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# An Invitation to Love Jesus Newsletter Messages of Love August 2023 Issue 327

## Editorial

### **The Messages**

Jesus tells us that His Spirit is moving and His Justice is working on this earth. As these things unfold, He asks us to stay close to Him.

Jesus also speaks much about Faith and Trust in Him. In so many of the Messages this month, He calls us to Faith and explains what having Faith in Him means. His Words are like a blanket around us on a cold evening, they bring us His comfort and Love, His protection.

### **The Patricks Writings**

There are two articles this month from the two Patricks. The first one is called, 'Dying to self - how I see it'. Many times people have asked what dying to self is because Jesus speaks so often about it in the Messages. In this article, the Patricks explain what they see dying to self as. It is a very clear, concise and simple explanation which could help all of us on our Journey.

In the second writing, 'The Time of Change,' the Patricks share with us the explanation Jesus gave them about how the earth has gone so far away from Him and what Jesus is going to do about it!

### **Also in this Newsletter**

Also in this Newsletter, we

continue our interview with Evans. This part focuses on what Evans hopes to do as a priest.

We continue also with our updates on the Houses of Prayer. This month the Mother of Love House in America is featured.

### **Pilgrimage cancelled**

Unfortunately, we have had to cancel the Pilgrimage to Poland as there were not enough people who wanted to go. With the Grace of God, we hope to run this pilgrimage next year.



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# *The Messages of Love*

as given to the two Patricks

## **Tuesday 1 August 2023**

Faith, children, is simply knowing Me and knowing that I will grant what is asked of Me in Truth. Do not just ask Me for self's sake but think and ask Me for the things that will lead your brothers and sisters to Heaven. I say: if you have faith, nothing is impossible. Trust Me and walk this Path and miracles will abound. Simply trust Me and walk this Path I set before you.  
Trust Me.  
I Love you.

## **Thursday 3 August 2023**

Have faith in Me and believe in My Words to you. Believe I have called you to this Path I set before you. Believe, children of Mine! Faith in Me is knowing I am with you and knowing I will answer your prayers.  
Have faith, My children, have faith and this world will change

through you. Have faith in Me, your God.  
Believe.  
I Love you.

## **Saturday 5 August 2023**

My children, have faith in Me, your God, and believe in My Truth. I will overcome the darkness and this world will be renewed in My Love.

Trust Me, children, and pray that My Truth is accepted into the hearts that have wandered far from Me.  
Trust Me and believe.  
I Love you.

## **Sunday 6 August 2023**

Have faith in Me, My children, for a time is upon you when many events will take place that cannot be explained by science. I mean to reclaim those who are lost but wish to be found and I will overcome all the lies that this world has accepted as Truth.

Trust in Me for it has begun. Now, I begin to pour My Power into this world through those who are My vessels of Truth. It begins, children, return to Me, your God, and know My Love for you.

I will guide you through this time as I guided My people Israel through the desert. Trust in Me

and get to know Me.  
I Love you.

### **Monday 7 August 2023**

I give you Strength, children, so that you can endure this time of strife when I and My Truth have come under great attack from those who have given themselves over to sin. I tell you the Truth: this time is now coming to an end for My Justice seeps into all their webs of lies and they will be shattered by My Truth.

Do not become caught up in seeking out their lies for you will become angry and so begin to walk from Me. Forgiveness is My Way; I shall sort the lies from the Truth. Pray for those who are caught up in the darkness, that they turn away from their sin and follow Me in Truth.

Trust Me, children, and allow Me to shelter you from the turmoil that now begins to sweep this earth.

Trust Me  
I Love you.

### **Tuesday 8 August 2023**

Believe in Me and know My Truth will guide you if you are but willing to listen. Trust only in Me and know I am your God and you are My child.

Only believe in Me, children and do not listen to any modern teaching that I am a God of acceptance for I will not accept sin, no matter how you try to justify sin as Truth. Truth is Light, lies are darkness; the two cannot mix. Decide what path you want to take and trust in

Me, your God.  
Believe.  
I Love you.  
Believe.

### **Wednesday 9 August 2023** **Feast of Saint Teresa Benedicta of the Cross**

Have faith, children of Mine, and believe I will not leave you. I will not desert you in your time of need. Trust in Me, your God, My Words are being fulfilled and this world will begin to see that I am not a dead God.

Trust Me and stay close and walk the Path of self-dying and all will become clear.

Trust Me.  
I Love you.

### **Thursday 10 August 2023**

I am Coming to free My own from the chains, the bondage, that have been forced onto My people by those in power. I will free My people and remove all those who refuse to repent of their evil ways. Be Warned for already My Spirit is at work in your midst and He will reveal all your dark secrets and your reign of power will come to an end. These Words are given to give you a chance to return.

Trust Me and repent and come follow Me in Truth.

Trust Me.  
I Love you.

### **Friday 11 August 2023**

Have faith in Me, My children, and see the True Power of your God come to the fore. This is the Time of Justice, when My Spirit is



being poured out upon the nations of this world, so that My Truth will live in My people, once again. You do not know or understand what is ahead of you in this time, when I will free My people from the chains of injustice that stop My people from walking the Path of Truth.

Prepare, children, for, already, events are happening on this earth which will begin to shatter the web of lies that have been built to block My Truth from My people.

Prepare, children, for you now live in the Time of Justice, the Time of Truth, when I will show this world how far it has wandered from its God.

Prepare.

I Love you.

### **Monday 14 August 2023**

Have faith in Me, My children, and do not fear to follow Me, your God, in Truth. I have not led you astray in these, My Words of Truth. I

have not given you a new Message but I have tried to guide you away from the danger that you all face in this time of faithlessness, when man has walked away from Me, in favour of the things of this world. Money, children, will not gain you the Kingdom of Heaven but, money can lead you away from Me. Remember, most who gather great amounts of wealth become totally consumed with the needs of self and do not see the needs of others. My children, see what I say and do not let the glitter of this world control you but, see Me and My Ways and remember those around you who are in need. Trust Me and gather your treasure in Heaven and you will know Peace.

Trust Me.

I Love you.

### **Tuesday 15 August 2023**

#### **Feast of the Assumption**

Believe, children of Mine, and know your God is with you. Know that I never leave you. My children, the time is now upon you when many great events will take place that will change everything that you know and believe.

Trust Me and stay close to Me, your God, and I will guide you through this time.

Trust Me.

I Love you.

### **Thursday 17 August 2023**

Believe: have faith in Me, your God, and do not be afraid to follow Me in Truth. Only Truth will see what I am doing on this earth, as I cleanse the evil that man has



released from hell by his sin.  
Now, trust in Me and walk this Path I set before you and you will see the marvels of your God come to pass. Believe, children, for mankind has overstepped the bounds of free will and I must intervene to undo what those in power have done in their greed and lust for power.

Trust Me, children, and prepare so you can remain safe in this Time of Justice.

Trust Me.

I Love you.

### **Friday 18 August 2023**

Have faith in Me and do not let fear control you, My children, but know I, your God, am with you. I have given you many Words to guide you through this Time of Tribulation that you now live in. Use them and you will know Peace for, the Path of dying to self only leads to the Kingdom of your God, whereas, the path of self will only lead you to hell. These are Words of Truth that I speak and you will know the good of them in the days to come as this world grows ever darker.

I have told you, I will give My people a voice and all will hear and know My Words before the end of

this time. So, so, many will refuse to listen. So, so, many will be lost to Me in free will.

Pray, children, that you stay with Me and pray that your brothers and sisters listen before the end. Trust in Me and love one another as I have Loved you.

Trust.

I Love you.

### **Saturday 19 August 2023**

Have faith in Me and do not despair. I have not forgotten My people. Have patience a little longer and this world will change and My Love will flourish, once again.

Trust Me, children, all is changing and this world will soon see the Truth of what is truly happening around them.

Trust Me and stay close.

I Love you.

### **Sunday 20 August 2023**

Have faith in Me, My children, and only look for My Truth in this world of darkness. The lies grow ever thicker and, soon, will crumble under their own weight. I tell you the Truth, so many will fall from power when the peoples of this world see what those, who were supposed to help and guide the smooth running of the countries of this world, have done in their blindness. They will fall to their own greed and lust for power.

Stay close, children, for My Spirit is at work and the Truth will be seen. Trust Me and stay close for all is about to happen. Trust Me.

I Love you.

### **Wednesday 23 August 2023**

Have faith, children of Mine, I, your God, am changing this earth and mankind will not understand the events that are about to take place for they have lost their faith in Me, their God. I will show how little the people of this earth truly understand about the world they live in. I will show mankind the True Power of their God.

Yes, children, the darkness has penetrated so deep into so many hearts that they will refuse to believe or repent. So many will be lost because of their unwillingness to see or listen. I will put an end to the reign of lies and My remnant will live in Peace.

Trust Me and prepare.

I Love you.

### **Friday 25 August 2023**

Have faith in Me, your God, children of Mine, and I will show you My Truth. This world has blinded itself to My Truth and has given lucifer the power to destroy all life. Now, I am forced to intervene in order to save My remnant who are those who are willing to see My Truth and repent. I will call all My remnant out of all the nations and they shall listen and I will cast My Hand over them and they will see this world in Truth.

I will return it to what I created it to be before man's greed destroyed much of My Creation.

Prepare, children, and stay close to Me, your God. Obey My

Commandments and walk in My Truth and you will stay close to Me by these actions.

Trust Me and prepare.

I Love you.

### **Sunday 27 August 2023**

I have told you, children, it has begun. Now, I tell you, the change has begun this day and I begin to recall all those who have wandered but are willing to listen.

I gather My remnant into the safety of My Fold.

Trust Me, children, and listen.

I Love you.

### **Monday 28 August 2023**

Have faith, children, and see the Power of your God descend upon this earth. Only those who are willing to see will understand the events that take place. Those who are unwilling to accept Me will believe that they can explain the events but, I will bring them to the point where they will run out of explanations.

Prepare, children, and stay close for man does not realise what they have called through their sin.

Prepare.

I Love you.

### **Tuesday 29 August 2023**

My children, I say, prepare, now, for the time is now upon you when My Justice will sweep the untruth from this world.

My Power begins to flow this day and will increase as time goes by.

Trust Me and prepare now.

I Love you.

**Wednesday 30 August 2023**

Come, children, walk with Me and let Me show you the delights of a life with Me.

Trust in Me and believe.

Have faith in Me, your God.

Get to know Me and your life will change.

Trust Me.

I Love you.

**Wednesday 30 August 2023**

Come to Me, My people, and believe for I am about to punish this world for its evil ways.

Sin has become the norm for the peoples of this world.

Sin is accepted as being truth and righteous.

I tell you: sin is darkness and will only lead you to hell.

Trust in Me and believe so I can guide you through this Time of

Justice.

Trust.

I Love you.

**Thursday 31 August 2023**

Have faith, My children, for My Words will all come to pass; even now, many of My Words have been fulfilled, if you have the eyes to see. I have told you, it has begun.

The Flame has ignited and will begin to spread into an inferno that will destroy the darkness. My Spirit will awaken those who are at slumber and this world will begin to see, once again.

Trust Me and prepare for the Light will soon touch you, if you are willing to accept Him.

Trust Me.

I Love you.

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**Sincere thanks for your continued support.**

We continue to appeal for your help with the outstanding debts within the House. Thank you to everyone who has responded to this appeal, so far.

## APPEAL FROM JESUS

**Wednesday 29 March 2023**

My children, once again, I call for your help with My Houses. I call each one of you to look into your hearts and see the Truth of My Words. I have told you that My own will recognise My Voice. Can you not see how I prepare for what is to come? Soon, you will see what you have built with your prayer, your sacrifice and your giving. This is why I call you, My remnant, once again, to help with My Houses which are in need.

Trust Me, children of Mine, for, soon, you will understand the meaning of My Words and My Refuges of Light. I prepare, through you, My remnant. My Houses of Prayer have been built by you and through your free will and so cannot be destroyed by demon or man for their foundations are built of the Spirit of Giving. My Spirit has bound My Houses of Prayer and they will stand to the end of time. See what you have built, children of Mine. I Love you.

As you can see from the Words Jesus has given in this Message, the Houses, once again, are in need of help; the bills are building, once again. The bills stand at about £52,785 for the day to day running costs of the fifteen Houses and the ongoing renovations. We are continuing with the renovations of the Houses, in faith and trust that Jesus will inspire His people to help finance the work we do. Remember, we do not just ask for financial help, we ask for your prayers, your sacrifices, to build what Jesus has asked for.

We thank you for all your help, your prayers, your sacrifices and your financial help for it is you who have built all the Houses through your giving. We thank you, once again, in Jesus' Name. The two Patricks and the servants of the Houses.

Patrick Rushe      Patrick O'Kane

# Writing from the two Patricks

## DYING TO SELF - HOW I SEE IT!

### Get closer to God

People have asked what dying to self is as Jesus speaks often about it in the Messages. It is not easy to define as there are, in my opinion, infinite ways to die to self. Each person is different, and, each has his own things to die to. Here, I have put down my own thoughts and experiences about dying to self that might help. Dying to self is a Journey that we must travel on, if, we are to get closer to God.

### What is dying to self?

What is dying to self?

Self, it seems to me, is mostly to do with the "will". The will is the, "I want, I need", in us.

With the will, we make decisions to do things, as in, 'I will commit this sin', or, 'I won't'; 'I will buy this coat', or, 'I won't'. The will is the 'control' – or not - that we have over what we will do or not do.

Self-control - how we keep ourselves from giving in to things we want to do but that are not appropriate - then, is the control we have over our passions, our desires and the need to be gratified in some way. On the top of a mountain, we may feel that it would be nice to jump off and fly but, we don't do it because it

would be certain death if we did. We have controlled that urge or passion because of the danger it would bring.

When our passions arise, we do not always take control over them. When a sin comes up, we do not always have the strength, or the fight, to control it and so we go with it, even knowing that it is wrong, knowing that it will put us in danger of losing our friendship with God.

### Without benefit to ourselves

We might decide to give some of our time to a charity, to help out, so that others may benefit. This decision might be based on our need to feel 'good' and, not necessarily, for God. It seems that, to die to self, for God, we must 'will', 'decide', to do it for God, to give it to Him, without benefit to ourselves and to keep giving or offering it to Him, lest we allow the self to become prideful and we forget that God is the giver of all things, including our ability to do good in the first place. We must strive to 'give', in a way that we receive nothing for what we do but, all is directed to God. In this way, we do not encourage pride to take over, to become something

that takes us from God. If we help someone only to get accolades and praise from others, we are doing it for ourselves and not God. The decision to do something for God is not always for God. We might begin with giving it to God but, after a while, if not checked and fought against, we might blind ourselves enough to not see that it is not for God. We get to like the pat on the back and we take it for ourselves, forgetting that the praise is for God, alone, and we have taken it from him.

### **Saint John of the Cross**

Saint John of the Cross tells us:  
"To reach satisfaction in all, desire satisfaction in nothing.  
To come to possess all, desire the possession of nothing.  
To arrive at being all, desire to be nothing.  
To come to the knowledge of all, desire the knowledge of nothing.  
To come to enjoy what you have not, you must go by a way in which you enjoy not.  
To come to the possession you have not, you must go by a way in which you possess not.  
To come to what you are not, you must go by a way in which you are not."

Saint John of the Cross

### **God should be our first desire**

It would seem, by this, that the things we desire, want to possess, are earthly things and far, far, from God, whereas, God should be our first desire, our first passion. We want satisfaction in the things we do; we want to become successful, want for nothing, walk in the right

circles, become self-satisfied, we always want to look good in the eyes of others, forgetting, that we are called to love God first. But, if, and it is a mighty big IF, we want God and His righteousness, the things of this world, our sins, desires, passions - namely, self - then our desire should be NOT to have these things that are of the earth. In not having them, or, in denying them to ourselves, then we find the Way to gain the things of God. Jesus told us not to follow the 'broad way' but to strive to find the 'narrow way'. The broad way, it seems to me, is this passion for earthly things, things that keep us earthbound. When we make the effort to rid ourselves of this baggage, then we find ourselves on the narrow Path and striving towards God in earnest.

24 Then Jesus said to His disciples, "If anyone desires to come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow Me.

25 For whoever desires to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for My sake will find it.

26 For what profit is it to a man if he gains the whole world, and loses his own soul? Or what will a man give in exchange for his soul?

27 For the Son of Man will come in the glory of His Father with His angels, and then He will reward each according to his works.

*Matthew 16:24-27*

### **Become like the Pharisees**

All this depends, of course, on whether we want to love God in this way. We can seem, outwardly,

to be following God but, on the inside, God is nowhere to be found. We still think our thoughts about what we would like to have. That's when we become like the Pharisees:

27 "Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you are like whitewashed tombs which indeed appear beautiful outwardly, but inside are full of dead men's bones and all uncleanness.

28 Even so you also outwardly appear righteous to men, but inside you are full of hypocrisy and lawlessness.

Matthew 23:27-28

### **Look at ourselves in truth**

We must be prepared to look at ourselves in truth to see if we are really walking with God on the inside, as well as the outside. Are there thoughts of jealousy, unforgiveness, pride? It seems to me, that these things are like judging the person whom we are thinking about. But, we were asked to strive against judging, even if we only think it.

1 "Do not judge so that you will not be judged.

2 "For in the way you judge, you will be judged; and, by your standard of measure, it will be measured to you.

Matthew 7:1-2

Jesus is saying that we will be judged in the WAY we have judged. So, it would seem, if we judge a person harshly, then we will be judged harshly. It seems that the best way to follow the Scripture above is to die to, get rid

of, kill, fight against the jealousy, unforgiveness, pride and whatever else makes us judge our neighbour. For we cannot enter Heaven with these things living and well within us. While they live in us, we can only see through them. They are like blinkers on our eyes, cataracts, that blind us from seeing the Truth. We cannot fulfil the Words of Jesus, who tells us:

27 "But I say to you who hear, love your enemies, do good to those who hate you,

28 bless those who curse you, pray for those who mistreat you.

Luke 6:27-28

### **Turn the other cheek**

When we "turn the other cheek", we are dying to the 'self' that desires only to harm our neighbour with our harsh words, our harsh thoughts. As Saint John of the Cross said above, "... To come to what you are not, you must go by a way in which you are not...", we must begin to stop being the way we are in order to become something we are not. What we are not, is the way God wants, desires, us to be. In order to become what God wants, desires, us to be is to be the opposite of what we are now: to have none of these - jealousy, unforgiveness, pride - in us.

When we deny ourselves the self-satisfaction, we can see better how to serve God.

### **John the Baptist**

The coat we buy is chosen for how people will see us, admire us for its style and not that a coat is to shield the body from the elements.

We 'will' to be seen as stylish and 'with it'. John the Baptist, who was sent to warn the people, told us:

10 So the people asked him, saying, "What shall we do then?"

11 He answered and said to them, "He who has two tunics, let him give to him who has none; and he who has food, let him do likewise."

12 Then tax collectors also came to be baptized, and said to him, "Teacher, what shall we do?"

13 And he said to them, "Collect no more than what is appointed for you."

14 Likewise the soldiers asked him, saying, "And what shall we do?"

So, he said to them, "Do not intimidate anyone or accuse falsely, and be content with your wages."

*Luke 3:10-14*

All the people who came to Him were from different walks of life. They did different jobs and, reading between the lines, each had a different way in which they needed to die to self.

Before saying this, He had said:

7 Then he said to the multitudes that came out to be baptized by him, "Brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come?"

8 Therefore bear fruits worthy of repentance, and do not begin to say to yourselves, 'We have Abraham as our father.' For I say to you that God is able to raise up children to Abraham from these stones.

9 And even now the axe is laid to the root of the trees. Therefore, every tree which does not bear

good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire."

*Luke 3:7-9*

### **Strive**

These people, obviously, were moved by his words. Whether they felt guilty hearing them or really wanted to change, were seeking instructions on how to die to self. What stood between them and God? How could they be reconciled to God? It is not just knowing where we sin and are selfish but, when we find out how we are offending God, that we try or strive to keep these things out of our lives by fighting self. It was well known, at the time, that tax collectors, who were paid for collecting taxes on behalf of the Romans, were likely to charge more than the price of the taxes so they could take it for themselves. These words of John told them exactly what they should do in order to follow God.

### **A fight, a constant vigil**

Dying to self for me, is accompanied by a fight, a constant vigil, to keep self out. A nun friend, God rest her, used to say to me: "Do good and disappear...". This meant that we must not stay for the praises, the clap on the back, after we perform some good work for, then, and only then, it belongs to God, given to Him from our hearts without any taints of self. When we give God the praises for the 'good work', we praise Him for the 'seed' He planted in us in the first place for He is our 'First Cause', the 'good' in us. It is He, through His Grace, who calls us to

do good works:

*“No one should follow what he considers to be good for himself, but rather what seems good for another. Let them put Christ before all else; and may He lead us all to everlasting life.”*

Saint Benedict

### **A constant eye on the self**

So, dying to self is having a constant eye on the self, denying ourselves the pleasure of that cake, that programme, that glass of wine, so that we might learn to seek pleasure in God alone, giving us a reason to keep up the “Good Fight”. In order to do this, we must be in communication with Him through prayer, so that we learn what we must do to love Him, serve Him, by constantly giving our will to Him.

1 If then you were raised with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ is, sitting at the right hand of God.

2 Set your mind on things above, not on things on the earth.

3 For you died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God.

Colossians 3:1-3

### **Undisciplined in His Ways**

Up until now, we have probably not been aware of the ‘will’ and that it can be controlled. With no fight in us, except to ‘give in’, we have committed sin, we have been selfish, prideful, greedy and etc.

We might pray but, we are undisciplined in His Ways. There are many stages and ways to pray and, to die to self, we must be in constant prayer; so that, through

prayer, we might learn better how to give ourselves to God. The Holy Spirit is the Teacher of prayer:

26 Likewise the Spirit also helps in our weaknesses. For we do not know what we should pray for as we ought, but the Spirit Himself makes intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered.

27 Now He who searches the hearts knows what the mind of the Spirit is, because He makes intercession for the saints according to the will of God.

Romans 8:26-27

### **Give up the things**

So, it would seem that, in order to die to self, we must give up the things in us that bring pleasure to the mind and body. I don’t mean necessarily the pleasure we get from watching a sunset, drinking a glass of wine etc. These are pleasures we recognise, know and are good, when we praise the One who made these things. But, when the glass becomes two and four and we take more pleasure in the wine, rather than the One who made it, then that is a different kind of pleasure.

We might be in a position of authority and are good at what we do but, we might get more pleasure in telling people what to do than the position allows. We might love, but, that love might be only for those who love us. The stranger, the poor, the alcoholic, might go unloved because it is a selfish love and not a pure love coming to us from God through Grace.

46 "But why do you call Me 'Lord, Lord,' and not do the things which I say?

Luke 6:46

### **Live in a way that reflects**

How can we say: "I love You, Lord" and not listen to the things He says in the Scriptures. There, He tells us, plainly, that if we do the things that He asks then, and only then, will we gain Eternal Life. The things of this world cannot be taken with us when we die so, we must strive to leave them behind. We might protest and say: "...but we need to live, surely...". Yes, we do need to live but we must live in a way that reflects – from the inside, to the outside. If God is in us and in all that we do then there is no need for "...two coats", one is enough.

47 Whoever comes to Me, and hears My sayings and does them, I will show you whom he is like:

48 He is like a man building a house, who dug deep and laid the foundation on the rock. And when the flood arose, the stream beat vehemently against that house, and could not shake it, for it was founded on the rock.

49 But he who heard and did nothing is like a man who built a house on the earth without a foundation, against which the stream beat vehemently; and immediately it fell. And the ruin of that house was great."

Luke 6:47-49

### **Saint John Paul II**

Dying to self is something that we 'want' to do FOR God. It is

not something we do because we have to. It is a giving of ourselves, a denial of everything that is not of God. Free will does not mean that we can do anything and everything we want to do. Saint John Paul II put it like this:

"Freedom consists not in doing what we like, but in having the right to do what we ought..."

Pope John Paul II

In my opinion, dying to self must become a big part of us if we want to follow Jesus. We must even deny to our eyes what they see:

27 "You have heard that it was said, 'YOU SHALL NOT COMMIT ADULTERY';

28 but I say to you that everyone who looks at a woman with lust for her has already committed adultery with her in his heart. (And, in these days, women looking at men).

29 "If your right eye makes you stumble, tear it out and throw it from you; for it is better for you to lose one of the parts of your body, than for your whole body to be thrown into hell.

30 "If your right hand makes you stumble, cut it off and throw it from you; for it is better for you to lose one of the parts of your body, than for your whole body to go into hell. Matthew 5:27-30

### **The "First Thought"**

It is the "First Thought", as Jesus has told us in the Messages of Love. When a thought comes up in our minds that will lead us – if, we let other thoughts through – to selfishness or sin, then we must deny, or fight, that first thought.

We must learn to recognise where that first thought will take us, aided by the self, seeking pleasure, and the devil who will suggest, tempt, encourage, us to go to the second thought and so on, so that we eventually lose the fight and fall into sin. The devil, in his persuasive ways, will tell us that it's ok, God would not want us to deny ourselves a simple pleasure, or, nobody would see, in a way that will seem good, and even, true. The 'voice' he uses to persuade us will be the voice of self. And, when the sin is committed - the denial of God - he will be the first to accuse us and make us feel guilty: God will never love us again. We have all been there.

### **Difference between right and wrong**

In many ways, we all know what dying to self really is. I think, dying to self is akin to the difference between right and wrong. We know the things that we should not do, the wrong things in our lives. Gluttony, for instance, is like eating too much food just because it's there. We see it, we eat it, even though, we know our bellies will be sore if we do. If we eat too much, then we go beyond the need and enter into the greed. These are the kinds of things we must die to.

Jesus said:

10 After Jesus called the crowd to Him, He said to them, "Hear and understand.

11 "It is not what enters into the mouth that defiles the man, but what proceeds out of the mouth,

this defiles the man."

Matthew 15:10-11

First, Jesus said: "... Hear and understand...". He was trying to get our attention. What He was going to say next IS very, very, important and, we should take care to understand. In a sense, it was a warning of something we must do.

### **In our hearts**

When we eat food, that food does not make us bad or sinful but, the greed that is in our hearts is the thing that makes us sinful. The gluttony is in control, it is it that causes us to sin. To me, and, as I understand it, this gluttony is part of the self and, if we are not to be defiled by it, then we must die to it; not allow it to be in control of us.

### **Many examples**

There are many examples I could give of what dying to self is. I would not live long enough to write everything there is to know, or indeed, to write it down. The self is deceptive, in my opinion. It leads us by the nose. We think we have control over ourselves, but, in truth, we don't for we cannot see if we don't look. The saying goes: we cannot see the forest for the trees.

### **First, look at our mortal sins**

If we are to die to self, I believe, we must, first, look at our mortal sins and begin a fight to rid ourselves of them. When they arise, we must fight, vehemently, to keep ourselves from committing them; fight to control our passion or urge. This is the beginning of

dying to self; this is the first step. We will fail, many times, but we must get back up immediately and begin fighting again. When we have mastered control over the mortal sins, then we work on our venial sins. There is NO let up in this fight, there is never a time when we can let our guard down.

We must find time for prayer in our lives, even if it is only fifteen minutes and we must make it a habit that we will never break. Come away from the world, find a place where you will not be disturbed and talk to God. It is, after all, this God to whom we will go when we die.

## THE TIME OF CHANGE

### **What has happened**

Jesus explained to me, when I asked Him about what has happened over the past centuries, for so many people to desert the Truth of their God. Jesus showed me that lucifer had asked to sift mankind so that he could prove mankind would not remain loyal to their God, if they were tested. Jesus showed me that lucifer was given this time to test all mankind. The way Jesus explained it was: it is as if lucifer was given £1000 to tempt mankind away from his God and that Jesus had £1000 to inspire mankind to stay with him. So, over the past century or so, lucifer has spent hundreds and hundreds of billions of pounds, instead of his thousand, because he is a liar and a cheat.

### **The balance of free will**

We can plainly see, as Jesus showed, that lucifer has spent so much that, if we speak the Name of Jesus in public, we and everyone else cringe or get a feeling of unease at the Name.

Whereas, Jesus has spent His thousand pounds but still has a little left.

Then Jesus explained to Me that the balance of free will must remain equal and so, in earthly terms, lucifer is bankrupt, whereas, Jesus has inherited hundreds of billions of pounds to rebalance the scales of man's free will.

### **It is His turn**

Jesus has shown that now, it is His turn and He will reclaim all those that have been blinded by lucifer's lies but are willing to return and all those who refuse to listen will be swept from this earth. A Time of Peace and Love will descend on this earth when all mankind will rejoice in the Power of their God. So, we can see that Jesus has not forgotten us; we have simply gone through a time of testing and now, it is time to rejoice in the Power of our God for He is bringing Freedom to His people.

### **Thank our God**

All we can do is thank our God and prepare by dying to self so that we can help our brothers and sisters who are in need in this time of Great Freedom when the Power of the Holy Spirit will fill all those who are willing to listen and accept His Truth.

# THE HOUSES OF PRAYER

## **Mother of Love House of Prayer America**

**Mother of Love House of Prayer  
(1519 Callender, Peoria 61606,  
Illinois, America)**

In 1997, Jesus asked for a House of Prayer to be established in America. It was not until 2005 that this House was found.

**Monday 10 March 1997**

**Peoria, Illinois**

**Message from Jesus for Betty and Bill**

My son and My daughter, be at peace. I give you My Peace. I have looked into your hearts and I have found rest there. In not many of My children can I find this. I Love you for it.

I thank you that you have responded to My inspirations for My Words are needed here. I tell you that you are truly little children for you have accepted Me. My Heart is gladdened and I give you My Name, call upon Me and I am with you.

Your Work for Me upon this earth has begun and I will give you much for I have trusted you in small things and can now trust you in greater things. My Heart is in joy.

Let My Spirit descend upon you

for He is My Gift to you this day. My Love is yours. I Love you for you are truly children. Peace, shalom, Love Loves you.

**Monday 9 March 1998**

**Kansas City**

**Message from Jesus for Betty**

Daughter, since you have asked, I will answer you. I have desired that your city<sup>1</sup> be the first within this country to be in the Way of My Sacred Heart. I thank you that you have listened to the inspirations within your heart.

I desire that the House in your city should be titled, "Mother of Love House of Prayer" and its prayer should be offered against abortion, to stem the flow of this great river of murder that many navigate in selfishness. Much would My Heart be pleased if this were being done.

I Love you, My child, I Love you and I thank you with this Broken Heart for all you have done to further My Love into this world. Do not worry of anything for you are in My Hands. My Love is yours.

<sup>1</sup> Peoria

**Correspondence from Bill and Betty about the House  
Tuesday 4 October 2005**

Good morning to all at the Sacred Heart House of Prayer. We primarily address this letter to the two Patricks. We ask your prayers and guidance from Jesus on our first giant step in acquiring a House of Prayer for Jesus. As you know, the house we waited on for six weeks did not materialize. We then felt in our hearts that it was not what Jesus wanted (could have been the not-so-good neighbourhood, don't know) but we accepted that and continued to search for His House of Prayer in our city.

It seemed to go so smoothly, so quickly, so peacefully. We went to look at one house and saw a "for sale" sign in the yard a couple of blocks down the street. So the realtor took us there as well.

It is a house with three floors, well maintained, built in 1914 with hardwood floors (under the carpeting.) One look and we both felt it would be conducive to prayer and all the "things" Jesus would desire in His Mother of Love House of Prayer.

We talked it over that evening, prayed intensely before the Blessed Sacrament as we have been doing and called the realtor the next day. We made an offer, the seller countered and we accepted without a minute's hesitation. (All this in three days time.) We are completely at peace with this pending sale. Never have we undertaken such debt with so



little thought. In our hearts we both feel it is Jesus' wish but we ask you to talk to Jesus about it...  
Betty and Bill Gallivan.

This House officially opened as a House of Prayer on the Day of Love, 2006. Praise Jesus!

**As it Stands**

Following the deaths of Betty and Bill Gallivan, this House is running with just one habit member, Kathy. As Kathy is primarily on her own, the House is not open all the time. There are some times of prayer that anyone is welcome to join. Regarding work, this House is well established and in good cosmetic condition.

# Interview with Fr Evans

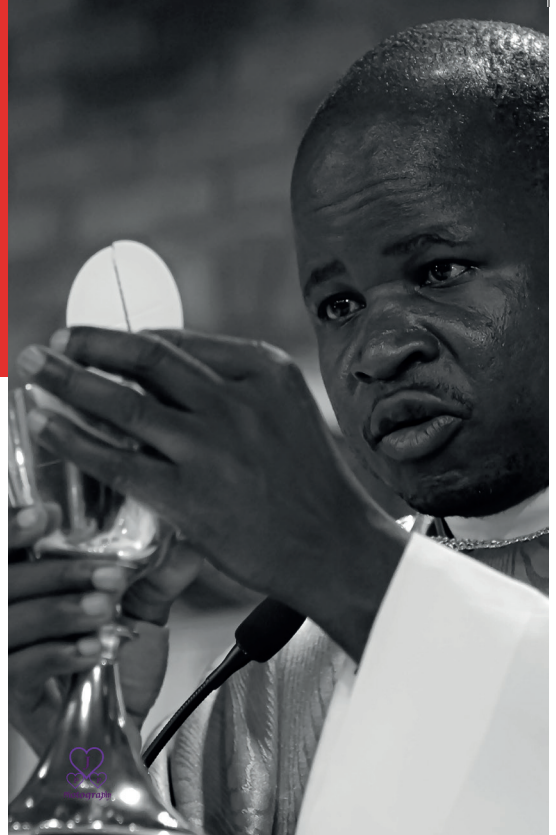
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**Well, you've covered a good lot of our questions there, in that one answer! But one of the other things we wanted to ask you was what do you think your chief mission will be as a priest?**

As priest?

**You touched in your talks here, about how you wanted to help single mothers?**

That's a point I want to make. I was born by a teenage mother. When she conceived me, she was thirteen or fourteen years, that's when she gave birth to me, at fourteen and she died really young. She was very intelligent at school but, because she conceived me, the story of intelligence cannot be told, no one can tell that, it died literally, because, as soon as she conceived me, everything about schooling had to die. There was a lot of pressure on her from home, from the village because of culture and because, at that time, people were insisting that, you see, we are very poor, we need to study, it's only education that can save us from this...



This lady arrives with pregnancy in this situation so they exerted a lot of pressure on her. So much so, that I was told that she attempted even abortion. But it could not work at that time because the technology was not as good as today. Yeah, she attempted many things, she even thought of committing suicide but it did not work. And so, when she gave birth to me, as soon as she gave birth to me, she thought now she had been relieved from all this torture. She stayed with me for, I don't know if it was one or two months, after that, she left me with my grandmother and ran away and nobody knew at that time where she had gone to. They looked for her, they could not

find her. Only after many years, they came to realise that she had travelled to the city and she went to live in a slum. And she lived in that slum.

I have been to that slum, it is very close to our house and I have been there. It pains me even to go and look at the slum, it reminds me that that is where she lived. It pains me because it's such a terrible place. It is from that slum that she conceived my only sister, ten years after my birth. And after conception of my sister, she tried to get married to that man but that did not work. And people who met her after that say that when things became tough on her, she would cry and mention that if only she had been educated, maybe things would have been better. So it was like she was regretting the fact that she could not continue her education and all that was because she had conceived me.

So, for me, knowing what she went through, what she desired and looking around, seeing how things still are with the young ladies, I desired that maybe I should, in my life before I die, I should at least make an effort to help many, if it was only one lady who might be in the same situation. That does not mean that a young lady should be encouraged to get pregnant at a tender age but that the point, for me, I find important is that on the occasion when a young lady gets pregnant, what next? Should the whole society condemn that lady and send her to hell? Or is there anything that can be done to help



such a lady so that her life can get back to normal again?

It is something that has bothered me for long and, after reflecting and thinking about it, and even sharing with my sister, we thought that maybe, as a way of appreciating our mother, we can make an effort to help or reach out to – even if it was to two or three ladies in that situation - to help them. Maybe by helping them, then communicate to many others that getting pregnant at a tender age is not a death sentence. It is a mistake but it is a mistake that can be lived with, can be corrected and, with some help, can get back to normal life, even from that mistake.

We asked ourselves, what can we do? During my ordination, some people came and gave me some gifts, most of it was in money form. I collected – if you change to pounds - it will be close to £1,300 roughly.

### **From ordination presents?**

Yea.

And we decided, and I shared with my sister, we decided that that money we can use it to help some ladies who are in the same

situation where our mother found herself in. Surprisingly, as soon as we tried to do that, we just realised that those ladies are very, very, very, very many. They are very many and some are contemplating suicide, some have even done abortion several times, some are still planning to do it, some are in depression because, as soon as they got pregnant, they were rejected by their family. Some have become prostitutes because, when they ran away from their families, there is no way of supporting themselves, they opted to become prostitutes – the cheapest and easiest way to survive.

And so, with that money we managed to reach out to some few. We sent them to technical schools to learn something practical like sewing, like cooking, so we sent some to school but some needed a very little amount, very little, as little as like £40 to start up a business that, according to them, can change their life. That's what they said, "if I just got this, it will change my life", just a simple business. And so we reached out to such, also to give them some simple amount to start a simple business.

I did not get enough time to get a full report to know how they are progressing but I am in touch with them and what they tell me from fact... they tell me they are doing well.

And then I went back to my sister to discuss "don't you think we have done something very great" I am very happy and all that, then

she came up with an idea, what if we made an effort and get some money and buy a small piece of land and construct a simple house so that when these people think they cannot afford them, instead of running to become prostitutes



or contemplating suicide or doing funny things, they can come there, then we can find a way of talking to them and motivating them and encouraging them, that at least they can understand that their life has not come to an end.

...I have constructed my own house. If I have done it, I think it is possible because I have constructed a small house at home. ...If it is the Will of God, then it can always happen. Then I have always prayed, and prayed and prayed and said to God, if this is what you want, please let it happen. And so, I came here and I shared with all of you, but, in a very particular way, I shared with Patrick and I explained step by step slowly and said I am still praying 'God, show me a sign.' If it's not possible, we are also ready to give up the whole thing.

Surprisingly, within the time that I have been here, I have £1000 with me that I have just received from people. A thousand pounds! And then Patricks called me yesterday and told me – and I say thank you to all of you – that the servants in the House of Prayer have also come together and have contributed some money for you and we are going to add on that. For me, there can be no any other sign more than that. For me, it is sufficient, it is now a decision confirmed that we are going to do that.

For us to buy a piece of land I consulted yesterday as soon as Patrick told me that, I made a phone call at home and consulted around, if I was to buy a small plot of 50 by 100 metres, I need – if I translate to pounds, I need like £3000. I have £3000 right now!

### **Thank You, Jesus!**

Yea!

£1000 that the servants got and that Patrick said they are going to add up to £1000...

I believe that, if I sacrifice my own priestly allowance for some time, that land I am going to get. What we are dreaming, my sister and I, we don't need something sophisticated. We want something just that they can come and sleep. They are poor, they don't need something very...they need just...

### **Safety.**

Yea, safety and to talk to them, to

let them know that it's not the end and we thought, with my sister, that, by doing that, it is the only good gift that we can give to our mother who had to go through all of these things and who gave life to us. We would not be here if she did not accept to go through all of this.

So, for me, that's how I want to live my priesthood, to sacrifice as much as possible, to reach out to those people.



### **I think your mother would be very, very proud of you and your sister!**

I hope, I hope and believe that it would be that.

And I thank God because, as I have said, it has been a dream but now for me, it's not only a dream because I have been here close to three weeks and I have £1000. Sometimes I go to Mass, like today I was at Mass and after the Mass there was a man who came to me and said "thank you so much..." I did not do anything at Mass, I'm

just there, there's nothing I do there and they come and say "thank you so much..." and they give me some money. Somebody gave me £40 yesterday in the morning and some have been doing that and as I tell you I have £1000!

**That's amazing!**

Yea!

**So, where would you like to be placed and what would you like to achieve?**

As a priest? You see, at the moment it is not very clear but at least they informed me that they want me to go for studies. So, from here I am sure that I am going to do some studies for two years in Canada, unless if they change, but that is the plan. After the two years, I can't tell. I can't tell where they'll ask me to go.

**But, for now, your sister, she's in Kenya and she will be organising the wee house?**

My sister is not in Kenya at



the moment, she stays in the neighbouring country, Uganda, because that's where she has studied and she is still looking for a job, she is not employed. She graduated 2020 as a teacher, as a high school teacher. In Africa, it is one thing to graduate and another thing to work. But she is still waiting. She stays in Uganda. But I have an uncle, and all these people I am mentioning, they are trying to get a visa to come over. I have another uncle who is in Kenya who is working with the issue of getting that piece of land. He is the one who, when I was constructing my small house, he is the one I used, he is the one who I was giving the little money I had and he got practically everything. So I asked him, you see, about a small piece of land, and he is already working on it.

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# Wisdom

## John Paul II

**APOSTOLIC LETTER: NOVO MILLENNIO INEUNTE**  
*Of his Holiness Pope John Paul II to the bishops, clergy and lay faithful  
at the close of the Great Jubilee of the year 2000*

### **The International Eucharistic Congress**

11. In the spirit of this Jubilee Year the *International Eucharistic Congress* was intended to have special significance. And it did! Since the Eucharist is the sacrifice of Christ made present among us, how could his real presence not be at the centre of the Holy Year dedicated to the Incarnation of the Word? The year was intended, precisely for this reason, to be "intensely Eucharistic", and that is how we tried to live it. At the same time, along with the memory of the birth of the Son, how could the memory of the Mother be missing? Mary was present in the Jubilee celebration not only as a theme of high-level academic gatherings, but above all in the great Act of Entrustment with which, in the presence of a large part of the world episcopate, I entrusted to her maternal care the lives of the men and women of the new millennium.

### **The ecumenical dimension**

12. You will understand that I speak more readily of the Jubilee as seen from the See of Peter.

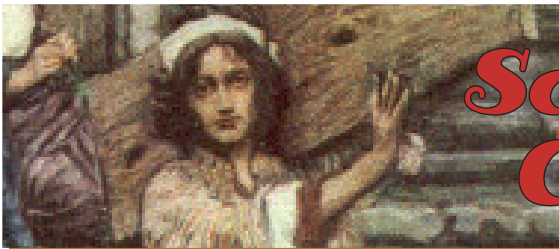
However I am not forgetting that I myself wanted the Jubilee to be celebrated also in the particular churches, and it is there that the majority of the faithful were able to gain its special graces, and particularly the indulgence connected with the Jubilee Year. Nevertheless it is significant that many Dioceses wanted to be present, with large groups of the faithful, here in Rome too. The Eternal City has thus once again shown its providential role as the place where the resources and gifts of each individual church, and indeed of each individual nation and culture, find their "catholic" harmony, so that the one Church of Christ can show ever more clearly her mystery as the "sacrament of unity".

I had also asked for special attention to be given in the programme of the Jubilee Year to the ecumenical aspect. What occasion could be more suitable for encouraging progress on the path towards full communion than the shared celebration of the birth of Christ? Much work was done with this in mind, and one of the

highlights was the ecumenical meeting in Saint Paul's Basilica on 18 January 2000, when for the first time in history a Holy Door was opened jointly by the Successor of Peter, the Anglican Primate and a Metropolitan of the Ecumenical Patriarchate of Constantinople, in the presence of representatives of Churches and Ecclesial Communities from all over the world. There were also other important meetings with Orthodox Patriarchs and the heads of other Christian denominations. I recall in particular the recent

visit of His Holiness Karekin II, Supreme Patriarch and Catholicos of All Armenians. In addition, very many members of other Churches and Ecclesial Communities took part in the Jubilee meetings organized for various groups. The ecumenical journey is certainly still difficult, and will perhaps be long, but we are encouraged by the hope that comes from being led by the presence of the Risen One and the inexhaustible power of his Spirit, always capable of new surprises.

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## *Song of the Carpenter*

The following is a serialisation of the 'Song of the Carpenter,' a novel inspired by Jesus and written down by the two Patricks. It is about the entire Life of Jesus and is full of spiritual teachings as well as a simply fantastic read.

If you cannot wait to read it all, then you can order it from the Sacred Heart House of Prayer. It costs £6.99.

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The journey back to Jerusalem was uneventful and very hot as it had been before. When they arrived, they purchased two turtle doves from the animal sellers that lined the outside of the Temple

steps in order that the purification requirements could be met. At the same time they would present and consecrate their firstborn to the Lord.

When the purification rite was performed and the child was presented, Joseph and Mary were walking out of the Temple and began to proceed down the steps; Mary could feel that strange, stark and beautiful feeling all around her. She stopped to look around. An old man approached them, his hair was long and unkempt and he had a staff to aid him up the steps. "May I speak with you?" he said. "Yes", said Joseph.

"My name is Simeon. An hour

ago, I was in my home going about my usual business; when I felt the Lord, our God, prompt me to go to the Temple. At first I did not wish to go but the prompting continued and it became quite strong. I was told that my prayer would be answered when I came.

Let me explain that my prayer has been for many years to be able to see the Messiah before I die. I am eighty-five years old and I make the journey from my home to the temple every day. I know that the child that you have in your arms, is the Messiah, the One who is to come. I have waited a long time. Would you give the honour to an old man to hold your child, my lady?" He looked into Mary's eyes. "Yes, sir, it would be an honour for myself and my husband if you were to hold him." Mary handed him the child on the steps of the Temple. Many people milled about them; their daily business to attend to, they had people to meet or sacrifices to be sacrificed for the atonement of their sins. No one noticed the little group on the steps of the great Temple of the Lord.

Simeon took the child, Jesus, gently in his arms. His face was a lamp lit up when he looked into the child's face. "Might I be permitted to kiss the child, my good lady?"

"Please, Simeon, do as you wish." The old man kissed Jesus on the forehead. Mary could feel the tangibility of the Spirit of the Lord grip them. She could feel it exude from the Holy of Holies and from the heart of her own son. The two

were one now and the old man's reverence and piety was drawing it out. Simeon said, "Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace, according to thy word for mine eyes have seen thy salvation which thou hast prepared before the face of all people; a light to lighten the Gentiles, and the glory of thy people Israel." He handed Jesus back to his mother.

Simeon then lifted up his hands, palms upward and blessed them. He looked deeply at Mary said, "Behold, this child is set for the fall and rising again of many in Israel; and for a sign which shall be spoken against; yea, a sword shall pierce through thy own soul also, that the thoughts of many hearts may be revealed."

The woman caught his words like a sparrow is caught in a net. She felt the prophesy in the words and she felt their truth. She felt her soul prepare itself for the truth to come.

Simeon continued to praise God with his hands raised. Some people heard him and stopped to see what the fuss was about. Mary could feel the stark feeling grow stronger.

They stood for some moments praying and were about to leave when a woman began praising God loudly, "May the God of Heaven and earth be praised this day for he has bared his mighty arm for his people Israel. This day we stand in the presence of the One who is to come; he is here among us. This child will carry the word of the Most High within his soul.

All you who look forward to the deliverance of Jerusalem, see this day what the Lord has wrought for us.” She went up to Mary and Joseph and said, “I am Hannah. I am the daughter of Phanuel. I have lived eighty four years on this earth and for sixty three years

I have been a widow, spending my time serving the Lord day and night in the Temple. I have fasted and prayed. And now the Lord has rewarded me with the sight of this child.”

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# The Plight of Others

## **PARENTS WHO ABORT THEIR DISABLED BABY**

In the February 2022 Newsletter, we wrote about the DeMasi family who experienced the tragic news of their unborn baby girl being diagnosed with Trisomy 13. But, out of this terrible situation came countless blessings: the family were bonded together to face it, her siblings busied themselves creating things for their new sister, they all got to nurse her and love her, their love was witnessed by the staff at the hospital and, when little Susanna Hope DeMasi died - after living for five blessed days - so many in the community came to the wake and funeral because they were so touched by so much love. One man at the funeral actually decided to become a Catholic after witnessing the ‘Truth’ that there is Eternal Life and every life matters.

Suzannah Hope had a short life but it would appear she had a powerful mission of hope, to hope

for Heaven, where there is no suffering, loss or partings, only joy and happiness forever.

In stark contrast, we have this situation published by Lifenews.com on July 7, 2023

### **COUPLE DISMEMBERS THEIR DISABLED BABY IN AN ABORTION, THEN COMPLAINS THEY DIDN’T GET TO HOLD HER** by Micaiah Bilger

Fifty years of legalized abortion on demand have turned American values on their head.

Discrimination is considered “compassionate” and protecting children’s lives is “cruel” – especially when it comes to unborn babies diagnosed with fatal medical disorders.

The message comes from doctors, leading medical groups, politicians and the media, as well as the pro-abortion movement. And their lies and propaganda have succeeded

in convincing many vulnerable, heartbroken couples that having their sick baby poisoned or dismembered in the womb is more loving than allowing the child to live and die naturally.

Such was the case with a Kentucky couple that CNN recently interviewed. Heather and Nick Maberry, of Stanton, blasted their home state for its elective abortion ban, claiming the law prevented them from holding their baby girl, Willow Rose.

“Please keep our little bean in your prayers as we wait for our first doctor appointment,” Heather wrote on Facebook in December, sharing the news of their pregnancy with family and friends. “Everything seems to be going good so far. The girls and us are so excited.”

### **Anencephaly**

In April, however, at five months of pregnancy, Willow was diagnosed with anencephaly, a fatal condition in which the baby’s brain and skull do not develop properly, according to the report. Doctors told the Maberrys that their daughter would die in the womb or soon after birth.

“Please keep Nick, me, and our girls in your prayers,” Heather wrote on Facebook, sharing an ultrasound image of Willow. “We just received the worst news about our baby girl. This is our baby girl, Willow Rose. We love you so very much!!!”

Soon, Heather decided that she wanted an abortion. She told CNN that she had high blood pressure

and hyperemesis, and did not want to continue the pregnancy if her baby girl was going to die anyway. But Kentucky law protects unborn babies from being killed in elective abortions, so the Maberrys traveled to Chicago instead.

### **The worst pain ever**

According to CNN:

Since Kentucky Medicaid wouldn’t cover the procedure, the Maberrys sought help from organizations that support abortion and from family and friends, but they still couldn’t raise enough for an induction.

A clinic in Chicago agreed to do a surgical procedure called a dilation and evacuation for free, and organizations that support abortion rights paid for their travel expenses, Heather said.

She said the procedure was “a nightmare” and “the worst pain ever” – much more painful than giving birth to her daughters.

### **A dismemberment abortion**

It also was a nightmare for their unborn daughter, although the Maberrys probably were not told that. A dilation and evacuation also is known as a dismemberment abortion, a procedure in which the abortionist dilates the woman’s cervix and then uses steel instruments to pull the baby’s body apart, limb by limb, while his/her heart is still beating.



Most families are not informed about the gruesome, violent reality of abortion.

And because Willow's body was dismembered, the Maberrys did not have the chance to hold her and say goodbye, as they wanted to.

In the CNN interview, the family lashed out against the Kentucky pro-life law, blaming it for preventing them from holding their daughter.

"We'll never know what her face looked like. We'll never know what it was like to hold her in our arms," Heather said. "We're grieving someone that we've never seen."

### **Deserved better**

But it was abortion activists' lies, not pro-life laws, and the Maberrys' own choice to seek an abortion that kept them from holding their daughter.

It is clear that they loved and valued Willow. Their desire to hold her and their grief and anger over her death demonstrate that. But, in their heartbreak over the diagnosis, they were vulnerable to the pervasive lies about abortion.

Frequently, families say doctors and genetic counselors pressure mothers to have abortions after their unborn baby is diagnosed with a medical condition. Often, the child's condition is presented in the worst terms and families are not informed about resources, such as perinatal hospice and support groups, to help grieving families. Perinatal hospice would have helped the Maberrys fulfill their desire to hold their daughter. The

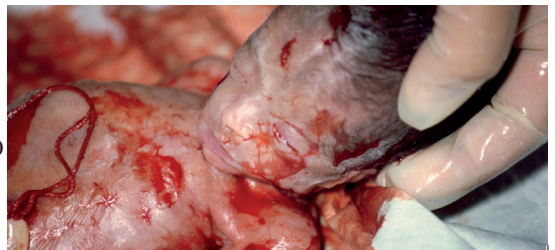
program provides grief support and planning services to families of babies diagnosed with fatal disabilities, working with hospital staff to prepare for the baby's birth and death, as well as arranging for photographs and other mementos of the baby, funeral arrangements and more.

Instead of being offered these life-affirming options, too many families are told that having their unborn baby killed in an abortion is the only compassionate thing to do.

It is this pro-abortion mindset, not pro-life laws, that is damaging families like the Maberrys. They and their daughter deserved better.

<https://www.lifenews.com/2023/07/07/couple-dismembers-their-disabled-baby-in-an-abortion-complains-they-didnt-get-to-hold-her/>

So much pressure is placed on women to abort their baby if the woman is over 35 years old, or when anomalies are detected during the baby scan appointments. This pressure is often pushed by medical staff, then by family. Many think that abortion is legal, it is fine and normal and there will be no consequences, yet few realise what an actual abortion entails, how painful, terrible and destructive it truly is. We must never stop doing all we can to stop abortion. And we must never stop loving.



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## Forgiveness

### How often must I forgive him?

While at Mass last week, the following Scripture was read: Matthew 18:21-35:

Peter approached Jesus and asked him, "Lord, if my brother sins against me, how often must I forgive him? As many as seven times?"

Jesus answered, "I say to you, not seven times but seventy-seven times.

That is why the Kingdom of heaven may be likened to a king who decided to settle accounts with his servants.

When he began the accounting, a debtor was brought before him who owed him a huge amount.

Since he had no way of paying it back, his master ordered him to be sold, along with his wife, his children, and all his property, in payment of the debt.

At that, the servant fell down, did him homage, and said, 'Be patient with me, and I will pay you back in full.'

Moved with compassion, the master of that servant let him go and forgave him the loan. When that servant had left, he found one

of his fellow servants who owed him a much smaller amount.

He seized him and started to choke him, demanding, 'Pay back what you owe.'

Falling to his knees, his fellow servant begged him, 'Be patient with me, and I will pay you back.' But he refused. Instead, he had the fellow servant put in prison until he paid back the debt.

Now when his fellow servants saw what had happened, they were deeply disturbed, and went to their master and reported the whole affair.

His master summoned him and said to him, 'You wicked servant! I forgave you your entire debt because you begged me to.

Should you not have had pity on your fellow servant, as I had pity on you?' Then in anger his master handed him over to the torturers until he should pay back the whole debt. So will my heavenly Father do to you, unless each of you forgives his brother from his heart."

### Unforgiveness

This Scripture made me think about a recent situation where

I witnessed the hurt caused by unforgiveness.

### **We don't talk anymore!**

For the first time in over twenty years I met up with a lot of old friends on the passing of a dear friend. Over the years, people changed and I asked one man if he was his brother as they looked alike and it was an easy mistake to make after all that time. There was a look of horror on his face. He said 'No, no, no! Don't call me that. We don't talk anymore!' Immediately, in my shock I said 'Oh no! But why?' Then I immediately retracted my question as I realised I had no need to pry. However, he blurted out the story anyway of how he was left to care for his father when he became ill and had no help from his brother, so they fell out over it.

### **Holding on to all this pain**

It immediately hit me how much hurt he was carrying. He cared for his father until he died but had also lost his brother, holding on to all this pain of unforgiveness in the process. His brother also turned up that evening but, within the same room, they avoided each other and talked to everyone else, carefully avoiding each other. It was very sad to see.

They still had the same friends but couldn't reconcile with each other. I pray now for their reconciliation and that Jesus will heal the hurt that has caused this division. I know there are many more families that have similar feuds that can last throughout their lifetime.

### **Heroic acts**

It made me also think about some heroic acts of forgiveness, like mothers who have the strength to forgive their children's murderers. Also the well documented one of Saint Pope John Paul II, forgiving his would-be assassin.

Following the shooting, Pope John Paul II asked people to "pray for my brother... whom I have sincerely forgiven."

In 1983, Saint John Paul visited him in prison. He was pardoned in June 2000 at the pope's request but spent a further ten years in jail in Turkey on other charges. In 2007 he converted to Christianity while in prison and visited Saint John Paul's tomb to lay flowers in 2014.

### **A decision of the heart**

John Paul said "Forgiveness is above all a personal choice, a decision of the heart to go against the natural instinct to pay back evil with evil."

"So if you are offering your gift at the altar and there remember that your brother has something against you, leave your gift there before the altar and go first and be reconciled to your brother and then come and offer your gift." *Matthew 5:23-24*

### **Set a prisoner free**

Perhaps if we search hard within ourselves, there may be someone who has hurt us and maybe we think we have forgiven them but, if we still think of them in a negative way and hurt surfaces again, perhaps there is still some unforgiveness there.

There is a quote by Lewis B. Swedes that rings true "To forgive

is to set a prisoner free and discover that the prisoner was you."

**As the Lord has forgiven you**

Let us then ask Jesus to show us how to truly forgive from our hearts.

As Saint Paul says in his letter to the Colossians 3:12-13: "Put on then, as God's chosen ones, holy

and beloved, compassionate hearts, kindness, humility, meekness and patience, bearing with one another and, if one has a complaint against another, forgiving each other; as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive."



# *Bear with one another*

**Extract from  
'Story Of A Soul'**

"For a long time my place at meditation was near a Sister who fidgeted continually, either with her rosary, or something else; possibly, as I am very keen of hearing, I alone heard her, but I cannot tell you how much

it tried me. I should have liked to turn round, and by looking at the offender, make her stop the noise; but in my heart I knew that I ought to bear it tranquilly, both for the love of God and to avoid giving pain. So I kept quiet, but the effort cost me so much that sometimes I was bathed in perspiration, and my meditation consisted merely in suffering with patience...

...After a time I tried to endure it in peace and joy, at least deep down in my soul, and I strove to take actual pleasure in the disagreeable little noise. Instead of trying not to hear it, which was impossible, I set myself to listen, as though it had been some delightful music, and my meditation—which was not the "prayer of quiet"—was passed in offering this music to Our Lord."

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## Events to Come

**Thursday**  
**14 September**  
**THE EXALTATION**  
**AND TRIUMPH OF**  
**THE CROSS**  
*Prayers begin*  
*at 12noon*

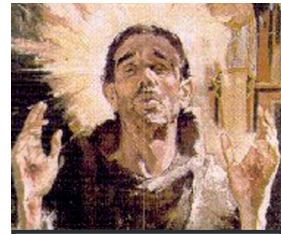
**Saturday**  
**23 September**  
**FEAST OF**  
**SAINT PIO**  
*Prayers begin*  
*at 12noon*

**Friday**  
**29 September**  
**FEAST OF THE**  
**ARCHANGELS**  
*Prayers begin*  
*at 12noon*

**FIRST FRIDAY**  
**VIGILS**  
**from 10pm - 2am:**  
**6 October**  
**and**  
**3 November**  
**2023** 

**Sunday 1**  
**October**  
**FEAST OF**  
**SAINT THÉRÈSE**  
**HOUSE OF**  
**PRAYER**  
**CLOSED**  
**FOR A PRIVATE**  
**RETREAT**

**Monday 2 October**  
**FEAST OF THE**  
**GUARDIAN ANGELS**  
*Prayers begin*  
*at 12noon*



**Wednesday**  
**4 October**  
**FEAST OF SAINT**  
**FRANCIS OF**  
**ASSISI**  
*Prayers begin*  
*at 12pm*



**Friday 13 to Sunday 15 October**  
**WEEKEND WITH**  
**THE PATRICKS**  
**WALK AGAINST ABORTION**  
On Saturday 14 October,  
gathering at 2.45pm



# Letters to the HoP



## **Wonderful**

To the servants of the House.  
Enclosed you will find cheque  
towards your upkeep.  
We enjoy your Newsletter and  
enjoyed visit to your House and  
wonderful work and prayer.  
You are in my prayers please  
include me in you prayers.  
God Bless you all.

Love, Eileen.

## **Many thanks**

Dear Patricks, great staff  
Many thanks for your great  
magazine which I enjoy so much.  
God Bless you all, keep up the  
great work.  
Yours sincerely,  
Margaret.

## OUR ON-LINE INFORMATION

### **EMAIL**

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we get them, by email, please  
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### **WEBSITE**

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[www.thetwopatricks.org](http://www.thetwopatricks.org).  
You can also donate, order books,  
prayers, DVDs and CDs on this  
page.


### **FACEBOOK**

The Messages of Love are  
uploaded onto our Facebook page

'Messages of Love as given  
to the two Patricks.' Some  
Newsletter articles are uploaded  
on to this page: 'Newsletter An  
Invitation To Love Jesus'. On  
'Prayers From The Sacred Heart  
House of Prayer', you can join our  
community prayers when they are  
livestreamed daily at 12noon, 3pm,  
6pm, 8.30pm and the Wednesday  
Night Prayer Meeting at 8.30pm.

### **YOUTUBE**

We have also created a new Youtube  
channel which livestreams our  
prayers "Prayers From the  
Sacred Heart House of Prayer."



## Diamond in the Rough

by Danette Kettwich

I was once a hopeless, lost diamond, concealed in the dark.  
In a wretched and dismal cave where, no light could touch my

heart.

The Lord reached in and found, this rough and filthy stone.  
From out of the immense darkness, He claimed me as His own.

He set to labor immediately, His love always prevailed.  
The reductions made with clarity, using a hammer and three nails.

The cuts were not without, struggle, growth and pain,  
But with each came a brighter glow; a new lesson gained.

After the cutting was complete, His brilliance now could shine.  
Luminous for all to see, a radiant diamond now refined.

I am far being from flawless; He's perfecting my luster still,  
This diamond in the rough, being transformed within His will.

I occasionally become tarnished, I still can find the dirt and grime,  
But He always finds and inspires me, once again to shine.

I know someday I will reflect, with His pure and flawless light,  
In the radiance and presence of Jesus, the Illuminator of my life.