

# Reflections

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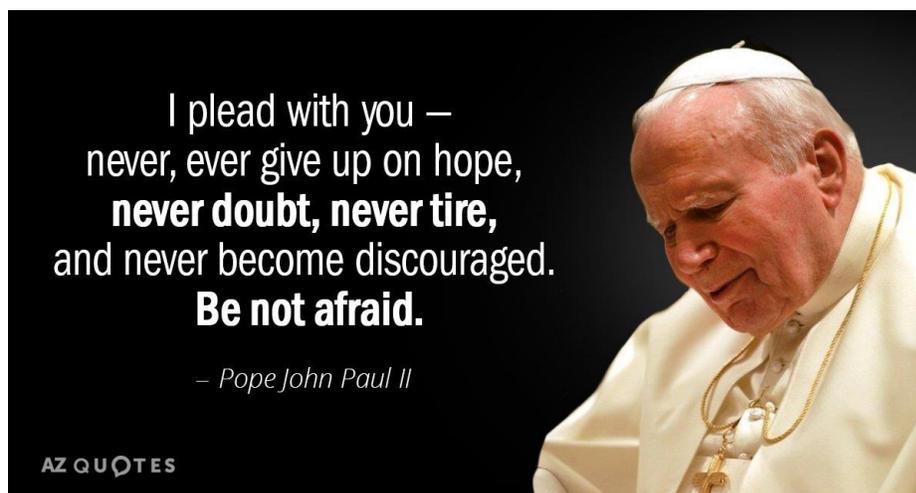
### **Blessing to All:**

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Throughout all times, we have seen great saints and great evil. This is the continuing battle of the children of light and the children of darkness. God makes great saints arise when great evil abounds.

With the aggressive and openness of evil throughout the world, some wonder if there is enough good to overcome it. St. Paul writes in Romans 5:20, "*Where sin abounds, grace abounds much more.*"

We have assurance from Jesus that good overcomes evil. His resurrection from the dead is His signature statement to us, that God will not abandon us when evil abounds. Jesus is our Hope and He is Trustworthy. St. John Paul II has echoed this.



There is **no evil** to be faced  
that Christ does not face with us.  
There is **no enemy** that Christ  
has not already conquered.  
There is **no cross** to bear that Christ  
has not already borne for us,  
and does not now bear with us.

– Pope John Paul II

AZ QUOTES



Some who read this Newsletter have loved ones or friends who have experienced tragedy from illness, or job loss, or death, or through the evil actions of others. How we respond to these things in our lives can take us into the depths of despair or to embrace the love of Jesus which helps us through those times.

### **The Devil and his disciples are on the prowl across the world**

The devil is constantly on the prowl to try to take away our hope in Jesus Christ. His character is to Lie. To cause distrust. To cause our spirit to be broken and to cause jealousy and hate among the races and religions. The devil and his disciples are responsible for mass genocide and killings all over the world at various times in our history. ***His viciousness in our time is out in the open with the killing of the unborn.*** His disciples proudly advocate killing the innocent. They have thrown away the commandments of God and now pronounce that they are gods and can take life without cause.

The devils emissaries in America and around the world, can be found in many places in our society. In Government, Medicine, and of course Planned Parenthood. Many of those who advocate abortion call themselves Catholics and Christians. You cannot be a follower of Jesus and approve the millions of babies being slaughtered in the womb.

It is time for all Churches to stand up for the teaching of Jesus and expunge those who openly approve of and pass legislation for abortion services and the funding of Planned Parenthood and abortion clinics.

In the <sup>1</sup>world there are 40-50 million abortions each year and 1.5 billion since 1973.

The greatest evil in the world is the murder of innocence. *Psalm 94:21 The wicked band together against the righteous and condemn the innocent to death.*

A terrible punishment awaits those who take innocent lives without just cause unless they repent.



Mother Theresa sums evil up so well..."**Many people are concerned with children of India, with the children of Africa, where quite a few die of hunger, and so on. Many people are also concerned about the violence in this great country of the United States. These concerns are very good. But often these same people are not concerned with the millions being killed**

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<sup>1</sup> <https://www.worldometers.info/abortions/>

**by the deliberate decision of their own mothers. And this is the greatest destroyer of peace today- abortion which brings people to such blindness.**

### **Saint Faustina Suffered for Victims of Abortion**

Not well-known or highly touted in conversations about the “Diary of Saint Maria Faustina Kowalska” are the pangs of abortion she suffered on behalf of souls who experienced this tragic occurrence. It’s quite obvious from Saint Faustina’s entry that abortion is not just an issue with Catholic Christians or the Pro-Life movement, but is also an issue **with God Himself**. Here is Saint Faustina’s entry (1276):



September 16, 1937. *"I wanted very much to make a Holy hour before the Blessed Sacrament today. But God's will was otherwise. At eight o'clock I was seized with such violent pains that I had to go to bed at once. I was convulsed with pain for three*

*hours; that is, until eleven o'clock at night. No medicine had any effect on me, and whatever I swallowed I threw up. At times, the pains caused me to lose consciousness. Jesus had me realize that in this way I took part in His Agony in the Garden, **and that He Himself allowed these sufferings in order to offer reparation to God for the souls murdered in the wombs of wicked mothers.** I have gone through these sufferings three times now. They always start at eight o'clock in the evening and last until eleven. No medicine can lessen these sufferings. When eleven o'clock comes, they cease by themselves, and I fall asleep at that moment. The following day, I feel very weak.*

*This happened to me for the first time when I was at the sanatorium. The doctors couldn't get to the bottom of it, and no injection or medicine helped me at all or did I myself have any idea of what the sufferings were about. I told the doctor that never before in my life had I experienced such sufferings, and he declared he did not know what sort of pains they are. But now I understand the nature of these pains, because the Lord himself has made this known to me. Yet when I think that I may perhaps suffer in this way again, I tremble. But I don't know whether I'll ever again suffer in this way; I leave that to God. What it pleases God to send, I will accept with submission and love. If only I could save even one soul from murder by means of these sufferings!"*

**Something to keep in mind is that Saint Faustina was a victim soul. God called her to experience suffering on behalf of the world's sins. As Christians, God calls all of us to pray for mercy on behalf of our own sins and the sins of the world.** Saint Faustina's Diary is not her own. She was God's instrument to express His thoughts to the world. This diary is a diary of mercy not judgment. **It is the mercy of God we seek in prayer, not the judgment of God.** There are many women who have had abortions who today very much wish they had not. Jesus gave us the Divine Mercy Chaplet as a means to seek His mercy for all souls. ***And certainly it is no coincidence that Jesus arranged that the Divine Mercy Chaplet could be prayed using His Mother's beads.***





Pray, Pray, Pray for the sins of the world, especially the sin of abortion.

I close this Newsletter with the words of St. Ignaius of Loyola. **"Pray as if God will take care of all; act as if all is up to you."** **Trust in Divine Mercy. Love One Another.**



## **Little Humor Section For Seniors**

### **Is This You?**

I remember being able to get up without making sound effects from my bones.

When I say "the other day", I could be referring to any time between yesterday and 15 years ago.

I had my patience tested. "I'm negative."

Age 60 might be the new 40, but 9:00 is the new midnight.

I finally got eight hours of sleep. It took me three days, but whatever.

When I ask for directions, please don't use words like "east".

The older I get, the earlier it gets late.

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I am watching over you. Pray my children,  
Pray, Pray, Pray My Rosary For The Salvation of Sinners

