

**TIME
IS
RUNNING
OUT**





We are all going to die!

EDITORIAL NOTES

The Messages

In this month's Messages, Jesus again tells us that the times that He and His Mother have spoken of are here. He also tells us that we are not prepared for the events that are about to culminate. However Jesus encourages us to follow His Path to the end and assures us that He will not leave us orphans.

We are all going to die
The theme of the Newsletter this month is that we are all going to die. We seem to forget in our everyday lives that we all have to face God when we die and there is no getting away from the fact that ALL must die. There are a few articles exploring this.

Heresy within the Church

There is an article written by the Patricks entitled 'Heresy within the Church.' This writing challenges the recent Synod and asks questions about why these kind of issues are even being discussed within the hierarchy of the Church when they go against everything that Jesus has Taught and Teaches!

The Patricks remind us that we live in the dark times that we have been Warned of by Jesus and His Mother. Everywhere we look there is darkness but we are encouraged to stand strong!

Choose Jesus!

This is quite a thought provoking article, written in a way that, I believe, all of us who try to follow Jesus, can relate to. It is challenging but also points out in a very simple way, that to follow Jesus takes us to just make that little effort to fight.

A guide to Confession

We came across this short guide to Confession and decided to include it in our Newsletter. Many of us have never been taught these simple things about Confession and for those of us who have, it does no harm to reread them!

Babies born alive

A very disturbing truth is revealed to us in 'Babies born Alive.' These are stories of what happens when an abortion goes 'wrong' and the babies are born alive.

The Sacred Heart

We have included a beautiful extract from

'The Way of the Sacred Heart.' It speaks of the darkness, of growing in Jesus and of dying to self and the importance of that if we truly want to follow Jesus.

Harder to follow Jesus

'Harder and Harder to follow Jesus' talks about how our time has been stolen by the evil one and time that should be given to Jesus is selfishly spent. It also reiterates how our life is short and we are all here for only one reason, to choose Heaven or hell.

SonLight in America

Betty, one of the servants who runs the House of Prayer in America, wrote a letter detailing a little of the trip in America. This is followed by another servant's take on her time in America.

Other articles

Also in this Newsletter is the first of the writings from the Poland Pilgrimage. This is followed by a few small 'Twenty Years' articles and a very informative article from Saint Michael's House discussing the treatment of preborn babies diagnosed with Down's Syndrome.

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The Messages of Love

Thursday
18 September 2014

Come, My beloved children, take on My Words of Truth and begin to see the Path that I have set before you. Both I and My Mother have told you of the events that will happen in this world. This world is in a headlong collision now because it did not listen to My Warnings. Trust in Me, My children, and believe that I am with you for these events are about to culminate and you are not prepared. So, I say again, trust in Me, believe in Me, have faith in Me, and We, together, shall battle the darkness.

Saturday
20 September 2014

Come, children of the Light, follow Me and do not despair in this time of darkness. It may seem that the Battle is being lost but I allow the enemy to walk into a trap of his own making. Be patient, My little ones, for your freedom is at hand. The enemy walks forward yet they have heard My Warnings, they will not be

able to say they did not know.

It is those who seek the destruction of My Church that control the actions of this world.

It is they who promote the freedom of sin.

It is they and their followers who shall be held accountable for what is happening.

I can see all the things that are done in secret but they have listened to the lies of lucifer and forgotten their God, they have forgotten that they must die and then stand before Me for no man lives forever on this earth.

Be patient, My children, for I am Coming to cleanse this earth of their evil taint.

You, My servants, I call out to you to stand up for the Truth. Throw off the shackles of this world and come, follow Me for, as has been prophesied, the evil one has entered My Church through man's free will and seeks to destroy it from within.

Do not be held accountable for the loss of My Flock. Be Warned, My shepherds, I Come!

I Love you.

Wednesday
1 October 2014

Come, beloved of My Heart, and hear My calls. I call out every day to My children into the darkness, the sin of this world but so few answer My calls.

I am Coming, children, I am Coming to chastise this world and free My own from the slavery that is laid upon them by the evil governments of this world.

I am Coming to free my own and I will not relent until My task is finished.

Trust Me, My little ones, I am Jesus, I am your God, I am your Friend. Call upon Me and I will take you through these times of darkness into the safety of My Heart.

Trust Me, My children, trust Me, I approach.

I Love you.

Sunday 12 October 2014
For the

Weekend with the Patricks

My children, you live in the days of Jonah. I send My Prophets out to Warn the world, not of My chastisements but of the result of your sin. Your

failure to see My Ways in your dealings with one another has brought you to this point.

Do you think that I, the Lord, your God would leave you orphans?

No, My children, I would not.

The Warnings that I send you are through My Prophets so that you might know that My Heart calls you back.

Come to Me.

Stay with Me.

7 It was also given to him to make war with the saints and to overcome them and authority over every tribe and people and tongue and nation was given to him.

8 All who dwell on the earth will worship him, everyone whose name has not been written from the foundation of the world in the book of life of the Lamb who has been slain.

9 If anyone has an ear, let him hear.

10 If anyone is destined for captivity, to captivity he goes; if anyone kills with the sword, with the sword he must be killed. Here is the perseverance and the faith of the saints.

Revelations 13:7-10

Tuesday 14 October 2014
Come, My beloved children, take on the Words of Truth that I have given to you and understand what is happening in this world. Sin is being promoted, the darkness encroaches even upon My Remnant.

Remember, I have told you

of these times, I have told you that they would crucify Me once again. My Church is full of serpents of darkness that speak with forked tongues. Understand, My children, I have Warned you and Warned you that these times would come upon you. Now you must prepare for many great events will take place as creation rebels against the sin that suffocates it.

Prepare, My little ones, prepare!
I Love you.

Tuesday 21 October 2014
My Heart is downcast, even unto death, as I see how far the world has gone away from Me.

Those who are for captivity are on their way and there is no return for them. Those who see can see and know and can feel within their hearts know that death is in the air. Not death of the physical kind although it too will come but I speak of a spiritual death whose seeds are confusion, sown by those who would crucify Me again.

Be clear and precise, My children, in your love for Me. Do nothing that would hinder your Path to Me. The forces of this world prepare to launch themselves against you. Although all seems well around you, believe it not, My children.

**Vision on Thursday
23 October 2014**
I was coming to the end of

my prayer, which was normal up to this point. I saw a sky that seemed really high. The sky was a dark purple colour but there was light behind it. On the ground, there were people walking up and down. All of a sudden there was an almighty noise like thunder and as thunder 'rips' all the people were held by the 'ripping' noise. They were held there, as if in suspension, as if they had to be there. I had no doubt in my mind that this Vision was 'The Warning.'

Monday 27 October 2014
...And there will be much gnashing of teeth when they realise how much they have ignored Me and My Ways. They have placed Me in a prison and they carry the key with them, only letting Me out when they need Me. Not much longer now and they will see how far they have gone. They will know. Not much longer now!

Patrick felt that when he was taking this Message that it was as if it was the end of another Message but Jesus didn't make it clear which Message.

Monday 27 October 2014
Come, My children, take on My Words of Truth for the deceiver gathers his strength. The Words that I have given you are coming to pass; he is about to change My Laws. I have told you of these things, I have Warned you of these things but still you do not take My Words into

your lives and live them. Read My Scriptures, pray that My priests be strengthened, those who still believe in My Truth for much persecution is coming, children, to those who will

not take on their strange and evil laws. Hold fast, My children, for I am at the door and I Come to bring My own to Myself and to cast those that have worshipped the beast into

the fire that they have chosen. Be at peace, My children, and know that I am at hand. I Love you.



Heresy within the Church by the Patricks

Jesus has Warned us

Hold on to the Truth, children of God. We must not allow ourselves to be deceived through what is happening around us. We can see that the changes that Jesus has Warned us about are imminent.

We can see the deceivers at their work but, be patient. As Jesus says, "Wait and see..." Prepare to fight back with the Truth, His Truth. The deceivers speak their words of heresy with forked tongues so that they can scuttle back into the darkness and deny that their heretical words were really meant in the way that the world perceived them. Yet, they have said them.

Why

Why is mortal sin being discussed?

Why are the sins of the flesh being discussed as something that is right and good?

Why are the liberal cardinals and bishops that have spoken at the Synod and are looking for sin to be accepted not excommunicated because their teachings are not Catholic and, so, are leading the faithful into sin and hell?

Accept homosexuality

Why has Pope Francis demoted all the conservative cardinals and bishops and surrounded himself with liberal cardinals and bishops who want to accept homosexuality, living together outside marriage, civil unions and divorce into the Church?

It is clear to be seen but everyone is afraid to look at what is truly happening. Jesus has told us of these things within the Messages of Love, Our Lady has spoken of these events to the world to many Visionaries yet, very few are listening or care

to see what is happening.

Fulfill your ministry

1 I solemnly charge you in the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who is to judge the living and the dead and by His appearing and His kingdom:

2 preach the word; be ready in season and out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort, with great patience and instruction.

3 For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine but wanting to have their ears tickled, they will accumulate for themselves teachers in accordance to their own desires

4 and will turn away their ears from the truth and will turn aside to myths.

5 But you, be sober in all things, endure hardship, do the work of an evangelist, fulfill your ministry.

2 Timothy 4:1-5

“The time of sin”

We live in dark times, times that Jesus and His Mother have Warned us of, so many times. We are now living through “the time of sin,” the darkness is everywhere but we, the Remnant of God, will surely pass through and claim the Victory, as Jesus has promised if we obey the Commandments and walk the narrow Path. As Our Lady has said at Garabandal, many cardinals and bishops are on the road to perdition and are taking the faithful with them.

Is this Synod not the fulfilment of Her Message?

Ride the rapids

Take heart, brothers and sisters, for Jesus has already Warned us of what would happen: be strengthened in this. We know we must ride the rapids but the calm and peaceful waters of the True, cleansed Church are ahead.

Be patient.

Pope Francis “strikes again” by promoting the big bang theory which wipes out the Book of Genesis. Adam and Eve become a myth and, so, the Divinity of God is no more. The Pope speaks with a forked tongue just like the liberal cardinals he has gathered around him. One side of the tongue promotes the truth, the other promotes heresy and we all know which side of the tongue the media will promote. It is close now.

Confusion

All those who want a comfortable life and are afraid to stand up for the Truth of Jesus try to justify his heresy and say he is such a wonderful pope, he is a saint, he is a breath of fresh air to the Church. Yet, not once has he condemned the heresies that were promoted in the name of the Catholic

Church. All the confusion could be sorted out by him speaking out plainly in favour of the doctrines of the Church yet, he does not. If we have eyes to see, it is plain to see he is against Jesus and the Teachings Jesus gave us. With one part of his tongue he says, ‘love Jesus’ and with the other side, ‘I do not agree with His Laws.’

Can you not feel it

He gathered his liberal cardinals around him at the Synod, he never uttered a word for he knew his liberal cardinals would do his work for him and the world would justify his silence.

It is very close, can you not feel it in the world around you?

I am for Jesus, I am not for a man, a deceiver, who works tirelessly to destroy what Jesus created. **WAIT AND SEE!** It is close!

Thank You!

At the time of this Newsletter going to print, we have just become debt free, praise the Lord!

We want to thank you all for your very kind donations and for your much appreciated prayers.

As you know, running costs are ongoing and we continue to rely on your support in order to keep Jesus’ Mission alive. Without your constant and continuous support, this would not be possible.

Praise and thank You, Jesus!

Patricia Rushe Robert O'Kane

Choose Jesus!



All abandon Me

Jesus said in a Message recently "All abandon Me." I know for myself I have found it easier to turn on the TV to unwind rather than go to Jesus in prayer - which is precisely just what I need.

Jesus in prayer

When I watch TV I am just looking at others but when I go to Jesus in prayer, I feel guilty about all the things I could have done and didn't do, I see my laziness, my sin etc. But that is a good thing, seeing those things and getting help from Jesus to change and the Grace in prayer is what will get me to Heaven. TV only fills me

with desires and makes me feel like I am missing out or not trendy since I do not accept sin such as abortion, living in sin, homosexuality etc. I know that if I try to fulfil the desires that the TV screams at me, I will never be satisfied for there will always be another desire and another and another.

A glass of water

Worldly things never satisfy us. But prayer will. Being with Jesus is like drinking a glass of water on a hot day. He's totally satisfying. If go to Him each day, abandoning the world instead of Him, I will remember how important my little efforts are in avoiding sin, doing

good, praying, sacrificing, continuing with my anchor, adding to the fire each day so that I am ablaze with the Love of God. And I will be reminded of my primary goal in this life - to get to Heaven and getting as many others there as possible.

It needs to hurt

Yes, I often go to Jesus asking Him for this and that and when I am asked to do something, I regularly get my back up at the unfairness of it, thinking why me, can someone else not do it? Or else I say I'll do it and maybe try it once half-heartedly and that is it, that is all I give Jesus. Jesus is worth more than that! I often realise too late that the reason I get my back up is because self doesn't want to give up that thing for Jesus, I only want to give Him what is comfortable to give. But what use is that! That thing I won't give Him is what He wants and needs. Self needs to be rattled on its throne, it needs to hurt.

NO PAIN - NO GAIN

Try a little harder

As the saying goes 'no pain, no gain,' we have to try a little harder each day, in every passing moment to think of Jesus or the Saints or Angels, because they can do so much for us if we only

spare a thought! They are so powerful but they cannot intervene without our cooperation, our free will!

Jesus made it simple

We are not asked to say a big long-winded prayer or litany to them, no, Jesus made it

simple, all we have to do is speak to Him as a Friend. If we consider Jesus as an actual Person who needs our attention, like a child crying, would we not pick Him up or play with Him to soothe Him? "...Would

that all these cherished souls knew how easily they can console Me, harbour Me, or give rest to Me, their God..." (From an extract of The Way of Divine Love By Sister Josepha Menendez)

Or if He were like one of our friends, who was having a bad day, would we not send a wee text just to ask if He was OK? Or as a close relative whom we trust, would we not go to speak to them if we were looking for guidance or advice in the different areas of our lives? "...To some I went for comfort, to others for refuge, to others again for rest..." (From an extract of The Way of Divine Love By Sister Josepha Menendez)

All things to all people

Jesus is all things to all people! He knows exactly what we need in our states and stages of life, He is constantly with us, right now, can you not feel His beautiful Countenance beside you? Just feel Him, let Him in. In fact prayer can sometimes mean to sit and do nothing at all,

just to be... This simple communication is what Jesus asks for:

Wednesday

10 September 2014

"...I will shelter you from the raging storm of this world but, you must come to Me in prayer each day, in order for Me to do this. I cannot help if you do not come to Me..."

When Jesus calls

When Jesus calls you to go and spend time with Him in prayer, or to read His Word, or to show love in His Name, or to work for Him, whilst watching that incredibly interesting TV show, or whilst reading all that sensational gossip in the magazine, or whilst scrolling down Facebook looking at everyone else's pretentious lives...It doesn't sound that appealing to go and do these things for Him. It is difficult to shake off that complacency inside you, that self who says "no, not yet, later, Jesus, I promise, just as soon as this show is over." But it's in the getting up off that sofa, that pain 'ouch' - Jesus loves that!

Let Me train you

We need to realise as Josepha did "...Lord, Thou knowest my readiness to let Thee do with me whatsoever Thou wilt... Alas, I have fallen and displeased Thee... Wilt Thou Forgive me once again? I am so wretched and can do no good!..." "...Yes, My beloved, even your falls comfort Me. Do not be discouraged for this act of humility which your fault drew from you has consoled Me more than if you had not fallen. Take courage, go forward steadily and let Me train you..."

Sacrifice

He can do so much with that sacrifice and He will help us and give us the Graces to fight better next time and sooner or later we will have no bother in getting up when He calls! He will Teach us obedience if we give Him the opening to do so! He is God, come on! He can do everything and nothing is impossible to Him, Jesus can make a saint even out of me or you!



A good Confession

The basic requirement for a good Confession is to have the intention of returning to God like the "prodigal son" and to acknowledge our sins with true sorrow before His representative, the priest. "To those who have been far away from the Sacrament of Reconciliation and Forgiving Love I make this appeal:

come back to this source of Grace; do not be afraid! Christ, Himself, is waiting for you. He will heal you and you will be at peace with God!"

Examination of Conscience

Recall your sins. Calmly ask yourself what you have done with full knowledge and full Commandments.

Intentionally fail

- When was my last good Confession? Did I receive Communion or other Sacraments in the state of mortal sin? Did I intentionally fail to confess some mortal sin in my previous Confession?

- Did I seriously doubt my faith or put myself in danger of losing my faith through readings hostile to Catholic teachings or involvement in non-Catholic sects? Did I engage in superstitious practices: palm-reading, fortune telling, etc.?

- Did I take the Name of God in vain? Did I curse, or take a false oath?

- Did I miss Mass on Sundays or Holy days of obligation through my own fault, without any serious reason? Did I keep fast and abstinence on the prescribed days?

Refuse to forgive

-Did I disobey my parents and lawful superiors in important matters?

-Did I hate or quarrel with anyone, or desire revenge? Did I refuse to forgive? Did I hurt or cause to kill someone? Did I get drunk?

Did I take illicit drugs? Did I consent to, recommend, advise or actively take part in an abortion?

Immoral books

- Did I wilfully look at indecent pictures or watch immoral movies? Did I read immoral books or magazines? Did I engage in impure jokes or conversations? Did I wilfully entertain impure thoughts or feelings? Did I commit impure acts, alone or with others? Did I take contraceptive or abortifacient pills or use other artificial means in order to prevent conception?

Steal or damage

- Did I steal or damage another's property? How much? Have I made reparation for the damages done? Have I been dishonest in my business relations?

- Did I tell lies? Did I sin by calumny, or detraction telling the unknown grave faults of others without necessity, even if they are true? Did I judge others rashly in serious matters? Have I tried to make restitution for the bad reputation I caused?

If you remember other serious sins besides those indicated here, mention them in your Confession.

Before Confession

Be truly sorry for your sins. "The essential act of Penance, on the part of the penitent, is contrition, a clear and decisive rejection of the sin committed, together with a resolution not to commit it again, out

of the love one has for God and which is reborn with repentance.

Understood in this way, contrition is therefore the beginning and the heart of conversion, of that evangelical metánoia which brings the person back to God like the Prodigal Son returning to his father and which has in the Sacrament of Penance its visible sign and which perfects attrition."*

Amendment

The resolution to avoid committing these sins in the future (amendment) is a sure sign that your sorrow is genuine and authentic.

This does not mean that a promise never to fall again into sin is necessary. A resolution to try to avoid the near occasions of sin in cooperation with the intention to rectify your life will give you the strength to resist and overcome temptation in the future.

Act of Contrition

Oh, my God, I am heartily sorry for having offended You and I detest all my sins, because I dread the loss of Heaven and the pains of hell; but most of all because they offend You, my God, who are all Good and deserving of all my love. I firmly resolve with the help of Your Grace, to confess my sins, to do penance and to amend my life. Amen. You may now go to Confession.

During Confession

- You can begin your Confession by making the

sign of the cross and greeting the priest: "Bless me, father, for I have sinned."

-The priest gives you a blessing and you may respond by reciting the words Saint Peter said to Christ: "Lord, You know all things; You know that I love You." You may continue with the time since your last confession: "My last good confession was...(how many weeks, months or years approximately)."

- Say the sins that you remember. Start with the one that is most difficult to say, after this it will be easier to mention the rest. If you received general absolution, tell this and the sins forgiven then to the priest.

If you do not know how to confess

- If you do not know how to confess, feel uneasy or ashamed, simply ask the priest to assist you. Be assured he will help you make a good confession. Simply answer the questions without hiding anything out of shame or fear. Place your trust in God: He is your Merciful Father and wants to Forgive you.

- If you do not remember any serious sins, be sure to confess at least some of your venial sins, adding at the end: "I am sorry for these and all the sins of my past life, especially for . . . (mention in general any past sin for which you are particularly sorry, for example all my sins against charity, purity, etc.)."

- The priest will assign you some penance and give you some advice to help you to be a better Christian.

- Listen to the words of the absolution attentively. At the end answer: "Amen."

Be willing to do the penance as soon as possible. This penance will diminish the temporal punishment due to sins already Forgiven.

After Confession

Give thanks to God for Forgiving you again. If you recall some serious sin you forgot to tell, rest assured that it has been Forgiven with the others but be sure to confess it in your next Confession.

Rite of Reconciliation

After the customary greetings, the penitent crosses himself as the priest says:

In the Name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

The penitent answers: *Amen.*

The priest may say:

May the Lord be in your heart and help you to confess your sins with true sorrow.

Either the priest or the penitent may read or say by heart some words taken from the Holy Scripture about the mercy of God and repentance, e.g.:

Lord, You know all things; You know that I love You.

The penitent accuses himself of his sins. The priest gives the opportune advice, imposes the penance on him and invites the penitent

to manifest his contrition. The penitent may say for example:

Lord Jesus, Son of God, have Mercy on me, a sinner.

The priest gives him the absolution:

God, the Father of mercies, through the Death and Resurrection of His Son has reconciled the world to Himself and sent the Holy Spirit among us for the Forgiveness of sins; through the ministry of the Church, may God give you pardon and peace and I absolve you from your sins in the Name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

The penitent answers: *Amen.*

The priest dismisses the penitent with this or any other formulae:

May the Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ, the intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary and of all the Saints, whatever good you do and suffering you endure, heal your sins, help you to grow in holiness and reward you with Eternal Life. Go in peace.

*Homily of Pope John Paul II on September 13, 1987, at Westover Hills, San Antonio, Texas.

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Babies born alive

Abortion article series, part 1

Require doctors

On March 29, (2013) Live Action covered the debate in the Florida legislature on a bill that would require doctors to give medical care, including transport to a hospital, to babies who are born alive during abortion procedures.

Permissible to kill

A Planned Parenthood representative attempted to answer questions on why Planned Parenthood opposed this legislation. In a shocking video, she said that the decision about what to do with a living, breathing, born infant should be up to the doctor and the woman having the abortion. In other words, it should be permissible to kill that baby.

It is shocking

The belief that once a baby is marked for abortion, he should be killed regardless of whether he is in the womb or out of it is shocking to many

people. But how common is the phenomenon of babies born alive after abortions? The truth is, we don't know. It is likely that most of the cases never come to light. But enough of them have been documented to show that it does happen. In the upcoming series of articles, I will highlight some cases where babies were born during abortion procedures and were denied the right to life.

Baby Hope

In 1999, "Baby Hope" was born despite the fact that her mother was in the middle of an abortion procedure. The facts are as follows.

Abortionist Dr. Martin Haskell was performing a partial-birth abortion on a young woman. In a partial-birth abortion, just like in the more commonly used D&E abortion, the woman's cervix is dilated with laminaria, which are small sticks that gradually expand.

She is then sent home. The actual killing and removal of the baby is usually done a day or two after the insertion of the laminaria, after they have been given time to work.

She gave birth

In this particular case, after leaving the clinic, the woman began experiencing cramps and went to the emergency room of Bethesda North Medical Center in Cincinnati, where she gave birth to a living baby girl. According to an article in *The Southeast Missourian*, the baby was put into a dish and set aside to be disposed of. Nurse Shelly Lowe witnessed the baby gasping and moving after she was told to take "it" to the lab. She reportedly said, "I don't think I can do that[.] ... This baby is alive."

Perfectly formed newborn

The doctors refused to give any medical care to the baby, who was estimated to be at least twenty two weeks old. Lowe named the child Hope and held her until she died, wrapping her in a blanket and singing to her. Lowe said, "I wanted her to feel that she was wanted. ... She was a perfectly formed newborn, entering the world too soon through no choice of her own."

Baby Hope lived for three hours with no medical care, while local Lowe held her and other nurses watched. According to the article "The Story of Baby Hope" by Liz Townsend:

Hoped she would make it
Hospital workers who cared for Baby Hope report continuing feelings of sadness and grief but also peace — “peace that she was comforted, held close and even sang to until she took her last breath,” according to nurse Connie Boyles. Emergency room technician, Shelly Lowe, held the baby until she died three hours and eight minutes after her birth. “I sat and held her. I felt no one should die alone,” said Lowe at an April 20 news conference held by local Pro-Life groups. “We had her Baptized. I named her Hope because I’d hoped she would make it.”

Never married
The article goes on to quote Ms. Lowe further: “Her bottom lip would go in,” Lowe said. “She would move her hands. The hands would open and close.” The baby’s death certificate reinforces the tragedy of her short life. The cause of death is listed as “extreme prematurity secondary to induced abortion,” which is deemed a “natural” manner

of death. She has no official first name and no social security number and her life is succinctly described by the stark words “never married” and “never worked.” She was cremated.

Pushed into resigning
The nurses who went public with the story of Baby Hope were shunned by fellow members of the medical community for coming forward. Lowe faced so much harassment that she was pushed into resigning. Pro-choice groups also attacked the workers in press releases.

Anti-choice organizations
National Abortion Federation Executive Director Vicki Saporta said in an April 20 press release:

“We are ... extremely concerned about the seeming disregard for this woman’s confidentiality exhibited by hospital employees who went to Right to Life with this story. No woman should have to fear that her personal medical experience will be used as a tool by politicians and anti-choice organizations to further a

political agenda.”

Non viable fetus
It should be noted that none of the articles about Baby Hope revealed the name of the woman who had the abortion. Elsewhere in the press release, the incident was described as “the miscarriage of a twenty two week nonviable fetus.” According to Townsend: A spokeswoman for another pro-abortion group, Sue Momeyer, chief executive officer of Planned Parenthood of Southwest Ohio and Northern Kentucky, told the Associated Press, “I am concerned that what looks like a very difficult and tragic situation is being used for political purposes.”

Any notice at all
Planned Parenthood does not specify whether the tragedy was the fact that Baby Hope died after being born or the fact that she was born at all. After all, if the abortion had been successful, the baby would have died without anyone taking any notice at all.

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continued next month

The Messages of Love on **facebook**

The Messages of Love are now posted on our Facebook page as soon as they are released. A lot of the time this is on the very day they are given and they are getting a very positive response.

Facebook does have a lot of bad points but it is a great tool to get the Messages out and out quickly around the world.

If you are on Facebook or know anyone who is and would be interested in the Messages, go and like our page <https://www.facebook.com/MessagesOfLoveTheTwoPatricks> (Or search on Facebook for ‘Messages of Love as given to the two Patricks’)

From the Handbook of The Way of the Sacred Heart

Chapter Four

The Secret

“...What spells lie in your love, my sister,
my promised bride...”

Song of Songs 4:10



...The soul:

Jesus, my Love, I come in these words to You. The darkness begins again, this I fear for it seems to weaken me. I fear that I may lose and not be able to fight through it. It seems to become stronger and harder to fight. I don't know whether I even speak to You as I really feel. Everything seems to go, the doubts flood in and I am left in a wilderness which I wander through. No matter what direction I travel in, I find no solace. Nothing seems to work. It seems to me as if You have left me. I cannot say what I feel to anyone, nobody can understand if I speak. No one understands.

I can feel the walls around me. The walls I have learned to build within, where I can hide and feel safe. The walls that make everything seem as if all is well. I feel like crying out for help but then I would be seen in my weakness and those who

depend upon my strength would fall into doubt. Jesus, help me. I know these walls even block You from getting near me. But I fear to travel beyond self. It will not go away. Instead of dying to self I seem to be building these walls ever stronger. Oh, my Jesus, I love You and I always seem to fail You. I think the only way that I will ever die to myself is for a forty ton truck to run over me.

Jesus:

My child, do not fear but know in the times of darkness I am tearing these walls of self down. I gently remove them stone by stone. These are the times of your darkest pain for each stone that is removed self dies and you cry out in the pain of loss. But I replace each piece that is removed with My Love. Soon, My child, you shall be free of these burdens and you shall fly with Me. You shall fly free. No more shall

you be chained with the fear of self.

Freedom shall be yours in Me. We, together, shall soar to heights that are beyond your dreams. No more

chains: no more burdens of this world to hold you back. There shall be only you and I in the Love of our Oneness.

I Love you, My child, these Words are open to all My children for he who comes to seek, the path shall be opened. They shall find Me in the dying of self. This My children have forgotten.

They say they follow Me but they simply follow their own desires.

They do not know Me. They do not want to follow Me upon the true Journey of Love, they only follow themselves.

I say to him who wishes to follow that you must walk through the darkness of unknowing, where self is purged in the Fire of Love, where they shall be freed from the bonds that chain

them to this world. I Love you, My son, rest now and give Me more time tomorrow so that I can speak to this world. I, your Jesus, Love you. Believe this and all shall be well.

In this time we should be more diligent to obey with everything that we have for this is the time that the fruits of the Spirit can grow and it is this extra effort that is the food. In this aridity we wander in a parched, dry desert calling for Him, who has seemingly abandoned us. It appears that we will never find our way back to what we have had but what we had formerly is nothing to what is being grown within us now in this time of darkness. See this time as a time of growth and not a bad time. For Jesus is merely hiding from us like a playful father who hides from his child only to catch it up into his arms and love it. He merely teaches us a determination to continue for the lights in the darkness are glimpses of Him as He hides, to make us long for Him all the more. He is the sun behind the cloud.

Did He not tell us about the woman who had lost her coin? She swept the house clean and when she had found it she called her friends in to celebrate the finding of the coin. Note here that she had to 'sweep

the house clean.' The darkness would appear to be just that, a getting rid of deeper things of the self that we do not need for the Journey.

These desert places on our Journey are there to teach us how to proceed. We gain much that we need spiritually and lose that which is physical and only hinders us on this spiritual path. It is the progression along The Way.

Offer these times to Jesus as a gift. Even if we do not feel like obeying or working then the Secret is to do it with a greater effort. To each little detail, each little labour, give yourself to it entirely so that the tapestry you are making on one side looks untidy and it is only when you turn it over do you see the real picture. It is not ours to see what our efforts have done, only to go through them and to do them.

In prayer these times of dryness can lead us to a greater Secret. Applying the same methods of paying attention to the detail of our work, giving everything in prayer - even that it seems to afford nothing - we must realise that prayer is not about consolations and feelings. No, it is about communicating with our God and allowing Him to change us into what He wants us to become. It is

about giving our entire will to Him so that it becomes His Will. We can only plant the seed, it is Jesus who makes it grow. And fruit that is grown in this spiritual darkness is the most delicious fruit.

The soul:

*To You, oh, Jesus,
I give my heart.*

Take me and use me, my Love.

Jesus:

Come, My bride, walk with Me in the pastures of Love. Do not look to the right or to the left. But only see Me, My Love. Do not worry about anything but know that you are My Love, My bride.

I have moulded you, I have formed you with My Love. I have torn the strips of self from you. You covered away many times as self cried out in the pain of loss. But My Love soothed you and replaced that which was lost. This process continues until you shall become My witness of Love. You shall walk in Me and with Me. You shall be My instrument and I shall be your Love.

Continue upon this Journey of Love and you shall see the fall of darkness and reign of Peace, when My Presence shall be real among My people. I shall walk with My children. I shall be their Oneness. You, My child, are My Oneness; you are the instrument

that I shall use to carve this world into the Way of Love. I touch your lips with the sword of Truth and My Fire shall gush from your mouth. You shall become the Truth of My Love as I send you as My two witnesses of Love into this world to dispel the darkness.

Be strong, My Love, stay close to My Heart. The battering of the tempest comes. They come to try to tear My Love from you but they shall not succeed for it is My Spirit that dwells within you. He breathes new Life into you, a Life that cannot die. It is the Life of My Love that comes forth from My Father's Mouth.

We are One and the same and We are the Light that shines through Our 'Jewel of Love.'

We have hewn you from this world and We have carved you with Love. Each cut we incurred you cried out in the dying to self. You, My Jewel, are like a diamond that has been cut and re-cut over many years until you become perfect with no blemish that will mar the Light of My Love as it shines forth into this world of darkness. You have become the weapon of Love, something that the world cannot understand. Something that shall become despised and hated by many, for they are blind and cannot see the Light that I shine through you. I

do this so that My Love will remain. I am in you and through you and you must begin to believe this. I Am is with you.

It is in this determination to go on – seemingly against the odds – believing and doing what He has asked that we are dying to the deeper desires within self. These are the hidden ones, the ones that chain us to ourselves. The aridity is the time when the Spirit separates what is flesh from that which is spirit. We are becoming spiritual beings on this Journey, those who live in the Kingdom on this earth. That is why Jesus asks us to give so much in this time because the spirit and the flesh are incompatible.

We begin to realise that we cannot do without Him and we want Him all the more. We realise further that The Way of the Sacred Heart is about us being purged of our own self will so that we can be of greater use to Him. Much is being taken from us that we must consent to let go of in order to give Him the greater portion. It is like a room with much furniture in it. To make space in it we must begin to part with the clutter that is there. Even if these are our most prized possessions, they have no room in our spiritual life, they are of no use to us. If we allow

Jesus, He will purge that self that does not want to give in, that makes us stumble and fall away from Him. It is the part of us that blinds us to the Truth. We must become obedient unto Him for that is the essence of our longings and the very material that The Way is built on. It is the Way of Love.

As each bleak time progresses and the more we must give of ourselves, we begin to panic and become anxious. We feel the security that the world has afforded us for so long, beckoning us to come back from the path. To all intents, we are lost from all that we hold dear and nothing seems to be ahead of us: no consolation, no light and no Jesus. And the voice of self calls to us to abandon this Way and tells us that we are lost.

A war begins internally. Self tries to make us believe that we are lost to everything and promises delights and produces memories and emotions of the world. It tries to cloud out The Way that calls to us by reminding us of our sins, our unworthiness and telling us that we cannot go further. And a great chasm opens between us and the world and the rudiments of The Way are unfamiliar to us. We reach a point where we realise that we cannot run to the

world when the darkness chokes and suffocates us but we must doggedly walk on. All we have is our faith and even that does not seem to help. For Jesus alone, then we must continue. We have wagered all on His promises to us, we have nothing left but the knowledge that He is the Truth. This is abandonment and that, total. We have, with Saint Paul, given up everything as so much rubbish, if only we can have Jesus. He is our goal our Love and everything that we want. Imagine yourself as a parent who has lost a child in a great forest. You can hear the child calling and you begin to search for it. The infant's cry is

the driving force behind you, the propulsion that forces you onward. The love for the child and the protection instinct within you blinds you to all else but the security of the child in this dark, lonely forest. And you run to find it. All seems hopeless for you do not know the paths of the forest and its ways are unfamiliar to you. As time passes your eyes grow accustomed to the dim light. The more you travel through it then the more used to it you become and the way becomes easier. It was Jesus who called us on this Journey and it is that call which should be the impulsion behind our Journey to Him. Even in

the deepest darkness, His Voice will be heard if we learn to recognise it. Learn the Secret then, learn to smile inwardly when the darkness comes, knowing that it is a Gift from your Beloved and a source of great joy. Learn to give wholeheartedly in this time, to give to each little detail of obedience a greater emphasis, knowing that in your Hermitage you are detaching yourself from the world and becoming one with Jesus. As we journey deeper then the darkness becomes deeper, as though to make us stop the Journey altogether. But once we learn the Secret and do it then you will not want to walk, you will run.

HARDER AND HARDER TO FOLLOW JESUS

To stay with Him

As time moves on it seems to be getting harder and harder to follow Jesus, to stay with Him, to do the things He wants of us. For my part, it seems that the everyday things of life take all of my time and I have little time for my God. It seems to be an endless cycle

from I get up in the morning till I go to bed at night. Between working, rearing children, keeping house etc, there is little time for God. The physical has taken over the spiritual and it manifests itself in my struggle to stay on the right path.

The world calls

The world calls ever louder

and we are sucked into its greedy mouth. It devours us and our time, time that could be given to God. Maybe we put importance on things that really are not that important. Jesus said: "Look at how even your time is stolen by the evil one" *Monday 6 December 2004*

And
“...Look at how I call for many Houses of Prayer. Why do I do this, My servant? Why do so many resist My calls to come and help in this? Has one come with love in their hearts to take on My Way? This is because the evil one has stolen their time. They are those who do not fight self...”

Our time is stolen

Our time is stolen by the evil one but it is stolen because we allow it to be. We go into the clutches of the world because we want to, we want what it offers and it is like the parable of the well; we drink this water but we are never satisfied because we get thirsty again and need to slake our thirst again. Pity we are not so thirsty for God.

A consistent relationship

The problem is, I believe, that to stay focused on Jesus, particularly in these dark days, we need to have a consistent relationship with Him, we need to communicate with Him everyday.

A fantastic youtube video

I recently watched a fantastic and inspiring youtube video about a man who had a near death experience. There were many things that touched me about this film, not least the tangible Love of God that emanated from him. While this man recounted his experience he was visibly moved and kept breaking into tears

simply remembering the sheer Love of God he had encountered.

Puts things into perspective

Basically, Ian McCormick was a young man, pretty normal by today's standards. He was greatly into surfing and, from what I can gather, spent his time pursuing this sport and the pleasures of life. One night he went underwater diving and was stung by a box jellyfish. To cut a long story short, he was stung five times, one of these stings is enough to kill a grown man. Through an amazing sequence of events, we are taken on a journey through parts of this mans life and on to his subsequent death and thereafter. I do not want to go into too much detail as it would spoil the viewing of this truly amazing film. The gist of it is, this film puts things into perspective.

We spend selfishly

Yes there are things that we must do in our lives but is there not time that we spend selfishly, time that we could give to God? When this man came Face to face with God, nothing else mattered to him. The Truth is that if we could see with spiritual eyes, then we, too, would realise that there is nothing more important than God in our lives. He deserves our all as He gave us His All.

Cease to matter

When we see the things that we put before God, this could be anything like

watching TV, going to the gym, going out on a Friday and Saturday night, whatever our particular thing is, when we put these beside saving a soul from hell by our prayers, or saving a baby from abortion because we stood outside an abortion clinic praying and being there for anyone who needed us, then our own things cease to matter as much.

To decide

I suppose what I am trying to say is that we are all only here in this life for one reason and that is to decide whether we want to go to God in Heaven or spend eternity in hell. We decide this by the way that we live our lives, not simply a mental choice.

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Come, now, My beloved children, walk with Me, take this Journey of Love that I offer to you and allow Me to penetrate deep into your hearts.

It is through prayer that you come to know Me, My children.

Prayer is talking to Me, your God: talk to Me in your daily lives, take time out to be with Me for, prayer is also silence, to sit with Me and feel for My Presence.

Do not complicate your prayer but be comfortable with Me: talk to Me and tell Me your fears, your joys, your loves, your doubts for I am your Friend.

I am the One who Loves you,

the One who created you,
the One who waits for you to
enter My Kingdom.

Come, My beloved children,
take on this Path that I
offer to you; follow Me and
We, together, shall do great

things in this world. We,
together shall bring many
into My Kingdom.

Come, now, My beloved
children, for time grows
ever shorter, the darkness
encroaches into all parts of

life now, there is not much
time left.

Come, My beloved children, I
call to you, COME.
I Love you.

SonLight IN AMERICA

LETTER FROM BETTY AND BILL

A letter

*To the two Patricks and all
servants at the Sacred Heart
House of Prayer!*

*We thank You, Jesus, a
thousand times over for
sending Patrick Rushe with
six of your servants, four
being from SonLight, to
the Mother of Love House
of Prayer. The seven from
Ireland were exhilarating.
The House was filled with
so much joy, music, songs,
laughter and prayer... The
highlight of the trip was
a beautiful Message from
Jesus bonding our House
in a very special way with
the Sacred Heart House of
Prayer in Ireland.*

Healing

*As all were gathering to pray
over me for healing, I was in
the Prayer Room privately
asking Jesus to take me right
into His Heart, just Him
and me, alone in the quiet
of His Heart, so filled with
Love. And He ALLOWED
me this privilege. I truly
felt I had entered the Heart
of Jesus and didn't want to
leave the Peace and Love
He was emanating. I can
honestly say I didn't know
what the servants healing
prayers were. Just two days
later my legs felt so free to
walk and still do. I don't
need the walker nor do I
have pain of healing which
I offer to Jesus to use as He*

*wills, "Not my will, Jesus,
but Thine be done."*

How good God is

*You might know, we were
not looking for this week to
end and feel the emptiness
that follows departures but
also the Mother of Love
House of Prayer is still alive
with energy. I now look
forward to the trip to Denver
to our granddaughter's
wedding on October 4th
when I was really dreading
the travel to and from.
How good God is! I place
all my trust in Him. May
the Angels surround all the
Houses of Prayer. Hugs all
around and God Bless!
Servants Betty & Bill*

AINÉ'S POINT OF VIEW

Feelings of nervousness

*I had some feelings of
nervousness as we left for
America as this was the first*

*time I had left my little boy
for a week but I knew he was
in good hands. My mother
in law came to Ireland to*

*help my husband for the
time I was away. Jesus has
blessed me with her.*

Arriving in Peoria

Arriving in Peoria we were collected by Bill one of the servants and by Gretchen, a friend of the House. There are only three Habit members in the whole of the USA Bill, his wife Betty and Cathy. They all live close to the House and between them they have put so much love, prayer and obedience into the House that it is tangible when you walk through the door. It truly was a lovely feeling just to be there and kneel in the Prayer Room to greet Jesus.

It filled up

Our schedule was not completely full for the week but it filled up as the week went on. We arrived on Monday. Tuesday we had our first Prayer Meeting in Saint Anne's Church. Jesus spoke that morning giving us joy and encouragement. We received such a warm welcome from the parishioners in Saint Anne's. About forty or fifty people attended the meeting. I was playing the piano with my back to the people and I found it hard to feel their reaction so it was a delight to know at the end of the meeting nobody moved. It was as if they were feeling Jesus and didn't want to leave!

Jesus heard our prayer

Wednesday during the day we prayed with Betty who has been suffering with terrible back and neck pain and fractures from a car

accident. Jesus heard our prayer and strengthened her as she was able to walk unassisted afterwards. Praise and thank You, Lord! Later we had dinner in Cathy's home with her husband and the sing song afterwards inspired them to approach the University Chaplain to ask if we could sing in their café the next night.

Second Prayer Meeting

Thursday we had our second Prayer Meeting in Saint Mark's church on Bradley University campus followed by a small gig in the Catholic Café there. The Prayer Meeting was beautiful and some of the people there were really into it lifting their hands and worshipping Jesus through song. On the way into the meeting an elderly nun was in front of us and she turned to say hello and asked 'Are you Brother Patrick?' to Patrick Rushe. I don't know how she knew him but she must have wanted to see him and be there as she needed assistance to walk and was making a great effort to attend the meeting.

A really lovely experience

In the Catholic café we sang a mix of hymns, pop songs and Irish songs. One of the students also sang too and the priest invited us back again the following night



as there would be more young people there. On Friday we returned and had a really lovely experience. The young people seemed to enjoy the music and also were touched by some of the Words. One young man while chatting to us afterwards asked about one of the songs Patrick had written called 'There's Always.' He thought the lyrics were 'cool, man.'

Full and powerful day

Saturday was a very full and powerful day. It began with a prayer vigil at the abortion clinic in Peoria. There was another elderly nun on her knees on the street praying the Rosary when we arrived. I was moved to tears just at being there and also at seeing her love and her giving. We prayed and sang while we were there asking Jesus for an end to abortion and healing for all those involved in this terrible crime.

Also present there

It seems as if Jesus is also present there at the clinic as next door to the clinic is a centre that offers support and education to women who change their minds. I was thinking Jesus had put it there to give every chance

to the women to change their minds. Following this we had an impromptu Prayer Meeting in the House of Prayer. Jesus had asked Patrick to get us to sing a Hillsong song called Oceans. As we sang sitting around the table there was the most beautiful Presence of Jesus and one of the servants, who is also a Messenger, received a Message from Jesus and He spoke of the babies singing with us and said 'These babies plead mercy for their mothers and work with you.' Another Blessing, another Gift from Jesus and what Love!

Later in the afternoon

Later in the afternoon we sang at the vigil Mass in Saint Mark's. Many of the congregation joined in the final hymn and were

clapping and dancing in their seats as we sang 'This Little Light of Mine.' That night Bill had arranged for us to play in the local Irish bar called Jimmy's. It was great craic as the crowd loved everything Irish and were very friendly and receptive.

Our final day

Sunday was our final day. We went to a wonderful charismatic Mass in Saint Anne's parish in the morning. The congregation all joined hands during the Our Father and again I felt such Love there that I was moved to tears.

A public Prayer Meeting

That afternoon we had a public Prayer Meeting in the Mother of Love House of Prayer. There was a good crowd there and some had never been to

the House before. After, I was chatting to a lady who shared that her friend who had attended the Prayer Meeting in Saint Anne's was a lapsed Catholic and had decided to return to the Sacraments following the Meeting! What a gift to hear this! My hope for the week was that Jesus would call people to the Mother of Love House to take on the Commitment. I don't know if He did this but at least people came to the House of Prayer who were never there before and somebody went back to the Sacraments.

Thank You, Jesus

Praise and thank You, Jesus, for the opportunity to go to the Mother of Love House of Prayer and sing for You.



Pilgrim's Progress

Diary of a Pilgrimage

**...Like the Way of My Sacred Heart,
a pilgrimage is a journey;
a journey to My Heart...**

A privilege

I wanted for many years to go and visit the Houses of Prayer in Germany

and Poland. Going on the Pilgrimage was a good way for me to get to see them as well as visiting

the Holy Shrines in Prague and Poland. I had the opportunity this year to go and it was a privilege to be

on it. All had been arranged with my family. I tried to prepare by praying leading up to the pilgrimage and fasting on one of the days during the week.

Excited

I joined the Pilgrimage at Amsterdam as I had a flight to Schipol. It was great to meet my brothers and sisters and see some new faces as I got into the mini bus. There was a peaceful atmosphere as we travelled through Holland into Germany, we prayed the Rosary and I remembered what Jesus had said about the Pilgrimage: "...Be excited, My pilgrims, of being with Me for you are in My company and My Mother's..." And we certainly were!

Look for Me in silence

There was a lot of travelling to do and we had times of prayer, silence, singing and praising on the journey and every two hours we stopped for a break. After the evening prayers (Divine Office) I opened up the Message Book to see what Jesus wanted to say to us. He gave us number 420 which was very appropriate as we made this journey with Him:

"...Greetings to you, My faithful followers. I am the Lord, your God, and I am with you in this time. This night I wish you to look at My Presence with you. I wish you to know that I am here among you and I tell you that I Love each of you. Look at My Presence this

night, look for Me in silence and you shall feel Me. I am in your heart and I am Loving you. Do not take My Presence for granted but really seek Me this night. You will find Me if you seek Me. Leave all of you behind you and walk with Me on this Journey of Love..."
Wednesday 3 May 1995, for the Prayer Meeting

Welcoming atmosphere

It was dark as we approached Colditz for our stay at Saint Nikolaus House of Prayer. On entering the town we saw the castle lit up and dominating the skyline. It was a magnificent sight! As we walked into the House of Prayer, we walked into a very welcoming atmosphere. I have been to a few of the Houses of Prayer and in each House you feel at home. Jesus' Presence and Peace is in all of the Houses. Saint Nikolaus House of Prayer will one day serve food to help those in need in this area.

Warmth of its Fire

On 10 August 2006, Jesus said:

"...My Heart wishes to be here in the middle of this darkness; it wishes to enfold it with Light, with the warmth of its Fire..."

The following day we were given a guided tour of Colditz Castle. It was easy to imagine the soldiers and guards being there. It was interesting to hear about the prisoners who had tried to or succeeded to escape. I could see how these young

men used their God given talents and worked together to help each other escape. There also seemed to be a lot of respect and admiration between the German guards and the Allied Officers who were prisoners there.

Infant of Prague

Sunday we attended Mass in Saint Raphael Church. The priest and locals were very accommodating towards us. After a lovely meal together at Saint Nikolas House of Prayer, we headed on to the Shrine of the Infant of Prague. After a few trials and lots of road works, we reached the Carmelite Church in Prague with the help of an Angel. We were just in time for Holy Mass which felt very special. It was lovely to be there and after Mass we saw the statue of the Infant of Prague and prayed there.

Poland

From there we drove to Saint Stanislaus House of Prayer in Poland. The Welcome we received from Jesus was wonderful. You could almost feel His Embrace! Again we were made feel at home. One of the other pilgrims also commented on this and said it was different from other pilgrimages as you felt you were in the company of a Friend. Bridie and Seimhin who had been waiting patiently for our arrival greeted us with Jesus' Love and prepared a wonderful meal for us, which was enjoyed by all.

A few good laughs

The next day we took a trip into Bolkow, the nearest town and had a look around. We had a great get together in the evening, sang hymns together and had a few good laughs too!

I was pleased to be able to take part in the work and prayer at the House of Prayer even if it was for just a short time. Work is still carrying on there but the House will soon be ready.

Jesus said in January 2006: "This House is in a poor area... Its mission will therefore be to go unto the streets and feed these poor people spiritually..."

Czestochowa

The following morning we left for Czestochowa, we had times of prayer and silence in the van. This is Poland's most famous Shrine and people from all over Poland come here, often by walking. It is a place of many miracles and healings. It is also the place where Saint John Paul II gave his papacy into Our Lady's care (Totus Tuus).

A very holy time

After we arrived we had time to greet Jesus and Our Lady of Czestochowa before we checked in to our accommodation. What a beautiful Church and Shrine! All the paintings and beauty adorning the chapel give glory to God and honour to His Mother, Mary. There is great reverence and respect too and great devotion and faith here. We got to

Mass at 3.30pm which was packed out as were all the Masses there. There was beautiful singing during the Mass. Afterwards there was Exposition, Holy Rosary the Litany and Benediction all in Polish. It felt a very holy time.

Carry our cross

Up above the chapel there is found The Golgotha Stations of the Cross by Jerzy Duda Graz. They are not the usual type and there is so much in them that is so deep and meaningful. The artist includes present day people and situations, they are very touching and brought tears to my eyes. In many of them you can see Jesus being ignored in this modern world yet showing He is with us in all our trials as we carry our cross in this life.

Adoration

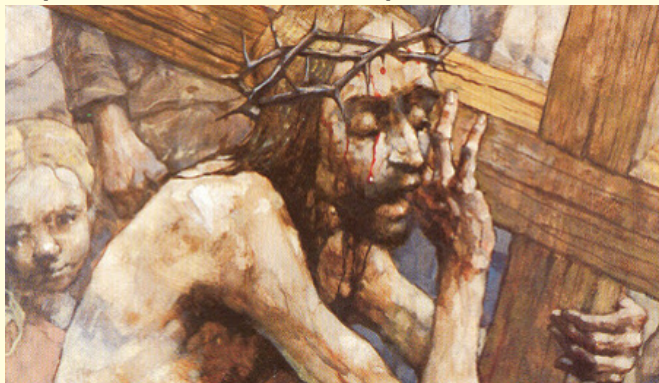
As we sat down for our evening meal I was struck by the thought that we seemed to be such a small group in a big hall of retreatants who were all in military uniform from the army, navy and air force who all

happened to be priests! It was an amazing sight to see so many clergy all in one place! After dinner I went to Adoration to spend some time with Jesus. Early bed was welcome that night.

The sound of trumpets

After breakfast the next morning, I had a wander around the outside of the Sanctuary and had a look at the Treasury. I did the Stations of the Cross outside and had time to reflect on the Passion and Death of Jesus and remember all those I was praying for. I then went to Mass and afterwards the Icon of Our Lady of Czestochowa was unveiled to the sound of trumpets and a drum roll. I spent some time in Adoration and later we got together for a cup of tea and the famous Pope's cake (John Paul II) before heading for bed.

We had an early start the next day. I went to Mass at 5.30am which was followed by the unveiling of the Icon of Our Lady again to the sound of a fanfare! After the Rosary we met up for early breakfast then headed



off to Auchwitz.

Left a scar in my heart

It was a dismal day and suited the atmosphere at Auschwitz. We had a long tour which helped me to see the reality of what went on there. Millions of Jews as well as others were exterminated at this death camp. There is too much to write to go into detail but needless to say what happened there was a result of unlove and the de-humanisation of the Jews. It was to be the 'final solution' a complete eradication of their race. It is similar in these days with abortion as these little innocent lives are also de-humanised. I had to ask myself the same question I have asked recently about ISIS, who do/did these people think they are? What right had they in doing this? The treatment of the prisoners was atrocious. If you weren't sent to the gas chamber on entering the camp, you were worked to death, starved to death or hung or shot! That's if you had not died on the way as many did. About fifty men, women and children were transported there in a small carriage with no windows, no food, no toilet, no water. Depending where you came from in Europe you could be travelling up to a week! I pray this evil will never happen again. This visit has left a scar in my heart and it will remain with me but I am glad I went so I could see how barbaric mankind can become and to remember

what happens when we don't love each other.

Wadowice

In the afternoon, we visited Wadowice, (Saint John Paul's II's birthplace.) It was a welcome contrast to what we had just seen at Auschwitz. The church where he was Baptised was beautiful like many of the churches in Poland. It now holds his relic. There was Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament while we were there and it was a lovely opportunity to spend a short time with Jesus in prayer. We also had a very interesting guided tour of his home, which has now been turned into a museum. We were given an insight into his early childhood through to his papacy. There are still some original items in the house from his childhood including a picture of Jesus given at his first Holy Communion.

Saint Faustina

After the tour, it was time to head for the Divine Mercy Sanctuary. What a day! When we arrived at the Sanctuary we were greeted by a lovely man who welcomed us like Jesus would. He told us there would be a Rosary said at 8.30pm in the Visitation chapel with the sisters of the Visitation. These nuns are of the same order that Saint Faustina was. The Rosary was offered for all those suffering from marriage/family breakdown. He also informed us of a lovely

Mass at 6.30am too! We had a lovely meal together on our arrival and the accommodation was also good.

The Divine Mercy

In the Chapel of the Visitation there was Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and above the Monstrance was the large painting of Jesus as the Divine Mercy. In front of this beautiful picture the relics of Saint Faustina are kept and we were able to kneel and kiss the relics in front of the Blessed Sacrament. It would have made a lovely photo but unfortunately I was not allowed.

Time to leave

The next day was very wet. I managed to get to early Mass and have a look around the on site shop. Later on I went to Confession and at 3pm I joined in the Divine Mercy prayer in the Basilica, followed by Mass. Sadly, because of the weather, I didn't manage to do the Stations of the Cross outside. But I did go up in the tower and took in the views of the surrounding area. Sadly, all too soon, it was time to leave. However, our pilgrimage continued and we all looked forward to being back at Saint Stanislaus House of Prayer.

The Gallery of the Heart

Again we had a lovely welcome when we arrived. We shared a meal together, servants, pilgrims and workers. One big family! The following day we had

a shopping trip to Bolkow. Some of the ladies took advantage and did some shopping in the market and a local boutique where they were treated to a lovely coffee. In the afternoon, we had a visit from two priests, one had been the parish priest for a while in the church next door. He had brought his friend along to translate. It was a lovely afternoon. The priest Blessed all our religious objects. We had tea and a chat with some good laughs. Seimhin

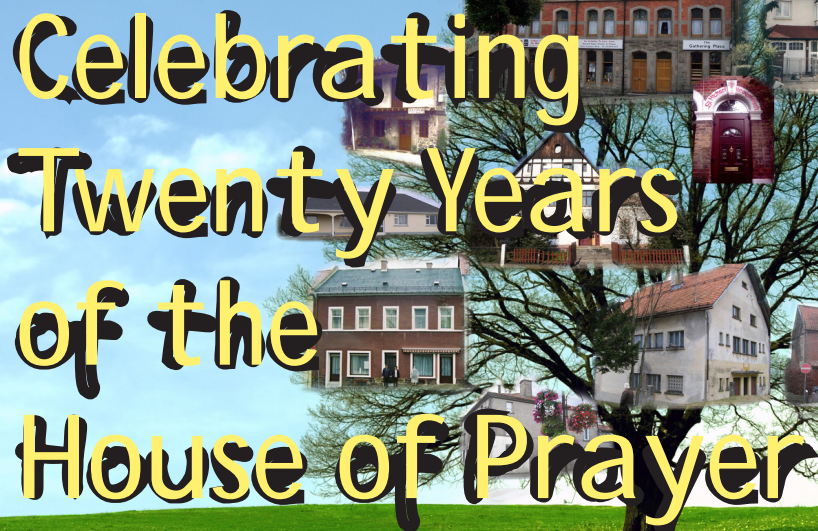
played some of Sonlight's music to them from the computer and showed them some paintings from The Gallery of the Heart, which they enjoyed.

Sad to leave

After Mass the following morning, we enjoyed a lovely fry. It wasn't long after that we began our journey back to Saint Nikolaus House of Prayer in Germany. We kept up the prayers, silence and sang hymns along the way until we arrived at our destination. This was a

short stop, so it was early to bed after dinner to have a few hours rest before the long journey back to Amsterdam. It was sad to leave my brothers and sisters at Schipol airport after sharing such a lovely prayerful time with them. I will hold on to the memories and I'm sure I will meet up with them again soon. I thank Jesus for His Love and Teachings and His Mother, Mary, for being with us on our Journey.

Heather



Celebrating Twenty Years of the House of Prayer

A MEMORY FROM THE PRINT ROOM

Process of being built

On a Friday, when the print room of David was in the process of being built, they were a quarter of the way

through the first floor, one of the servants was brick laying at the time.

A bad phobia

I remember telling him only

a few weeks before that I had a bad phobia of ladders, if the ladder stayed still I was fine but if it moved at all I was frozen to the spot,

not being able to move up or down.

Today was the day

Anyhow, on this particular Friday I spied the ladder to the unfinished first floor and decided that today was the day to try and get over this phobia. On my way to it, all the reasons why I shouldn't try it were racing through my head.

Coaxed me

The servant doing the

bricklaying saw me and must have remembered what I told him. As soon as he saw me he realised what I was trying to do and immediately went to the top of the ladder, he then coaxed me all the way up. This took about fifteen minutes. We chatted for a few minutes then he coaxed me down again, about ten minutes. He never left to continue his work until I was safely on the ground.

Example of Love

To me this was a great example of love as that servant was willing to leave what he was doing to help another. This is only a small example but it is often in the small things that much love can be shown and given. And it is something that I have never forgotten. God Bless you all.

Have I learned anything

Many times

There are many times I think to myself, have I learned anything in these past twenty years as a Habit member in the Way of the Sacred Heart? I know that I need to keep continually battling against myself i.e. the self in me. I need to keep focusing on Jesus. I know these things and yet, I fall so easily.

'Gods not Dead'

I watched a film lately called 'Gods not Dead' and it really got me thinking. I was trying to figure out which one of the characters

I was like and I could see some of my traits in a few of them.

Could not deny Jesus

The main character, a young man just beginning University, stood up for the Truth, he could not deny Jesus in his life and he lost friends and family because he held on to what he believed. The film really made me wonder, how far would I walk for Jesus?

Self takes over

We can bring Jesus into every single moment of our lives. The time we don't is when the self takes over.

The earlier days

I have been remembering back to the intensity of the earlier days, months and years in the Way of the Sacred Heart. Jesus gave the Patricks a lot of what we would call Teachings. The Patricks would have shared some with us, I say some as I believe we would not have a clue as to how intense those Teachings were that were given to the Patricks.

How far

I ask myself again, how far will I walk for Jesus?

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Events Celebrated

Feast of Saint Pio Tuesday 23 September

Saint Pio is a very popular Saint here in the House of Prayer. At each of our prayer times the servants witnessed to his influence and intervention in their lives. We were reminded of his life story and how he bore the Wounds of Christ. He was a very disciplined man and suffered much for Jesus' Truth. His frankness and honesty often were misinterpreted and portrayed him as a cross man which he was not, he was only speaking the Truth. Thank You, Jesus.

Feast of the Archangels Monday 29 September

Another beautiful Day of Prayer. We had our usual Community Prayers and we read extracts from the Song of the Carpenter and were reminded of the creation of the Angels and their love and beauty. This was an uplifting Day which reminded us of the presence of the Angels in our lives.

Saint Thérèse of the Child Jesus Wednesday 1 October

Saint Thérèse is a Patron of the House of Prayer here in Cookstown and we all have a great love for her, which came through very evidently in the Community Prayers. It was a very joyous Day. A servant shared of Thérèse's childlike ways and how she could connect with this and imitate it in her own life. Another servant shared of how when they were in France on a mission for Jesus they were able to visit Liseux and stood on the spot where Thérèse heard her father complain of her childishness. All through the Day servants shared of their Novena prayers answered through Saint Thérèse.

Feast of the Guardian Angels Thursday 2 October

Another beautiful Day of sharing personal devotion to our Guardian Angels. A servant shared of a time when she was in the House of Prayer in Poland and came upon difficulties which she could not solve on her own

and she called on the Angel of the House, called Gentle, to help her and everything was resolved quickly. Other servants shared about the intervention of their own Guardian Angels and we were reminded that they cannot help us unless they are called upon.

Feast of Saint Francis Saturday 4 October

Extracts were shared from the life of Saint Francis. We were reminded of his 'giving' to Jesus and his love of hardship and suffering. A Message to the Patricks was shared where Saint Francis says *"...humility, love and forgiveness are what I recommend to the followers of Jesus."* Saint Francis was an ardent lover of Jesus and would go to any lengths for the sake of the Cross of Jesus.

Weekend with the Patricks Friday 10 October

The Weekend with the Patricks began on Friday evening with a Prayer Meeting guided by Patrick and SonLight singing. What a wonderful beginning! The

Prayer Room was filled with the Fire of the Holy Spirit as we danced and sang in both body and soul. The beautiful melodies and words opened our hearts and souls. I felt it was a great preparation to receive the Spirit and Wisdom that Jesus wished us to receive over the course of the Weekend.



Saturday 11 October

Saturday began with 12pm Community Prayers and introduction to the Weekend giving us a broad outline of the day.

At 2.45pm, we gathered for our Walk Against Abortion around the town of Cookstown. There were nearly seventy of us as we walked silently, showing our pictures of abortion, which spoke their own message. The weather was mild and pleasant. We were grateful



also to the police for their assistance. When we returned to the House of Prayer we enjoyed a cup of tea before we continued with a lovely Special Baptism of the Unborn followed by a hymn or two. It was a great opportunity to do something for the fight against abortion.

The Patricks

Later, we gathered in the Conference Room for our first meeting with the Patricks. They spoke about how we have lost the perspective that we are only here on this earth to “choose” if we want to go to Heaven or not, by the way we live our lives. We have lost sight that we will all die and that our deeds on earth have consequences. We live our lives carelessly. We must learn to put Jesus first in our lives and strive to gain Treasure in Heaven ie gain souls for God. They spoke of how the Church and society is changing slowly away from God. They compared it to the way a frog is cooked. It is put into cold water which is gently heated until finally it is cooked. So it is with the world. Things

was to wake up and choose Jesus above all else before it is too late.

The meeting broke up around 10pm with one of the Patricks remaining on for more of an informal chat.



Sunday

On Sunday, we had dinner around 1pm for the retreatants staying over. We continued our prayers at 3pm with the Divine Mercy and Rosary and some music from SonLight. The two Patricks joined us then and reiterated how we are now living in the dark times. They pointed out that all the Messages spoken of by Our Lady are coming to pass and mentioned Anne Catherine Emmerich’s prophecy of the time there would be two popes in Rome during the days of darkness. Those days are upon us now. We can all see this. Again, I cannot do their talks justice but perhaps to summarise they stressed the importance that we take these times seriously and allow Jesus to be our Guide.

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**Wednesday 15 October
Feast of Saint
Teresa of Avila**

The Feast Day began with Community Prayers at 12pm followed by a talk on Teresa of Avila by one of the servants. He recounted how the Saint had observed that many in the Carmelite Order, at the time were, carrying on living the same pampered lives they had lived outside the order and how this resulted in them not changing. After many years she was ultimately inspired to reform the order. Her writings have been very influential and very popular in Spain where her autobiography is as widely read as many other classical works.

Conversion

During the 3pm Community Prayers, after the recitation of the Rosary and Divine Mercy, a special Baptism of the Unborn was prayed with each person coming forward to light a candle for the little ones. A servant spoke on a Message given



by Saint Teresa through the two Patricks. She said that if after our conversion we are still living the same way of life, then we are not converted. "...You cannot make a pretence of it; it must be real and true..." (extract from Message)

**Thursday 16 October
Feast of Saint
Margaret Mary**

The day began with 12pm Community Prayers and a talk on the life of the Saint. The servant spoke about how Jesus began to appear to Saint Margaret Mary revealing to her His Most Sacred Heart. He asked her to spread devotion to

the Sacred Heart and to the Nine First Fridays. He asked her to spread the image of the Sacred Heart around the world. The Message was read from Saint Margaret Mary where she said that she wished to remain hidden. Her wish was that she wouldn't be known but only Jesus.

At the 3pm prayers, after the Community prayers, a servant shared Saint Margaret Mary's words of looking at the truth within ourselves. "...You must first search for the treasure, unearth it and then go buy the field..." *Saint Margaret Mary, through the two Patricks, Saturday 28 February 2004*

Events to Come

**Feast of Christ the King and
Saint Cecilia Day of Prayer
and Music**

Sunday 23 November
Prayers begin at 4pm

**Feast of the Immaculate
Conception**

Monday 8 December
Walk Against Abortion
Saturday 6 December

gathering at 2.45pm

**Feast of Saint
John of the Cross**
Sunday 14 December
Prayers begin at 3pm

**Birthday Party for Jesus
on Christmas Evening at
8pm**

New Years Eve Vigil
Wednesday 31 December
from 10pm until just after
midnight

First Friday Vigils
from 10pm - 2am:
Friday 7 November 2014
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Ninety two percent of children with Down's Syndrome are aborted

"Immoral"

I am writing this article on the eve of my son's twelfth birthday. My son was born with Down's Syndrome and, in those twelve years, sadly it seems that little has changed in people's attitudes towards disability.

There have been many stories that have come to light in the news which shows this to be the case. The most famous of these was comments made by atheist writer, Richard Dawkins, who had tweeted advice to a woman who had said she wouldn't know what she would do if she had a diagnosis of Down's Syndrome for her pregnancy.

Richard Dawkins claimed it is "immoral" to allow unborn babies with Down's Syndrome to live.

No right to object

The Oxford professor posted a message on Twitter saying would-be parents who learn their child has the condition have an ethical responsibility to "abort it and try again." His comments were dismissed by charities and

prompted fury online from opponents but he insisted his stance was "very civilised" because foetuses do not have "human feelings."

He claimed that the important question in the abortion debate is not "is it 'human?'" but "can it suffer?" and insisted that people have no right to object to abortion if they eat meat.

"Eugenics"

Almost one thousand abortions are carried out on babies with Down's Syndrome in England and Wales each year, according to an independent register. But it emerged earlier this year that almost half of them were missing from official Department of Health records.

Pro-Life campaigners describe the practice of aborting babies on physical grounds as a form of "eugenics." But Professor

Dawkins strongly defended it as simply standard practice and ridiculed his critics as portraying him as "a horrid monster."

There is a group

Then, most recently, there was the Tory MP, Lord Freud's reply to councillor David Scott who asked him about getting "mentally damaged individuals" into work claiming that bosses were not willing to pay them the £6.50 minimum wage. He replied: "There is a group and I know exactly who you mean, where actually as you say they are not worth the full minimum wage and actually I'm going to go and think about that particular issue, whether there is something we



can do nationally without distorting the whole thing, which actually if someone wants, to work for £2 an hour..."

Should be happy

Richard Kramer, of deafblind charity Sense, said the peer had shown "a complete lack of understanding of the challenges faced by disabled people." He added: "It is utterly disrespectful to suggest that disabled people should be happy to earn less than the minimum wage or that their contribution to society is of less value."

Deeply broken

'Noah's Dad' who writes a blog about his son's life says: "This website and our other social media channels have a wide reach and we regularly receive messages from people all over the world. Most of these messages are overwhelmingly positive and give us great encouragement. But every once in a while we receive a message that

reminds us that our world is deeply broken and in desperate need of repair. Here's an example of one of those messages that we received just yesterday:

'I wouldn't want the burden of having a child with Down's Syndrome. I would have terminated the pregnancy.'

It breaks my heart

Sadly, this isn't just the opinion of the person who sent me this message. In fact, ninety two percent of children with Down's Syndrome are aborted (yes, ninety two percent!) This means every time you see one Noah (my son) there's nine Noah's you don't see as a result of people not wanting the burden.

In other words, if you're a baby with Down's Syndrome, your mother's womb is a very dangerous place for you.

And it breaks my heart.

Targeted for extinction

My friend Gabe Lyons notes, "people with Down's Syndrome have been targeted for extinction." Our culture has become obsessed with making it easier and easier to detect if a child has Down's Syndrome in the womb so parents can "make an informed decision."

He was going to hit him!

I couldn't begin to

count the number of stories I've heard from parents of children with Down's Syndrome about how their OB/GYN's repeatedly tried to get them to make an even more informed decision after telling them they planned on bringing their child to full term. In fact, one dad told me he was so upset by the repeated pressure of their OB/GYN to abort their child he told him if he suggested they abort their child one more time he was going to hit him!"

Because of people's attitudes towards disability, it reflects in the appalling figures of ninety two percent of babies with Down's Syndrome being aborted as written by Noah's dad. There seems to be a lack of support with medical staff when parents first receive this news.

Still torments her

I read an article of a lady who having been told by doctors that tests showed her much-wanted daughter had Down's Syndrome did something that still torments her and which she blames for the breakdown of her marriage: she underwent a termination.

This is a little of her story: 'My husband and I were sat down and told by a nurse, in no uncertain terms, that our baby had Down's Syndrome.'

Wouldn't want the baby

'When I said I wanted to keep the baby, I was told she could be born needing emergency heart surgery



and have bowel and muscle tone problems — and that was if she survived.

‘At no time did anyone suggest we might keep our baby. A termination was presented as the only way forward.’ ‘A nurse said not aborting my baby would cause it to suffer and she’d only become a burden on society if I went ahead,’ ‘She even said: “Ninety-nine percent of women in your situation wouldn’t want the baby.”

A burden

When I said I wanted to keep my baby, I was made to feel I was making everyone suffer. Having it would be a burden on our other children, she said, especially if, as she claimed, the baby was likely to need many operations throughout its life.

‘We’d taken the children along to the hospital and they were being looked after in another room but at the point when another nurse returned with them, I was being persuaded by a consultant and a nurse that having this baby would be putting a burden on my existing children’s shoulders, too.

Must be right

‘I looked at them and thought the medical staff must be right. In that moment, I decided to go ahead and terminate the pregnancy.’

She took a pill to start her abortion that day.

‘I remember saying to my husband: “I just want to

keep my baby.” But he’d been brainwashed, too. He just kept saying: “But they must think the baby’s really bad, — it’s for the best.”

Lillie

Three days later, having returned to complete the termination and delivered tiny Lillie, she knew she’d done the wrong thing.

‘She was so small but otherwise perfect.

I broke down in uncontrollable deep sobs. What had I done? I realised in that instant that I’d been railroaded and bullied into taking that first pill. I felt overwhelmed by anger.

‘I should have been sent home to think about all the options — and I should have been given more independent advice about having a Down’s baby.

‘It should have been pointed out that I could continue with my pregnancy, that having my baby was an option and that with medical advances most Down’s Syndrome babies go on to live happy lives.

‘Instead, by the time I went home, I’d already taken a pill — the first step to having my termination — and there was no going back.’

I began to resent him

Within a fortnight she was on antidepressants.

The abortion then became a huge issue between husband and wife.

‘I couldn’t stop crying,’ she says. ‘But, worse, I began to resent him for the fact I’d gone through with it. I knew he was devastated,



too and wanted to keep the baby but I felt angry he’d allowed staff to rush me into getting rid of her. I kept thinking back to when I’d told him I wanted her to have a chance at life and he’d insisted we go along with medical advice.

Festered like a cancer

‘Why hadn’t he stood up to the consultant? Why hadn’t he told them we wanted to keep the baby?’

‘The feeling he didn’t support me when I needed him most festered like a cancer between us.’

Sadly this couple’s marriage ended after the trauma of this abortion.

Saved her sister’s life

People need to be more educated in the positive qualities of all people with a disability. There is the story of the Down’s Syndrome girl who was alone with her sister when her sister had an epileptic fit. She saved her sister’s life as she had been

taught what to do for her sister in that circumstance. Would her sister be alive today if her parent's had aborted her?

Tim's Place

There is also the fantastic story of Tim Harris, born with Down's Syndrome, who is the proud owner of Tim's Place, a successful and unique restaurant in Albuquerque, N.M.

Other than selling regular New Mexican Fayre, Tim's Place has a trademark special. It's called the Tim Hug, a "calorie-free" and "guilt-free" treat that, according to the menu

description, guarantees to "improve your lease on life."

"I love giving all the customers a hug because I want them to feel comfortable and connected and being around friends," said Harris. Tim's Place, opened its doors in 2010 and, since then, Tim has given out more than nineteen thousand hugs. He keeps track using a Hug Counter.

A lot of work to do

There are many, many success stories of people with Down's Syndrome. They have a place in our society

and people need to accept them for their positive qualities and not just look on them as a burden on society. If people's attitude changed on this issue, mothers would not feel the pressure to abort their babies when they receive a diagnosis of Down's Syndrome in their pregnancies.

There is a lot of work to do to educate people but until we see the statistics of the rates of abortion for a diagnosis of Down's Syndrome fall, we know sadly that those attitudes remain.

The Plight of Others

Plight of Jesus in Adoration Chapel

Abandoned

I need to write about Jesus who is abandoned and left alone in the adoration chapel where I go to pray and adore Him. This adoration chapel is a part of the main church and is situated in a large housing estate. We need to pray for responsible persons in the community to undertake to perform the hours of Eucharistic Adoration.

Kneel at His Feet

Jesus calls to our hearts to come to kneel at His Feet and talk to Him and love Him as we should, He gives us everything and He

gets nothing in return, He cannot be outdone in Love and tenderness to those who take time to visit Him. The Saints spent hours in prayer,

in adoration, they renewed their strength and received greater energy to face life and all its sufferings, sorrows and humiliations. The more



we surrender to Jesus' Will, the greater the Graces we receive in the course of our visit to Jesus' Eucharistic Presence.

The Glory of the Father

It is in the Tabernacle and in the Holy Monstrance that Jesus awaits us to share in the celebration of the Glory of the Father and receive

the Flames of the Holy Spirit and the Love that awaits us in Heaven. Find time to be in Jesus' Presence and don't leave Him alone and abandoned. Jesus said to Catalina Rivas *"You who visit Me at My Altars, should know that you are already treading the soil of the gardens of Paradise because*

even if it is true that Heaven is at the end, you are now more certain that it is your inheritance because through your faith, you are assured of real victory during your trials, tribulations and doubts."

Can you not watch one hour with Me?

The Wisdom of John Paul II

On the Christian Family in the Modern World Apostolic Exhortation of His Holiness, Pope John Paul II *Continued*

67. Christian marriage normally requires a liturgical celebration expressing in social and community form the essentially ecclesial and sacramental nature of the conjugal covenant between baptized persons. Inasmuch as it is a sacramental action of sanctification, the celebration of marriage - inserted into the liturgy, which is the summit of the church's action and the source of her sanctifying power - must be per se valid, worthy and fruitful. This opens a wide field for pastoral solicitude, in order that the needs deriving from the nature of the conjugal covenant, elevated into a sacrament, may be fully met and also in order that the

church's discipline regarding free consent, impediments, the canonical form and the actual rite of the celebration may be faithfully observed. The celebration should be simple and dignified, according to the norms of the competent authorities of the church. It is also for them - in accordance with concrete circumstances of time and place and in conformity with the norms issued by the Apostolic See - to include in the liturgical celebration such elements proper to each culture which serve to express more clearly the profound human and religious significance of the marriage contract, provided that such elements contain nothing that is not in harmony with Christian faith and morality. Inasmuch as it is a sign, the liturgical celebration should be conducted in such a way as to constitute, also in its external reality, a

proclamation of the word of God and a profession of faith on the part of the community of believers, Pastoral commitment will be expressed here through the intelligent and careful preparation of the liturgy of the word and through the education to faith of those participating in the celebration and in the first place the couple being married.

Inasmuch as it is a sacramental action of the church, the liturgical celebration of marriage should involve the Christian community, with the full, active and responsible participation of all those present, according to the place and task of each individual: the bride and bridegroom, the priest, the witnesses, the relatives, the friends, the other members of the faithful, all of them members of an assembly that manifests and lives the mystery of Christ and His

church. For the celebration of Christian marriage in the sphere of ancestral cultures or traditions, the principles laid down above should be followed.

68. Precisely because in the celebration of the sacrament very special attention must be devoted to the moral and spiritual dispositions of those being married, in particular to their faith, we must here deal with a not infrequent difficulty in which the pastors of the church can find themselves in the context of our secularized society.

In fact, the faith of the person asking the church for marriage can exist in different degrees, and it is the primary duty of pastors to bring about a rediscovery of this faith and to nourish it and bring it to maturity. But pastors must also understand the reasons that lead the church also to admit to the celebration of marriage those who are imperfectly disposed.

The sacrament of matrimony has this specific element that distinguishes it from all the other sacraments: It is the sacrament of something that was part of the very economy of creation; it is the very conjugal covenant instituted by the Creator "in the beginning." Therefore the decision of a man and a woman to marry in accordance with this divine plan, that is to say, the decision to commit by their irrevocable conjugal

consent their whole lives in indissoluble love and unconditional fidelity, really involves, even if not in a fully conscious way, an attitude of profound obedience to the will of God, an attitude which cannot exist without God's grace. They have thus already begun what is in a true and proper sense a journey toward salvation, a journey which the celebration of the sacrament and the immediate preparation for it can complement and bring to completion, given the uprightness of their intention.

On the other hand it is true that in some places engaged couples ask to be married in church for motives which are social rather than genuinely religious. This is not surprising. Marriage, in fact, is not an event that concerns only the persons actually getting married. By its very nature it is also a social matter, committing the couple being married in the eyes of society. And its celebration has always been an occasion of rejoicing that brings together families and friends. It therefore goes without saying that social as well as personal motives enter into the request to be married in church.

Nevertheless, it must not be forgotten that these engaged couples by virtue of their baptism are already really sharers in Christ's marriage covenant with the church, and that, by their right intention, they

have accepted God's plan regarding marriage and therefore, at least implicitly, consent to what the church intends to do when she celebrates marriage. Thus the fact that motives of a social nature also enter into the request is not enough to justify refusal on the part of pastors. Moreover, as the Second Vatican Council teaches, the sacraments by words and ritual elements nourish and strengthen faith: that faith toward which the married couple are already journeying by reason of the uprightness of their intention, which Christ's grace certainly does not fail to favor and support.

As for wishing to lay down further criteria for admission to the ecclesial celebration of marriage, criteria that would concern the level of faith of those to be married, this would above all involve grave risks. In the first place, the risk of making unfounded and discriminatory judgments; second, the risk of causing doubts about the validity of marriages already celebrated, with grave harm to Christian communities and new and unjustified anxieties to the consciences of married couples; one would also fall into the danger of calling into question the sacramental nature of many marriages of brethren separated from full communion with the Catholic Church, thus contradicting ecclesial tradition.

Continued next month

Sacred Heart



Palestine

Dear friends in Christ, I hope that all is going very well with you all at the House. I have been very sad about the criminal slaughter and continuous theft and lies which goes on, unstopped, in Palestine. A century of the cruellest organised crime in the holiest place on earth! But, as Our Lady says, baby- murder is worse than all the atomic bombs can do. So, can you please send a very big amount of pictures of truth and we'll keep trying to get the root of the satanic cruelty and, with Gods Grace, through Our Lady, put a permanent stop to this outrage to God.

Thank you,
God Bless, Love Patricia

A Message of Solidarity

Naomi who is from Kenya and now lives in Newcastle rang to thank everyone for all their work in the House of Prayer and especially for publishing and distributing Jesus' Messages of Love in the Newsletter. These, she says, are beautiful insights into Gods Mission. They

are a beacon for us all in these Blessed End Times. Naomi believes Our Lady of Knock speaks through the Messages to Ireland in a special Way. Naomi prays Gods Blessings on all.

Sister Aquinata

Our good friend in Kenya, Sister Aquinata, recently called us to request more Holy Oil and also to share that a nun friend of hers was suffering with colon cancer and has been cured by Jesus using the Holy Oil! She wanted to give God thanks for the Gift of the Oil and she says many many people are coming to her asking about it and where can they get it. Thank You, Jesus, for this great Gift.

Thank you

Dear Patricks,
Just a short note to tell you both and all who contribute their time to An Invitation to Love Jesus a big "Thank you." Your monthly issues let the world know about how much suffering there is in the world and how much we hurt Jesus in doing all the wrong things.

We need to unite in prayer

Again, thank you for passing Jesus' Messages on. Annette & Andrea

So thankful

Dear ...

How are you? This is Teresa. Thank you for your lovely wee letter and the Holy Oils and also Mass Bouquet and holy books so thankful to get them. I am giving a donation in thanksgiving. Yours, Teresa

Your 'appeal'

Dear brothers and sisters of the 'House of Prayer,' I hope you are well and I continue to pray for all of us in these troubled times. I am writing in response to your 'appeal' for our 'Houses of Prayer' and I have enclosed a ... postal order.

May God Bless you and keep you.

Yours in the Names of Jesus & Mary, Jim

God Bless the Patricks

The Sacred Heart House of Prayer,

May God Bless the Patricks and all the servants of the Houses for doing His Work, your prayers and the Messages of Love.

Sincerely, John.

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HE DIED TO SIN

As to His Death He Died to sin
The Cross He carried for each one
Of those who fell and still have been
Too frail and weak to overcome

He Died to sin once and for all
To take the souls of those who've gone
To sit with Him and break their fall;
To humble those who have withdrawn

As to His Life He lived for God
Solely worthy of Gods Grace
He took the sins because He saw
The God in every human face

His Death has changed the human heart
For we can resurrect
Keeping sin from us apart
Souls for us to perfect

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