



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

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**MY CATHOLIC LIFE: A PERSONAL JOURNEY OF CONVERSION  
A REFLECTION ON OUR LADY OF SORROWS  
FEAST DAY – SEPTEMBER 15**

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THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY FIRST LEARNED ABOUT THE SWORD THAT WOULD PIERCE HER HEART WHILE PRESENTING THE CHILD JESUS IN THE TEMPLE WITH SAINT JOSEPH ON THE EIGHTH DAY FOR HIS NAMING AND CIRCUMCISION. "SIMEON BLESSED THEM AND SAID TO MARY HIS MOTHER, 'BEHOLD, THIS CHILD IS DESTINED FOR THE FALL AND RISE OF MANY IN ISRAEL, AND TO BE A SIGN THAT WILL BE CONTRADICTED (AND YOU YOURSELF A SWORD WILL PIERCE) SO THAT THE THOUGHTS OF MANY HEARTS MAY BE REVEALED'" (LUKE 2:34-35). SIMEON'S PROPHECY WAS THE FIRST PIERCING OF HER HEART BECAUSE IT IS THE FIRST SCRIPTURAL RECORD OF MARY KNOWING THAT HER SON WOULD SUFFER. THE NEXT SIX TRADITIONAL SORROWS PAINT THE DEVELOPING PICTURE OF THE FULFILLMENT OF THAT PROPHECY.



AS WE HONOR THE BLESSED MOTHER'S SORROWFUL HEART, IT'S IMPORTANT TO UNDERSTAND THAT A "SORROWFUL" HEART IS NOT THE SAME AS A "SAD" HEART. THEOLOGICALLY SPEAKING, SADNESS RESULTS FROM A FORM OF SELF-PITY, OR AN UNHEALTHY ATTACHMENT TO SOMETHING THAT WAS LOST. SORROW, ON THE OTHER HAND, IS ONE OF THE BEATITUDES, AND THEREFORE ONE OF THE HOLIEST QUALITIES WE CAN POSSESS. "BLESSED ARE THEY WHO MOURN, FOR THEY WILL BE COMFORTED" (MATTHEW 5:4). TO "MOURN" IS TO HAVE A SORROWFUL HEART. IN THIS CONTEXT OF THE BEATITUDES, A HEART THAT MOURNS IS A HEART THAT LOVES. MOURNING, OR HOLY SORROW, RESULTS FROM A HEART THAT WITNESSES SIN AND GRIEVES OVER IT. IN THE BLESSED MOTHER'S CASE, SHE WITNESSED THE BRUTAL TREATMENT OF HER SON, HIS REJECTION, SUFFERING, AND DEATH. SHE DID NOT DESPAIR AS SHE WITNESSED

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## FEASTS FOR SEPTEMBER

THE FEASTS ON THE GENERAL ROMAN CALENDAR CELEBRATED DURING THE MONTH OF SEPTEMBER ARE:

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| 1  | TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, SUNDAY                               | 22 | TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, SUNDAY        |
| 3  | GREGORY THE GREAT, MEMORIAL   | 23 | PIUS OF PIETRELCINA, MEMORIAL                       |
| 8  | TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, SUNDAY                                | 26 | COSMAS AND DAMIAN, OPT. MEM.                        |
| 9  | PETER CLAVER (USA), MEMORIAL  | 27 | VINCENT DE PAUL, MEMORIAL                           |
| 12 | MOST HOLY NAME OF MARY, OPT. MEM.   | 28 | WENCESLAUS; LAWRENCE RUIZ AND COMPANIONS, OPT. MEM. |
| 13 | JOHN CHRYSOSTOM, MEMORIAL   | 29 | TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, SUNDAY        |
| 14 | EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS, FEAST   | 30 | JEROME, MEMORIAL                                    |
| 15 | TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, SUNDAY                               |    |   |
| 16 | CORNELIUS AND CYPRIAN, MEMORIAL   |    |   |
| 17 | ROBERT BELLARMINE, HILDEGARD OF BINGEN, OPT. MEM.                           |    |   |
| 19 | JANUARIUS, OPT. MEM.  |    |   |
| 20 | ANDREW KIM TAEGON, PAUL CHONG HASANG AND COMPANIONS; EMBER FRIDAY, MEMORIAL |    |   |
| 21 | MATTHEW, APOSTLE; EMBER SATURDAY, FEAST                                     |    |   |

THE COMMEMORATIONS OF NATIVITY OF MARY (SEPTEMBER 8), OUR LADY OF SORROWS (SEPTEMBER 15), AND STS. MICHAEL, GABRIEL AND RAPHAEL (SEPTEMBER 29) FALL ON A SUNDAY SO THEY ARE SUPERSEDED BY THE SUNDAY LITURGY. □

## OUR CENACLE CORNER

SEEKING A DEEPER RELATIONSHIP WITH GOD  
THROUGH MEDITATION OF PASSAGES FROM HOLY SCRIPTURES

*Immaculately Conceived*

# GOD TOUCHED ME

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

**"We will do all you have commanded us, and we will go wherever you send us."**

**- Joshua 1:16**

## **THY WILL BE DONE, PART 2 CARRYING OUT THE MISSION**

*By Evelyn Pua, a devotee*

IN AUGUST 2004, THE LAS VEGAS CHAPTER OF THE SPIRITUAL ARMY OF GOD THE FATHER WAS ESTABLISHED. EVERYTHING WAS UNFOLDED BEFORE OUR VERY EYES. THE DEVOTIONS AND MOST OF THE CELEBRATIONS WERE FORMALLY ESTABLISHED IN A SPAN OF ONE YEAR. HERE IS THE MESSAGE GIVEN TO A LOCUTIONIST, REFERRED TO AS "HELPER," OR "HELPER OF GOD FATHER," INTENDED FOR ME, REFERRED TO AS "HELPER OF LOST (OR STRAY) SOULS," AND MY HUSBAND, REFERRED TO AS "MAN OF FOREIGN ORIGIN."

"MY HELPER OF LOST SOULS, YOU WILL CONTINUE YOUR WORKS OF MISSION WHEN YOU MOVE TO THE PLACE OF LIGHT IN THE NORTH. MY WORKS AND WORDS IN MY NAME YOU WILL START WITH SOULS YOU WILL MEET IN ALL CORNERS, IN ALL DIRECTIONS. THE MAN OF FOREIGN ORIGIN SHALL FOCUS HIS WORKS IN SUPPORT OF THIS MISSION. DO NOT LET DISTRACTION OF MATERIAL ACCUMULATION OVERPOWER YOUR MIND AND YOUR HEART. YOU HAVE WITNESSED THE MARVELS OF MY LOVE IN EVERY TURN YOUR LIFE HAS SHOWN. TRUST YOU MUST HAVE. MY HELPER WILL CONTINUE TO SET MY WORDS FOR YOU TO MOVE AND CONTINUE THE WORKS OF MY KINGDOM BEFORE MY GOD FATHER ALMIGHTY. MY MOTHER MARY WILL GIVE YOU WORDS TO ACCOMPLISH HER BEADS OF PRAYERS. I WILL STRETCH MY HEALING HANDS ON EVERY SOUL YOU BRING MY IMAGE OF INFANT. I AM PLEASED ON YOUR OBEDIENCE TO MY WORDS. YOU WILL BE GUIDED AND PROTECTED BY MY ARCHANGELS AND ANGELS. SPREAD THE WORDS OF HOLY IN MY NAME."

JESUS OF NAZARETH, YOUR LOVING GOD  
07.09.04 |10:30 PM

AFTER SETTLING DOWN WITH OUR UNPACKING AND FIXING UP OUR LAS VEGAS CONDO, I WENT TO DIFFERENT CHURCHES TO TALK TO THE RESPECTIVE PARISH PRIESTS ABOUT STARTING THE FIRST SATURDAY DEVOTION. I WAS GETTING FRUSTRATED AND WAS ON THE VERGE OF GIVING UP. BUT OUR DEAR LORD KEPT ON ENCOURAGING ME AND GIVING ME CLUES.

"MY HELPER OF STRAY SOULS, PLACE OF WORSHIP YOU SHALL FIND IN 8."

JESUS OF NAZARETH  
08.31.04 |11:00 AM

HERE, I WONDERED WHAT 8 MEANT – 8 DAYS? 8 WEEKS? 8 MONTHS? WHEN THE SITUATIONS UNFOLDED, ONLY THEN DID I UNDERSTAND. IT MEANT 8 WEEKS.

"...WORRY YOU SHALL NOT FOR SOON YOU WILL FIND PLACE OF WORSHIP FOR MY DAY AND FOR GOD ALMIGHTY FATHER'S DAY. LISTEN FOR DIRECTIONS FROM HELPER OF GOD FATHER ALMIGHTY. WOMAN WILL GUIDE YOU TO SMALL PLACE OF WORSHIP. PRAY, PRAY, PRAY FOR GUIDANCE. MY IMAGE, YOU WILL FIND IN FRONT OF CHURCH – PLACE OF WORSHIP THAT WILL BE. TRUST IN GOD'S WISDOM. TRUST I ASK...."

MARY, YOUR LADY OF FATIMA  
09.05.04 |10:04 PM

THE ABOVE MESSAGE WAS TOLD TO ME THE NEXT DAY AND THAT NIGHT, A LADY FRIEND WHO LIVED IN L.A. CALLED ME TO TELL ME THAT "THERE WILL BE A HEALING MASS AT ST. BRIDGET CATHOLIC CHURCH." I ASKED HER WHERE IT WAS LOCATED AND SHE SAID, "IT IS A SMALL CHURCH CLOSE TO THE DOWNTOWN CASINOS." AND, INDEED, A STATUE OF MOTHER MARY WAS IN FRONT BETWEEN THE CHURCH AND THE ADORATION CHAPEL.

“ HELPER OF STRAY SOULS, PRAY UNCEASINGLY AND YOU WILL SOON FIND THE PLACE OF WORSHIP FOR PRAYERS OF DEVOTION YOU WILL START IN MY NAME. SMALL PLACE OF WORSHIP WITH A BIG HEART TO SHELTER YOU IN YOUR NEED FOR SPIRITUAL SANCTUARY.”

JESUS OF NAZARETH, YOUR DIVINE WORKER  
09.28.04 | 9:35 AM

THE PHRASE “SMALL PLACE OF WORSHIP WITH A BIG HEART” RESONATED WITH ME. ON OCTOBER 2, 2004, WE WERE INVITED TO PRAY THE HOLY ROSARY ON CHARLESTON BLVD, RED ROCK CASINO’S PARKING LOT. BEFORE WE STARTED THE ROSARY, WE WERE GETTING ACQUAINTED WITH THE OTHER PEOPLE. AND I ASKED THEM WHAT CHURCH IN LAS VEGAS IS A SMALL PLACE WITH A BIG HEART. AND IN CHORUS, THEY ANSWERED, ST. BRIDGET. SO THEN, ONE SATURDAY IN OCTOBER, WE ATTENDED MASS AT ST. BRIDGET CATHOLIC CHURCH. I SPOKE WITH FR. SWENSON AND INVITED HIM TO BREAKFAST. HE POLITELY DECLINED BECAUSE HE WAS INVITED TO A HOUSE BLESSING AND TOLD US TO COME BACK THE NEXT SATURDAY AND HE WILL HAVE BREAKFAST WITH US. WE WERE VERY EXCITED AND WERE LOOKING FORWARD TO IT.

WHILE WAITING FOR THAT IMPORTANT DAY, I WOKE UP ONE MORNING AND MY HEART WAS SAYING, “THERE IS NO ROOM IN THE INN.” I COULD NOT FATHOM WHAT IT MEANT SO IT WAS JUST BURIED SOMEWHERE IN MY BRAIN.

ON THE DAY OF OUR BREAKFAST APPOINTMENT, WE WERE CHATTING AND LAUGHING ABOUT LITTLE THINGS. THEN, I ASKED FR. SWENSON IF WE CAN HAVE OUR FIRST SATURDAY DEVOTIONAL PRAYERS AT HIS CHURCH. HE TOLD ME THAT IT IS BETTER IF I START AT HOME FIRST BECAUSE HE SAID THAT MOST PRAYER GROUPS START FULL FORCE, THEN, IT DWINDLES UNTIL IT ENDS. HE, THEN, ASKED ME IF I CHECKED WITH MY PARISH AND WHAT THE PRIEST SAID. MY IMMEDIATE RESPONSE WAS, “THERE IS NO ROOM IN THE INN.” THERE WAS A LONG SILENCE. THEN, HE SAID, “WHEN DO YOU WANT TO START?”

AFTER FR. JAMES SWENSON APPROVED OUR REQUEST, THIS MESSAGE CAME ON NOVEMBER 21. THE DAY BEFORE THIS MESSAGE, MY FRIEND, MILA, CELEBRATED HER BIRTHDAY BY DISTRIBUTING SANDWICHES AND BEVERAGES TO THE HOMELESS. HER CHILDREN, SOME FRIENDS, ROBERT & I HELPED HER. AND MOTHER MARY MENTIONED IT HERE.

“I AM YOUR MOTHER MARY. I AM HAPPY THAT YOU HAVE STARTED A DEVOTION IN MY HONOR. MY UNDERTAKING, I ASK TO FEED MY LESS FORTUNATE CHILDREN IN FAR NORTH AND IN SOUTH. AS I REACH

OUT TO MORE PEOPLE IN NEED, MY HEART AND MY SON, JESUS, WILL TOUCH THE HEARTS OF LUKEWARM. I WILL GIVE YOU WAYS TO MOVE ON WITH MY UNDERTAKING. I AM HAPPY, MY CHILDREN.”

MARY, YOUR LADY OF FATIMA  
11.21.04 | 8:05 AM

ON DECEMBER 4, 2004, WE STARTED THE FIRST SATURDAY DEVOTION AT ST. BRIDGET CATHOLIC CHURCH IN LAS VEGAS. THAT NIGHT, A MESSAGE CAME THROUGH:

“I AM YOUR MOTHER MARY. I AM HAPPY THAT YOU HAVE GIVEN ME YOUR DEVOTION FOR PEACE AND HEALING – MY MESSAGES AT FATIMA. OUR FATHER IN HEAVEN AND MY SON, JESUS, WILL BE WITH YOU. THE SPIRIT OF GOD YOU WILL FEEL AS YOU VENERATE HIM THROUGH MY SON, JESUS. MY CHILDREN OF THE SPIRITUAL ARMY OF GOD, CONTINUE YOUR PRAYERS FOR THE POOR SOULS AND THOSE WHO ARE LESS FORTUNATE OF MY CHILDREN. EXTEND YOUR LOVING HANDS OF HELP TO PROVIDE LOVE OF LIFE FOR THEIR HUMAN NEEDS. MY BEADS, I ASK YOU TO SAY FOR PROTECTION ON DISASTERS AND CALAMITIES TO COME. I WILL ALWAYS BE WITH YOU, MY CHILDREN.”

MARY, YOUR LADY OF FATIMA  
12.05.04 | 12:25 AM

THE NEXT FIRST SATURDAY, WAS ON NEW YEAR’S DAY AND ANOTHER MESSAGE WAS GIVEN.

“I AM YOUR MOTHER MARY. WHEN YOU PRAY UNCEASINGLY MY BEADS, I WILL INTERCEDE FOR YOU, THE DELIVERANCE OF SOULS WHO PERISHED IN THE FIRST WAVE OF CLEANSING. SOULS YOU PRAY FOR MY INTERCESSION, I WILL BRING TO MY SON, JESUS, BEFORE GOD THE FATHER ALMIGHTY. I AM HAPPY AS I JOIN YOU, MY CHILDREN ON THIS DAY OF MY BLESSEDNESS AND BEADS. SAINTS OF BEADS: BERNADETTE AND JACINTA ARE SITTING AT THE BACK PLACE OF WORSHIP WITH ALL THE ANGELS IN THE PLACE OF WORSHIP. I LOVE YOU, MY CHILDREN.”

MARY, YOUR LADY OF FATIMA  
01.01.05 | 2:05 PM AND 4:20 PM

IN JULY, 2005, FR. SWENSON ASKED US TO CELEBRATE THE FEAST DAY OF GOD THE FATHER WHICH WAS ON THE FIRST SUNDAY OF AUGUST. WE HAPPILY OBLIGED. I THEN ASKED HIM IF WE COULD HAVE THE DEVOTION TO GOD THE FATHER EVERY FIRST SUNDAY OF THE MONTH. HE

OFFERED TO LET US USE THE ADORATION CHAPEL BECAUSE HE SAID, THE CHAPEL HAS BEEN DEDICATED TO GOD THE FATHER.

IN 2006, ST. BRIDGET CHURCH STARTED THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE NEW CHURCH. WE HAD TO HAVE OUR PRAYERS IN ONE OF THE CHURCH'S HOUSE ACROSS AND SINCE IT WAS EMPTY, IT WAS VERY DIRTY AND FULL OF BUGS. WE CLEANED IT AND EXTERMINATED THE PLACE. THIS WENT ON FOR A WHILE UNTIL THE MESSAGE CAME TELLING US TO FIND A PLACE THAT WILL BE USED SOLELY FOR RELIGIOUS ACTIVITIES. WE PRESENTLY CALL IT THE CENACLE HOUSE.

IN THE PROCESS OF SEARCHING, WE WERE GIVEN CLUES SUCH AS: 8-10 FROM A CHURCH AND IT IS NEAR A MARKET. MILA'S HUSBAND WAS OUR REAL ESTATE AGENT AND HE CHECKED OUT THE CONDOS FOR SALE CLOSE TO A CHURCH AND A MARKET. HE FOUND A LISTING. FROM ST. JOSEPH, HUSBAND OF MARY, CATHOLIC CHURCH WAS A CONDO DEVELOPMENT THAT WAS 8 BLOCKS AWAY AND FROM ITS GATE, WAS ANOTHER 2 BLOCKS (IN THIS CASE, IT WAS TRULY 8 TO 10 BLOCKS AWAY). THE DEVELOPMENT WAS BESIDE SMART AND FINAL AND CLOSE TO SMITH'S MARKET. WE TALKED TO THE OFFICE THERE AND THEY SHOWED US A MODEL UNIT. THE MESSAGE'S DESCRIPTION OF THE PLACE WAS THIS: WHEN YOU OPEN THE DOOR, THERE IS A WALL, AND ON THE LEFT SIDE IS ANOTHER WALL. ON THE RIGHT, THERE IS A BEDROOM ACROSS THE BATHROOM. THE UNIT WE WERE LOOKING AT HAD A WALL ON THE RIGHT, NOT ON THE LEFT; SO I ASKED THE SELLING AGENT TO SHOW US THE ACTUAL UNIT THAT WAS FOR SALE. HE TOOK US TO UNIT 172, AND WHEN WE OPENED THE DOOR, THE FLOOR PLAN WAS HOW IT WAS DESCRIBED. THE AGENT TOLD US THAT THE OTHER UNITS FOR SALE WERE THE EXACT SAME FLOOR PLAN AS THE MODEL UNIT. WITHOUT FURTHER ADO, WE IMMEDIATELY PUT IN AN OFFER THAT NIGHT, SEPTEMBER 8, 2006, MOTHER MARY'S BIRTHDAY. ON SEPTEMBER 30, LESS THAN 3 WEEKS SINCE OUR OFFER, OUR ESCROW CLOSED AND THE LOAN WAS FUNDED. ONCE AGAIN, IF GOD WILLS IT, EVERYTHING MOVES FAST. THE DEVOTEES DONATED FURNITURE, KITCHEN ITEMS, ETC. AND HELPED PUT UP SHELVES TO MAKE THE PLACE COMFORTABLE FOR OUR PRAYER ACTIVITIES. GOD HAS GIVEN US A PLACE WHERE THERE WILL BE ONGOING WORSHIP AND PRAISE, AS WELL AS THANKSGIVING, INTERCESSIONS AND PETITIONS.

ON THE FIRST SATURDAY OF NOVEMBER, 2006 WE PRAYED FIRST SATURDAY DEVOTIONAL PRAYERS AT THE

CENACLE HOUSE. AFTER PRAYING, A CALL CAME AND WE WERE GIVEN THIS MESSAGE:

"I BLESS ON THE DAY OF MY MOTHER MARY, MY CHILDREN WHOSE PRAYERS I HEAR, AND LISTEN TO WORDS YOU SAID. MY MOTHER MARY WILL TAKE THEM WITH HER HANDS AND OFFER BEFORE THE SACRED TABLE IN MY NAME AT THE THRONE OF MY FATHER. WORDS YOU OFFER TO MY HEART, I BLESS. MY HEART ACCEPTS THEM AND I STRETCH MY HANDS TO BLESS EACH AND EVERY SOUL IN THE HOUSE OF PRAYER. THIS HOUSE I BLESS WILL BE A WITNESS TO MY HEALING POWER. I AM PLEASED. I AM PLEASED."

JESUS OF NAZARETH,  
YOUR LOVING AND MERCIFUL GOD  
11.04.06 | 3:40PM

THEN, IN 2007, ST. FRANCIS THE SALES CATHOLIC CHURCH'S PARISH PRIEST GAVE US PERMISSION TO CELEBRATE THE HOLY INFANT JESUS.

FOR ALL OF THE ABOVE EVENTS AND CIRCUMSTANCES, WE BELIEVE THAT GOD HAS ORCHESTRATED EVERYTHING AND NOT ONLY OPENED DOORS FOR US, BUT ALSO GAVE US THE BEST THERE IS.

IN 2014, WE RETIRED FROM OUR JOBS AND CONCENTRATED ON OUR WORK FOR GOD ALMIGHTY. THIS MESSAGE WAS GIVEN A YEAR AFTER OUR RETIREMENT:

"THIS PRAYER PLACE YOU HAVE RESERVED FOR ME, I AM PLEASED. REMEMBER THIS, THE PLACE WILL BE OPEN TO EVERYONE WHO SEEKS MY PRESENCE. YOU WILL TAKE CARE OF THIS PLACE. YOU WILL PROVIDE WHATEVER IS POSSIBLE TO BRING SOULS CLOSER TO ME THROUGH THIS PLACE. YOU WILL ACT AS GUARDIANS OF MY PLACE. BE EXAMPLES OF HUMILITY AND LOVE. BE EXAMPLES OF PEOPLE WHO SHARE IN THE BLESSINGS OF MY FATHER. YOU WILL OPEN YOUR HANDS TO SERVE OTHERS, NOT OTHERS SERVING YOU. I AM PLEASED."

JESUS OF CAPERNAUM  
08.07.15

OUR HEARTS OVERFLOW WITH THANKS TO OUR LORD GOD MOST HIGH FOR HIS GRACE AND COMPASSION FOR US OVER THE YEARS. ON BEHALF OF THE SPIRITUAL ARMY OF GOD THE FATHER DEVOTEES, WE PRAY:

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## MY CATHOLIC LIFE ...

THIS. SHE DID NOT BECOME ANGRY. SHE DID NOT SUCCUMB TO CONFUSION AND FRUSTRATION. SHE DID NOT WITHDRAW INTO HERSELF IN SELF-PITY. INSTEAD, SHE REACTED WITH THE EMPATHETIC LOVE THAT FLOWS FROM THE HOLIEST OF HEARTS. SHE FELT HOLY SORROW—NOT SO MUCH BECAUSE SHE FELT BAD FOR HER SON, BUT BECAUSE SHE GRIEVED OVER THE SINS THAT INFLICTED THAT SUFFERING, AND LONGED TO SEE THOSE SINS REDEEMED.

AS WE COMMEMORATE THE SORROWFUL HEART OF MARY TODAY, IT IS AN IMPORTANT OPPORTUNITY TO REFLECT UPON YOUR OWN SORROW. IS YOUR SORROW SELF-CENTERED, DWELLING OVER THE WOUNDS YOU FEEL? OR IS IT SELFLESS - MEANING, DOES YOUR SORROW EXTEND TO OTHERS, GRIEVING IN A HOLY WAY OVER THE SINS YOU WITNESS? WHEN OUR SORROW IS HOLY, WE ARE FILLED WITH COMPASSION AND SPIRITUAL EMPATHY. THE WORD "COMPASSION" MEANS "TO SUFFER WITH." THE BLESSED MOTHER, UNITED WITH HER SON'S SACRED HEART, SUFFERED WITH HER SINFUL CHILDREN AS SHE WATCHED THEIR SINS CRUCIFY HER SON. SHE HARBORED NO HATE AS SHE WITNESSED THOSE SINS, ONLY AN INDESCRIBABLE LONGING TO SEE THE GRACE OF HER SON POUR FORTH UPON THOSE WHO HAD REJECTED HIM AND SINNED AGAINST HIM. PONDER, TODAY, THE HOLY AND SORROWFUL HEART OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY. AS YOU DO, TRY TO UNDERSTAND HER HEART MORE FULLY. THE ONLY WAY TO COMPREHEND THE DEPTH OF LOVE IN HER HEART IS THROUGH PRAYER. IN PRAYER, GOD WILL REVEAL HER IMMACULATE LOVE TO YOU AND INSPIRE YOU TO IMITATE HER MORE FULLY, TURNING FROM ALL SELFISHNESS TO MORE FULLY EMBRACE SELFLESSNESS, SO AS TO SHARE IN THE PERFECT LOVE SHARED BETWEEN THIS IMMACULATE MOTHER AND HER DIVINE SON.

**PRAYER:** MOST IMMACULATE AND SORROWFUL HEART OF MARY, I THANK YOU FOR THE UNENDING DEPTH OF COMPASSION YOU HAD FOR THOSE WHO SINNED AGAINST YOUR SON AND FOR LOVING ME WITH THAT SAME LOVE. AS YOU GRIEVE WITH A HOLY SORROW OVER MY OWN SINS, PLEASE PRAY FOR ME, THAT I WILL MORE FULLY UNDERSTAND YOUR COMPASSION. AS I DO, I PRAY THAT I WILL BE ABLE TO MORE FULLY IMITATE AND PARTICIPATE IN THAT LOVE, FLOWING FROM YOUR PURE AND PERFECT SORROWFUL HEART. OUR LADY OF SORROWS, PRAY FOR ME. JESUS, I TRUST IN YOU. ☐

## THY WILL BE DONE, PART 2

WE PRAISE YOU, HEAVENLY FATHER, FOR THE GREAT PRIVILEGE WHICH IS OURS THIS DAY TO LOVINGLY PRAISE AND THANK YOU AS WE REFLECT ON THE HISTORY OF THE SPIRITUAL ARMY OF GOD THE FATHER, LAS VEGAS CHAPTER, WHICH YOU HAVE ESTABLISHED IN 2004, AFTER YOU HAVE ESTABLISHED THE LOS ANGELES CHAPTER; AND FOR GIVING US OUR PLACE OF COMMUNITY, FELLOWSHIP AND WORSHIP WHICH WE CALL THE CENACLE HOUSE. MANY DEVOTEES HAVE COME AND GONE FROM US AND WE ARE THANKFUL FOR WHAT EACH ONE HAS CONTRIBUTED TO MAKE THIS A PLACE OF PEACE AND CONTEMPLATION HOPING THAT MANY WOULD BENEFIT SPIRITUALLY THROUGH THE COMING YEARS. WE CONTINUE TO PRAY TO YOUR HOLY SPIRIT TO WORK THROUGH US AS WE SUPPORT AND MINISTER IN OUR RESPECTIVE PARISHES. MAY WE BE FAITHFUL IN HEEDING THE HOLY SPIRIT AS WE PROCLAIM THE GOOD NEWS OF JESUS, WHO IS THE GREATEST GIFT GOD HAS GIVEN US. AMEN. ☐



*I am your Mother Mary.*

*My children, pray, pray, pray my beads of rosary everyday and receive the body of my Son Jesus because through this you can battle the forces of evil enveloping the human society.*

*Be on the alert for the evil one will strike again and work his ways through society.*

*Protect yourself with the armor of faith and prayers. I will be with you.*

*Mary, Your Lady of Peace*

# SPIRITUAL ENRICHMENT RECOMMENDED

## IMMACULATELY CONCEIVED

BY VICTOR H. ARANETA

OUR FAITH HAS BROUGHT US TO THE MOTHER OF GOD. SOME HAVE REGARDED HER AS A "GO TO" PERSON TO BE CLOSE TO JESUS CHRIST. IT IS NO WONDER WHY MILLIONS OF CATHOLICS WILL SEEK INTERCESSION FROM A SPOTLESS CREATION OF GOD. IT SEEMS LIKE ALL PRAYERS ARE GRANTED THROUGH HER BY HER SON, JESUS, AND OF COURSE, BY THE HIGHEST PERSON OF THE HOLY TRINITY, GOD OUR FATHER. WHEN I INVOKE HER NAME, I SOMETIMES FEEL GUILTY OF GOING TO HER FIRST THAN TO JESUS CHRIST. MY UNDERLYING REASON IS THAT SHE IS A MOTHER AND THAT SHE CANNOT REFUSE TO INTERCEDE FOR US TO HER SON, JESUS.



MANY OF OUR PROTESTANT BROTHERS ACCUSE US OF WORSHIPPING HER. HOW CAN THEY BLAME CATHOLICS WHEN ANGEL GABRIEL ADDRESSED HER DURING THE ANNUNCIATION "HAIL MARY FULL OF GRACE, GOD FAVORED YOU LUKE 1:28." POPE PIUS IX'S INEFFABILIS DEUS STATES THAT THE BLESSED

MOTHER WAS CONCEIVED WITHOUT PERSONAL/ORIGINAL SIN, THE TITLE ONLY SHE HOLDS. BUT ARE WE WORSHIPPING HER? NO, BUT WE VENERATE HER BY THE VERY WORDS OF SAINT GABRIEL. THE SAME VERY WORDS THAT CATHOLICS ADOPTED, "HAIL MARY FULL OF GRACE ...." THEN, SAINT ELIZABETH'S, THE MOTHER OF ST JOHN THE BAPTIST, VERY OWN WORDS, "HOLY MARY, MOTHER OF GOD...."

SO, NEXT TIME NON-CATHOLICS ACCUSE YOU OF INVENTING THESE WORDS ABOUT MARY, SHOW THE HOLY SCRIPTURES AND TELL THEM NOT TO BLAME US FOR THESE WORDS WERE USED BY ANGEL GABRIEL AND ST. ELIZABETH, WHEN THEY GREETED HER.

THIS VENERATION IS VERY EFFECTIVE TO CALL THE ATTENTION OF OUR BLESSED MOTHER AND THE HOLY TRINITY.

**PRAYER:** HAIL MARY, FULL OF GRACE, THE LORD IS WITH YOU. BLESSED ART THOU AMONGST WOMEN AND BLESSED IS THE FRUIT OF THY WOMB, JESUS. □

## Upcoming Events

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

SEPTEMBER 1, 2024

IN LAS VEGAS:

ST. SHARBEL CATHOLIC CHURCH  
MASS AT 9:30 AM FOLLOWED BY  
DEVOTIONAL PRAYERS AT THE CHAPEL

### 1<sup>ST</sup> FRIDAY DEVOTION DEDICATED TO THE HOLY SOULS

SEPTEMBER 6, 2024

IN LAS VEGAS:

THE CENACLE HOUSE  
AT 2:30 PM

IN LOS ANGELES: VIA ZOOM  
AT 8:30 PM

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

SEPTEMBER 7, 2024

IN LAS VEGAS:

THE CENACLE HOUSE  
AT 1:00 PM

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

SEPTEMBER 7, 2024

IN LOS ANGELES:

ST. ANNE'S CHAPEL  
ST. ANNE FAMILY SERVICES  
155 N. OCCIDENTAL BL.

LOS ANGELES, CA 90026  
DEVOTIONAL PRAYERS AT 8:30 AM  
MASS AT 9:30 AM

### 2000 HAIL MARY DEVOTION

SEPTEMBER 21, 2024

IN LAS VEGAS: THE CENACLE HOUSE  
AT 6:00 AM

IN LOS ANGELES: VIA ZOOM  
MASS AT 9:00 AM

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## TENTH YEAR ORDINATION AND BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION OF CANON JOEL ESTRADA

CANON JOEL ESTRADA BELONGS TO THE INSTITUTE OF CHRIST THE KING, SOVEREIGN PRIEST. HE IS PRESENTLY ASSIGNED IN ROME AS THE SECRETARY OF CARDINAL BURKE, WHO IS A MEMBER OF THE SUPREME TRIBUNAL OF THE APOSTOLIC SIGNATURA AND DICASTERY FOR SAINTS.

ON AUGUST 5, 2024, HE CELEBRATED HIS TENTH YEAR ORDINATION ANNIVERSARY AND BIRTHDAY WITH FAMILY AND CLOSE FRIENDS AT FOGO DE CHAO BRAZILIAN STEAKHOUSE IN PASADENA, CA. SOME DEVOTEES OF THE SPIRITUAL ARMY OF GOD THE FATHER IN LOS ANGELES WERE PRESENT AT THE CELEBRATION.

DURING THE CELEBRATION, CANON JOEL SAID THAT HE WILL PRAY FOR EVERYONE AND HE IS ASKING EVERYONE TO PRAY FOR HIM, SINCE HE IS ON HIS OWN AND DOES NOT HAVE A FAMILY WHO WILL ALWAYS REMEMBER TO PRAY FOR HIM.



AS A SEMINARIAN, CANON JOEL WAS ONE OF THE RECIPIENTS OF THE SPIRITUAL ARMY OF GOD THE FATHER'S FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE. HE STUDIED AT THE SEMINARY IN ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI AND WAS ORDAINED IN THE ARCHDIOCESE OF ST. LOUIS. SOME DEVOTEES OF THE LOS ANGELES CHAPTER ATTENDED HIS ORDINATION CEREMONY. □

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## THE SPIRITUAL ARMY EXTENDS FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FOR SEMINARIAN

THE SPIRITUAL ARMY OF GOD THE FATHER MINISTRY HAS EXTENDED FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TO SEMINARIAN JOSHUA JARABEJO OF OUR LADY OF PENAFRANCIA SEMINARY IN SORSOGON, PHILIPPINES.



FOR THIS FIRST SEMESTER OF SCHOOL YEAR 2024-2025, THE MINISTRY OFFERED ASSISTANCE AMOUNTING TO PHP 51,000. WE PRAY THAT THE MINISTRY WILL CONTINUE TO RECEIVE FUNDS FOR OUR SEMINARIANS. ANOTHER SEMINARIAN FROM MOTHER OF GOOD COUNSEL SEMINARY IN SAN FERNANDO, PAMPANGA, PHILIPPINES, IS APPLYING FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE BUT THIS WILL BE COURSED THROUGH THE RECTOR OF THE SEMINARY.

TO THOSE DEVOTEES WHO ARE PLANNING TO EXTEND SUPPORT FOR THIS PURPOSE, WE PRAY FOR YOUR FINANCIAL SUCCESS. TO THOSE WHO ARE ALREADY EXTENDING FUNDS FOR OUR SEMINARIANS, MAY OUR DEAR LORD SHOWER YOU WITH FINANCIAL ABUNDANCE AS RECORDED IN THE BOOK OF GENESIS WHERE ABRAHAM RECEIVED THE FULL ANOINTING OF FINANCIAL SUCCESS ! □