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## CONSECRATION TO GOD THE FATHER

*Excerpts from the article by  
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What does consecration mean? It means to be set apart, to be reserved for Holiness. It is a new state of being, dedicated to the being you are consecrating to. It is a sacred agreement or covenant. You have through this devotion obtained an increase in grace, in privilege, and in sanctity. And you are now set apart for special protection, service and understanding. It is forever. Nothing can change or remove this special blessing once it is undertaken.

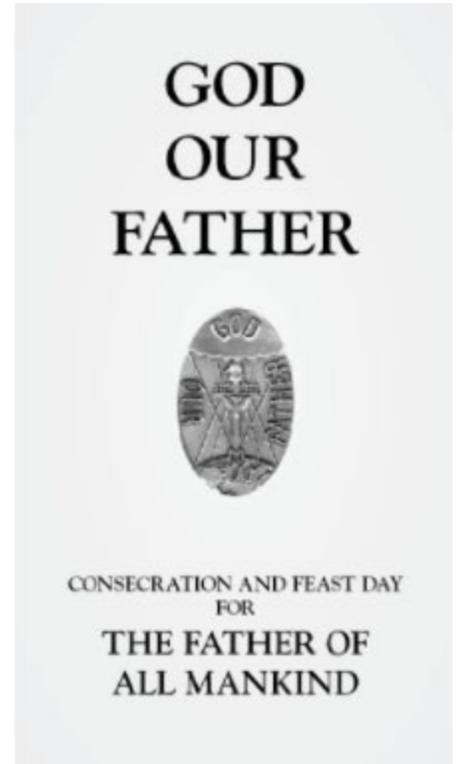
Why a consecration to the Heavenly Father? First because the Father deserves our love honor and thanksgiving for creating us as His precious sons and daughters who should know, love and worship Him. And for His marvelous gifts of Jesus Christ, our salvation and the Blessed Mother, the Holy Spirit, the angels and saints . . . all to serve and help us reach Him.

It is time now to honor the Father. Isn't it about time we as mankind remembered and spoke to Our Heavenly Father?

"A son honors his father, and a servant fears his master. If then I am a father, where is my honor?" Malachi 1.6

But the hour is coming, and is now here; when true worshippers will worship the Father in spirit and truth; and indeed, the Father seeks such people to worship him. God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in Spirit and truth. John 4:23-24

And I consecrate myself for them, so that they also may be consecrated in truth. John 17:19



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# FEASTS FOR AUGUST

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

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| 1 Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Sunday           | 21 Pius X, Sunday  |
| 2 Eusebius of Vercelli; Peter Julian Eymard, Opt. Mem. | 22 Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time, Sunday  |
| 4 John Vianney, Memorial                               | 23 Rose of Lima, Opt. Mem.   |
| 5 Dedication of St. Mary Major, Opt. Mem.              | 24 Feast of Bartholomew, Apostle, Feast  |
| 6 Feast of the Transfiguration, Feast                  | 25 Louis of France; Joseph Calasanz, Opt. Mem.   |
| 7 Sixtus II and companions; Cajetan, Opt. Mem.         | 27 Monica, Memorial  |
| 8 Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Sunday           | 28 Augustine, Memorial   |
| 9 Teresa Benedicta of the Cross, Opt. Mem.             | 29 Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time, Sunday   |
| 10 Feast of St. Lawrence, Feast                        |  |
| 11 Clare, Memorial                                     | The feasts of St. Alphonsus Liguori (August 1), St. Dominic (August 8), the Queenship of Mary (August 22), and the Martyrdom of St. John the Baptist (August 29) fall on a Sunday, so they are superseded by the Sunday Liturgy and the Liturgy of the Assumption. ☐ |
| 13 Pontian and Hippolytus, Opt. Mem.                   |  |
| 14 Maximilian Kolbe, Memorial                          |  |
| 15 Solemnity of the Assumption, Sunday                 |  |
| 16 Stephen of Hungary, Opt. Mem.                       |  |
| 19 John Eudes; St. Bernard Tolomei, Opt. Mem.          |  |
| 20 Bernard, Memorial                                   |  |

## THANK YOU

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

*Psalm 106:2*

*We thank You, O Lord our God, for Your benevolence and gift of healing You have bestowed upon Evelyn and me. We also thank you for our retirement haven which You have so generously provided us.*

*Robert Pua*

## OUR CENACLE CORNER

Seeking a deeper relationship with God  
through meditation of passages from Holy Scriptures

**How's our Faith in these Trying Times --**

**Prepare to Die or Left Behind?**

# GOD TOUCHED ME

*Publish his glorious deeds among the nations.  
Tell everyone about the amazing things he does. — 1 Chronicles 16:24*

## MANY TIMES, PAIN IS THE VOICE OF GOD

THAT CALL OUR ATTENTION AND FOCUS OUR LOVE  
TO HIS WAITING SACRED HEART. WHENEVER THERE IS PAIN, THERE IS HOPE.

*St. Alphonsus Ligouri*

*By Celerina Pablico,  
a dearly departed devotee*

My name is Celerina. I am a retired nurse and as such a living witness to so much of God's mercy and miraculous healing. I attended to patients struggling with their pain—some persevere through it with so much hope and others with so much anger –blaming and asking God, "why me?" Some get healed, go home and recover and get a new lease in life. Others go home to their Creator, and still others stay and continue to seek treatment.

I also saw sons and daughters, mothers and fathers, husbands and wives, siblings, and friends go through their own emotional pain at the sight of their loved ones suffering, dying a little bit more each day. Like my patients, some persevered through the emotional roller coaster of caring for their sick while others just left them to the care of the doctors and nurses at the hospital.

When you are young and have a future you have planned to achieve for yourself and your son, thoughts of being a patient rather than a caregiver is far off from your mind. So I kept on working. Doing 12 to 18 hour shifts. I accumulated material possession beyond normal endeavors – two houses when I only need one roof over my one head, a closet-full of clothes with matching shoes when I only have one body and one pair of feet. I traveled to places of interest around the world, hosted parties for friends and family -- I was so engrossed with this world, just like any other. Yes, I made it a point to go to mass every Sunday with my son – out of obligation [and fear of eternal damnation] rather than faith and love for God. I prayed numerous novenas when I had problems or a great need for God's blessings –making all sorts of promises. I talked to God often – but I would find out later that God wanted more than that from me.

In 1997 I was diagnosed with breast cancer and had mastectomy on my left breast. I knew God would take care of me and He did. I went back to my daily grind after a couple of months of recuperation. Everything was going

well –being blessed even more -- with one, then two and then three grand babies – all boys. Oh, how I love them!

Nine years later, on March 29, 2006, my awakening came as a nightmare, I was diagnosed with aneurysm of the aorta – a two-centimeter blockage in the major blood vessel that feeds blood to the body – a rupture of which can cause life-threatening bleeding. I was given treatment, but I continually lost weight and was lethargic. I oftentimes experienced shortness of breath. My family was alarmed. A cousin suggested that I see his friend, a "helper" of God, so he could pray over me. I shrugged off the suggestion.

On another family gathering, I crossed path with my cousin again. This time I decided I would give in to his plea. Although I don't seriously believe in his friend [and other "gifted helpers" and the like for that matter], this time I didn't think that there was any harm in "trying" his friend.

My initial meeting with the helper was not a pleasant encounter. His first spiritual proposition was that I go to confession – and to which I ask why I should confess my sins to a priest [who are even more sinful than us laymen], when I can go directly to God. The helper told me that that should not be my concern because that is of God. He told me to just focus on my faith and my present dilemma. He went on to explain that priests are just instruments of God and confessing to one is an act of abandonment and humility before your God.

The helper then led me to a tiny meditation room (the "Sacred Room") where he recounted information about my life and past tribulations. I was also told that I would go through two more afflictions or tribulations. My initial reaction was hostile and "demanded" him that this time he should really pray for me. I requested for the Holy Oil, to

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## SPIRITUAL ENRICHMENT RECOMMENDED

### IN GOD'S PROTECTION WE TRUST

BY VICTOR ARANETA

We often wonder why we go through all the hardships in life: the anxieties of tomorrow and the depressing situation of today. But never wonder if God even follows our life's season and if He ever listens to our prayers of supplication and help.



Our everyday life is being closely watched by our Creator. Each and every move that we make is very much attuned to the plan set forth by our Creator. Yet we doubt this assurance. The Bible even openly structures this in the Book of Psalm

91 and Book of Sirach that with God's watchful eyes everything will pass along fine on each life of His creation. So, why do we worry? That assurance of peace promised by God is being cloaked by our sinful nature brought about by the fall of our first parents. They lost trust in God and became their own "gods" of fulfillment because of pride and disobedience. So, every time we worry heavily about anything, our actions go back to the fallen nature of man which is the act of disobedience.

How many times did our Lord repeat the words **peace be with you** and **fear not**? They are mentioned in the Bible almost 30 times, but do we heed them? A resounding NO! Are we all guilty of this? YES. Even the apostles and some saints passed through this test of having fallen into the trap of the evil one using the fallen nature of our first parents' disobedience and pride, resulting to fear and apprehensions.

Isn't it so wonderful if could just remain calm and peaceful everyday of our lives? The instrument to use in order to achieve this everyday goal is our armor of faith and trust that our Lord teaches us.

**Prayer:** O my Loving God open my heart and instill your promise of tranquility and protection every moment of my life. Let me not be distracted by the daily life's struggle and what tomorrow will bring about. Just as your son puts in the prayer offered to you that we need is just our daily portion and the rest will be dependent on you, Father, through your benevolence and providence, in Jesus' name we pray. Amen. ☐

## Upcoming Events

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

### FEAST DAY OF THE FATHER OF ALL MANKIND

AUGUST 1, 2021

IN LAS VEGAS –

ST. SHARBEL CATHOLIC CHURCH  
LAS VEGAS, NV 89183

MASS AT 9:30 AM FOLLOWED BY  
8<sup>TH</sup> DAY CONSECRATION  
PRAYERS AT THE CHAPEL

IN LOS ANGELES:

THE MONASTERY OF THE ANGELS  
8<sup>TH</sup> DAY CONSECRATION  
& DEVOTIONAL PRAYERS

AT 10:30 AM

FLOWER OFFERING & PROCESSION  
AT 11:30AM | MASS FOLLOWS

### 1<sup>ST</sup> FRIDAY DEVOTION

AUGUST 6, 2021

IN LOS ANGELES: VIA ZOOM

IN LAS VEGAS:

2:30 PM PRAYERS

AT THE CENACLE HOUSE

### 1<sup>ST</sup> SATURDAY DEVOTION

AUGUST 7, 2021

IN LOS ANGELES: VIA ZOOM

IN LAS VEGAS: MASS AT 1:00 PM  
FOLLOWED BY DEVOTIONAL PRAYERS  
AT THE CENACLE HOUSE

### 800 OUR FATHER DEVOTION

AUGUST 21, 2021

IN LOS ANGELES: VIA ZOOM

IN LAS VEGAS: MASS AT 8:00 AM  
FOLLOWED BY DEVOTIONAL PRAYERS  
AT THE CENACLE HOUSE

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### **CONSECRATION TO THE FATHER**

The consecration to our Heavenly Father is an eight-day devotion. It includes a formal chaplet, a litany, a medal of God the Father, a white scapular and a petition for a feast day in the Catholic church for the Father. It has an Imprimatur from Bishop Nicholas D'Antonio, retired Vicar and Archbishop of New Orleans. Daily mass and the sacrament of Reconciliation are recommended during the consecration. The Father desires all his children to return to him through Reconciliation. When I first made the Octave Consecration, I was so touched that I immediately bought 100 Consecration Booklets and passed them out to friends, family and priests. They have all loved it. It is unique and creates a very special intimacy with the Father that I did not previously have. There is a plan that God has from the Garden of Eden to the returning of all peoples and all nations to the Father's house. I have made it a priority to bring God's people to the Father, the forgotten Father. There is so much to learn from this consecration no matter how learned you are in the faith. And it is an excellent and priceless gift to another, placing his soul in God the Father's hands and heart. I encourage you to practice this devotion with all your heart and soul. You will feel like a new and different person after it is finished. God Bless You. ☐

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### **MANY TIMES, PAIN IS THE VOICE OF GOD**

which my cousin and other people known to him attribute their physical healing. I was told that my heart needed more preparation to accept the works of God and therefore denied receiving it (Holy Oil). But I was asked, however, to come every Wednesday for healing prayers. I left, not really knowing what to think or believe nor feeling anything at all.

On June 21, I fainted and was rushed to the hospital where I was scheduled for an emergency aortic surgery. My CT scan revealed aneurysm of now seven centimeters. I was anemic and needed immediate blood transfusion.

My cardiologist gave me two options: an open-heart surgery or an aortic stent. As a nurse, I am aware that an open-heart surgery would result to more complications – the use of a respirator, even kidney and liver machines. Other than these, stroke is very imminent and recovery from the surgery is not guaranteed. On the other hand, an aortic stent graft is a less complicated procedure which generally allows the patient to leave the hospital sooner and recover more

quickly, with less pain and lower risk of complications, and sometimes a lower risk of death.

I was faced with a lot of uncertainties. I had a difficult decision to make ahead of me. And as always, when faced with difficult situations, I turned to God. I prayed to the Infant Jesus for His will and His guidance. I discussed my medical options with my family and the unanimous decision was for an aortic stent.

On June 22, I was wheeled into the operating room of UCLA Harbor Hospital at 6:00 p.m. At 2:00 a.m., I was in the recovery room hooked up to all kinds of machines and hallucinating. My son and my sister were there.

A few days later, I experienced extreme difficulty swallowing. The EENT specialist could not find anything wrong, so all my doctors conferred and decided I needed a Peripherally Inserted Central Catheter ("PICC") line for a prolonged intravenous antibiotic treatment and high calorie intake. I was sent home after the PICC procedure and gradually started feeding on solid foods. Not too long after, my heart was failing again. I was rushed to Kaiser Panorama where doctors prescribed an esophageal fistula. A procedure that will ease food intake. My thoracic surgeon was unyielding to this procedure because of the proximity of the stent graft to the esophagus. I was told that consenting to such procedure, means risking death during the actual procedure.

It was at this very moment when I knew in my heart and in my mind that my only recourse was to completely surrender my whole being to my Creator and my God! I asked for a priest to hear my confession.

I was ready to risk my life at the operating table – God's will – a complete abandonment! Each of us can choose faith over worry, doubt and fear. Why? Because faith is a gift from God, it is not something that we have to juggle up ourselves. It is a powerful grace that helps us hold the ground when difficulties of life come at us.

I met the helper again while I was still in my hospital bed. I was told I will overcome all these little by little and I will go home in seven days. I knew in my heart that it was God speaking to me through His helper – and faithful and true to His words; I was home in less than seven days!

I was told that on my way home from the hospital, I should go and light a candle in church. Also, I was to go to the Sacred Room for eight successive Wednesdays for healing prayers and on December 25, when the sun is up, I will rejoice!

Through all the eight successive healing prayer sessions on Wednesday evenings, I witnessed God's mercy and healing love touch so many others who sought Him in the Sacred Room. The Helper praying over us lasted only a few minutes, but the effect was amazing. You could feel the love, spiritually flowing and I felt better physically as well. As my faith in and relationship with my God grew, my health conditions improved. Without faith, it is impossible to please God, for anyone who approaches Him must believe that He exists and that He rewards those who seek Him.

At noon on Christmas day, I was at the Sacred Room again – without my PICC line anymore, at peace and rejoicing!

Almost a year later, I was on a plane to Israel– and despite my best friend's skepticism that I will make it to the pilgrimage because of my health issues – I re-lived my Lord Jesus' life in Holy Land – walking uphill and downhill – basking in His goodness and glory!

Three months after, my best friend and I were on another pilgrimage -- to Medjugorje. And yes, I climbed the hills to the apparition site of Our Lady. I made it with no difficulty at all!

In wellness though, we tend to forget the Lord. We know this is not the right way for us to go – but in our weakness we do anyway. Do you know of any mother who wouldn't come to the aid of her son? But as I provided the needed assistance, I was reminded in taking care of God's temple – I neglected not only my physical but my spiritual being as well. God once more uses pain to bring me to a deeper need for Him.

I continue to battle physical, emotional and spiritual issues. But in all these ups and downs, one thing remains constant: my faith continues to grow and remains stronger than my fears and useless anxieties. Each of us has a certain degree of faith. It may be deep and mature, or it may be superficial and new. It is important that we use all the faith we have – no matter how much that is! A half-hearted effort is not enough. We need to seek God with everything we have, according to the full level of our faith.

Let us bring all our needs to the Father confident that He will not give us a snake when we ask for a fish, or a scorpion when we ask for an egg (Luke 11:11-12)! ☐

**Editor's Note:** Celerina has joined our Creator on February 28, 2012 [born on March 28, 1944] but her story is deeply etched in the hearts and minds of the devotees. We are glad to share this here so that those who have not heard her story may be touched by God the way it has touched our hearts.



*“... I am your Mother Mary*

*Your resolve to make yourself focused to praying  
my beads of Rosary is much more important  
now than ever before.*

*Your faith will be tested in the coming months.  
Many will suffer because of your religious beliefs.*

*Turmoil will be in the midst as your belief in God  
will now be a mockery of everyone.*

*Remember my son Jesus died on the cross because  
God wanted this faith to grow among His creation.*

*Suffering is part of this belief and eternal love  
and peace are waiting for you my children in the  
**PERFECT PLACE OF PEACE  
AND TRANQUILLITY.***

*But first you must be a disciple of truth and  
you must fight for this truth my children.*

*I will be with you always my children.*

*Mary Your Lady of Fatima”  
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