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MEDJUGORJE July 25, 2026 to Marija Pavlovic'

“Dear children! While darkness and unrest reign in many hearts, you, little children, be a prayer and my outstretched hands of love.

Place the Holy Scripture in a visible place in your family, little children, and read it, so that it may be an encouragement to you for conversion and a new life. For Satan is strong and leads hearts astray.

Through my motherly heart, I wish to surrender your hearts to the heart of my Son Jesus, so that He, the Risen One, may reign within you, and joy will reign within you and around you.

Thank you for having responded to my call.”

(With ecclesiastical approval)

MEDJUGORJE August 25, 2026 to Marija Pavlovic'

“Dear children, Today I am calling you: return to God, return to prayer, so that you may become carriers of peace.

Pray, little children, for peace that is in danger; and may prayer begin to flow anew from your hearts and from your families, so that, in joy, you may feel the voice of Jesus in your hearts:

‘Peace be with you.’

Be, little children, carriers of peace and prayer for all those who do not pray.

I am with you and I pray for you before my Son Jesus.

Thank you for having responded to my call.”

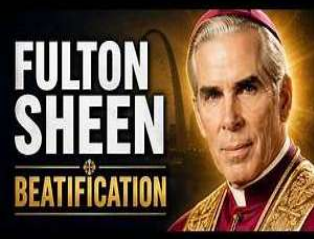
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**Meditation on the
July 25, 2026 Message
by Fr. Al Bermudez, OSSM**

Mary's message is a program of spiritual life. In the condition of the world today filled with darkness and unrest we are to be examples of prayer and Mary's outstretched hands of love. Let us live a life of prayer and share her love and compassion, then we will succeed and share Mary's life.

The second step and no less important; place the Holy Scripture close and visible to your Family and yourself for encouragement in conversion and a new life. "For Satan is strong and leads hearts astray."

Mary wants to give us the gift of her motherly heart and through it She wishes to surrender our hearts to the heart of her Son Jesus so "That Jesus may reign within you and joy will reign within you and around you." Love Fr AL



**Venerable
Fulton
Sheen to Be
Beatified
Sept 24, 2026**

As We Enter Heaven, We Will See Them
"As we enter Heaven, we will see them, so many of them, coming towards us. We will ask who they are, and they will say, a poor soul you prayed for in Purgatory."

Venerable Fulton Sheen

PRAYER FOR COMPLETE HEALING

Padre Pio of Pietrelcina, I humbly ask you to grant me the grace to be free from every spirit of darkness that disturbs my soul and my peace; from every spirit of sickness that afflicts my body, especially [state your intentions] Oh, Father of Mercy, I ask this through the merits of the holy stigmata of the passion of your Son, which your servant Padre Pío de Pietrelcina has borne holy in life. May everything be for your Glory. Amen

Then pray the Creed, and Our Father, Hail Mary, and Glory Be..

Do you ever feel that your life is insignificant or that you have little to offer? St. Thérèse of Lisieux, lovingly known as the "Little Flower," reminds us that God does not ask us to be heroes or accomplish great things. Instead, He asks us to give our best and do even the smallest things with love.

St. Thérèse discovered what she called her "little way" to holiness. She believed that ordinary daily tasks, sacrifices, and acts of kindness can become beautiful offerings to God when done with love, humility, and childlike trust. She wanted to serve God quietly, without seeking recognition, and to make every little action an expression of love.

Born Thérèse Martin in France in 1873, she entered the Carmelite convent at a young age and died of tuberculosis in 1897. Her autobiography, *Story of a Soul*, touched hearts around the world, and she was canonized in 1925. Through our prayers to St. Thérèse, we can ask her to help us follow her "little way"—to trust God, embrace our imperfections, and remember that even the smallest acts of love can bring us closer to Heaven

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August 25, 2026 Message
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A Call to Prayer and Peace

Our loving Mother calls us to return to God by returning to prayer. Through prayer, we become carriers of peace, committing ourselves to a life of prayer because peace is in danger.

As prayer begins to flow anew from our hearts, our families, our prayer groups, and our Church, we will once again feel the joy of Jesus' voice anew in our hearts:

"Peace be with you!"

Be little children in prayer. Become carriers of peace, and pray for all those who do not pray. Let our lives become a living prayer for peace, trusting in the love and guidance of our Blessed Mother.

Mary's promise to us is:

"I am with you, and I pray for you before my Son, Jesus."

And our promise to her can be a committed **"yes."**

**Mother Mary, grace me with the strength to say yes.
I will pray, pray, pray! Love Fr Al**



PRAYER EVERY TUESDAY-Noon

JOIN US IN OUR LIL CHAPEL IN MARRERO
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at 4512 7th Street, Marrero, LA

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Noon til 1pm

Mary is asking us to Pray! For Families! Our Country

PADRE PIO's feast day is September 23

Let us not forget about our beloved Padre Pio who said, **"PRAY, HOPE and DON'T WORRY"**. Anxiety doesn't help at all. Our Merciful Lord will listen to your prayers.

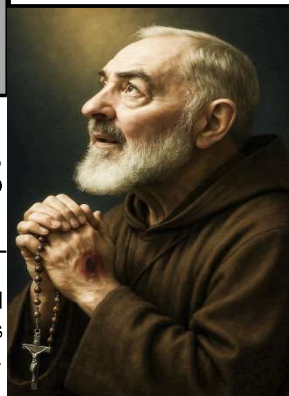
Saint Pio of Pietrelcina

PRAY FOR US and help us to bring God's people closer to Him.

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



**Saint Thérèse of
the Child Jesus**

October 1

St Therese of Lisieux Feast Day



Among prayers to St. Therese, this one touches on the Little Flower's "little way" itself:

**O Little Therese of the Child
Jesus,
Please pick a rose for me
From the heavenly gardens
And send it to me
As a message of love.**

**O little flower of Jesus,
Ask God today to grant the favors
I now place with confidence
In your hands.**

(Mention your specific requests)

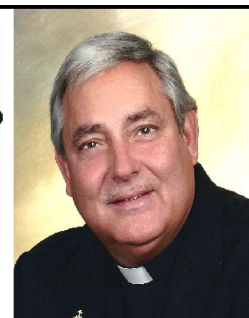
**St. Therese,
help me to always believe,
As you did,
In God's great love for me,
So that I might imitate your
"Little Way" each day. Amen**

From the desk of FATHER PAUL BERGERON

Is the judgement day coming soon? Well, that's the question, we as spiritual people think about often. I am often asked this question. The answer is not when is the world going to end? But when is my time on earth going to end? Because only when and how is only an answer that God can answer, not ours. Better yet the question should be, "Am I prepared to enter God's Judgment at any time?"

We do know how He is going to judge us. Will it be by the way we are living our lives? God gives us every opportunity to change, each and every hour that we live. Are we going to accept God's offer through His Son Jesus or not, as we have the free will to decide. You see, God doesn't send people to Hell! We send ourselves there because we refuse God's offer to change. It is through prayer that we come to realize this. We should put God first in our lives and let Him take care of the rest and with the confidence in knowing that His Will be done. He knows what is good and what is bad for us, so surrender to Him. Let go and Let God - Amen.

May God Bless you all in The Name of The Father and of The Son and of The Holy Spirit.



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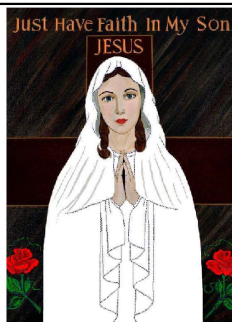
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DAYS TO REMEMBER

Sep 7 - Labor Day

Sep 7 -15 - Annual Solemn Novena OL Sorrows

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 - Thursday

Sep 23 - Feast Day of Saint Padre Pio

Sep 29 - Holy Archangels Feast Day (Michael, Gabriel and Raphael)

Oct 1 - St Therese of Lisieux Feast Day

Oct 2 - The Holy Guardian Angels

Oct 5 - St Faustina Kowalska Feast Day (Divine Mercy)

Oct 7 - Our Lady of the Rosary

Oct 10 - America Needs Fatima Rosary Rally

Oct 17 - Houma Mass-Saturday

Oct 24 - Rosary at MARY'S HELPERS 10:30am

By the intercession of St Michael and the celestial Choir of Powers may the Lord protect our souls against the snares and temptations of the devil.

The Holy Archangels Feast Day Sept 29, 2025.

MARY'S HELPERS ANNUAL ROSARY

OCTOBER IS THE MONTH OF THE ROSARY

REMEMBER-Saturday~October 24 at 10:30 a.m.

COME PRAY THE ROSARY at MARY'S HELPERS in Marrero, La where we will pray for Peace in the world and in your families and your special intentions.

NOTE that we will have the Rosary this year inside the church across the street from Mary's Helpers.

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The address is: Immaculate Conception Church
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Shine**

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inside, I promise...



Remember, O most gracious Virgin Mary, that never was it known that anyone who fled to thy protection, implored thy help or sought thine intercession was left unaided. Inspired with this confidence, I fly unto thee O Virgin of virgins and Mother. To thee do I come. Before thee I stand, sinful and sorrowful. O Mother of the Word incarnate, despise not my petitions, but in thy mercy hear and answer me. Amen.

Please join us to pray this beautiful and powerful prayer to our

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God Bless You!**

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NINE DAY NOVENA TO OUR LADY OF SORROWS

If you are seeking comfort in Times of Sorrow, Pray this powerful devotion that strengthens your faith and will deepen your prayer life.

Pray this Novena 9 days from Sept 7 to Sept 15 (Feast Day Sept 15)

Say at Beginning of Each Novena: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen. Dear Lord, we thank You for giving us Our Lady of Sorrows to be our loving mother. We ask You to hear the petitions she brings before Your throne on our behalf.

Say at End of Each Novena: And we especially ask in this novena for (mention your intentions here). Our Lady of Sorrows, pray for us! In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.



Our Lady of Sorrows Novena - Day 1

Our Lady of Sorrows, your Son gave you to us to be our mother also. We can look to your perfect example of virtuous living and holy motherhood. In your motherly love for us, you can help us through your powerful intercession. We ask you to bring all of our prayers before the throne of your Son, and we particularly ask today that you pray that God may bless and protect all mothers. Pray for us, that we may imitate your holy example in all that we do. Pray that we may grow closer to your Son each day of our lives.

Our Lady of Sorrows Novena - Day 2

Our Lady of Sorrows, you willingly chose to become the mother of Our Savior. Though you may not have known every detail of the sufferings you would endure with your Son, you unconditionally agreed to raise Him in a holy family life.

We ask you to bring all of our prayers before the throne of your Son, and we particularly ask today that you pray that God may bless and protect all families. Pray for us, that we may always carry out the duties of our vocation faithfully and joyfully. Pray that we may grow in holiness and virtue each day

Our Lady of Sorrows Novena - Day 3

Our Lady of Sorrows, during your Son's infancy Simeon foretold that a sword would someday pierce your heart. You must have known that you would experience great pain in watching your Son suffer. You eventually watched Our Lord's extreme suffering in His Passion and death. We ask you to bring all of our prayers before the throne of your Son, and we particularly ask today that you pray that God may strengthen and comfort all parents who must witness their children's suffering. Pray for us, that we may always offer to God all the sufferings we face. Pray that we may grow in union with your Son each day of our lives

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Our Lady of Sorrows Novena - Day 4

Our Lady of Sorrows, you bore witness to the torture of your Son during His Passion. You were with Him at the cross as He died. You knew the unspeakable pain of grief over the death of your Son and your Savior. We ask you to bring all of our prayers before the throne of your Son, and we particularly ask today that you pray that God may comfort and strengthen all who are grieving a loved one's death. Pray for us, that we may never allow any sufferings to deter us from serving God. Pray that we may hold fast to your Son in the midst of any trials we might face.

Our Lady of Sorrows Novena - Day 5

Our Lady of Sorrows, you must have felt unspeakable sadness over the treatment of your Son at His Passion and death. As you remained with Him on His way to death, you suffered with Him. We ask you to bring all of our prayers before the throne of your Son, and we particularly ask today that you pray that God may comfort and strengthen all who are suffering emotional anguish. Pray for us, that we may always unite any sufferings of our own to those of your Son. Pray that we may grow to a deeper intimacy with your Son at every opportunity.

Our Lady of Sorrows Novena - Day 6

Our Lady of Sorrows, you agreed unconditionally to become the Mother of God. You trusted deeply in God even when you knew of the sufferings you would endure along with your Son. Even as He was tortured and killed, your trust in God did not waver. We ask you to bring all of our prayers before the throne of your Son, and we particularly ask today that you pray that we and all people may grow in trust in God. Pray for us, that we may grow in every virtue we need for holiness. Pray that we may do all we can to grow closer to your Son each day of our lives

Our Lady of Sorrows Novena - Day 7

Our Lady of Sorrows, you accepted the mission of becoming the Mother of God and the mother of us all. Your Son gave you to us so that you might care for us through your powerful intercession.

We ask you to bring all of our prayers before the throne of your Son, and we particularly ask today that you pray that we and all people may grow in devotion to you. Pray for us, that we may always make use of all the helps God gives us for our salvation. Pray that we may do all we can to advance in holiness and virtue each day of our lives.

Our Lady of Sorrows Novena - Day 8

Our Lady of Sorrows, you suffered greatly as you watched your Son's Passion and death on the cross. But you endured your suffering heroically and united it perfectly with the suffering your Son endured.

We ask you to bring all of our prayers before the throne of your Son, and we particularly ask today that you pray that we may grow in our ability to unite our sufferings to your Son's sufferings. Pray for us, that we may always make use of every opportunity God gives us to grow in holiness. Pray that we may grow closer to your Son each day of our lives.

Our Lady of Sorrows Novena - Day 9

Our Lady of Sorrows, you care for your Son's Church with tender motherly love. The Church has honored you and your Seven Sorrows for many centuries. Your prayers can bring our Church to greater strength and holiness. We ask you to bring all of our prayers before the throne of your Son, and we particularly ask today that you pray that the Church may be strong and vibrant. Pray for us, that we may always be eager to serve your Son and His Church in whatever ways He calls us to. Pray that we may truly strive to become saints each day

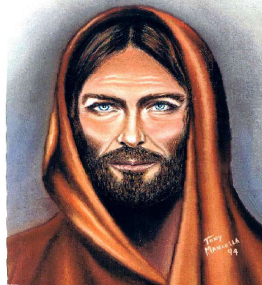
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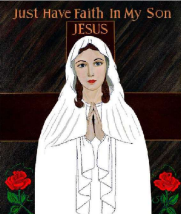
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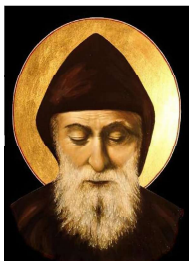
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Saint Sharbel's Permanent Home in Luling



On July 12, 2026, Saint Sharbel was given a permanent home in the Our Lady of Guadalupe Healing Chapel in Luling, Louisiana. Through the combined efforts of St. Anthony of Padua Catholic Church and Mary's Helpers, we were blessed to help bring Saint Sharbel to South Louisiana.

Louisiana now has two relics of Saint Sharbel—one at the Church of Saint Sharbel in Baton Rouge and another in Luling, just 30 minutes outside New Orleans.

Some say Saint Sharbel chose us, and after everything that happened, I believe that may be true. When we placed his beautiful, blessed relic into the altar of the Healing Chapel, it seemed as though the altar had been made for him—and he for the altar. It was a beautiful and powerful sight.

Nearly 300 people came on that bright, sunny Sunday to venerate Saint Sharbel's relic. We are already hearing stories of possible miracles, and I believe there will be many more to come.

We were also honored to meet Raymond Nader, founder of the Family of Saint Sharbel, who traveled from Lebanon and spent July visiting friends and members of the Family of Saint Sharbel USA.

During the installation Mass, Raymond shared funny stories from his childhood and gave us a glimpse into his deep faith. He told us about helping his grandfather, a priest, make bread on Saturdays. The next day, that bread would be consecrated and become the Body of Jesus. As a child, Raymond wondered why people didn't simply eat the bread while it was still warm from the oven—he thought it tasted better that way!

Raymond also shared a profound experience from later in his life. He described being touched—or, as he says, actually burned—by a divine light. The experience left marks on his arm that are still visible today. Several times a year, especially around the Feast of Saint Sharbel and Christmas, the marks become red and even bleed.

If you have the opportunity, look up Raymond Nader's talk at St. Anthony of Padua and listen to his full story. It is truly worth hearing.

A Very Personal Moment

I also want to share something very personal. It took nearly a year for Saint Sharbel's relic to finally arrive. There were many obstacles, but with God's help, we persevered—and it finally happened.

Perhaps that is why, when I walked up to venerate the relic, I paused to pray to Saint

Sharbel and was suddenly overwhelmed with emotion. I felt as though Saint Sharbel was speaking to me through that moment, reminding me of everything that had happened during that difficult year. So many emotions came rushing in, and then the tears came. I couldn't hold them back.

It was such a powerful moment that I truly believe God was present with me through Saint Sharbel.

There are moments in life we know we will never forget—moments so special that all the struggles, obstacles, and effort it took to get there suddenly seem completely worth it.

This was one of those moments for me.

Come Meet Saint Sharbel

If you are within driving distance of St. Anthony of Padua Catholic Church at 234 Angus Drive in Luling, Louisiana, I highly encourage you to take some time to visit.

Saint Sharbel is right there in the Healing Chapel—and how beautiful is that?

Saint Sharbel is known throughout the world for the many reported healings associated with his intercession. Yet there are still so many people who have never heard of him, and honestly, that amazes me.

So, **spread the word!** Tell your family and friends. Share the story of this amazing saint who is now right here in South Louisiana.

Maybe someone you know is praying for healing of the body, mind, or soul. **Maybe Saint Sharbel is waiting for them in Luling.**

Come meet Saint Sharbel. Come pray. Come see for yourself. **Love y'all!**

Healing through St Sharbel

This story of healing came to me from Renny Palmisano who was there at the installation ceremony on July 12, 2026. Here is her story. Thank you Renny for sharing...

In May 2025, what I thought was just going to be a visit to the doctor for a bad stomachache turned out to be stage 3B ovarian cancer (Carcinosarcoma of the ovary). Once I told my family, my mom and Dad took me to Blessed Seelos Center where I was fortunate enough to be prayed with using Blessed Seelos's cross. Starting that day, I prayed for his intercession and used blessed oil on the area. Shortly after surgery was scheduled to perform a full hysterectomy and the removal of seven tumors, one the size of a cantaloupe attached to my right ovary. I continued to pray daily for his intercession. I was so scared of the unknown and the thought of losing my hair traumatized me. Chemo began a month later. Getting stuck multiple times to find a vein led to me receiving a port in my chest, then came the blood clots, and my blood counts getting so low that chemo had to be skipped one month but I never stopped praying to Blessed

Seelos asking for his intercession.

In October 2025, I was finally able to ring the bell. My CT scan came back NEG which means no evidence of disease. I was told from here on out every 3 to 4 months I would need to come in for routine bloodwork (CA125 which means cancer antigen test), pelvic exam, and if anything concerning came up, we would do a CT scan. So, at that point, I had claimed a healing through the intercession of Blessed Seelos. I felt like I was getting stronger by the week, my hair was slowly coming back, and I was trying to accept this new version of myself.

In February 2026, I went in for the routine checkup and everything looked great so she told me I could come in four months later which leads me to my appt in early July. I went in and mentioned to her that I was still experiencing some back pain that I just thought was side effects from chemo and she explained that she didn't think I should still be dealing with that much pain that far post chemo so she was thinking we needed to order a CT scan this time. Then she performed the pelvic exam and when she did, she felt something concerning, and it was quite painful for me as well. The next day the CT was done and the results came back showing I was having a recurrence. She called me and told me unfortunately I was looking at six months of chemo this time using two different drugs and that I would need to put my port back in. She told me she was ordering a PET scan to see exactly how much it had spread, and she would meet with a team of oncologist to come up with a plan for treatment. Needless to say, I was devastated. I could not believe this was happening to Me so soon after just finishing chemo nine months earlier. At this time, I did find out that my cancer is very rare, aggressive, and fast growing, which made this even more concerning and scary. When I told my mom, she immediately said you need to tell people so they can pray. I really didn't want to share it with too many people just yet but she was right. The more people you have praying and interceding for you the better.

Later that day she mentioned to me that a man was going to be speaking at St Anthony Church about St Charbel. I had never heard of St

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FIRST ENCYCLICAL LETTER of POPE LEO ~ MAGNIFICA HUMANITAS

Taken from Vatican.va

AI must serve humanity ~ not concentrate power

Marking the 135th anniversary of *Rerum novarum*, Pope Leo XIV releases his first encyclical, entitled 'Magnifica humanitas':



On 'Safeguarding the Human Person in the Time of Artificial Intelligence.' He appeals for the safeguarding of humanity, promotion of truth, dignity of work, social justice, and peace

CONCLUSION

The construction site of our time

236. The spirituality I wish to commend is that of the "wise architect" who, driven by hope for the Kingdom of God, is committed to building the world for the common good (cf. 1 Cor 3: 10). As I mentioned at the beginning of this reflection, the task of building in our time must place our relationship with God at its center. Our rule must be the acceptance of human limitations as a natural and positive reality, and should be characterized by shared responsibility and a language characterized by the Gospel. At the end of this reflection, the plan for a civilization of love can be seen more clearly, and the construction site appears to be already up and running, thanks especially to the many living stones solidly united to Christ the cornerstone (cf. 1 Pet 2: 4-6). In this task, we are called to assume an active role, without taking refuge in spiritual sentimentality or retreating into our own little worlds. We must be faithful to the truth, invest in education, cultivate relationships and love justice and peace.

237. Let us remain faithful to the truth! Living

amid incessant flows of information, opinions and images, we know how easy it can be to influence decisions and preferences through increasingly sophisticated algorithms. In this context, it is imperative to cultivate hearts that love the truth, prefer what is right despite the most appealing content and pursue wisdom rather than immediate results. We must always keep before us the truth about God and humanity, just as Christ has revealed them to us. We must lay aside an individualistic and technical view of humanity, as if reality were mere matter to be shaped according to selfish interests, whether individual or collective. Instead, let us cultivate what Pope Francis called a "situated anthropocentrism," which recognizes the human being as a creature embedded in a network of relationships with other living beings and with all of creation. Fidelity to the truth requires integrating the possibilities offered by technology within a framework marked by wisdom, which is capable of safeguarding both the dignity of each person and the future of our common home.

238. Let us invest in education, beginning with ourselves! We all need to learn how to engage with the digital world in a human way, as an integral part of our education in the faith and in a life lived according to the Gospel. Indeed, we must consider the digital world as a new continent to be evangelized, one that requires generous missionaries who are mature in the faith. In a particular way, we need adults to rediscover their vocation as artisans of education, prepared to work patiently each day, with the support of extensive and shared educational partnerships. Today, accompanying children and young people in using technology for developing responsible relationships, helping them to recognize

the risks and choose what fosters inner freedom, is a concrete form of charity and will safeguard their dignity. Teaching new generations that technological evolution does not follow a predetermined path, but can be guided by personal and collective responsibility, constitutes one of the most valuable services to the common good.

239. Let us cultivate relationships! In an era that favors speed and fragmentation, the human person still yearns to receive care and recognition from attentive minds, kind words and hands capable of tenderness. The digital culture multiplies connections and offers new opportunities for interaction; yet, the human heart retains an irrevocable need for genuine closeness. I invite everyone to cherish places and times where physical presence remains crucial, such as shared meals, Christian community gatherings, time spent with the lonely and serving the poor. These are signs of a humanity that continues to believe that every person's body is a dwelling place of God and a temple of the Holy Spirit. It is precisely this covenant between glory and fragility that becomes the criterion for evaluating the anthropological models offered by contemporary culture.

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Given in Rome, at Saint Peter's, on 15 May, in the year 2026, the second of my Pontificate

Let's Laugh a Little ~ It's good for the soul

DEATH-While walking along the sidewalk in front of his church, our minister heard the intoning of a prayer that nearly made his collar wilt. Apparently, his 5-year-old son and his playmates had found a dead robin. Feeling that proper burial should be performed, they had secured a small box and cotton batting, then dug a hole and made ready for the disposal of the deceased. The minister's son was chosen to say the appropriate prayers and with sonorous dignity intoned his version of what he thought his father always said: "Glory be unto the Faaather, and unto the Sonnnn... and into the hole he gooooes."

BIBLE-A little boy opened the big family Bible. He was fascinated as he fingered through the old pages. Suddenly, something fell out of the Bible. He picked up the object and looked at it. What he saw was an old leaf that had been pressed in between the pages. "Mama, look what I found", the boy called out. "What have you got there, dear?" With astonishment in the young boy's voice, he answered, "I think it's Adam's underwear."

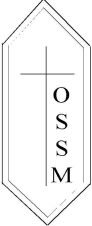
Healing through St Sharbel

Charbel and wasn't going to go, but at the last minute decided to take a ride with them to listen to the presentation. When we got there, the first-class relic was at the altar where people could go and kneel to pray. I sat for a while in the pew, contemplating if I was going to go all the way to the altar to pray in front of the relic or not. At the last minute, I decided I would. As I was kneeling in front of the relic, Deacon Mike came out to start benediction and it would've been very awkward for me to get up to go back to my spot right in the middle of benediction, so I stayed there on my knees in front of the relic and prayed for healing. When benediction was over, I got up and went back to the pew and I remember being really hot. I just thought it was a hot flash since I was going through surgical menopause, but later found out from my mom that some people say during healing, they felt warm so it's possible I was healed in that moment. I left there that day with his holy card and oil and began asking for his intercession. I prayed his nine-day novena and blessed myself each

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day with the oil in the area of the recurrence, which was in both the left and right pelvic area and two large lymph nodes near my heart.

They had a lot of trouble scheduling the PET scan because they were extremely overbooked but finally squeezed me in on July 24 which I later found out was St Charbel's feast day. I don't think it was a coincidence out of 365 days of the year, his feast day fell on the day of my PET scan. Six days later my oncologist and I had a virtual appointment after she met with six oncologist to discuss what the plan would be. And I am blessed to say they came to the conclusion that they don't think I will be needing chemo at this time because it looks to be inflammation and scar tissue. So three weeks prior the CT scan showed a recurrence and now it's inflammation and scar tissue. I call it answered prayers through the intercession of St Charbel. I kept joking telling people that he is known for 33,000 miracles and I was going to be his 33,001. I hope this story touches someone enough to realize how powerful prayer is and never give up praying even if the prayers are not always answered the way we want. God's plan is the best plan. Thank you Lord for loving me and giving me more time with my family.

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