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SAINT FAUSTINA'S VISION OF HELL

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Saint Faustina Kowalska was born on the 25th of August 1905 in Glogowiec, Poland. She entered into the congregation of the Blessed Virgin Mary of Mercy. Under orders from her spiritual director she wrote her personal diary, which she titled the Divine Mercy in My Soul. She died at thirty-three years old on the 5th of October 1938.

She had a vision of the inferno, as she herself recounted, "today under the guidance of an angel, I was in the depths of hell. It is a place of great torments all throughout its terrifyingly wide extension. These are the various punishments that I saw: the first penalty, that one which constitutes hell, is the loss of God; the second, the continual remorse of conscience; the third, the knowledge that fate will never change; the fourth punishment is the fire which penetrates the soul, but does not annihilate it; it is a terrible pain: it is a purely spiritual fire ignited by the anger of God; the fifth punishment is the continual obscurity, a horrible suffocating stench, and although it is dark, the demons and the damned spirits are seen amongst themselves and they see all the evil of the others and their own; the sixth pain is the continual company of Satan; the seventh pain is tremendous desperation, the loathing of God, the curses, the hexes, the profanities.

"These are punishments that all the damned suffer together, but this is not the end of the torments. There are particular torments for the various souls that are torments of the senses. Every soul, with that which he sinned, is tormented in a tremendous and indescribable manner. "there are horrible caverns, pits of torments, where every torture is differentiated from the other. I would have died at the sight of those horrible tortures, if I had not been sustained by the omnipotence of God. The sinner knows with the sense with which fault he will be tortured for all of eternity. And she added, 'I write this on orders by God, so that no soul justifies itself saying that there is no hell, or that no one knows how it is. I, Sister Faustina Kowalska, by the order of God, was in the depths of hell, for the purpose of telling souls and to testify that hell exists. That which I wrote is a weak shadow of the things that I saw. One thing I noted and that is that most of the souls which are there, are souls who did not believe that there was an inferno."

And Saint Faustina added, "inasmuch as is revealed and written about hell is only a pale shadow of the reality." □

FEASTS FOR APRIL

The feasts on the General Roman Calendar celebrated during the month of April are:

- 1 Easter Sunday, Solemnity
- 8 Divine Mercy Sunday, Solemnity
- 9 Annunciation Day, Feast (celebrated)
- 11 Stanislaus of Cracow, Opt. Mem.
- 13 Martin I, Opt. Mem.
- 15 Third Sunday of Easter, Sunday
- 21 Anselm, Opt. Mem.
- 22 Fourth Sunday of Easter
- 23 George; Adalbert, Opt. Mem.
- 24 St. Fidelis, Opt. Mem.
- 25 St. Mark, Feast

- 28 Peter Chanel (NZ, Feast); Louis Mary de Montfort; Gianna Molla, mother (Italy), Opt. Mem.
- 29 Fifth Sunday of Easter
- 30 Pius V; Bl. Marie de l'Incarnacion (Can), Memorial

The feast of St. Catherine of Siena (April 29) and falls on Sunday so is superseded the Sunday liturgy. The feasts of St. Francis of Paola (April 2), St. Isidore (April 4), St. Vincent Ferrer (April 5), St. John Baptist de la Salle (April 7) are superseded by the Easter Week liturgy. □

THANK YOU

... a small and simple phrase that comes from a grateful heart!

Psalm 106:2

THE 800 OUR FATHER DEVOTION

The Spiritual Army of God the Father acknowledges with thanks our generous April sponsors of the 800 Our Father Devotion. We are grateful that we have merited their partnership and support in providing a venue of spirituality and fellowship for the devotees of God the Father.

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FOR PRAYERS HEARD AND PETITIONS GRANTED

THANK YOU, ETERNAL FATHER, FOR YOUR WILL THAT TRANSFORMED OUR SORROW INTO JOY, OUR TEARS OF ANGUISH INTO TEARS OF THANKSGIVING. OUR PHYSICAL AND SPIRITUAL RE-CREATION, THROUGH YOUR HEALING HANDS, KEPT US ENCLOSED AND REVIVED IN OUR HOPE FOR OUR RENEWED LIVES AS WE LOOK UP TO THE HEAVENS PRAISING YOU, IN JESUS' MOST HOLY NAME, THROUGH THE INTERCESSION OF MARY, OUR BLESSED MOTHER, AND OF THE ANGELS AND SAINTS.

Thank you, The Spiritual Army of God the Father Ministry, for your generous donation towards the confirmation students' Big Bear Retreat.

- Fr. Truc Nguyen, Cathedral Chapel

Never ending thank you, Lord, for all the blessings you have showered me. Thank you for the strength You have given me to continue to believe and trust in You. I know You are always by my side. I also thank my family, friends and all the devotees for the prayers they have offered me during this trying period in my life.

- Mila Lumba

Thank you, God the Father and the Spiritual Army of God the Father Ministry, for financially supporting my education at Jose Rizal University in Mandaluyong City, Philippines. I am now in my last semester for my BS in Information Technology. Our graduation ceremony will be on April 7, 2018. I offer my diploma to God and dedicate it to His Ministry for the kindness and understanding given me and who supported me; also to my family, especially my grandfather who died in November 2017. His last wish was to see me graduate.

- Patrick Salmasan

GOD TOUCHED ME

THE JOURNEY OF LIFE WITH GOD

Commit thy way unto the Lord; trust also in Him, and He shall bring it to pass.

- Psalm 37:5

By Mila Lumba

I can feel God's touch every day of my life especially these past six months, when I have been through a lot of trials and tribulations. I never asked God why. All I could say in times of pain, difficulty of breathing and weakness, was "Thank you, God, for making me share Your sufferings." I know the Lord knew what was going on with me but He allowed it. I knew it was all for the best. I learned to trust Him more and hope for healing in His time.

I am so blessed to be a part of The Spiritual Army of God the Father ministry where I learned all the values of being a good Christian. Since 2004, when Evelyn and Robert moved to Las Vegas, my faith in God grew stronger through prayers and devotion to our Blessed Virgin Mary, Holy Infant Jesus and God the Father. The Lord gave me a chance to live longer when I had my kidney transplant in 2006 after being on dialysis for four years. I was given the message from the Holy Infant Jesus, through the locutionist, where he stated the day I would receive a new kidney.

After eleven years, my nephrologist said my transplanted kidney was getting old, thus not functioning to its full capacity. I had a lot of medical issues that came along with it, such as difficulty of breathing which resulted to my continuous use of oxygen. Next, I had swelling of my extremities plus a non-healing calcification (wound) on my right leg which got infected. Due to this, I had to be hospitalized for antibiotic therapy. There, my hemoglobin count went down to way below normal (a reading of 6 while the normal is 10). I had to be given blood transfusion. During this time, my nephrologist said my transplanted kidney was functioning and that the numbers are fine. However, my whole body was swollen and the shortness of breath got worst. Breathing was very difficult even with the oxygen. It reached

the point when I could not move and had to be fed and turned over in bed. The swelling of my entire body was making it very difficult to move.

The cardiologist was called to have me checked. His prognosis was that I had fluid in my heart that needs to be drained out. A surgeon came to me and told me that he will open my heart to see the fluid so he could drain it. At this point, I just said, "Lord, Your will be done." When I was in the Operating Room, my cardiologist came in and I asked him where the anesthesiologist was. He told me I don't need to be operated on. Instead, he will drain out the fluid from my heart with a long needle. I prayed a never ending thanks to God for this miracle. About 1000 cc of fluid was drained out from my heart and my breathing improved. The next day, I had difficulty of breathing again. So a pulmonologist was asked to see me. He told me I also had fluid in my lungs and so he drained it and took out another 1000 cc. That was when I really felt better and was breathing normally. Yet, my entire body was still swollen. My kidney tests showed high numbers so I needed to have hemodialysis. Once again, I said, "God, Thy will be done." After the dialysis removed the excess fluid, I lost 70 lbs. During this ordeal which I thought would never end, all I can think of is God's love through all the pain, difficulty and suffering. I learned to trust God. His love, kindness and faithfulness endure forever. The more we trust God, the more life will be meaningful.

Now, I pray for a stronger faith, hope and trust in Him. I cannot thank Him enough for everything He has done. Complete faith and trust in God is what I did that is why I am where I am now; on my way to recovery. I will continue to serve Him as long as I live. ☐

SPIRITUAL ENRICHMENT RECOMMENDED

SEEKING INSPIRATIONAL THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS THROUGH THE BIBLE

LIFE IS A CHALLENGE

By Victor Araneta

A lot of times we meet our crossroads and view life that is about to end with hopelessness and desperation. But God has a much wider vision, and He knows it's only a bend. The road will go on and get smoother, after we have stopped for a rest. The path that lies beyond us is often the path that is best. So, rest and relax and grow stronger. Let go and let God share your load and have faith in a brighter tomorrow; you have just come to a hump on the road. ☐

