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MEDJUGORJE
May 25, 2021

“Dear children! Today I am looking at you and calling: Return to God because He is love and out of love has sent me to you to lead you on the way of conversion.

Leave sin and evil, decide for holiness and joy will begin to reign; and you will be my extended hands in this lost world. I desire that you be prayer and hope to those who have not come to know the God of love. Thank you for having responded to my call.”

MEDJUGORJE
June 25, 2021

“Dear children! My heart is joyful because through these years I see your love and openness to my call. Today I am calling all of you: pray with me for peace and freedom, because Satan is strong and by his deception, wants to lead away all the more hearts from my motherly heart. That is why decide for God so that it may be good for you on the earth which God gave you. Thank you for having responded to my call.”



**Meditation on the
MAY 25, 2021
Message**
by Fr. Al Bermudez, OSSM

Mary our mother is calling us out of love that she herself has experienced during her earthly life. A love that God calls each of us to return to. Our "YES" is the love we have of God the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit.

The God of Creation calls us to return through the love of Jesus that initially had called Mary our Mother. This grace is her election as our Immaculate Virgin Mother to begin our conversion. In her Son Jesus, we are called to conversion. He gifts us Mary, Our Mother, to continue calling us and to listen and follow.

Her simple way, "Leave Sin & Evil, decide for holiness & joy and joy will begin to reign". If we do this, we will allow ourselves to be Mary's extended hands by praying with others, the Rosary, Chaplet of Divine Mercy, Immaculate Heart of Mary and other Marian prayers.

That helps us to humbly join in with our brothers and sisters for the lost world to seek graces, peace, humility and mercy for us to sincerely experience. Just as the church, united in prayers with our Mother Mary and prayed for the birth of the church at Pentecost.

Again, Mary and her children began in prayer and hope to continually encounter the presence of the Holy Spirit. Since the beginning, our Mother prayed to encounter the Spirit, through love of God for peace and hope that we may overcome the world, and are invited to salvation and peace. Mary has preached to us by her acts of Love and Sacrifice. Amen and God Bless

Love Fr AL

**40th Anniversary of the
Medjugorje Apparitions**

On June 25, 1981, The Virgin Mary appeared to six young children in a small village named Medjugorje located in former Yugoslavia. Over 50 million pilgrims have visited Medjugorje since 1981. The Virgin Mary has told three secrets. These "secrets" will be released to prove to the world Her apparitions are real. The 40th anniversary, June 25, 2021, is believed to be a marker for the secrets to be released sometime in the near future. The six people known as the "visionaries" said that God sent Mary to the world to tell us God exists.

The Virgin Mary identified Herself as the Queen of Peace. Hundreds of millions around the world have followed the messages Mary has given including our very own Mary's Helpers group. Our Lady is with us, giving us every grace-just throwing it out to us, if you're open to it. Open your hearts and receive God's love. Pray daily and listen closely to Mary's messages.



**Meditation on the
JUN 25, 2021
Message**
by Fr. Al Bermudez, OSSM

I thank and praise my Lord for choosing me and others in announcing the Marian message of Medjugorje around the world. So many servants have done meditations for 40 years with Mary as our guide. Our Mother's heart is joyful because our love is open to her call.

For 40 years Mary has been praying with us all to bring peace and freedom to this world. (Mary's heart is filled with her son's love and she calls us to reconciliation so we will truly experience His peace in our hearts and freedom all over the world.)

Mary warns us that Satan is strong and by his deception, he takes more hearts from Mary's motherly heart. Decide for God so it may be good for you here on earth and in heaven. (Decide to be faithful, active for peace and pray the rosary often)

So many have chosen to live different core values than the ones God has given to us. We want to rewrite God's values to our own accord but this is not God's way of a Christian life. This leads to so much suffering and abuse like abortion, addictions, mental disorders, competitions, jealousy of the flesh, selfish carnal values, materialism, entertainism, and other attitudes resulting in early death.

Mary wants us to join her against the evil one and to bring those weak hearts back to God. Many are suffering and calling out for peace.

Mary's calling us to join her to bring back our brothers and sisters to the message of Love and Peace. Let us join her and listen to her call.

Amen and God Bless Love Fr AL

**PRAYER for the PURPLE
SCAPULAR**

I hail thee, Jesus crucified, for granting me life. I hail thee with all the joy of the angels and saints during your descent from the Cross. I hail thee with the sadness of your mother while you rested on her Immaculate heart and lap. **(Repeat 5x) O Crux Ave, spes unica, et Verbum caro factum est. O Jesus, conqueror of death, save us!**

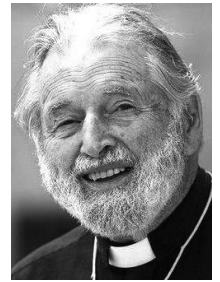
PROTECTION DURING TRIBULATIONS

In 1878, Jesus and Our Lady gave the purple scapular to Marie-Julie Jahenny, who foretold (along with other approved Catholic visionaries) that a worldwide judgement-in-miniature known as the Warning is coming soon.

Mary told Jahenny: Those who possess the purple scapular "will see their family and home protected.. from fire, chastisements, storms, and darkness. They will have light as if it were plain day." It is "like a lightning rod beneath which the blows of divine wrath will not stike."

**Designed for display in your home.
See Page 5 Purple Scapular.**

REMEMBERING OUR ANGELS



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



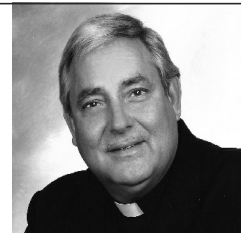
**HEAVEN
RECEIVED
ANOTHER OF
OUR ANGELS!**

John Douglas "J.D." Spano passed away on May 1, 2021. He is the

loving husband of his high school sweetheart, Mary Hennegan Spano. Both John and Mary have been very active in Mary's Helpers. I had the honor of meeting John one evening at his home. Such a nice man... May our Sorrowful Mother intercede on behalf of his family, friends and all those who mourn his loss bringing them comfort. Please pray for the repose of John's soul and all the souls of our dear loved ones that have passed on from this life before us. May we never forget them. May God shine his perpetual light upon them.

Cast yourself into the arms of God and be very sure that if He wants anything of you, He will fit you for the work and give you strength."
St. Philip Neri

From The Desk of FATHER PAUL BERGERON



The only true way we can live in the moment, I believe, is with Christ. We know that He is the way; the truth and the light but is also the same yesterday; today and tomorrow. To live with Christ in the moment is not to look at the past and concentrate on it, especially sin. The devil on the other hand, constantly reminds you of the sins you have committed. By doing this, the devil can have a hold on you, for we know that Christ forgives the sinner. He loves the sinner but hates the sin. That is why The Sacrament of Reconciliation is so important for us for He brings us to the moment of love and forgiveness. There is more rejoicing in Heaven over one repentant sinner than a thousand righteousness as Christ reminds us. When we live in the moment with Him, we can look forward to a brighter future knowing that we are walking with Him. He is our shield; our fortress and our God. Let us then turn to Him opening our hearts to what is real truth-not the internet; not the journalists on the news on TV.; not the fakeness that we often read but what we can all rely upon. He is our Shepherd and we are The Sheep Of His Flock. Let us follow Him and not the world. Only then can we be at peace and truly live in the moment.

Amen ~ Rev. Father C. Paul Bergeron

THE SHRINE OF OUR LADY OF COMPASSIONATE PROTECTION

HOUMA MASS EVERY MONTH ON THE 17th

CELEBRANT: FATHER PAUL BERGERON

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AUG 17 TUE - 5PM CONFESSION 5:30 ROSARY 6PM MASS

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FATHER ROOKEY'S CANONIZATION

<http://www.therokeysaint.org>

Father Peter Mary Rookey, O.S.M. family has created an awesome new website in honor and memory of the life and ministry of this faithful servant of God. Please go check it out and while you're there, sign the petition in support to advance Fr. Rookey's cause of eventual canonization as a saint of the Catholic Church. Feel free to share this website with your family and friends. Remember we also have available in our bookstore Fr Rookey's book "Do you Believe That Jesus Can Heal You" by the late Margaret Troslair (Page 5). If you don't have access to the website, please send us a note to add your name to the petition and we can logon in your behalf and sign the petition for you. If you have a story of healing, please contact Fr Rookey's family or you can call us to forward your story. This is very important.

DAYS TO REMEMBER

July 2 - Upper Room Prayer Cynical/Houma
 July 4 - Independence Day
 July 9 - Begin St Sharbel Novena
 July 16 - Our Lady of Mt Carmel Feast Day
 July 17 - Houma Mass SATURDAY 11am
 July 18 - St Sharbel Feast Day
 July 22 - St Mary Magdalene Feast Day
 Aug 6 - Transfiguration of the Lord
 Upper Room Prayer Cynical/Houma
 Aug 15 - The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary
 Aug 17 - Houma Mass TUESDAY 6pm

CONGRATULATIONS

To our good friend **Wanda Laborie** for receiving The Order of St Louis IX Medallion on March 21, 2021. Wanda was nominated by Visitation of our Lady Catholic Church in Marrero, LA. All of us at Mary's Helpers want to thank her for all of her years of service.

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St Sharbel Miracle Testimony

BY MARGARET BIESER

“Gracious is the Lord and just, yes our God is merciful. The Lord protects the simple; I was helpless, but God saved me.”(Psalm 116:5-6)

On January 30, 2016, in the Jubilee Year of Mercy, I received a miraculous healing through the intercession of St. Charbel.

My journey began in the middle of the night on November 13, 2014, when I was awakened by severe shooting pains in my lower right jaw and cheek. The bouts of pain continued throughout the night and into the morning. Since I was a second-grade teacher, I called for a substitute and then made an appointment with my family doctor. I was diagnosed with Trigeminal neuralgia.

Trigeminal neuralgia is a chronic pain condition that affects the Trigeminal nerves which carry sensations to your face. The shooting pain can last from a few seconds to several minutes. The pain can be triggered by things such as touching your face, chewing, speaking, brushing your teeth, or even a strong breeze. The attacks become more frequent and intense over time.

The doctor tried various medications, but I was not getting the relief I needed. As the pain continued, there were times when I would have to pause from teaching and the children knew it was time to pray to Our Lady to ask her assistance. When the pain subsided, I would continue the lesson.

By the summer of 2015 the pain was worse. One Saturday morning while my husband and I were attending mass at our parish church of St. Agnes in Baton Rouge, I received an incredible episode of pain. An ENT doctor witnessed the episode and approached my husband and me after mass to offer his assistance. We told him about my condition and he recommended I take an anticonvulsant. Knowing the pain would probably increase over time, he warned me not to exceed 600mg per day as an excess can be toxic to the liver.

I began seeing a neurologist in Baton Rouge. He tried different drugs but the anticonvulsant was the most effective. I was now at 600mg of medication per day.

As the pain and the amount of medication continued to escalate, the neurologist suggested I locate a surgeon, as he knew of no one in Baton Rouge or elsewhere who could do any surgery to alleviate the problem. I spread the word that I needed a surgeon. One of my prayer-warrior friends called to tell me that she remembered praying for a parishioner in another parish who had the same condition four years earlier, and had been operated on successfully. I got in touch with her and she gave me the name of her

surgeon in Houston and all the information I would need to proceed. With this phone call I began to see more clearly that God was walking me through this journey.

I began a new school year in August of 2015. I had not called the surgeon in Houston as I was hoping that through the prayers of the children, their parents, and even grandparents, my condition would improve and perhaps a miracle would occur.

As the school year continued, the pain continued to escalate and so did the medicine. By January I was on 1200 mg of medication, twice the amount that was considered safe. My neurologist put it to me this way, “What are you waiting for? Schedule the surgery!”

I knew it was time. I took a leave of absence from teaching and scheduled an appointment for an evaluation with the surgeon. The day before my husband and I were to leave for Houston we attended First Saturday Mass at St. Agnes. After mass, as I was speaking to our assistant pastor, he suggested I receive the Anointing of the Sick and go to Confession again. (I had just been to Confession the week before.) After the reception of these two powerful sacraments the priest looked at me intently and said emphatically he wanted me to get blessed with the holy oil and the first class relic of St. Charbel by the pastor, Fr. Charbel, before I went for the surgery.

My husband and I traveled to Houston and met with the surgeon. Surgery was scheduled for February 18. I started crying on the trip home because I thought the Lord was going to heal me without the surgery.

On Saturday, January 30, I went to Confession to Fr. Charbel and then met him in the sacristy to be blessed with the holy oil and relic of St. Charbel. After Fr. Charbel blessed me I asked if I could venerate the relic. Kneeling in the sacristy, I held the relic and prayer card of St. Charbel. I first prayed the prayer on the card asking St. Charbel's intercession for a miracle and then I spoke to him from my heart. I have to be quite honest, I begged St. Charbel to obtain a miracle. I asked him to please obtain the miracle of healing before I returned to Houston and to let me know that I had received a miracle so I could call and cancel surgery. I then proceeded with another option; if it was not to be a miracle before I left, but it was to be a miracle to help the surgeon have faith in God, then so be it. But I did say I preferred my first request! I then went on to pray that if it was not to be a miraculous healing, then please walk me through the surgery and healing process. After this prayer, Fr. Charbel and I went into the cafeteria where generous volunteers prepare breakfast every Saturday for those who attend the Saturday morning Mass. Once in the cafeteria, I had no desire to eat but a strong desire to continue my prayer with St. Charbel. I placed a chair before some posters of St. Charbel that testified to miracles of healing that St. Charbel had performed years earlier. I decided to re-read each of them, praying to St.

Charbel as I read.

The following day was Sunday, January 31, I noticed that I had gone through the entire day without any pain. The absence of pain continued for the next four days. On Thursday, February 4, I had an appointment with my neurologist for a consult before going to surgery. Prior to going to this appointment, I had an appointment with the King of Kings and Lord of Lords: I went to Holy Mass. At the Consecration of Mass I told Jesus that I thought I had a miracle but I could not cancel surgery on what I thought. I needed to know what He wanted. I begged Jesus to give the words he wanted me to hear to my neurologist so I would know what to do. I went to my doctor's appointment and shared with him what I had experienced since the blessing of St. Charbel. The doctor listened carefully as I told him about my blessing with the relic and the lack of pain and then he exclaimed, “You've had a miracle! Call and cancel your surgery!” I was elated at his words. He told me he attended Mass every Sunday and he believed in miracles.

When I called Fr. Charbel to give him the good news he requested a report from the doctor to verify the miracle so it could be registered. My husband and I traveled to Lebanon in July of 2016 to thank St. Charbel and to register the miracle at the Monastery of St. Maron where St. Charbel lived and is buried. I was the 120th miracle to be registered for that year alone.

Fr. Louis Matar, the Maronite priest who records the miracles for the monastery, shared an amazing testimony he had received shortly before our arrival. A gentleman from California had been diagnosed with a massive brain tumor. The surgeon informed the family that he did not know if he would be successful in removing all of the tumor as it covered so much of the brain. The family immediately prayed to St. Charbel. When the doctor removed the skull cap to operate, the tumor jumped out of the brain and into the surgeon's hands!

St. Charbel is a very active saint. Let us turn to him with trust and confidence in his intercession before the throne of God. And let us praise God in His saints!

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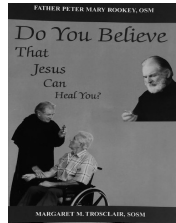
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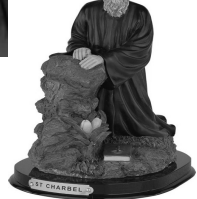
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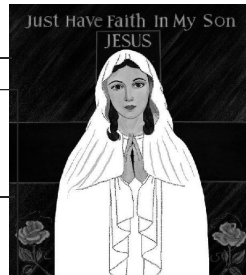
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**Excerpts from BARN CHRISTIANS
by "Sister Anne"**

Feb 12, 2017

House of Mary-OMD Ordo Matris Dei
<https://houseofmaryomd.org>

St. John of the Cross said: *One perfect soul will do more good than many who are not perfect.*

What is perfection? Union with the divine will. St. John was saying that the more you hand your life over to God, the more He will be free to act in you. He will use you as an instrument of grace to save many souls who might otherwise not have been saved. Perfection doesn't mean that angels will appear and give me directions. It means that I'll become more attuned to hearing the inspirations of the Holy Spirit. I just have to learn to relax and enjoy the ride, enjoy his company and all the work He introduces me into!

Mary is our model for saying "behold the handmaid." "Fiat Lord!" "Let it be done to me as you will, not my will." When we consecrate ourselves to her, we are asking her to make us fully attentive and docile to the Holy Spirit.

**DEEPENING YOUR
UNION WITH MARY**

**Excerpts from WHO IS MARY?
by "Sister Anne"**

Jan 10, 2016

<https://houseofmaryomd.org>

What is driving you and so many other people to deepen your union with Mary? We are not alone. There are hundreds of thousands of men, women and children in every nation today, who also feel that they need to become closer to the Mother of God.

What's the end game here? Is there some personal advantage we're hoping for ~ a short cut to heaven? If you read classical spiritual books you'll get the impression that this movement toward union with Mary is as old as the Church itself. After all, the Apostles were gathered around her on Pentecost. She was the rock at the foot of the cross, while Peter the rock crumbled. Many saints along the centuries have declared that imitation of Mary's virtues is the sure road to holiness for oneself, while other saints urged us to have recourse to Mary's maternal intercession to obtain graces for others.

In the Middle Ages there was a custom of a feudal oath to Mary as one's sovereign queen. The Carmelites in the 1200's phrased their vows to "God and the Blessed Virgin Mary." The oath was a promise to do something, to serve, to obey. Consecration is a step farther. It's a gift of one's entire being. Consecration "to Jesus through Mary" is basically the

brain-child of Saint Louis-Marie Grignon DeMontfort. Consecration was a new idea and it seemed unbalanced. Even today it's hard to understand. St. Louis DeMontfort wrote many works on Mary, but his jewel of jewels was True Devotion to Mary. He knew this book would be resisted by hell itself. "I clearly foresee that raging brutes will come in fury to tear with their diabolical teeth this little writing . . . or, at least to enclose it in the silence of a coffer in order that it may not appear." Yet he was confident it would eventually bear fruit.

He was right. In the confusion of the times, it lay buried throughout the French Revolution and beyond. He died April 28, 1716. One hundred twenty-six years later it was discovered by one of his own DeMontfort priests. The year was 1842. This year is significant. If you look at your Miraculous Medal, 1830 is inscribed on it, the year that the Blessed Virgin first delivered a public message for the world. She chose a young farm-girl postulant, St. Catherine Labouré. Her confessor and her religious superiors didn't know what to think. There were no precedents, no Lourdes or Fatima or Rwanda yet; no way to look back and see how to handle messages for the world. This was new territory in spiritual direction. Were they to take this young postulant seriously? After a couple of years of hesitation, the confessor presented the dilemma to the Archbishop of Paris. He decided to allow some "Medals of the Immaculate Conception" to be made and distributed but without letting people know where they had come from. There were miracles right away, so the medal exploded in popularity in 1842.

At the beginning of this year a pious young man cajoled his Jewish friend to wear this new medal. Alphonse scoffed at all religion, but his friend kept daring him so he put it on. Alphonse had only worn it a few days when Mary appeared to him, exactly as She was depicted on his medal. She did not say anything, but light poured into his mind and he instantly understood many truths of the Faith. He wanted immediate baptism. Then he converted his brother. Then they both entered the seminary and were ordained for the Holy Land. This became a sensation throughout Rome and then Europe. The pope actually stepped in to get some verification on this private revelation. Now even grown men of the educated upper class were talking about the medal.

So right at this sensational moment, there was another sensation. The original French version of True Devotion began to be read by everybody, at least in France. A new appreciation of Mary was born. Thousands of French Catholics joined a confraternity called the Children of Mary. They wore the medal, made a consecration to Mary and pledged to practice virtues pleasing to the

Blessed Virgin. In 1858, just sixteen years later Bernadette of Lourdes described a lady in a grotto wearing a white dress and a blue sash, and some suggested it was a deceased "Child of Mary" because that's the garb they wore in processions.

The Church had entered the modern Marian era with a bang. The next sensation was an apparition of Mary at LaSalette in 1846, then Lourdes in 1858, then Pontmain and on and on, right up to the approved apparitions of Rwanda where Mary sang and danced with high school girls in equatorial Africa, and then went on to warn the country, which was almost 90% Catholics, that if the tribes did not practice authentic charity and forgiveness, their country would deteriorate into violence. And it happened ten years later.

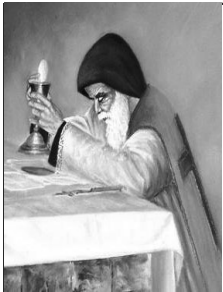
So this new era of apparitions with messages for the world was accompanied from the beginning by the writings and insights of St. Louis Marie DeMontfort. Shortly after Mary appeared at Fatima in 1917, a young civil servant named Frank Duff was working in the St. Vincent de Paul Society. Frank was introduced to a book by a friend. It was "The True Devotion to Mary". Frank began to give talks. People desired to put the devotion into practice. A meeting was arranged for 8 p.m. September 7th, 1921, the eve of Our Lady's birthday, and the Legion of Mary was born. The Legion is almost a hundred years old now. In the era around WWII it was a massive worldwide movement where laypeople did dangerous work as missionaries in countries like China. They translated DeMontfort's work into nearly every language around the globe.

I was a member of the Legion as a teenager and I made the consecration:

I deliver and consecrate to thee, as thy slave, my body and soul, my goods, both interior and exterior, and even the value of my good actions past, present and future. I leave to thee the entire and full right to dispose of me and of all that belongs to me, without exception, as thou pleasest, to the greater glory of God.

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~ St. Thomas Aquinas



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The Fragrance of Sanctity
Episode: Merciful healings through the intercession of St. Sharbel

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2) We will move to miracle number 25 with Elsy Emile Feghali, welcome Elsy!

According to the Guest book, you have experienced a healing miracle through the intercession of St. Sharbel. What were you suffering of? And what did you ask for and how did the healing occur?

Elsy: I was suffering from epilepsy. It started when I was 4 years old because of a fever I had. I visited many doctors and none of them were able to cure me. I couldn't stop taking a single one of my pills. I always, always had to take them. Until yesterday, on St. Sharbel's feast day. 2 months before St. Sharbel's feast day, I felt like the statue of St. Sharbel in our village would move his hand a little whenever I talked to him. At first, I thought that I was dreaming or wasn't seeing very well, but all my requests were coming true.

And then changes started happening. I started seeing St. Sharbel at night while I was praying. At the end I asked him, I said, "I have had enough, I want to be done with this". "I want to be relieved from this burden".

I couldn't afford to forget to take my medication. I had to take 2 pills per day, one in the morning and the other at night. If I forgot them, I would have a seizure. This caused me to be anxious and worried all the time, especially because I'm a mother of 3, thanks be to God. I was constantly anxious and worried and sometimes I'd forget if I had taken the medicine or not. So, I told St. Sharbel that I have had enough and wanted to live my life. A normal life. Yes, normal. And I asked him wholeheartedly and was crying while praying. And then I started seeing him in my dreams, every other night. And so I started reducing my medication. It was my own decision. I would say to him: "You are giving me confidence". And every night my confidence would grow when I saw him. During that time, I did some tests and reduced the medication more. I needed to have a certain percentage of Depakene in my blood, it wasn't supposed to be less than 50%. The test showed that it was at 39.3%. When the doctor saw it, he said: "you're good to go". The doctor boosted my confidence as well.

I would say: "Thank God, this is a sign from you, you're motivating me". However, the doctor wanted to change the type of medication so that I can take one pill instead since I was getting better. I knew what was happening to me but I didn't tell the doctor. So I kept on

taking my medication but tapered it even more and stopped taking the evening pill.

On St. Sharbel's Feast Day, I said to him: "I surrender myself to you, do whatever you want, and give me a sign that I'm completely healed. But on your feast day, I won't take any of my medication".

And this is exactly what happened, I didn't take my medication and at night, I saw him in my dreams, but it was the first time I saw him that clearly. And I had sent a card to some friends with a picture of him which says that it's almost the 22nd, St. Sharbel's feast day. I saw that same picture in my dreams that night; he had confirmed my healing.

I went to Mass the next day. I told him: "I beg of you, I need more proof that I am healed. I have stopped the medication and won't take it anymore". During Mass, I saw St. Sharbel twice, even though there wasn't a picture of him anywhere near. When I saw him twice, I started crying; I remember I was crying a lot. I was sobbing in the church, and I was afraid people around me would judge or worry. I looked at the Virgin Mary and saw her coming towards me, she moved and came towards me. I was confused, but when I looked at the altar I realized that they had brought the relics, St. Sharbel's relics.

So I said to him: "You have brought a piece of your body to take my pain away". And that was that. And now, after I have healed, I retook the Depakene test and did not find anything at all in my body, I even stopped having seizures. Thank God, I haven't taken a single pill in almost 3-4 months. Previously, that would have put me in a coma.

And till today, I still see St. Sharbel. Indeed, I see him almost every night and talk to him. The last time I saw him he was even exuding oil. When I saw this, I woke up the next morning and knew that something was going to happen. That same day, my brother brought me a statue of St. Sharbel home. I feel like he gives me signs.

Presenter: How did this healing reflect on your family? You were saying that you have 3 kids. How did your healing reflect positively on your family?

Elsy: Honestly many things have changed in my life, I feel like there is a feeling of relief in my home. I don't have to worry about anything anymore. For instance, if we suffered a little bit financially, I used to worry a lot. But now I don't care and I'm not worried about the money nor anything else. I feel that I only need His approval. I worry about letting him down, and I worry about not praying enough. He's the one I worry about, he's everything, ever since my healing.

Sometimes I look at him and say: "you seem hungry", which means that he wants me to pray to him. That's what it means, I talk to him in a casual way.

I'll get sad or feel down if I was too tired and didn't pray at night. I would have had prayed earlier in the morning. I'll tell him: "Please don't

get mad at me". I worry so much about seeing him sad or disappointed. And honestly, I can feel his presence a lot. He makes you feel like you always need to be with him in prayer. Indeed.

And sometimes if I don't pray I tell him: "don't be upset with me". And he really does prove to me that he's not upset at all. He proves it with numerous things that happen to me. God always wants what's good for us through St. Sharbel. Once, after the miracle, I was praying the novena. Usually, you can never see the picture without its frame, like focusing on a picture so hard without considering its wooden frame. am I right?

But what happened that day was different, he came out of the frame towards me while I was praying the novena. I have seen St. Sharbel numerous times after the healing. That's because I face little difficulties. For instance, some people don't believe that I've stopped my medication.

Or some even say "How come you have 3 kids? How were you able to give birth to 3 kids?" But it was all thanks to God because I gave Him my all.

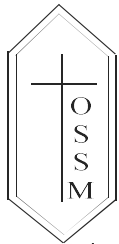
- Okay, thank you Elsy and congratulations on your healing.
- Thank you, thank you.

Presenter: Father, we notice in Elsy's testimony the surrender to the Lord, how powerful and effective it is and how it leads to the blessing of healing? Fr. Louis: Faith in the Lord is the key. "Believe in a rock and you will be healed". Especially when someone is in pain and has suffered from this chronic pain for a long time, they know that there is no possibility of healing medically and that the only hope lies in turning to the Lord. This transition from one world to the other, to the world of faith happens because of miracles. Therefore, those who are healed experience this transition from the world of sins and indifference to the world of faith in Jesus the Lord. And so this is the natural result of the healing blessing. **Continued Next Month**

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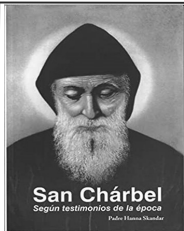
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