



Friends of ST. PEREGRINE

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Dear Friends of St. Peregrine,

What a wonderful Fall season to celebrate the Feast Day of Our Lady of Sorrows, Patroness of our Servite Order and St. Peregrine, OSM. Her Feast Day is on September 15th. She is our Mother of Compassion, given to us by Jesus at the Cross.

Recently, I traveled back to St. John the Evangelist Parish in Streamwood, IL. The Pastor, Fr. Gregg has set up a beautiful, local shrine of St. Peregrine with a relic in the Mary Chapel next to the church's sanctuary. I praised and thanked God for this wonderful shrine dedicated to intercessory prayer for God's miracle of life for so many people. And it would be wonderful to have a local shrine near your parish. Why not ask your pastor if you could help him to set up a local shrine of St. Peregrine for healing prayer in the church? Contact me for suggestions, 1 (773) 638-0159 ext. 104.

As we hear in the second letter to the Corinthians 4:8-10, "We are afflicted in every way, but not crushed, perplexed, but not driven to despair, persecuted, but not forsaken; struck down, but not destroyed; always carrying in the body the death of Jesus, so that the life of Jesus may also be made visible in our bodies."

Also, I have read online about Our Lady of Sorrows and our National Shrine of St. Peregrine... "The Basilica is truly beautiful and very peaceful;



really enjoyed my visit here that I did as part of a personal, Chicago pilgrimage. I would highly recommend to anyone desiring peace in this crazy world!" Pilgrim from Colorado.

A family from Florida wrote: "We were welcomed by clergy and parishioners from the moment we crossed the threshold. They didn't just vaguely say hello. The priest knew we were new. (If you are looking for a home parish, it's nice to know that the priest knows his flock well enough to be sure of that.) The ladies in the pew behind us helped with a teen's runaway sweater. The hugs and handshakes felt really welcoming."

Now, as I celebrate my 36th year as a Servite, I want to thank and praise God for all of you and

God's healing miracles that we have witnessed in our daily lives. As Blessed Mother Mary prayed in her Magnificat... "My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior. For he has looked with favor on the lowliness of his servant." (Luke 1:46-48)

Come visit us or have one of our Servites come visit your Parish. St. Francis of Assisi Parish is celebrating their 3rd Anniversary with St. Peregrine's Ministry in Auburn, New York, the Sunday of October 14th.

As we hear spoken at the Eucharistic prayer for our healing, "Save us, Savior of the world, for by your Cross and Resurrection you have set us free. And as St. Paul writes his second letter to the Corinthians 1:3-5, "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 him. As we have shared much

in the suffering of Christ, so through Christ do we share abundantly in his consolation."

As we keep in touch in prayer and in God's consolation, healing and freedom for one another, God bless you, your family and friends,

Fr. Chris Krymski, O.S.M.

Director of the National Shrine of St. Peregrine

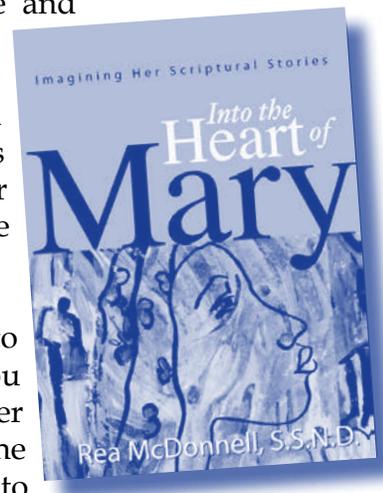
Book Review

Into the Heart of Mary
Imaging Her Scriptural Stories
By Rea McDonnell, S.S.N.D.

Sister Rea has written a wonderful reflection book on how Blessed Mary's life resembles our lives in our own culture and time period. Blessed Mary is our mother who stands with us and shares compassion as only a mother can for her children, who have crosses.

We are asked to contemplate: "Are you willing to join Mary in her own suffering beneath the cross? Do you speak to Mary or respect her silence, her way of grieving? Are you willing to join Mary as she continues to suffer because her children around today's world are violated, persecuted, literally thirsting, unjustly treated? (pages 94-95)

I am thankful for Sr. Rea's wonderful reflections of mutuality in all our sufferings, losses, and grief. May Blessed Mary share her love and intercession as a great blessing in the way we cope with life together. Our joys are in our relationships with our Spiritual Family and earthly family, who give strength and encouragement to one another.



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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month of November and December. Thank you for participating in these new projects with us.

Prayer

“O God of love and goodness, we praise you for your gift of courage in the Holy Spirit. Thank you for the circle of caregivers, our doctors, nurses, family and friends. May our lives blossom with greater faith, hope and charity. May we see our lives as precious gifts to you, O God; right now, no matter how big; no matter how small. (Mention your special intention to God) We ask for your blessing of grace and healing in the name of Jesus Christ, our Blessed Mother Mary and good St. Peregrine, OSM, Amen.



What's New with St. Peregrine Ministry?

At the National Shrine, we are starting a St. Peregrine Healing Garden in conjunction with Novena Park next to Our Lady of Sorrows Basilica on Albany and Jackson Blvd. We are taking Pope Francis' call to care for our earthly home with beauty and ecology on the West Side of Chicago. To help with the cost of making the garden handicapped accessible and rain-gutter watering of the plants, we need your help.

We will provide engraved bricks along the concrete path to remember in memory our loved ones, or in honor of loved ones or a happy occasion of an anniversary. I remembered my parents and someone else honored me with an engraved brick. Each paver brick costs \$100 to be engraved and installed in our St. Peregrine Healing Garden. Won't you help us in this beautiful gift to give your loved ones as prayers in our Basilica Garden?

Please send in any names of loved ones whom you want remembered at the Shrine. I will place their names at the Our Lady of the Pieta Statue in her chapel for remembrance during the whole

Glory to God Stories...

“Dear Fr. Chris, writing down my “Glory to God” story seems a better idea at this than for us to keep trying to reach each other by phone.

During this period of medical treatments, I was not only blessed by the works of doctors and staff at the Cancer Center but by the prayers and good wishes of my family, friends and parish priest. Today, I am still under the watchful eye of the doctors every three months but I am cancer free and have recovered very nicely.

Several times, while undergoing treatments, my brother-in-law from Arkansas would call and say that my husband and I should try to visit the St. Peregrine Shrine in Chicago. He said that he had been praying to St. Peregrine for me and somehow seemed to know about the Shrine.

By the third Saturday of June, 2016, I felt strong enough to take a trip to Chicago, and so we did.

We have been coming to the Shrine every month since then for the Healing Mass.

In May, 2016, just after finishing my own treatments, we sadly found out that our nephew, who is 48 years old, was diagnosed with Stage IV non-Hodgkin's molecular lymphoma with 99% bone marrow involvement. He was full of tumors. Each time we visited the Basilica on the third Saturday, I would write down his name, along with many others, in the book of intentions at St. Peregrine's National Shrine.

By November 2016, a CAT scan showed that Chaz's tumor load was gone. In Dec. 2016, a biopsy result showed his bone marrow to be free of any cancer. His last rest, a DNA profile, was done to show the outline of damage. The result showed he did not need ongoing treatments!

You're right Fr. Chris, Catholics don't brag about God enough. That why, after you put out your invitation, I've take this opportunity to share our stories with you. Please keep up the good work at the National Shrine. We'll pray for you to have the stamina you need! May God continue to bless your work and that of all the other Servite Friars at your beautiful place of healing. Thank you and God bless you.

Sincerely, Pat from Shabbona, IL

Thank you Pat and Everyone Else, who wants to send me your Story of God's Glory in your life. I want to hear how you are coping with God's help. The miracle may not be there right away; but the miracle of your faith, hope and love certainly is. Let's give God that glory.
Peace.

- Fr. Chris, O.S.M.

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!



Send prayer petitions for yourself, your friends, family and loved ones to our website: www.servite.org.

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

"I praise God for prayers from Heaven. Thank you for remembering all of us, who need God's miracle. We are so blessed to know God and Our Blessed Mother as comfort and love from Jesus."
Joe from Illinois

"I pray in thanksgiving to God, for all those persons in remission, so that cancer never returns to them."

"Please join me to thank God for miracles and blessings through the intercession of our Mother Mary and St. Peregrine. Please pray for all my relatives, friends and other pilgrims."

"Please help immigrant parents get their children back. Show mercy on the children and prevent them from being scarred emotionally, in Jesus Name, I pray, Amen."

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.