



Friends of ST. PEREGRINE

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Dear Friends of St. Peregrine,

With praise and thanksgiving, I honor God for being our healing strength. Blessings on your prayerful intercession with Blessed Mother Mary and good St. Peregrine. Thank you for sharing this newsletter with others. For the gift that we receive, we give as a gift to others.

As I continue to pray for all of you these days, I am reflecting on the words of St. Paul... "God comforts us in all our afflictions and thus enables us to comfort those who are in trouble, with the same consolation we have received from God. As we have shared much in the suffering of Christ, so through Christ do we share abundantly in Christ's consolation." (2 Cor. 1:3-5)

Last July, I led a pilgrimage to Our Lady of Guadalupe's Shrine in Mexico City. The weather was cool in the 70s and thirteen of us enjoyed the religious pilgrimage of Mater Dei Tours. We prayed for all of you from church to church. I was really impressed by all the beautiful piety of families, with mom and dad leading their children closer to Christ and our Lady at Mass and the rosary. This was a true sign of the miracle of consolation for God's people, for you and me.

We continue to pray for the people of Mexico for their good recovery from their earthquakes, for our



neighbors in Texas, Louisiana, Florida, Puerto Rico, Haiti, and the Caribbean, who have experienced destructions from the many hurricanes. We pray for their good health and safety. May we comfort them with our prayers to the Holy Spirit.

I received this email the other day. "Hello Fr. Chris: I heard your interview with Drew Marioni on Relevant Radio the other day. Our daughter Megan, age 26, was diagnosed with Non-Hodgkin's Lymphoma three years ago. Treatments have gone very well. In fact she and her husband Mark have had two healthy babies since the diagnosis. Each recent scan has shown no sign of recurrence. They are a beautiful, spiritual couple with a great

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devotion to St. John Paul II and St. Peregrine.” We’ll hear from Megan herself in this newsletter.

“Thank you, Fr. Chris for always blessing me on the phone when I call. That helps me to feel God’s comfort and care. Bless you for your ministry for all of us, Loretta from New Jersey.”

Praise God for such witnessing of how God is helping all of us in our trials today. Thank you God for your comfort through our saints and spirituality. May we pray that more parishes will be open to the healing ministry from our National Shrine of St. Peregrine, OSM. Please write to me if your pastor wants to invite St. Peregrine ministry in the parish for all cancer survivors and others with serious illnesses.

Peace and Prayers,

- **Fr. Chris Krymski, OSM**
Director of the National Shrine of St. Peregrine, Chicago, IL.

St. Peregrine Ministry Mission Statement

With Mary at the foot of the Cross of her suffering Son, Jesus, We, Servants of Mary, promote and sustain the St. Peregrine ministry of healing and compassion.

Through our ministries of prayer, blessing, pilgrimage, reconciliation and evangelization, we accompany caregivers and those persons who live with serious illness, especially cancer, as they seek to find healing, support, peace and God in their daily lives.

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Prayer to St. Peregrine

Praise you, O God, for your gift of comfort and consolation that we receive from Jesus’ healing spirit and through the intercession of our saints.

St. Peregrine received that consolation when St. Philip Benizi’s prayed for Peregrine’s conversion of heart as a teenager. That prayer was answered by God’s Holy Spirit. May that same Holy Spirit come upon us today.

May Our Sorrowful Mother Mary intercede for us and others in the way a mother would intercede with her Son to bestow comfort and care upon us all like she did at the wedding feast of Cana. May Blessed Mary’s consolation help us to cope with the raw news of ill health, hurt and pain.

Praise you, O God, for as children of God, we are greater than our cancer and other serious illnesses. We are children of God’s life and love. Thank you God for reminding us of our blessing (remember your special intentions).

We ask this through Christ, our Lord, Amen.



Outdoor healing Mass in Honor of St. Peregrine at The Grotto, in Portland, Oregon



Jesus heals in many different ways - Megan's Story

Hi Father Chris!

I am Deacon Chris K's daughter, Megan. He emailed you about my family and our journey with my non-Hodgkin's lymphoma. We found out great news... Jesus the Healer has healed me completely!

We saw my oncologist in Philadelphia today, and she reviewed my most recent scans with us. Up until today, all of the doctors I've seen have hesitated to use the word "remission" with my case, and have always referred to it as "partial." They've explained to me that this type of cancer typically doesn't go into remission, and if it does it will most likely come back. Well, there was no hesitation in her voice today when she looked at the results on the screen, looked at us, smiled and said "Absolutely beautiful... everything is clear. You're in continual, complete remission." She went on to explain that even the slightly enlarged lymph nodes that showed up on my scans from

a year ago have completely and totally shrunk. I was confused at how this could be, as I have not had any form of treatment in over a year and a half. She smiled at our little 6 week old baby boy, snuggled in my husband's arms. She explained that during the pregnancy, my body's immune system would have been strengthened, and that could have something to do with the positive results.

So it seems to me that Jesus heals in many different ways, including sending us children, who heal us in so many unknown ways.

We thank God for his mercy, St. Peregrine and all the Saints for their prayers, and you for your ministry!

- Megan Quaranta

Travelling Image of St. Peregrine

Like the travelling Statue of Our Lady of Fatima, I would like to send you two travelling images of St. Peregrine's life that have been blessed, here at the National Shrine of St. Peregrine in Chicago, IL. I want you to host the blessed images in a special place in your home. It would be great to call some persons together, who want to pray for others who have cancer and serious illnesses. You may pray the rosary together or the official prayers from the National Shrine. Let us know how the home prayers were received by your testimonies.



If you would like to receive the travelling images and official prayers, please write to me here at the National Shrine of St. Peregrine to begin our spiritual journey of healing and peacemaking across the country.

- Fr. Chris, OSM

Thank you, St. Peregrine

-notes received at the National Shrine of St. Peregrine

God bless you, St. Peregrine for helping me to see God's grace through my cancer and other illnesses. I have helped to witness to others how good God is to me as we carry my Cross together. Thank you for my family too.

Thanking St. Peregrine for prayers. I am free of cancer. Thank you, God, my Father.

In thanksgiving for my husband's successful surgery on June 20th for kidney cancer. Now to keep him strong for the second surgery.

Dear St. Peregrine,
Thank you for your devotion to Our Lord Jesus Christ and for you intercession in my dealing with cancer.

Another Healing Pilgrimage of St. Peregrine

Circle your calendars as we would like to take another pilgrimage to the Holy Land. We are looking at an 11 day pilgrimage in early November of 2018. We travel with Mater Dei Tours who have gone with us on the last two pilgrimages to Italy and Mexico City. Daily Mass day at a church, wonderful accommodations. and no fuss, no muss. Please call Dennis or Juan at 1(800) 515-2632.

Your donation will help us to continue the good works of our Ministry Office in publishing and distributing this newsletter free of charge to parishes, hospitals and prayer centers across the country. Please help us spread the good word that others are praying for those with serious illness. Thank you and God bless!

Jesus, the Healer; St. Peregrine, the Helper

In the three years that it has taken me to develop this book, I especially wanted people to hear the factual story of St. Peregrine's life. His miracle

"Jesus the Healer; St. Peregrine, OSM, the Helper"
by Christopher L. Krymki, OSM.



story started when he was fallen away from the Catholic Church as a teenager, joined a violent gang that continued the civil war in his town of Forli, Italy and received the Holy Spirit's power through St. Philip Benizi's prayer of conversion over Peregrine. That was the first miracle the Peregrine had received in his early life.

I have also included real testimonies from cancer survivors and people experiencing trauma in their lives in their journey with Jesus, the Healer, Blessed Mother Mary and good St. Peregrine. I wanted this book to be a reflection book to visit often with my personal poetry and art works that I have done throughout the years. At the end of the book is a new, nine day novena to Jesus, the Blessed Mother, and St. Peregrine. It is by community prayer that we find God's healing strength and continued miracle of life, each day of our lives. I hope that you will find this book enriching your spiritual life as it has for me and many others.

The cost is \$10 a copy and \$3 for shipping and handling. Write me a note to obtain your copy at St. Peregrine Ministries, 3121 West Jackson Blvd. Chicago, IL. 60612.

At the National Shrine of St. Peregrine (Our Lady of Sorrows Basilica in Chicago), a healing Mass and blessing with the relic of St. Peregrine is celebrated at 11:00am on the third Saturday of the month. There is a healing Mass and blessing in Spanish on the second Saturday of each month, also at 11:00am.