



# Friends of ST. PEREGRINE

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## Dear Friends of St. Peregrine,

Happy God's creation and the beauty of these Summertime days.

On May 11, 2019, I was celebrating the Feast Day of St. Peregrine with our friends at Our Lady of Mt. Carmel in Denver, CO. Many people attended and were blessed with the relic of St. Peregrine. Henry came up to me and said, "Fr. Chris, I really enjoyed your book, *Jesus the Healer; St. Peregrine,*

*osm, the Helper.* It is a real inspiration for me as I am in remission with my cancer for several years."

Many of the pilgrims came up to me with grateful hearts for answered prayers at the local St. Peregrine shrine at Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Parish. Others were also sharing their faithful stories of how God is working in their lives today.

As we hear in Sacred Scripture: John 10:10, "(And Jesus said to His disciples as the Good Shepherd)... I came in order that they may have life, and have it abundantly."

During the month of May, we have honored nurses who are our caregivers and "good shepherds." We gave out appreciation certificates in Denver, CO, at Our Lady of Mt. Carmel and Chicago, IL, at our National Shrine on the Feast Day. If you would like your nurse to be remembered here at the National Shrine Chapel of St. Peregrine, please write to me and I will send you our special appreciation certificate for you to give to your nurse. We have a special book of nurse names to receive prayers and blessing at the St. Peregrine Altar. Your nurse will also be remembered for this year.

For our Silver Jubilee Year at the National Shrine of St. Peregrine, we are recognizing and honoring all local shrines of St. Peregrine. If you know of





**Little Sisters of the Poor at the St. Peregrine shrine at Our Lady of Mount Carmel, Denver**

a local shrine of St. Peregrine, in your parish or others, please let us know. We would like to send them a certificate of appreciation for promoting healing ministry in honor of St. Peregrine.

#### **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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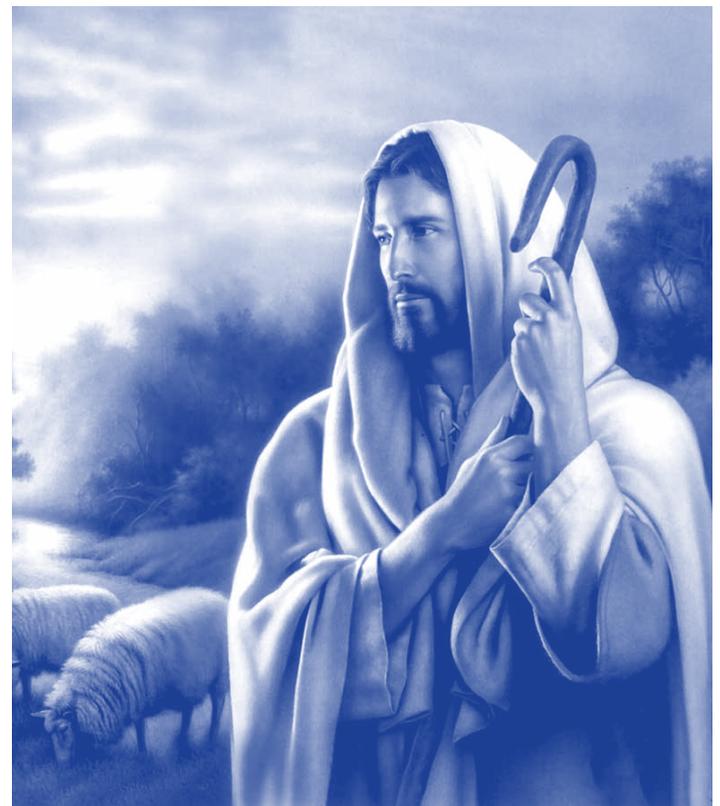
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Thank you always for your support in prayer, in God's consolation and healing and your financial gift to keep this newsletter coming to your door. Please send me your good news of answered prayers and how God is calling you closer to Him.

God bless you, your family, friends and caregivers,

**Fr. Chris Krymski, OSM**

Director of the National Shrine of St. Peregrine,  
Chicago, IL



## **Prayer**

Healing Jesus, our Good Shepherd, thank you for being here for all of us in our time of need. Bless us with other "good shepherds," our caregivers and those persons, who are in our support groups of peace and patience. Thank you for all who are in our eternal support groups, who guide and comfort us in our lonely hours. Thank you Blessed Mary and St. Peregrine. We ask this through You, O Lord, Amen.

has done for me. May God bless you and your loved ones...

*John from Denver, CO*

## Glory to God Story...

Hello Fr. Chris,

Two years ago, I was in my doctor's office to hear the results of my CT scans and biopsy. A biopsy was done that was positive for pancreatic cancer and shortly after that my voice miraculously returned. I believe it was God's way to say that there was something wrong and that I needed additional medical attention.

Back to the waiting room, I was praying to St. Peregrine asking for his intercession and assistance. I was sitting with my wife and noticed the phone number for Fr. Chris Krymski at Our Lady of Sorrows Basilica in Chicago, IL. Like Our Lady of Sorrows, the parish I attend in Denver is staffed with priests from the Servite Order of which St. Peregrine belonged. In desperation, I reached out and called Fr. Chris. He answered the call and was kind enough to pray with me and my family during this difficult time. He even blessed me with the relic of St. Peregrine over the phone. I received a sense of peace that came over me. I knew that whatever God had in store for me that I would need to give myself and the care of my family over to Him and His Divine Will.

I was diagnosed with Stage II pancreatic cancer. I've been through several rounds of chemo and radiation, as well as surgery. I've had a recurrence of cancer but continue to fight. The treatment I have received appears to have shrunk the tumor and my cancer blood work markers are trending down which is a good thing. All glory to God. Thank you St. Peregrine, for your love and intercession. Thank you Fr. Chris and the Servite Order for all you do in support of us that are dealing with cancer and other deadly diseases. Your ministry means more to us that you will ever know.

Two years later, even though I am still battling cancer, I am able to enjoy my family and loved ones, hike, exercise and work. Trust in the Lord and offer up your sufferings to Christ on the Cross. He will ease your burden and give you rest as He

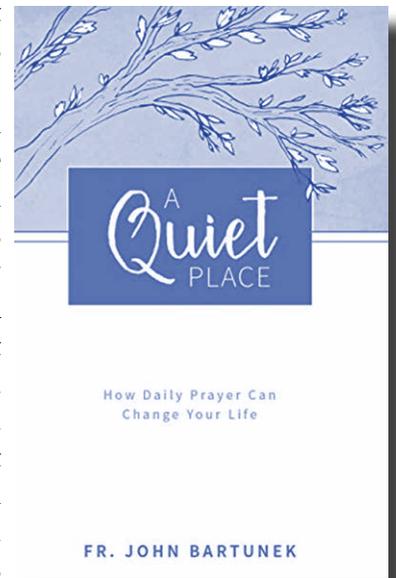
## Book Review

### **A Quiet Place: How Daily Prayer Can Change Your Life**

by Fr. John Bartunek, published by Beacon Publishing, 2017, distributed by Dynamic Catholic.

As we all contemplate the greater need to come closer to God in our spiritual life, Fr. John has helped me in his writings and focus to feed our "spiritual DNA". This is our life force that we feed with God's grace even as we live through the many mysteries of life. Fr. John's book will help you as I have read on page 32...

"Christian joy, the fruit of the Holy Spirit, is different. It can last, because it is a spiritual joy based on the possession of spiritual truth that fills our hearts more than any pastry ever could. Through our faith, we know that we are infinitely loved by God, that he created us with a purpose, that he has forgiven and will continue to forgive all our sins, and that Jesus has gone before us into heaven to prepare a place for us there, a place of everlasting fulfillment and bliss."



I truly recommend this book to help you come closer to God through His Holy Spirit in the quiet of your heart and the silence of your alone time.



**Send prayer petitions for yourself, your friends, family and loved ones to our website: [www.servite.org](http://www.servite.org).**

**Thank you, St. Peregrine**  
*-notes received at the National Shrine of St. Peregrine*

Thank you, St. Peregrine for my requests to God. Please pray for my healing and to know what is my mission in life.

Thank you St. Peregrine through your intercession to the Lord, nothing is impossible. Please continue to intercede for all my intentions and for the all the sick. Thank you for all graces received. God bless.

Dear Lord,  
Through the intercession of St. Peregrine, thank you for all your blessings of healing, Amen.

Please join me to "Thank God" for all His blessings and miracles through the intercession of our Blessed Virgin Mary and good St. Peregrine, Amen.

Dear St. Peregrine,  
Thank you for all the help, blessings and companionship you bestow on me. Please, O God continue to grant the complete healing of my mind, body, soul and spirit. Grant us peace and love, Amen.



**Our Lady of Mercy Cancer Support Group, Aurora, IL**

Pastor Don McLaughlin has a wonderful nurse on staff, Jolene LeRoy, RN, who is in charge of Pastoral Care for Our Lady of Mercy Parish. Their cancer care ministry has a focus in providing spiritual care and support during a person's cancer journey. Jolene invited me to come to Our Lady of Mercy this year for their Saturday morning St. Peregrine Prayer session in church and then share in the one hour of fellowship afterwards. Their team also includes a doctor who is studying to be a deacon for the Diocese of Joliet. To contact Jolene, call 1(331)707-5380 for more information. God's blessings on all of our local St. Peregrine ministry sites.

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!

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.