Issa

Mercy healings 3-Feb 2017

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3) Presenter: Father, we're going to move to healing number 18 which happened with Elie Elie Boutros, but today we have Mrs. Claudine Boutros as a guest; welcome Claudine.

- Thank you.

- St. Sharbel doesn't abandon or neglect anybody, especially children whom he loves dearly, as well as anyone pledging themselves to him. What is Elie suffering from? And how did the healing occur?

Claudine: Elie's healing occurred on January 20th, 2015. During the Christmas period, Elie suffered 5 consecutive epileptic seizures. These seizures were very intense for a 9-year old boy. But Elie's seizures did not lead to fainting, Elie suffered from partial seizures in his arm and leg which made them seize up and shake so intensely his oxygen would be cut off. His lips would turn blue; he would all turn blue due to the intensity of the seizures. Elie suffered from 5 consecutive seizures.

On January 14th, 2015, I had a conversation with St. Sharbel which was both great and not great. It was great because it was from the heart, from the heart of a mother broken over seeing her son in pain. But the conversation wasn't nice in that I'm a Christian woman and yet I talked to St. Sharbel in such a manner.

What happened was that on the night of Friday January 14th, 2015, Elie was supposed to stay awake from midnight till 8 am, to go to the hospital and undergo the epilepsy examination to see where the electrical activity was happening in his body. So I stayed up with Elie and I was praying. I'm a person who has pledged herself to Our Lady of Elige. So, I was talking to her and said: "you have given me my children, don't let anything take them away from me."

I also have a St. Sharbel calendar in the kitchen. While I was in the kitchen, I said to him: "You whose name is St. Sharbel who is healing people, why do you not want to heal Elie Boutros?"

"Why did you allow for him to have epilepsy? Knowing that I'm a faithful person who fears God".

"Why are you testing me? Test me with my own body but not my children"

"Because you know that my children are my weakness".

I also said: "Have compassion on me, I can't take it anymore; I've had enough!"

I told him: "You are healing a lot of people; you must heal Elie!" "You have to do it!"

"You whose name is St. Sharbel who is healing people, listen, tomorrow Elie has to undergo some

examinations."

"I will accept that Elie's previous 5 seizures which will show up in the examination's results," "but after that, you whose name is St. Sharbel who is healing people, I will not allow for my son to have another seizure!"

Then I told him: "You know that I love you, and you also know that I have faith in the Virgin Mary" "I used to visit you at the monastery, and tell you how lucky you are to have saved yourself, pray for me so I can save myself as well and to be one of the chosen people in the Lord's Heavens".

That's what I used to say every time I visited St. Sharbel's monastery. I told him: "Let me feel the serenity I experience when I visit Our Lady of Elige, when I visit your monastery".

"Give me this grace, this feeling of serenity".

And that's exactly what happened. We took Elie to get his examinations done, and thanks be to God and St. Sharbel, Elie hasn't suffered a single seizure since. Not a single one.

After that, we didn't have any more examinations done but we don't need them, because Jesus interfered, and we don't need to get any examinations to prove that this is a miracle.

Presenter: After this miracle, something happened to you today while heading to the studio to record this episode. Tell us more about the needle, what's its story?

Claudine: I had packed Elie's folder with me, which included the MRI and EEG tests, along with his blood tests. And amongst all these, I had a syringe needle, which Dr. Hisham Mansour gave me for Elie. If he happens to have a seizure, we would give him the injection to stop the attack. I have had this syringe needle in my purse for 2 years. During those two years no matter what I took out or put into my purse, no matter if I moved it from purse to purse, to my car, to my home... Believe me, the needle never broke.

While I was on my way to the studio... the folder now is all wet on the bottom. Coincidentally, someone in the waiting room tells me: "Your folder has oil on it". I replied: "No it doesn't." But I looked at the folder, and then removed the small bag where I keep the needle. It's a little bag where I keep the shot; it's a small glass bottle with the injection inside along with its syringe.

I found that the injection was broken into countless pieces. I said to God: "You are giving me a sign that my child really won't need this injection for the rest of his life".

"Thank You so much and Glory be to God".

Presenter: I'll get back to you (Claudine), but before, (addressing) Fr. Louis, about Claudine's cry of pain, she said that she was sort of yelling at St. Sharbel, but sometimes due to their pain people feel the need to yell or shout at the saints to scream at Our Lord through the saints. But as a result, she received the grace of healing. How do you explain this?

Fr. Louis: The thing with pain, because we live

on this Earth, we are obliged to feel pain. However, with God's mercy all problems can be solved. Therefore, we should always ask for God's mercy to ease our pain. Pain really does lead people to depression, agony and hopelessness. But faith, on the other hand, paves the way for hope, success and healing. Therefore, in parallel to the cry of pain, there is a cry of faith. I ask all those who are in pain to cry out to the Lord. The Lord tells us: "Knock and it shall be opened to you; Ask and it will be given to you". Therefore, it is our duty to knock and He shall respond.

Presenter: Claudine, it seemed like you blamed St. Sharbel when you yelled at him. Do you still blame him? How's your relationship today with St. Sharbel?

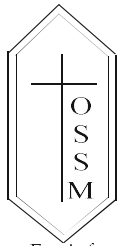
Claudine: I told St. Sharbel before: "I promise you, if my son heals, and it is you who heals my son through your intercession..." of course it is Jesus who healed him but through St. Sharbel's intercession.

I said: "I promise you St. Charbel that I will believe in you and I will believe that you truly are a saint and that through your intercession Jesus is healing people. I told him: "I will be a witness and tell the whole world that my son was healed by God through your intercession".

After the healing, we went to Fr. Louis to register the miracle at St. Sharbel's monastery. Believe me, when I arrived and saw that same picture where I would tell him "Help me to save myself the way you saved yourself", for the first time, I got goosebumps all over my body. My tears just started falling, I couldn't even feel that I was crying, to the extent that I went in to meet Fr. Louis and my tears are just flowing but I couldn't feel it, I could only feel the joy inside me, I was so happy to register my son's miracle.

And the entire time, I was asking Our Lord to forgive me, not because I didn't have faith, but because I had some kind of weakness when wondering why this was happening to my son. I felt fear and weakness but I had a lot of hope in God at the same time, because what God has you can't find anywhere else. This healing has turned him into a grace, a spiritual grace. Surely, a beautiful grace, and now I visit St. Sharbel's monastery and I tell everyone I meet, people on the streets, even if I don't know them, I tell them: "St. Sharbel healed my son", in order to prove to St. Sharbel, even though he doesn't need me to prove anything, he already knows, but so that I know that I am keeping the promise I made him. That you are giving an authentic testimony. Exactly, **"I promised you to tell everyone that you healed my son"**.

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- 1) Pray the Rosary Daily from our heart
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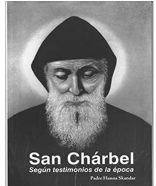
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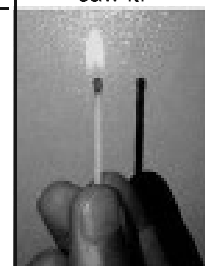
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