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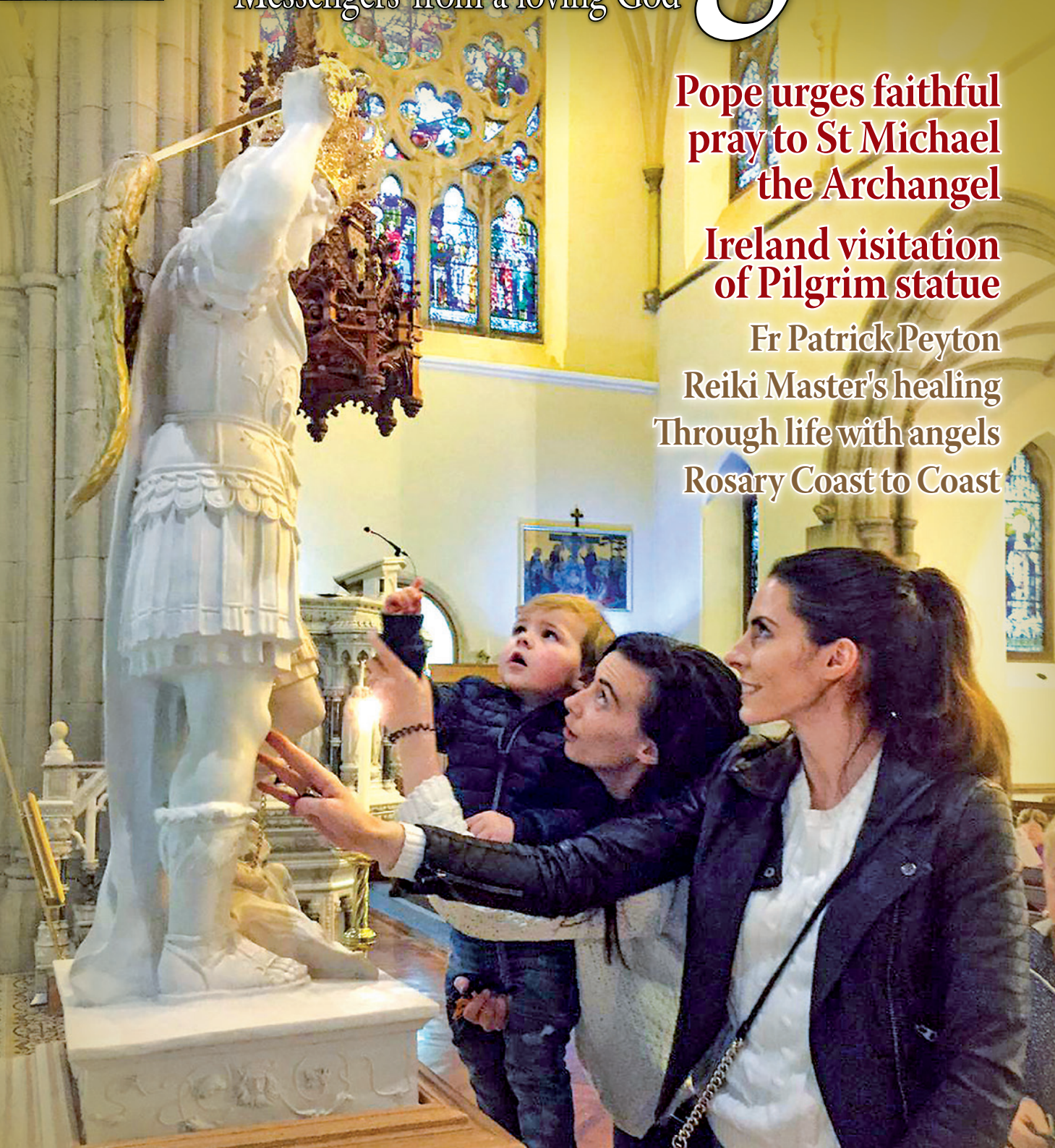
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We know three angels by name: Michael, Gabriel and Raphael. Their names always refer to God.

Michael means ‘Who is like God’ (we know that nobody is like God), Raphael means ‘God heals’ and Gabriel means ‘the strength of God’. God is always in the centre and this is the crucial difference between the teaching of the Roman Catholic Church and the view on angels by the New Age movement. We say “Focus on Jesus” whereas they say “Focus on angels”. That is why angels are invisible, they do not want to draw our attention to themselves.

There is a story in the Book of Revelation when an angel appeared to St John, “I, John, am the one who heard and saw these things. When I had heard and seen them all, I knelt at the feet of the angel who had shown them to me, to worship him; but he said, ‘Do no such thing: I am your fellow-servant and the fellow-servant of your brothers the prophets and those who keep the message of this book. God alone you must worship’” (Rev 22:8-9).

So the names of the angels are directed towards God. Sometimes we say with pride “Who is like me? Nobody”. But St Michael always says “Who is like God?” St Michael teaches us not to feed our ego because angels are always in the shadow. But they are present everywhere, they are here, too. We have at least five hundred angels here. These are our guardian angels, the twin brothers of each one of us. If some of you have a twin brother or sister, you know what it means. You were closely together in your mother’s womb and now you are connected very much. So our guardian angels are very close to us.

I assure you of the constant daily prayers of the priests of the Congregation of St Michael the Archangel for all our readers and their families.

God bless you.

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Confession in brief

From Catechism of the Catholic Church.

1485 'On the evening of that day, the first day of the week, Jesus showed himself to his apostles. He breathed on them, and said to them: "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained"' (Jn 20:19, 22-23).

1486 The forgiveness of sins committed after Baptism is conferred by a particular sacrament called the sacrament of conversion, confession, Penance, or Reconciliation.

1487 The sinner wounds God's honour and love, his own human dignity as a man called to be a son of God, and the spiritual well-being of the Church, of which each Christian ought to be a living stone.

1488 To the eyes of faith no evil is graver than sin and nothing has worse consequences for sinners themselves, for the Church, and for the whole world.

1489 To return to communion with God after having lost it through sin is a process born of the grace of God who is rich in mercy and solicitous for the salvation of men. One must ask for this precious gift for oneself and for others.

1490 The movement of return to God, called conversion and repentance, entails sorrow for and abhorrence of sins committed, and the firm purpose of sinning no more in the

future. Conversion touches the past and the future, and is nourished by hope in God's mercy.

1491 The sacrament of Penance is a whole, consisting in three actions of the penitent and the priest's absolution. The penitent's acts are repentance, confession or disclosure of sins to the priest, and the intention to make reparation and do works of reparation.

1492 Repentance (also called contrition) must be inspired by motives that arise from faith. If repentance arises from love of charity for God, it is called 'perfect' contrition; if it is founded on other motives, it is called 'imperfect'.

1493 One who desires to obtain reconciliation with God and with the Church must confess to a priest all the unconfessed grave sins he remembers after having carefully examined his conscience. The confession of venial faults, without being necessary in itself, is nevertheless strongly recommended by the Church.

1494 The confessor proposes the performance of certain acts of 'satisfaction' or 'penance' to be performed by the penitent in order to repair the harm caused by sin and to re-establish habits befitting a disciple of Christ.

1495 Only priests who have received the faculty of absolving from the authority of the Church can forgive sins in the name of Christ.



1496 The spiritual effects of the sacrament of Penance are:

- reconciliation with God by which the penitent recovers grace;
- reconciliation with the Church;
- remission of the eternal punishment incurred by mortal sins;
- remission, at least in part, of temporal punishments resulting from sin;
- peace and serenity of conscience, and spiritual consolation;
- an increase of spiritual strength for the Christian battle.

1497 Individual and integral confession of grave sins followed by absolution remains the only ordinary means of reconciliation with God and with the Church.

1498 Through indulgences the faithful can obtain the remission of temporal punishment resulting from sin for themselves and also for the souls in Purgatory.

Reiki Master returns to God (Part 2)



■ Jim Browne

Surrender and accepting Jesus' invitation to the banquet.

In Part 1 Jim Browne shared that he was born into an alcoholic family. From the age of four his father started to beat him and he was bullied and felt totally worthless. Jim's family went annually to Knock Shrine, they were the days Jim felt that he belonged to some family. As a teenager he got a job at Hughes's shoe shop in Westport, became the top salesman, married a beautiful girl from Cork and was an alcoholic for over twenty years. Towards the latter years of his marriage he became involved in the New Age and was initiated as a Reiki Master. Our Blessed Mother Mary was never far away and took Jim by the hand and led him back her son, Jesus.

On 2nd May I could not believe it. I was down at Shannon Airport with people being nice to each other and hugging one another. I thought, "The last time I saw anyone like this was on a New Year's Eve and we were all drunk and here are these people sober." I was not able to be near them or witness that level of love, so I moved over to a corner and a woman came over and said,

"Are you a first timer?" I responded, "I am," and she said, "I could tell by the look of you." She then proceeded to tell me about all the miracles and that I would never be the same again. She started to straighten my hair as it was all over the place, and inside I felt all over the place. The lady happened to be behind me on the plane and she

was like a calf at feeding time, with her head stuck through the two seats and she proceeded to tell me about more miracles and all that was going to be changed. I was thinking about all the weekends and all the therapy I had and this woman is telling me I am going to be different next week.

On arrival at our destination I reluctantly got on the bus as there was no plane returning to Ireland that evening so I thought I would just go to Medjugorje for a day. This lady pushed me into a window seat and sat next to me saying how much better I was going to be and I said, "I need to sleep, please."

She said, "Can I tell you one more miracle?" I said, "OK, one." She said, "I saw the sun spinning."

I replied, "Hold it there, Mrs, I am an alcoholic. I drank every day for 20 years and you have no idea of what I saw spinning, everything that I ever looked at spun at the end of the night, so go away with your spinning sun and leave me alone."

I have never seen that woman since.

My first Medjugorje experience

When I arrived at Medjugorje I wanted to go to the Hill of the Apparitions. I had met a guy on the bus and asked him to show me where Our Lady was appearing that evening otherwise it might be difficult because

I was leaving Medjugorje tomorrow. The guy said, "Let's pray a Hail Mary now that you are here," and as I said a Hail Mary I heard the words again, "I want you to meet the mother, that I could never be." So we said a decade of the Rosary.

I came back at tea time to the house where our group was staying and I had this urge on the way back in the taxi to go to Confessions. I was 45 years old and had not been to confession since I was 15 years of age. I met a priest in the doorway and I said, "Father, would you hear my confession after our evening meal tonight as I have to go home tomorrow as someone has died. I would love to stay the week but I can't." The priest replied, "Come up now." So we did not have the evening meal. I said, "Bless me, Father, for I have sinned. It is 30 years since my last confession. I will start at the end, Father. I had lied. No one has died at home. I hate this place already and I am making up a lie to get home."

I went back over everything in my life as I had done the very same thing with the nun in Hope House and two different sponsors. It is the fifth step in the twelve step programme: Admit to God and to myself and to another human being the exact nature of my wrongs.

Power of the confessional

After three hours in the confessional the priest stood up in front of me. He lifted me up, holding my hands and he put his arms around me. Now, for a man to do that I would not normally let him. For a



priest or a religious person to do that I would not let them near me. But that night in that bedroom I knew when he said to me, "James, all your sins, even those that you cannot remember, are forgiven." I know nothing other than Jesus Christ himself was holding me in His arms that night. Because the other people and counsellors were not able to say the words, "Your sins are forgiven" and I knew the priest was telling the truth and I knew that Jesus Christ was in every single priest and I knew the power of the Confessional and the power of forgiveness for the very first time.

I had not been to Mass for years but I went the next day and recalled that my sister Eileen booked Mass to be said for my parents the month before and I would not go. I told her, "You will not see me at that Mass." My sister said, "Are you telling me you will not be going to Mass for your mother and father?" I replied, "Eileen, if they are in heaven they will not need a Mass, if they are in hell it is no good to them and if they are in purgatory 200 years that would sort out the pair of them."

I hate to think I was able to speak those words, but they are the words I spoke because that was the place I was in at that time. In Medjugorje as I walked down to the church I remembered I had not cried for 30 years and recalled the reason why. When I was 16 years of age I had won my third Connaught College medal for Gaelic Football. I was as strong as the side of a house, playing full back. The opposition were not allowed to come in and score. I was good at it because I was angry enough to stop any attack.

As I was eating a meal that evening, my Father walked behind me and hit my head and the fork went through my mouth. I took off my glasses and threw him around the kitchen like toilet paper. I was just about to hit him and I realised what had happened. God did this before when He held back my hand. If I had hit my father that night I would have killed him stone dead because there was 16 years of absolute rage and hate and injustice in that fist. I went outside the back door and I cried my eyes out and some part of me died that night.

A lesson in forgiveness

I had just been expelled from boarding school that night for drinking, smoking and fighting. And my father said to me, "What the hell is wrong with you?" He was unable to see what I had become and what I was living with. He could not see I had become what I had witnessed when I was two years of age and four or five times a week ever since.

But here I was going to Mass for the first time in ten years, in Medjugorje in 2000. Just before the 'Sign of Peace' the priest said, "Before you shake hands and offer peace to anyone, you need to forgive those people you have not forgiven." I started to cry, shake and I became so weak and I was shaking so much and the tears were falling like lumps of rice and all I could see in my imagination was like my past was put on a projector.

I could see all the sacrifices that Mam and Dad had done for me, I could see that there were many times of joy, many times of love, many times of laughter. I saw my mother going to a jar putting in pennies, so that Christmas and my birthday would be made for me. I said to Jesus that day, "I do not understand, Jesus, why you let all this happen, but I am asking you one thing, go to Mam and Dad now for me and tell them that I love them and thanks for giving them to me." I continued, "Jesus, I do not understand it, all I ask you is do not waste it, whatever this pain is, whatever you can do with it, whatever it can be turned into I am prepared to do it, for you to use it in me."

Give my son a chance

So I brought one guy to Medjugorje in October, then two or three, and then I took Paddy. The reason I took Paddy was because he believed in nothing and was an alcoholic and believed in Alcoholics Anonymous. But not enough to stay sober. But when we came back from Medjugorje he said, "Jim, I want to bring my wife and five children."

I replied, "I will bring your wife and I will bring the four kids, but I am not bringing your 18 year old boy, Keith."

Paddy said, "Why will you not bring Keith?"

I answered, "Paddy, people cross the street when your son walks down, when your son comes into town on a Saturday night, your phone call comes from the police station on Sunday morning for you to come in and bring him home. Paddy what will I do with a guy like this in Medjugorje?"

Paddy started to cry saying, "But Jim, he is my son. What will I do with him if you do not give him a chance?"

So I agreed to take Keith, and the morning we were leaving Knock Airport for Medjugorje I had to go into the bar three times and take him out of it, and this was all before eight in the morning. At Medjugorje I noticed that Keith was at Confessions and I saw him going to Mass each morning and went off up the hills on his own. We were only back at home three weeks when a woman ran out of the church after me.

She said, "Jim Browne, I never believed in Medjugorje and I spoke against it and I spoke against you, but today...it is true."

I asked "What happened today?"

The woman replied, "My two sons are at home in bed, and Keith Kelly is in there at Mass and I heard he went to Medjugorje a few weeks ago."

Keith then got a job with his father working as a stonemason, and he rang me to say that he needed to go back to Jesus and His Mother again. I went to his place of work and Keith gave me the money for his pilgrimage and then he put his hand into his back pocket and said, "Jim, this is €700 and everything I have saved. I want you to bring some guy that needs Medjugorje as much as I did six months ago."

I took Con who was a drug addict, who was barely hanging on. Con went to the Blue Cross and came home to the house where we were staying and said, "Jim, I am going to die but at least now, I know where I am going." The week after we went home to Westport, Con came to my house because he had asked for me to get Fr Benny McKay, our spiritual director. Con had confession and we had Mass and then he died. Some time later Keith rang me and said, "I want to bring 50 youngsters from Westport who are in trouble."

Keith brought 50 youngsters for the Youth Festival and 50 more the following year. Then a year later when Keith was 21, I was invited to his home, and I thought, "What is happening here? It must be a birthday party."

His mother Veronica said, "No, Jim, Keith is joining the priesthood."

From the minute I heard those words I have never, ever judged another human being. I could hear Our Lady's words telling me to "Mind my own business, that the conversion was to do with her and her Son." And she said, "Do you not think what we did for you, that an 18 or 21-year-old



■ Our Lady of Medjugorje

was out of our reach, Jim? Put them on the plane and leave the rest to us.”

Love of the Mother of God

This awful emptiness was inside me. I started bringing planeloads of people. I went back to get a little notebook with all my old girlfriends’ phone numbers inside, because some

of the girls had become free again, and I was going to make up for all the lost time in my marriage and since my marriage. But it never happened.

Here I am separated now eighteen years and the last person I was with was my wife. I did not realise what was happening to me, and then it dawned on me that I had fallen in love with the Mother of God. And if she was the only woman that I needed and that was very important because hundreds of very young

attractive girls came to stay at my house where there is nothing but a brick wall between us. I do not worry about what I should have done or what I should have said or was she interested? I have been given that gift to hold onto the Mother of God to fill that emptiness and loneliness that was lurking deep inside me for all those years.

From 2004 to 2009 I started to bring two planeloads each year to Medjugorje and today I bring about 200 people each year. I still needed a job. On Christmas Eve 2004, Sean Conroy, who has been going to Medjugorje since 1984 and who is a friend of the visionary, Vicka, brought me down to meet her and he told me to bring some crucifixes to have them blessed on Christmas Day. I brought 300 crucifixes. When I came home I did not realise the power of Christmas Day until I gave the first crucifix away to my friend, John, on 7th January 2005, because John was told he could not be a father and his wife could not have a baby. Ten months later, in October, Matthew James was born.

People have come out of intensive care. I received a letter yesterday from the USA about a lady from Boston who flew from California to say ‘good bye’ to her sister who was in a coma. She taped one of the blessed Christmas Day crucifixes to her sister’s chest and when she got home she received a phone call to say her sister was certain to recover and was now in a general ward. Two days later she started rehab.

These crucifixes are blessed by Jesus and His mother and they have given life and brought life. Alcoholics have found a way to stop drinking, drug addicts have found a way not to

want to take drugs again, and mothers have a way of not worrying. One mother told me that she put the crucifix into her son's car, and went up to bed and slept for the first time in more than eleven years.

Pope Leo XIII prayer

For the past 15 years I have been invited all over Ireland giving my testimony and speaking against the dangers of New Age practices. At the beginning of the talks or at my prayer group meetings I explain and pray the importance of the beautiful prayer (a minor exorcism) that anyone can pray to ask Our Lord to drive the lingering influence of Satan away from a place. *Saint Michael, the Archangel, defend us in battle; be our protection against the wickedness and snares of the devil...* This prayer is known as the Prayer to Saint Michael written by His Holiness Pope Leo XIII, on 13th October 1884.

A man called Frank Kelly often led retreats at Betania II Retreat Center in Medway, Massachusetts, USA. In June 2016 I was invited to Boston, USA to speak for four nights leading up to the feast day of St Anthony (as he had interceded for many miracles in my life). Frank Kelly had a near-death experience and met Jesus. The Lord asked Frank if he would like to go back and do the work that he was asked to do by God the Father. Frank replied, "Yes."

This man has unbelievable gifts and when he prayed over me he said, "St Ignatius of Loyola has been teaching you for the past eight years." I asked "Teaching me what?" He answered, "You will soon know."

That September I spoke in Sligo and the lady who organized the talk asked if I would lead a retreat if she brought 50 or 60 people to my prayer room in Westport.

I agreed, but was rather confused as to what I would do with them. The Wednesday night before the group arrived I sat at the kitchen table, blessed myself and my pen just 'took off'.

I wrote for two hours and then retired to bed. With all the excitement I was unable to sleep and got up early and wrote for a further two and a half hours. The pen flowed, I wrote what I didn't know, not believing what was happening.

I looked at the AA program and starting to insert biblical references in order to break all compulsions. For example, 'Our free will.'

Everyone said the retreats were inspiring and I took them to Boston and also to the Betania II Retreat Center in Medway, Massachusetts. It's called "Surrender and accept Jesus' invitation to the banquet."

Since then I have been invited back to Boston and Michigan three times, Connecticut twice, Liverpool and Manchester in England and I have led eight retreats in Ireland.

Many healings occur during the retreats, as one priest said, "We were saturated in God's Word."

I'll finish with the words of my spiritual director, Fr Benny Mc Hale. "Through his own compelling testimony, unique sense of humour and very personal style of communicating the Gospel, he has led many people to the Lord. I have no doubt he will continue to do so."

Jim Browne

Westport, Co. Mayo. Ireland



Fr Anthony meets Pope Francis

In July, Fr Anthony Casamento CSMA, was invited by the Governor General of Australia to be part of the official Australian Government delegation on a recent State visit to the Holy See. During the visit, Fr Anthony was presented by His Excellency the Governor General of Australia (Sir Peter Cosgrove) to the Holy Father, where he inquired about Fr Anthony's ministry as Vice President of the Australian Catholic University. Following the visit with Pope Francis, Fr Anthony also met with the Secretary of State, Cardinal Parolin.





Prayer is the weapon

Pope urges faithful to end the rosary with the prayer to St Michael the Archangel.

Pope Francis has asked all Catholics to pray the rosary daily during the month of October, asking Mary and St Michael the Archangel to intercede for the protection of the Church in a moment of “spiritual turbulence.”

On 29th September 2018 a statement from the Vatican said that Pope Francis had recently affirmed that prayer “is the weapon against the Great Accuser who ‘goes around the world seeking to accuse.’ Only prayer can defeat him.”

“The Russian mystics and the great saints of all the traditions advised, in moments of spiritual turbulence, to shelter beneath the mantle

of the Holy Mother of God,” the statement added.

Pope Francis said that recitation of the rosary would invoke Mary’s intercession, placing the Church under her “protective mantle.” He also encouraged the prayer of Sub Tuum Praesidium: “We fly to Thy protection, O Holy Mother of God. Do not despise our petitions in our necessities, but deliver us always from all dangers, O Glorious and Blessed Virgin.”

The Holy Father did not specify the “spiritual turbulence” to which he referred, but did say that prayer could help the Church to become “more aware of the faults, the errors

and the abuses committed in the present and in the past, and committed to combating without any hesitation, so that evil may not prevail.”

Pope Francis also encouraged that Catholics end the rosary with the recitation of the prayer to St Michael the Archangel, composed by Pope Leo XIII: “Saint Michael Archangel, defend us in battle, be our protection against the wickedness and snares of the Devil; may God rebuke him, we humbly pray; and do thou, O Prince of the heavenly host, by the power of God, cast into hell Satan and all the evil spirits who prowl through the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen.”

St Michael as a brother

Over two years ago, I had the good fortune to go on pilgrimage with the Michaelite Fathers to the grotto of St Michael the Archangel on Mount Gargano. I had earlier visited many other Christian shrines and this was another.

After entering the grotto, I had a feeling - difficult to describe - it was a light, or joy, which stretched the bounds of my heart as well as a deep conviction that I was standing on holy ground. We stayed in Gargano for three days.

During a night prayer vigil in the grotto we were told by one of the Michaelite Sisters, who care for this church, that St Michael was observing us closely during these days and was allowing each of the pilgrims to individually approach the rock on which the altar and the statue stood and on which was left an imprint of St Michael's foot and to extend a hand into the opening to touch the place. Totally focused and in total silence, by the dimmed light of the grotto, we stood in line and removed our shoes. The image of Moses approaching the burning bush came to mind and with it the words: "You stand on holy ground." My heart was filled with joy but also with trepidation. All the difficult situations which I wished to bring before God came into my mind. Also, the very thought that St Michael knows all about them and can present them to God, that I could entrust this heavy load to him

- that is: into the best possible hands - was enough. I left the altar, my heart permeated with peace and calm. It was like being in an antechamber of heaven.

On the following day, when we went to make our farewells to St Michael the Archangel at the grotto, someone pointed out the 'Tau' symbol by the entrance, which had been carved in the rock by St Francis of Assisi, who felt himself unworthy to enter the grotto in which St Michael dwelt. I felt shamed in the light of his humility.

Has my life changed? The words "Who is like God?" are carved on the gravestones of my parents and in-laws. I entered the women's lay order 'Mi-Ka-El' in Miejsce Piastowe. We meet there every month for days of recollection. I return to my responsibilities, both within my family and in my work as a doctor, with new strength and energy, having been "given wings".

I have recently had the opportunity to participate in a retreat in my home town, connected with the pilgrimage of the statue of St Michael the Archangel around Poland. I was once more made aware of the truth



of the words that St Michael the Archangel is an angel of mercy, and that - in spite of his majesty - he is like a BROTHER to us.

I would like to thank everyone who has helped me and who continues to help me to open my heart to the presence of God in the Blessed Trinity, to the Blessed Virgin Mary and St Michael the Archangel. I would like to thank the Michaelite Sisters, whose eyes are filled with joy, despite their very busy days, and to the Mother General, Sister Nataneala, for her witness to her faith. I thank everyone who brings the person of St Michael the Archangel, and his faith and courage, closer to us as lay people.

Małgorzata Siwiec, Poland

Blessing with a sword

Interview with Sister Aurelia Opon CSSMA working in the Shrine of St Michael the Archangel in Monte Sant'Angelo, Gargano, Italy.

How did you get here to Monte Sant'Angelo?

Fr Wladyslaw Suchy, rector of the shrine, asked us to help him many years ago. Unfortunately, we were not able to get this job due to lack of vocations to our congregation. In 2008 Mother Superior decided to close one of the houses in Poland to open one here, in Monte Sant'Angelo, in the cradle of our spirituality. In the beginning three sisters, including me, were sent to Italy.

What are your tasks?

We work at the shrine mainly. We serve the pilgrims and collect their intentions and doing the ministry in the sacristy as well. We also run the Pilgrim's House. Winter is rather a quiet period, whereas summer requires lots of work. Holy Masses are celebrated here every hour from 7 o'clock in the morning.

It is only ten years since you arrived here. Have you discovered something new for yourself?

Yes. I can say that I rediscovered the "Who is like God" motto. I often witness St Michael's powerful intercession in the liberation of the enslaved or possessed who come to this shrine. There have been situations where the possessed person cannot even pass the gate. But such cases do

not happen very often. Most pilgrims arrive here to pray.

What do they pray about?

They usually ask for the grace of liberation for themselves or for their relatives and friends. They seem to know this place is unique because St Michael is a specialist in casting the demons away. Lots of pilgrims come to ask about the grace of parenthood or consent within a family.

Many people write testimonies after the visit to the Shrine of St Michael. Do you remember anything particular?

Yes. I met a couple who could not have a baby for a long time. A year after their pilgrimage to the shrine they came back with a child to give thanks to God and St Michael. There are a whole lot of cases of votive offerings. Italians have a custom to thank St Michael for graces for their children. They bring hearts or mascots with a child's name written on it. We store them either in the archive or local museum.

I had an amazing meeting with a lady who came here for the first time and described all the details of the grotto. She said she had a dream: "I didn't even know such a sanctuary existed but I dreamt of St Michael. He looked exactly like this one here. He said he left his foot stamped on the stone. I came here and saw all like he said."

I remember a young possessed girl, who arrived here because her

mother had a dream of St Michael. He promised to liberate her daughter if she took her here and put her hand on the stamped foot of the archangel. Of course, there were lots of difficulties to bring that girl into



■ Sr Aurelia Opon CSSMA

the grotto because a demon manifested himself almost at once. The fight was really long but the mum and her friends just pulled the girl inside to St Michael. Eventually, she was free.

Such situations always touch me deeply in my heart.

Do you have a particular personal experience?

The very fact that I am here is a significant grace for me. I have never thought of leaving my country. When I first came to Gargano I knew not a single word in Italian. Two sisters and I had a three-month course of Italian with the great help of priests from the shrine. And then we started to work. The beginning is always the hardest.

Can you see an increase of pilgrims and greater interest in the devotion to St Michael the Archangel?

Yes. The number of pilgrims is rising. The Michaelite Fathers promote the shrine via the internet. They organize retreats, the news of which goes even to other continents. There was a man from the U.S. who took a relic stone from the grotto. After coming back to his homeland he spoke about it so enthusiastically that in one month we had an order which we could not handle as we usually do. We also have lots of orders from Mexico and Latin America.

What does the shrine mean for local people?

Monte Sant'Angelo inhabitants appreciate the shrine a lot. The town developed due to the apparitions. Tourists and pilgrims arrive and the locals can live on. It would

be impossible without the shrine because there are only rocks around. The area discourages farming or industry.

St Michael is a supreme figure for them. They say they do not feel worthy to enter the sanctuary presbytery at all. There are people who go up to Gargano on foot and get into the shrine on their knees. This tradition stretches back to the early times of local devotion when a prayer was said on each step leading into the cave.

How about the procession of 29th September?

Local people say St Michael cannot leave the grotto otherwise it would collapse. So the replica of the St Michael figure is taken on procession. However, it has an original sword. The moment a bishop blesses them with the sword is very emotional and most crucial for them. Rectors of parishes also bless their parishioners with the sword. In the past, during difficult times such as natural disasters, bishops used to bless the area with the sword of St Michael. All the problems were to be overcome. That is why the sword is so special for the locals.

How can you encourage others to visit St Michael in Monte Sant'Angelo?

Dear readers, I warmly invite you all to come to the shrine. St Michael does miracles, great things. It is worth seeing the annual procession; this is a manifestation of St Michael's holiness and power.

Fr **Peter Prusakiewicz** CSMA
was speaking
to Sr **Aurelia Opoń** CSSMA

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

(according to María Esperanza)

PLEA TO OUR LORD AND SAVIOUR

Jesus, enter into our contemplative space as we offer You our life as Our Lord and Saviour.

We wholly surrender to You, Our Lord and Our God.

We surrender our health, family, resource, work, skills, friendships, time, our successes and failures; we let go of everything.

We surrender our understanding, the decisions You may make regarding our lives, our commitments and our will.

We surrender all that we are and wish to be according to Your Holy Will.

We are Yours, all our present, past and future.

Take our existence, Lord, it is Yours by law. Pardon our weaknesses so we may lead a new life.

Take us, Lord and enlighten our flame of love.

Thank you, Lord. Amen.

Promises: each one should write this prayer and carry it as a formula. It will be the weapon that will awake our sensibilities and a new horizon will show itself.

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Joyful news from a grotto in Venezuela (Part 1)

There are many indications that Venezuela has given the world a new saint for the 21st century. Padre Pio said of her that she would be our consolation once he himself was no longer in the world. To some extent she is already.

I walk slowly. Here, there is no reason to hurry. Slowly, I traverse the forest path between the pilgrims' accommodation and the altar for open air Mass. Mass has just recently finished and there are fewer and fewer people in the square before the altar. Some have remained for a moment of silent prayer. Others have stayed behind to chat with old friends. There is

a pleasant hum of conversation, jokes and laughter, a joyful holiday atmosphere. Today, the whole area is bathed in sunlight and the hills of the Valles del Tuy are clearly visible, with the green meadows at the Bethany foothills, above which towers Mount Sion with the replica of the Last Supper at its summit. The 'heavenly' atmosphere makes one want to simply slow down and take time to reflect.

"Stefan, Stefan!" Dulce, the Venezuelan lady whom I met only a few days ago and who has been looking after us, calls out to me excitedly from her place on a bench near the altar. She can't shout any louder so as not to disturb the people still immersed in prayer around us. Opening her eyes wide, she is trying to draw my



■ Maria Esperanza with her husband



■ Pieta in Bethany, Venezuela

attention to something. Unfortunately, I haven't the foggiest idea what it is that she is trying to show me.

"What is it?" I ask in a half whisper, when I finally manage to get closer, still walking unhurriedly.

"Didn't you see it? It flew just by you, right by your eyes."

"What didn't I see? Dulce, you must tell me."

"A blue butterfly. A great big butterfly."

"Really?"

I take a deep breath. I can't quite believe that it was THAT VERY butterfly of which I had heard tell so much.

“Yes, Stefan, it was THAT butterfly. I’ve seen it only once this year and then only at a distance. It then flew away. It was so near you – at touching distance.”

“You’re joking.”

“Stefan, I tell you. It was within touching distance.”

A husband found by Heaven itself

She was born on Thursday, 22nd November 1928. It was an interesting year. Alexander Fleming had only just made the discovery which was to bring the world penicillin. In Madrid, Josemaría Escrivá had just founded Opus Dei. In Boston, the first prototype of a respirator had been used for the first time. That very same year, close to the place where the Caroni meets the great Orinoco River, a little girl was born

on a boat on its way to the hospital. Her mother named her María and was to have no idea that she had given birth to an extraordinary person, whom God had chosen to fulfil a very particular mission.

Her full name was María Esperanza de Bianchini, a girl who lived in such close communion with God that her greatest wish was to become a nun. She was not yet to know that the Divine plan for her life was to be very different from that of her childhood imaginings. As a young girl, she already heard the voice of God and was not indifferent to it. She tried her hardest to discern and listen to what God was telling her. She also listened to the advice of her spiritual directors. Finally, she knew what she was to do – she was to go to Rome to find her husband. She was not to be a nun. God wanted her to attain sainthood as a wife, mother and grandmother – as well as beyond her own family circle.

Many masters of the spiritual life are in agreement on one point. If we consciously and freely allow God into our lives and agree to His plan, then everything takes on its own momentum. This is true of the Holy Spirit. The Spirit, after all, blows where it will – “you hear its sound, but you cannot tell where it comes from or where it is going” (John 3:8). The life of María Esperanza is a good example. When she arrives in Rome she meets a man. All the signs and prophecies she had received were fulfilled, even the fact that her future husband wears a sword; a somewhat unusual occurrence in the second half of the twentieth century. It is soon made clear that Geo – María’s intended – is a bishop’s bodyguard who does in fact wear a symbolic sword during Holy Mass. However, María is after all, only human. She takes fright at the speed with which these events are occurring and runs home to Caracas. It is here that her confessor, Fr Emerano Farnholz, having listened to the whole story (María had learnt of her future husband in a vision, from, among others, St John Bosco) tells her, under obedience, to return to Rome to her lost love.

When they do finally get married, Geo is already well aware that he is to share his life with an extraordinary woman, whom God has endowed with, among others, the gift of prophecy. When Geo hears his own life story related to him by his new wife (which she could not have known, as he had not then told her), and in perfect Italian, – even though María’s Italian was then far from perfect – he is made fully aware of this gift. His life was never to be the same again: instead, it became the antechamber of Paradise.



■ Women praying by the Grotto



■ The land chosen by Our Lady

A new mission

The newly-weds returned to Venezuela, which was henceforth to be their home. Her beloved Mother of God tells María that she is to find the land consecrated to Her, which will serve the people as an “Ark of Redemption”, a land chosen and marked out for this purpose by the Virgin Mary herself. The Virgin tells her very clearly that the place is by a river close to sugar cane plantations; moreover, that it lies close by a beautiful grotto. The last and most significant characteristic of the place is that every so often, great blue butterflies are to be seen flying out of the grotto as a sign of the Virgin Mary’s presence.

When María Esperanza goes to the town of Cua, she is, therefore, immediately able to recognise that this was the place Our Blessed Lady had referred to, and so, she sets to work. In this work, she has the assistance of her husband and children. The Blessed Virgin is to become beloved by the whole of the Bianchini family. Indeed, it is thanks to the Virgin that

the money is found to purchase the land, to build the church and accommodation for pilgrims, to construct the Way of the Cross and the replica of the Last Supper on Mount Sion. This is the place of which María will say that there she feels a closeness to God, the like of which she has never felt elsewhere. A new task now awaits María Esperanza. Having started a family and taken on the role of wife and mother, she is now to work to spread devotion to Mary in Venezuela, other countries in South America and beyond; a mission she is to continue for the rest of her life.

When we don’t seem to get an answer

“Have you really not seen those butterflies yet?” I asked some of María Esperanza’s grandchildren sitting at the next table. They are our hosts with whom I and other members of the ‘Who is like God’ editorial team are staying.

“We’ve not seen them yet, this year,” Nacho admits, stoically.

“Stefan, you must realise that they don’t just come for the asking. There are some months when pilgrims see them very often and others when they are simply not there.”

“And yet you say that one such butterfly today flew right past me... I still don’t quite believe it.”

“Yes, yes! Definitely!” Dulce says, interrupting. “I was there and I saw it. You were lost in thought but I was nevertheless under the impression that you saw it.”

“I can’t quite believe that I could have failed to notice such an occurrence...”

“You see, Stefan,” Magda now butts in, “that’s just how it is. We call out to God. We ask where He is because he does not seem to be listening. We search for Him. We feel lost and abandoned. We complain that nothing is happening and that God is not giving us an answer. It generally turns out that He is right beside us. I think the same is true of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Today she was right beside you at the very moment when you were praying. Don’t upset yourself that you couldn’t perceive

Her. It was only a sign. What matters is Her presence – She was there.”

This was only one of the many similar conversations at the supper table with the daughters and grandchildren of María Esperanza, or else in the mornings, while visiting Bethany and during our prayer together. It is indeed impossible that such conversations should not take place in a location especially chosen by Our Lady. Members of the Bianchini family have inherited their mother's and grandmother's love of the Rosary. We pray the Rosary several times a day, at the table or in the car. Here, prayer has a different savour. It doesn't drag and it is a pleasure. It is something you truly want to do with these people; people who have not so much believed as seen with their own eyes. They have witnessed miracles and what they say is authentic and credible. They have certainly much to teach us.

Finca de Betania

Where are all these places actually situated? Where is the “New Ship”,

this “Ark of Redemption”, shown to María Esperanza by Our Lady? The visionary discovered it 65km from the capital of Venezuela. To Bethany we take the motorway running from Caracas to Charavelle, where we take the turn-off for Cua. Travelling a further 12km, we then come to it on our left, directly beside the slowly flowing stream known as ‘Tarma’, where we reach our final destination, Finca de Betania. We have arrived.

The journey itself provided us with a feast for the eyes. We are surrounded by hills, then by mountains, which rise ever higher above us. They remind us of the Bieszczady in Poland. The main difference, though, is that instead of beech trees on the slopes, we now see exotic, tropical vegetation. The blueness of the sky forms the perfect backdrop for a painter painting the beautiful white clouds.

“Look, Stefan, look!” The ever-smiling Maria Coromoto, one of the six daughters of María Esperanza, turns to me. “It's an angel! Can you see it?”

It's true. The clouds above us have taken on the form of an angel.

“It's incredible,” says her husband. “What a day!”

Joy is the main characteristic of the time spent with these people. There is no room for sadness, hopelessness or despair. It is as if they hold some secret inside knowledge and are moving towards a set goal, their steps sure and steadfast and with smiles on their faces. I feel good here.

From Mount Sion we see the whole of Bethany. We can see the roof of the chapel used for open-air Mass, where, many years ago, a Eucharistic miracle took place. This was on 8th December 1991. During the Consecration, Fr Otto Ossa Aristizábal noticed an abundant flow of blood from the host lying on the paten. Today we can adore this bleeding host in Los Teques, near Caracas, where it has been placed in a special monstrance. Here lies the building site where a hospital to serve the needs of the poor people of the surrounding area is to be established. St Pio had instructed María Esperanza to build a hospital modelled on the Casa Sollievo della Sofferenza (House for the Relief of Suffering) in San Giovanni Rotondo. There is also a site on which a cathedral will be erected, right next to the



■ The church in Bethany

miraculous grotto from which, every once in a while, there issue blue butterflies, the grotto in which María Esperanza had the honour of meeting Our Blessed Lady – one of the most important encounters of her life.

Grotto

“Come on, get up! We need to be on our way!” said the 47 year-old María Esperanza to her husband and children one February evening in 1976.

“But where, Mummy? It’s already after 9 p.m.” said her eldest daughter, in surprise.

“Mary is calling us. Come on. We have a mission. We’re going to feel that our Good Mother is calling us very clearly. We’ve not a moment to lose!”

María Esperanza’s nearest and dearest were to experience many such happenings during her life. This inspired visionary was to rouse the household on more than one occasion in order to go and pray in a place chosen by the Blessed Mother. This journey in February, 1976, however, was unique. The entire family prayed for many long days and nights until it happened... On 25th March, precisely on the Feast of the Annunciation of Our Lady, the Mother of God herself appeared to María Esperanza. The future stigmatist had made no mistake.

“We were at the grotto, when I suddenly saw a great and beautiful cloud,” she was later to recall in her journals. “My friend said to me, ‘María, the farm is on fire! It’s burning like a candle!’ To which I answered, ‘Yes, I know. I can see the fire.’” The problem was that it was not a fire. The flames were coming from the place from which



■ Statue of Our Lady by the Grotto

the Blessed Virgin had appeared. When the Holy Mother eventually appeared, she rose to the height of the trees. I could see that she was beautiful: she had chestnut hair, light brown eyes, small lips and a straight nose. She had a beautiful complexion – it was like silk. She was bronzed, beautiful and very young. Her hair reached to her shoulders. The Mother of God extended her arms and light streamed from the palms of her hands and all around was bathed in extraordinary brightness. It felt to me as if Mary is a beam of light which penetrates my soul, shaking every fibre of my heart.

Inside, I felt very humble, very weak and feeble. I was nothing compared to the beauty which blinded me. I then heard an interior voice: “My little daughter, tell my children of all races that I love them. Their differences do not matter – to me, all my children are the same. There is no rich or poor, ugly or beautiful, black or white. I come to gather them all in

order to help them ascend tall Mount Sion... so they can attain salvation.”

On 22nd August of that year, on the Feast of the Queenship of Mary, the second apparition took place. Mary assured the visionary that, were people but to take up their daily crosses, there would be no more suffering, tears or death: “All of you will daily sing a never-ending ‘Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!’ with my Son.”

Over time, María Esperanza received more apparitions of the Blessed Mother. It was no coincidence that these occurred on feast days of Our Lady: of the Annunciation, the Miraculous Medal, the solemnity of the Immaculate Conception, or of Our Lady of Lourdes. During these encounters, Mary gradually revealed her purpose. Betania was in the future to be a place of healing, the salvation of mankind, but, above all, a place where people would be reconciled with God.

Stefan Czerniecki, Poland

Over the last few months, I have enjoyed listening to an audio version of the Bible. I listen to it at times when I can't pick up and read the Bible; whilst in the car or when doing housework. It has led me to discover fragments to which I had earlier not paid much attention or else had entirely misunderstood.

Eight-year-old Daniel happened to be with me the last time I was listening. The person on the audio tape was just finishing the very last words of St Mark's Gospel: "...while they, going out, preached everywhere, the Lord working with them and confirming the word by the signs that accompanied it" (Mark 16:20). I asked Daniel: "Do you understand these words?"

"Yes," he retorted, and summed it up like this: "They preached and the Lord worked miracles." The child's clear and unambiguous answer astounded me. I was also struck by the thought that there is no true Gospel without signs and wonders. They are God's seal of approval confirming the authenticity and truth of the Gospel. The whole of the Acts of the Apostles speaks of the fact that the glory of God and the power of the Holy Spirit was so strong in the believers of the Early Church that even Peter's shadow as he passed had the power to heal and cast out demons (Acts 5:15). Because people saw miracles take place when the Good News was proclaimed they accepted Jesus Christ as their Healer, Lord and Saviour.

Fr Bronislaw Markiewicz described the characteristics of the flock of Christ, which "is recognised not by signs attributed to it by men,

Why do we need miracles?

but by signs which are part of its very nature". These characteristics are the heart and soul of the true Church. "I believe in one Holy, Catholic and Apostolic Church". The holy nature of the Church, is expressed in the Niceno-Constantinopolitan or Nicene Creed in the words: "I believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church". Blessed Fr Bronislaw is at pains to stress that Jesus' main purpose in establishing the Church was to make us "holy and immaculate". He states, "It is principally the Holy Spirit who acts to transform our old nature into the new and who leads people to holiness, through his sanctifying grace. In order to be a visible characteristic of the Church, this holiness must make itself manifest not only in the practice of all the Christian virtues and all the teachings of the Gospel to the greatest extent, but also through the presence of its outward signs, such as prophecy, miracles and other gifts of the Holy Spirit."

The last sentence of the above quotation from Fr Markiewicz is worth emphasising: prophecy and miracles and the gifts of the Holy Spirit are outward signs of the true Church and the holiness of its members. As Christians, we should endeavour that the Church be authentic and recognised as such. The final words of St Mark's Gospel also speak of this. We are called to proclaim the Good News,

the authenticity of which is confirmed by the miracles which God works, to verify the fact that we are not false prophets, but true witnesses who have ourselves been transformed and sanctified. In St John's Gospel Jesus tells his disciples, "Truly, truly I say to you, he who believes in me will also do the works that I do; and greater works than these will he do, because I go to the Father." (Jn. 14:12) The glorified name of Him who sits at the right hand of the Father has even greater power, which is granted by the Holy Spirit to all that believe. Jesus also assured believers that He would give them whatever they ask in His name.

I have the impression that a 'false Gospel' has stolen into the lives of many Christians. It is the conviction that miracles, prophecy and the gifts of the Holy Spirit are only for a few chosen people or that they are actually unnecessary, while, in truth, they are crucial factors confirming the authentic witness of the faithful. If people cannot see the fruits of the Spirit, i.e. miracles, prophecy and Jesus' answers to our prayers in our own lives, as believers, and, above all else, if they do not see our love, then we cannot profess to proclaim a powerful Gospel and to be part of the true Church. Do we then deceive others as well as ourselves?

Joanna Krzywonos, Poland



By Raphael on

Miracle amazed the doctors!

“Yes, I know what plans I have in mind for you, Yahweh declares, plans for peace, not for disaster, to give you future and hope. When you call to me and come and pray to me, I shall listen to you. When you search for me, you will find me”

Jeremiah 29.11-13

Little did I know that once Padre Pio came into my life things would never be the same again. He made me realise that I was in a wilderness with regard to my faith. Even now, after several years, I find it incredible how he came to our aid.

It was whilst taking my son's dog for a walk, that the dog made a sudden leap causing me to catch my foot in a crack in the ground. I fell and knew I had broken my leg, but most of the agony came from my foot. My

husband struggled to pick me up and I was eventually taken to hospital. I had the usual X-ray and was told I would be admitted because my leg was broken and my foot was mangled and in a mess. They were unable to put my leg in a cast as my foot needed surgery and a pin inserted. This was on a Saturday.

On Monday my daughter visited me and said that my husband was unable to visit as he was unwell and was passing blood. I immediately

told the doctor I would have to go home, but she said it was out of the question as I was due in surgery in half an hour. So I was very puzzled to find myself back in X-ray and then taken back to the ward. Suddenly, a young lady doctor came rushing up saying that I did not need surgery, then left saying she would be back later. My son was visiting at the time and we were both very puzzled.

When the doctor did return she told me that the surgeons and doctors were seeking an explanation as to why it was, that in the first X-ray my foot was a mess, but in the second X-ray, taken shortly after the first, everything was back into place in my foot. This, however, is not the end of my testimony.

The lady doctor gave me a hard look, shook her head and rushed off saying she'd never had such an experience before. I was then taken to have my leg plastered and went home with crutches. On my arrival home I could see my husband was suffering. We got a doctor immediately, he called an ambulance and my husband was taken to hospital two hours after I was discharged. My husband was put on irrigation for two days and then taken to theatre where it was discovered, just in time, that he had cancer of the bladder. Thanks be to God this has not returned.

His illness might have been discovered too late. It has been my experience and the experience of many that Saint Pio does not always work in a straight line or in a way we expect.

BUT HE NEVER DOES ABANDON US.

D.E. Gloucester

The Rosary Priest

On 18th December 2017 a Holy Cross priest, Father Patrick Peyton, C.S.C. was declared Venerable by our Holy Father, Pope Francis.

Born: 9th January 1909. Attymass, County Mayo. Ireland.

Died: 3rd June 1992 Los Angeles, California, United States.

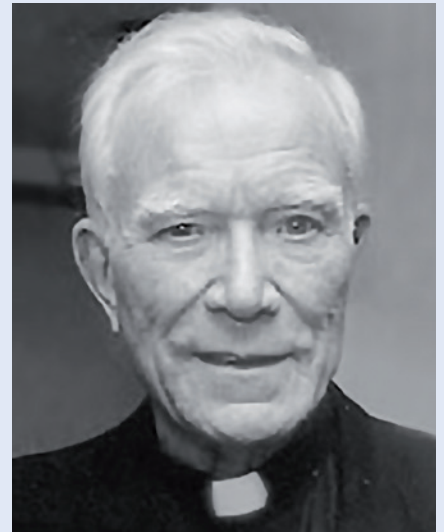
Ordained: 15th June 1941

Congregation served: Congregation of the Holy Cross

Parents: Patrick Peyton and Mary Gillard

of people through radio, television, and worldwide, preached crusades and promoted the Rosary. Fr Peyton is the founder of the 'Family Rosary Crusade'.

Fr Peyton was one of Ireland's most famous priests and was internationally known at the 'Rosary Priest'.



■ Fr Patrick Peyton C.S.C.

Birth of Fr Peyton

The Family Rosary Crusade is a worldwide campaign that eventually became a Roman Catholic movement founded by Patrick Peyton, an Irish-American priest. This endeavour came to be a personal mission to undertake the promotion of the praying of the Rosary by families as a means to unite them.

The inspiration to start the campaign came from Fr Peyton's patron, the Blessed Virgin Mary, whom he credits as the one who interceded before God and her son Jesus Christ for his recovery from tuberculosis in 1941.

The campaign's objective is to promote the praying of the Rosary by families. Fr Peyton believed that together as a family, in unison praying the Rosary, the family is united before Christ and drawn closer to God.

The Venerable Father Patrick Peyton, also known as The Rosary Priest, made the phrase popular "the family that prays together stays together" and who fostered prayer by millions

Patrick Peyton was born on 9th January 1909 in the townland of Carracastle in the parish of Attymass, County Mayo, Ireland. He was the sixth of nine children of John Peyton and Mary Gillard. Patrick was baptized on 10th January 1909.

There were four boys and five girls in the family and they all lived together in a simple three-roomed thatched cottage. His father, John, owned a small farm but was in poor health most of the time, so his wife Mary and his children did the majority of the farm chores. John Peyton was a devout Catholic and he observed an inflexible rule that every night the Peyton family would gather around the fireside and recite the Rosary. This had been the practice since John and Mary Gillard of Rathreedane, Bonniclonlon, were first married in March 1899. Therefore, the Rosary became an integral part of the Peyton family and it was to mould and shape them into loyal followers of Christ and His Blessed Mother.

Education

Patrick's education began in Bofield Mixed National School when he enrolled there, aged five, in May 1914. He was first taught by Maria Loftus, a teacher who made a lasting impression on him. The other teachers at that time were Tadhg O'Leary (Principal) and the principal's wife, Maria Kelly from Bonniclonlon. Patrick had already gone to live with his grandparents, Robert and Kitty Gillard in Bonniclonlon before he came to Bofield. In 1917 he left Bofield School and went to live with them again, the reason being the health of his grandfather. As well as being elderly Robert Gillard was now practically blind. While staying in Rathreedane, Patrick enrolled in Bonniclonlon National School and was taught by Jonah Loftus, brother of Maria. Patrick was to later come back to Bofield but it proved to be an unhappy experience. Shortly before his fifteenth birthday he got into trouble with the Principal, Tadhg O'Leary. The records

at Currower show that he attended only fifty-two days and he was eventually struck off the roll. The reason for his absence was that he started to help more at home on the farm.

Priesthood

From an early age Patrick wanted to be a priest. Every Sunday he trudged the long journey from his home in the townland of Carracastle to the church in Attymass where he served Mass as a boy. He often remained behind praying until the second Mass, served that Mass as well, and then trod wearily home to Carracastle again. The local parish priest at that time, Fr Roger O'Donnell, had a great influence on him and it was during this period that Patrick's vocation to the priesthood was really nurtured. Fr O'Donnell's mortal remains now lie in the church grounds in Attymass. However, due to the poor family circumstances Patrick was unable to continue his schooling beyond the few brief spells spent in local national schools in the area and this meant his chances of going into the priesthood were rather limited.

When he wrote to the Society of African Missionaries they rejected him on the basis of his standard of mathematics. This was a crushing blow to Patrick, but, as we see later, it wasn't going to deter him from getting in any way he could.

Patrick's promise

In 1927, at 18 years of age, Patrick decided that he wanted to sell real estate in the United States. He already had family members in America: three sisters, three uncles and other relatives settled in Scranton, Pennsylvania.

Obtaining their father's consent was a difficult beginning to his journey. His father agreed that he and his brother, Tom, could make the trip to America and live with their sister on one condition saying: "Go down on your knees and make me a promise here before the picture of the Sacred Heart. From now on there will be nobody but yourself to advise you and to decide for you. But your first responsibility will always be to save your soul, and so I want you to promise to be faithful to Our Lord in America".

Greeted by their sister, Nellie, Patrick and Tom were mesmerized by "Scranton, the Electric City". Nellie set up a meeting with Monsignor Kelly, which Patrick declined. For weeks Patrick searched, without success, for employment. Monsignor Kelly tracked him down and offered him a job as a sexton (janitor) in the cathedral, which he accepted.

Finally, while working in the cathedral, with the silence, peace, and joy of talking to Our Lord and Our Blessed Mother, Patrick experienced a sense of being at home and in a place of happiness. Patrick's dream of becoming a missionary priest was awakened in a new land.

However, Patrick's dream was challenged again by his lack of education so he enrolled at St Thomas High School. His brother, Tom, also made the decision to become a priest and Monsignor Kelly helped them both.

The call to Holy Cross

In the spring of 1929, the Holy Cross priests from Notre Dame, Indiana, visited Patrick's new parish in Scranton, PA. Their preaching and presence spurred Patrick to express and realize a desire to become a missionary

with Holy Cross. During this visit he approached Father Pat Dolan, C.S.C. (Congregation of Holy Cross), and said, "I want to join Holy Cross."

Monsignor Kelly wrote a letter of recommendation in which he stated, "I envy the community or the bishop that finally gets him."

With great joy, in 1929, Patrick and Tom entered Holy Cross Minor Seminary at the University of Notre Dame in South Bend, Indiana. In June 1932, at the age of 23, Patrick and his brother, Tom, graduated and began the novitiate at Holy Cross. This was an intensive year of spiritual exercises that included living with and learning about the Congregation of Holy Cross. They professed their temporary vows with Holy Cross in 1933 and started studying for a Bachelor of Arts at the University of Notre Dame.

After completing their bachelor degrees (Patrick with Honours) in 1937, the Peyton brothers began theological training at Holy Cross College, on the campus of the Catholic University of America in Washington, D.C. In addition to theology and canon law, Patrick also acquired knowledge that would benefit him as a missionary.

Patrick lived with seminarians who were also preparing for the missions at the house called the Bengalese while Thomas lived at Holy Cross College, as he planned to serve in the United States. Patrick's oft-denied dream to be a missionary priest was now seemingly within reach.

A mother's prayer and a Mother's answer!

In October 1938, Patrick's health began to deteriorate and in November

he was diagnosed with advanced tuberculosis. His condition grew progressively worse. In October 1939, the doctors offer Patrick two options: a risky surgery, with little hope of success, or simply to pray.

Father Cornelius Hagerty, C.S.C. visited and described a passage from St Paul, stating that faith is transmitted from mother to son.

“You have the Faith, Pat,” he said, “but you’re not using it. You brought it with you from Ireland. Your mother gave it to you, just as her mother had given it to her.”

Patrick’s Auntie Annie shared with Patrick, “Your mother’s constant prayer was that your sufferings would come upon her, that you would get well and go back to your work.”

Father Hagerty spoke of Mary, Our Blessed Mother’s intercession: “What she asks for and insists on she obtains. She has never failed anyone who had recourse to her with faith and perseverance.”

“Since you have your faith, why don’t you use it?”

Patrick did what his former mentor suggested and prayed to Mary, Our Blessed Mother, for a cure. On October 31, 1939 he knew in his heart that he had been cured. His depression, darkness and feeling of loneliness were replaced by lightness, freedom and hope. Patrick saw Our Lady in a new light: how human, approachable and sensitive she is to our needs.

“When I needed her and her power and her friendship, she didn’t forget that ever since I had been a little child and could open my mouth, I had used that power to say the Rosary; so when I needed her friendship, she was glad to give it to me.”



■ Our Lady of Rosary by Bartolomé Esteban Murillo, 1650

Ordination to the priesthood

Patrick returned from the brink of death and was ordained with his brother, Tom, and other classmates on June 15, 1941 at Sacred Heart Church at the University of Notre Dame. “That day I gave my heart and soul in love to Mary,” he said.

Father Peyton was certain that his return to health had come about for a specific purpose, namely, to foster devotion to Mary, but the question remained of how to achieve this goal.

His first assignment was as a chaplain to a group of Holy Cross brothers who taught at the Vincentian Institute in Albany, New York.

Father Peyton dutifully fulfilled his commitments as chaplain to the Brothers and it was in this time that a dream of establishing the Family Rosary in the homes of 10 million people began to take shape.

Father Pat began the Family Rosary Crusade, getting volunteer students and Brothers and Sisters from the Vincentian Institute to assist him in writing letters to bishops asking their help to organize a Rosary campaign and the word continues to this day.

Aims

The aims of the modern day mission adopted for the Family Rosary under the stewardship of the Holy Cross Family Ministries include:

- Under the sponsorship of the Congregation of Holy Cross, Holy Cross Family Ministries serves Jesus Christ and His Church throughout the world by promoting and supporting the spiritual well-being of the family.
- Faithfulness to Mary, the Mother of God; the Family Rosary and Family Rosary International encourage family prayer, especially the Rosary.
- Family Theatre Productions directs its efforts to the evangelization of culture using mass media to entertain, inspire and educate families.

Research and education

The Father Peyton Family Institute focuses on research and education in family life ministry and the relationship of spirituality to the family.

Prayer for the Beatification of Venerable Patrick Peyton

Dear Jesus, Father Peyton devoted his priestly life to strengthening the families of the world by calling them to pray together every day, especially the Rosary. His message is as important for us now as it was during his life on earth.

We beg you, therefore, to hasten the day of his beatification, so that your faithful people everywhere will remember his message that the family that prays together stays together, will imitate him in his devotion to your Mother and ours, and will be inspired by his holy life to draw ever closer to you with childlike confidence and love. Amen.

Taken from www.fatherpeyton.org

Today people from many countries visit the Fr Patrick Peyton CSC, Memorial Centre, Attymass, Ballina, County Mayo, Ireland.

The Fr Peyton CSC Memorial Centre was officially opened and dedicated on 10th October 1998. The Centre commemorates the life and apostolic work of Fr Peyton CSC. The Centre is a place of respite, prayer and peace. It is highly respected by pilgrims and is a popular tourist attraction. Its many features include:

- The spectacular presentation of Fr Peyton's life story.
- The photographic exhibition of the prayer crusades.
- The Heritage Room which includes Fr Peyton's vestments along with rare photographs.
- Spiritual direction and counselling.
- Take time-out to pray in the oratory where a recording of Fr Peyton praying the Rosary is inspiring.
- Enjoy the spectacular view of the Ox Mountains from the contemplation garden which is dedicated to "Peace in Ireland".
- Recite the Rosary in the Rosary Garden.

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Earlier this year the faithful of Poland, Ireland, England, Scotland, Wales and their isles responded to what they sense as a movement of the Holy Spirit to gather around the coasts of their nations and pray to Jesus, the Divine Mercy, for a renewal of faith and respect for human life through the powerful intercession of Our Lady of the Rosary

For the British Isles starting on the Feast of St Joseph, 19th March began Forty Days of Spiritual Preparation under the Protection of St Joseph, ending on 27th April, the day of the fiftieth anniversary of the Abortion Act coming into effect, for a day of intense reparation, prayer and sacrifice for the tragedy of its passing and implementation.

It concluded on Sunday 29th April 2018 at 3:00pm, the fifth Sunday of Easter with the Rosary on the coast of the British Isles. People attended Sunday Mass and made a pilgrimage to an area of coast of the British Isles at 3:00pm to pray the Rosary for Faith, Life and Peace.

Rosary Coast to Coast

USA Return of our nation to God and to Holiness

A 54 day Novena in the USA concluded with the Rosary Coast to Coast featuring hundreds of Rosary Rallies across the country on 7th October the Feast of Our Lady of the Holy Rosary. The Rosary Coast to Coast was anchored by the 3rd annual National Rosary Rally starting with Sunday Mass at St Peter's Church on Capitol Hill. The Rosary was prayed in unison across the country and novena prayers with intentions of the return of the nation to God and to Holiness followed by the Marian Consecration. Cardinal Burke blessed and endorsed 'Rosary Coast To Coast', under the banner of the new Holy League Of Nations.

Whilst in America Fr Peter Prusakiewicz CSMA was invited to



join the Rosary Coast to Coast on Sunday, 7th October 2018 at Pismo Beach, California. The group all joined simultaneously with other cities in the US reciting the Rosary followed by the Divine Mercy chaplet.

Canada followed the example of Poland, UK, Australia and US. The event was organized by Children of the Eucharist Canada in partnership with Fr Richard Heilman, one of the driving forces behind the coast-to-coast Rosary in the United States.

Our Lady calls to her children to pray unceasingly; if fulfilled, it will change the world, for Mary has promised that at the end, her Immaculate Heart will triumph.

Let's continue to storm heaven with our prayers, our Rosary, our fasting for a renewal of faith and peace for every nation in the world and the entire human race.

Noreen Bavister, CSMA office



The Joyful mysteries

Reflecting on Christ as the light of the world

The First Joyful Mystery: The Annunciation

"In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. What came to be through him was life, and this life was the light of the human race." (Jn 1:1,4)

God made the world to be light. But He gave mankind the gift of free will, and man has often chosen darkness. Nevertheless, our loving Father does not leave us forsaken. The light of the world returns to redeem us. Of His own choice, His return depends on the "yes" of one simple young girl...

His return depends on us.

What will you say? Will you allow the light of Christ to dwell within

you? Will you create a place for Him in your heart? Will you nourish and protect His light and allow it to be brought forth from you to shine out on the world?

Mother Mary, please help us to say "yes."

The Second Joyful Mystery: The Visitation

"If we walk in the light as he is in the light, then we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of his Son Jesus cleanses us from all sin." (1 Jn 1:7)

Mary did not remain idle as she waited for the coming of the Lord. She knew that in truth, He is already here. He lives in the elderly, the sick, the poor, and the lonely. He lives in our neighbour in need, and in the innocence of the unborn child.

Our Blessed Mother set out in haste to assist her cousin in a time of need. And at Mary's coming,

Elizabeth's unborn child recognized and rejoiced in the presence of the Lord.

Who are you called to hasten to serve? How will you bring Jesus to them?

Mother Mary, teach us to let our souls magnify the glory of the Lord. Help us to bring His light to one another.

The Third Joyful Mystery: The Nativity

"I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life." (Jn 8:12)

The light of the world is here, born into a night of silence. The stable is dark and cold. There is no visible glory here. But look at the star in the sky- a sign of wonder and hope marks the place where our Saviour lies.

Little Lord Jesus, teach us tonight. Show us the stars that shine in the darkness of our lives, pointing the way to You. Thank You for the gift of Your Blessed Mother. Help us to rest in her embrace like You did, and to trust in her loving care.

Little Lord Jesus, we bring You all our gifts this night, and entrust them into the hands of Your Mother for safekeeping. We have no fine gold, or frankincense, or myrrh. But please accept our love and devotion; our perseverance in prayer; our tears



■ Anno Domini, by Edwin Long, 1883, showing the flight to Egypt

and our sufferings, united to Yours.
To You we offer everything.

The Fourth Joyful Mystery: The Presentation

“You are the light of the world. A city set on a mountain cannot be hidden. Nor do they light a lamp and put it under a bushel basket. It is set on a lampstand where it gives light to all in the house. Just so, your light must shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your heavenly Father.” (Mt 5:14-16)

Mary's Child was born into troubled times. There will always be those who threaten the light of Christ. But He is not meant to be hidden away. Mary knew how to protect Him. She brought Him to the temple and dedicated Him to God.

What will you bring to God? What gifts has He given you, and how can you dedicate them back to Him? Bring them to your Father's house, and entrust them to His care.

Mother Mary, teach us how to protect and develop our gifts. Help us present them back to God and let Him use them to shine His light upon the world.

The Fifth Joyful Mystery: The Finding of the Child Jesus in the Temple

“When your eye is sound, then your whole body is filled with light. Take



■ Jesus found in the Temple, by James Tissot, 1886-94

care that the light in you does not become darkness.” (Mt 6:22-3)

Joseph and Mary suffered the loss of their holy Child. Do you sometimes fear you have lost Him? In times when your heart feels in darkness, where do you search for peace and joy, for light?

The Child Jesus was not found among worldly things. Mary and Joseph found Him in His Father's House, “in the midst of the teachers, listening to them and asking them

questions. And all who heard him were astounded at his understanding.” (Lk 2:46-7)

Lord Jesus, help us to seek You in Your Father's House. Teach us Your ways and open our eyes to see the light of truth. Fill us, body and soul, with your light, so that when others meet us, they too will be astounded and changed by the light of Your love.

(Hail Holy Queen...)

J.S., USA

2018 Irish Mission

Visitation of the large pilgrim statue of St Michael the Archangel in Ireland.

Large crowds came to greet the pilgrim statue of St Michael the Archangel at the locations shown below. Each venue started with Mass followed by a Eucharistic Healing Hour. Talks: St Michael and St Faustina, Knighthood of St Michael the Archangel. Concluding with an individual blessing of the scapulars and relic stones from the Shrine in Mont Sant'Angelo, Foggia, Italy.

Fr Peter Prusakiewicz CSMA will be returning to Ireland and new venues in July 2019.

- 6th Sept 2018 / Church of Immaculate Conception, Mitchelstown, Co. Cork.
- 7th Sept / Pallottine Retreat Centre, Thurles, Co. Tipperary.
- 8th Sept / St Eunan's Cathedral, Letterkenny, Co. Donegal.
- 9th Sept / St Columba's Church, Termon, Co. Donegal.
- 9th Sept / Ards Friary, Co. Donegal.
- 11th Sept / St Anne's RC Church, Cranmore Rd, Sligo, Co. Sligo.
- 11th Sept / Dominican Friary, Temple Street, Sligo, Co. Sligo.
- 12th Sept / Immaculate Conception, Ballymote, Co. Sligo.
- 12th Sept / The Oratory of Mary Mother of God, Co. Tyrone.
- 13th Sept / St Patrick Chapel, Cullyhanna, Co. Armagh.
- 15th & 16th Sept / St Cronan's Church, Swords, Dublin.



Relic stones from the grotto

Among the devotional items available for sale during missions on St Michael the Archangel are white stones in delicate reliquaries from the Shrine in Mont Sant' Angelo. Stone plays an integral part in the story of the revelation of St Michael in Gargano. When, in 1656, the plague was decimating the population of Italy, a worried Bishop Alfonso Puccinelli entreated the help of St Michael the Archangel. In order to prevail on the Archangel for his swift intervention with the Lord, he placed into the hands of this statue the words of a prayer composed on behalf of all the town's inhabitants. The reply received on 22nd September at the bishop's palace was swift in coming. During his morning prayer, Bishop Alfonso first heard what sounded like an earthquake, after which, in a flash of dazzling light, he saw St Michael the Archangel. He was also commanded to bless stones from the grotto, on which he was to inscribe the sign of the cross and the letters M.A. (Michael the Archangel).

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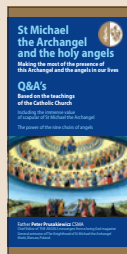
St Faustina and St Michael

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USA 2019

8th February 2019

7:00 pm

Talk: Angels in the Life of St Faustina

St Thomas Aquinas Society and Divine Mercy of the Rockies St Patrick Church

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Talks: Divine Mercy and the Angels with Eucharistic Healing Hour

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St Francis of Assisi Church

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1:30 pm

Talk 1: Holy Angels and St Michael

2:00 pm Angelic Chaplet

Talk 2: Divine Mercy

Divine Mercy Chaplet, Eucharistic Healing hour, Confessions

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10th February 2019

Sunday Masses: 7:30 am,

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14th February 2019

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13th – 15th September 2019

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25th October 2019

St Michael the Archangel

7:00 pm Holy Mass followed

by Benediction Eucharistic

Healing with the sick

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6th National Divine Mercy Conference

26th October 2019

9:00 am – 5:00 pm

St Augustine's Church

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Coatbridge, ML5 1DQ

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Theme of conference: TBC

27th October 2019

The Nine Choirs of Angels

11:00 am Holy Mass followed

by Eucharistic Healing Hour

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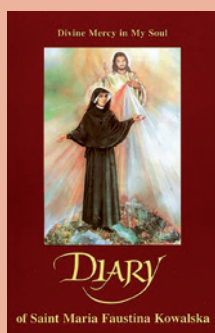
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When I was close to the Lord, He said to me, "Why are you afraid to begin the work which I have commanded you to carry out?" "Why do You leave me on my own at such times, Jesus, and why do I not feel Your presence?" "My daughter, even though you do not perceive Me in the most secret depths of your heart, you still cannot say that I am not there. I only remove from you the awareness of My presence, and that should not be an obstacle to the carrying out of My will. I do this to achieve My unfathomable ends, which you will know of later on. My daughter, know without doubt, and once and for all, that only mortal sin drives Me out of a soul, and nothing else." (Diary, 1181)

"After each conversation with the Lord, my soul is extraordinarily strengthened, and a profound tranquillity prevails therein and gives me such courage that I do not fear anything in the world, but fear only lest I make Jesus sad." (Diary, 610)

"Today, the Lord has been teaching me, once again, how I am to approach the Sacrament of Penance: "My daughter, just as you prepare in My presence, so also you make your confession before Me. The person of the priest is, for Me, only a screen. Never analyse what sort of a priest it is that I am making use of; open your soul in confession as you would to Me, and I will fill it with My light." (Diary, 1725)



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PRAYERS

PROTECTION PRAYER

By Father Gabriele Amorth (RIP),
the Vatican's former Exorcist in Chief

O Father, come and visit our home (shop, office, and so forth) and protect us from the lures of the enemy; may Your Holy Angels come to guard our peace and may Your blessing remain with us forever. In Christ Our Lord, Amen.

Lord Jesus Christ, Who said to Your apostles, "In whatever home you enter, greet it, saying, 'Peace be in this home,'" let this same peace, we pray, abide in this place. We beseech You to sanctify it by the merits of our trusting prayer! Pour Your blessings on it, and make it a place of peace. May salvation enter our abode as it entered the house of Zacchaeus, when You graced it with Your Presence. Entrust Your Angels to guard it and banish from it every evil power. Grant that all who live in it may please You with their good works, and so receive from You, when their time comes, the reward of Your heavenly home. We ask this through Christ, Our Lord, Amen.

FATIMA PARDON PRAYER

Prayer taught by the Angel of Peace during his first apparition in 1916 to the three children.

My God, I believe, I adore, I hope and I love Thee! I beg pardon for those who do not believe, do not adore, do not hope, and do not love Thee. Amen.

Chaplet of St Michael

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

A. *Amen*

Say the following prayer on the medal:

O God, come to my assistance.

O Lord, make haste to help me.

Glory be to the Father, etc.

1. By the intercession of St Michael and the celestial Choir of Seraphim, may the Lord make us worthy to burn with the fire of perfect charity. Amen.

(1 Our Father on the first large bead, 3 Hail Marys on the next three small beads)

2. By the intercession of St Michael and the celestial Choir of Cherubim, may the Lord vouchsafe to grant us grace to leave the ways of wickedness, to run in the paths of Christian perfection. Amen.

(1 Our Father, 3 Hail Marys)

3. By the intercession of St Michael and the celestial Choir of Thrones, may the Lord infuse into our hearts a true and sincere spirit of humility. Amen.

(1 Our Father, 3 Hail Marys)

4. By the intercession of St Michael and the celestial Choir of Dominions, may the Lord give us grace to govern our senses and subdue our unruly passions. Amen.

(1 Our Father, 3 Hail Marys)

5. By the intercession of St Michael and the celestial Choir of Powers, may the Lord vouchsafe to protect our souls against the snares and temptations of the Devil. Amen.

(1 Our Father, 3 Hail Marys)

6. By the intercession of St Michael and the celestial Choir of Virtues, may the Lord deliver us from evil and suffer us not to fall into temptation. Amen.

(1 Our Father, 3 Hail Marys)

7. By the intercession of St Michael and the Celestial Choir of Principalities, may God fill our souls with a true spirit of obedience. Amen.

(1 Our Father, 3 Hail Marys)

8. By the intercession of St Michael and the celestial Choir of Archangels, may the Lord give us perseverance in faith and in all good works, in order that we gain the glory of Paradise. Amen.

(1 Our Father, 3 Hail Marys)

9. By the intercession of St Michael and the celestial Choir of Angels, may the Lord grant us to be



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protected by them in this mortal life and conducted hereafter to eternal glory. Amen.

(1 Our Father, 3 Hail Marys)

Recite on the next four beads:

1 Our Father in honour of St Michael

1 Our Father in honour of St Gabriel

1 Our Father in honour of St Raphael

1 Our Father in honour of our Guardian Angel

O glorious prince, St Michael, chief and commander of the heavenly hosts, guardian of souls, vanquisher of rebel spirits, servant in the house of the Divine King, and our admirable conductor, who shines with excellence and superhuman virtue, vouchsafe to deliver us from evil, who turn to you with confidence, and enable us by your gracious protection to serve God more and more faithfully every day. Amen.

Prayer of Pope Leo XIII

Saint 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 do thou, O Prince of the heavenly host, by the Divine Power of God, cast into hell Satan and all the evil spirits who wander throughout the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen.