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During a six month tour in 2006, with Mr. Carl R. Malburg, the custodian of the International Pilgrim Virgin Statue of Our Lady of Fatima [IPVS], I became extremely surprised at the speaking capabilities and knowledgeable information contained in this previous

lumberjack of a man who had been chosen to relate Our Lady's Fatima Message. In fact, some have told me Carl had become a "Fatima Scholar." Seems that Mary followed a similar path as had Her Son, Jesus, when He chose the 12 apostles. Why not? She **was and is** His mother.

Carl had a distinct and peculiar enunciation of the English vocabulary during his oral Fatima presentations that captivated most of the audience. His work for Our Lady of Fatima spanned nearly 2 decades not only traveling nearly 20-22 days of each month available, but also on call 16 to 20 hours daily during each monthly tour.

Beside, the 20 years of this enduring routine in America, Carl accumulated exhausting days, nights, and weeks in over 20 different Asian, European, African, South American, and British foreign lands and absent from his family life here in the USA.

During his "off-time" Carl designed and developed a Scapular machine which occupied the balance of the 6-10 days of the month and secured "no down time" at all for himself. His time was occupied solely delivering scapulars to religious organization during his time at home and delivering Our Lady's Fatima **message calling us to conversion, prayer, and penance**, while on tour. All based on Our Lady's Fatima message to the 3 visionaries, "If what I tell you is done, many sinners will

be converted and there will be peace." "... Pray, pray a great deal and make sacrifices for sinners, for many souls go to hell because they have no one to pray and make sacrifices for them."

And as Carl once said that it was the "fire in his belly" that kept him motivated and determined to fulfill Mother Mary's requests. **Conversion** was obvious in all the extraordinary obligations he daily assumed. **Prayer** was his daily routine whether at home, attending daily mass, praying the rosary, or on the job delivering interesting timely talks to adults, children, television and radio interviews, etc.. **Penance** was his friend.

Personally, I had never seen a lay person so dedicated and determined to share Our Blessed Mother's request with the populous, that being away from those whom he loved, away from the comfort of his bed and home, enduring his remaining days suffering 4th stage cancer and slowly losing the breath of life God had given him, while praying that all this suffering and pain would benefit the conversion if only of one sinner.

Charles M. Urban, Sr.

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ON THE ROAD WITH OUR LADY

By Carl Malburg

Imagine 10,000 people in your city pushing forward to be enrolled in the Brown Scapular. We live in very serious times. Families are being destroyed, youth are led away from God, and society is coming apart. More than ever, we need, we must have the protection of our Mother Mary. "My Immaculate Heart will be your refuge," she said to Lucia at Fatima.

We who have experienced the amazing protection of Mary, given through consecration to her Immaculate Heart, can face with confidence the uncertainties and the sometimes bleak outlook of the future. But how do we share the Marian devotion with others?

Imagine a world at peace. Peace within families, between nations, races and entire world at peace with God. This is what it will be. This might already be here if enough people could have heard and responded to the Fatima Message.

One way of promoting the Fatima message is through the travels of Our Lady's Image and to tell the world the great message of hope, the Peace Plan from Heaven, given to us in 1917. The travels of the statue constantly bring Mary and Her message to countless people. We see thousands coming forward

to receive the brown scapular, and thousands pledging to do the simple things Our Lady asked of us in Her Peace Plan from Heaven.

As custodian of Our Lady's Image I have seen the distribution of hundreds and at times thousands of Brown Scapulars on a daily basis with people coming forward to receive the scapular, and thousands pledging to do the simple things Our Lady asked of us in Her Peace Plan from Heaven.

The best part of traveling with the Pilgrim Virgin Statue is seeing so many people who are hungry for this message of hope. Everywhere I have taken the statue, people have gathered and listened intently to Our Lady's message and have responded to the call for prayer and penance with joy. They understood what She said made sense.

I recall being in the Belleville, IL diocese in 1993. The timing was perfect for Our Mother to console the victims of the flood. In 1994 I recall just after the earthquake in Los Angeles the Pilgrim Virgin statue was there showing her loving presence. Both of these tours were scheduled long before these disasters struck.

I have fond memories, too, of Western Canada, where we took

the Pilgrim Virgin statue during the summer of 1994. Great devotion and trust in Mary was shown there. One day when I was at a school one third-grade boy was seated with a teacher's aide on each side and another behind him. I was told that he suffered from hyperactivity and short attention span so acutely that he was unable to pass his classes. They feared that he might disrupt the Fatima presentation. But, he remained quiet. The next day his mother called to tell us that, although her son usually had so much trouble remembering his lessons, he had told her word for word, the talk I had given on the message of Fatima. School children are a pleasure to address because they relate to the children of Fatima.

I remember while in El Paso, TX in 1994, so many people came to the airport to welcome us that the airport corridors were clogged. Knights of Columbus helped open a way to the entrance and the airport manager asked us to leave quickly because no one could move.

While in El Paso we visited twenty-three parishes and everyone was overcrowded. Even when we came to the very small town of Kermit and arrived at midnight. Although this was an

unscheduled stop and we had decided at the last minute to go there, we found standing room only! At St. Therese's Presidio, they held services in a large hall because the church would be too small. Sixteen hundred people attended. Their church seats one hundred and fifty!

While in El Paso, we arranged to go across the Rio Grande to Juarez, Mexico. For an all-night vigil. We were met at the border and had a procession several miles down the main street and over the Divine Providence Church. The church was jammed full when we arrived at 1:00 pm. With about six hundred in procession. So with even the aisles packed with people, we began the vigil. As some left, others came. With the aisles jammed, Mariachi musicians performed for Our Lady and Mass followed. The church was still full at midnight! After the 6:00 a.m. Mass, Mariachi musicians again sang to Mary. As the vigil ended at noon, the church was overflowing with people! Twenty Thousand people had turned out for the overnight visit of Our Lady's visit in Juarez.

**OUR LADY OF FATIMA
PRAY FOR US!**

CARL MALBURG'S EARTHLY JOURNEY



On January 16, 2023, Carl Raymond Malburg left his earthly body behind to stand before Our Lord and Savior, and give an account of his life. In his younger years he enjoyed life on the farm, raising pigs, and interested in agriculture and forestry, Carl continued his education at the Michigan School of Agriculture. For 20 years Carl also worked as a lumberjack cutting timber and then driving semi-trucks until he was approached by Mr. John

Haffert, founder of the Blue Army of Our Lady of Fatima, to travel the world with the International Pilgrim Virgin Statue and then with the International Pilgrim Virgin Statue Foundation, Inc., preaching the 1917 Message of Our Lady of Fatima given to three little children and to millions of people.

Carl was a Fatima scholar. Some of the countries he traveled to included Southern and Northern Ireland, So. Korea,

Argentina, Philippines, Hong Kong, Italy, Holy Land, Lourdes, Portugal, Australia, Peru, England, So. Africa, Vancouver, Taiwan, British and Dutch West Indies, Tijuana, India, Haiti, and Lithuania.

In most countries he spent 3 to 5 weeks. In the United States Carl was on the road three weeks of every month for 11 months a year. The little time he had between each tour Carl managed to make over 2 million Brown



Scapular that were distributed freely during the tours, which was made possible through donations from many generous people.

Carl was born on August 20, 1940 in Hart, Michigan. He is survived by his wife Rose Marie (Barber) Malburg, his two sons, Mark (Barbara) and Lance (Sharon) Malburg, Grandchildren: Steven, Rebecca, Erin, Brandon, Trevor and Amanda Malburg. Three brothers Ralph, Duane (Donna), and Daniel Malburg. Three sisters, Sister Nancy O.P. Malburg, Louise

(Louis) Kludy, and May Ann Marsh. Carl was predeceased by his parents, Raymond and Josephine (Bellgraph) Malburg, brother-in-law Lee Marsh and sister-in-law Tammy (Mertz) Malburg. His stepchildren: Michelle (Tracy) Martin, Roger (Cher) Barber; Michael Barber, David (Arlene) Barber, Robert (Erin) Barber, Cynthia (James) Lavolette. Espoused: Edward and Selene, Adalynn; Grandchildren: Jacklyn (Patrick) McBride, Patricia (Nick) Christopher, Johnathan (Jordyn) Martin, Casey (Patrick)

Baize, Mitchell Barber; Melanie Barber; Gavin Barber; Logan Barber, Christian Lavolette, Sierra Lavolette and Joshua Lavolette. Great grandchildren: Chelsea and BryLeigh.

Carl was a wonderful and faithful man who will be sorely missed by all who knew him and were touched by him. Carl will always be remembered for his love and devotion to Our Lady of Fatima, plenty of wonderful stories, delightful sense of humor and, of course, his ability to share with others the urgency of

Our Lady's Message. He worked tirelessly for Our Lady and understandably, now was the time our Mother wanted Carl home with Her.

Thank you, Mother, for giving us the privilege to know Carl. Thank you, Carl, for sharing your gifts with us. May you rest peacefully in the presence of Our Lord and Our Lady until we meet again.

Donna Fox, Secretary
International Pilgrim Virgin Statue Foundation.

REPARATION

By Carl Malburg



During Lent we are told to offer prayers and sacrifices of Reparation for our sins. And at Fatima, Our Lady also asked us to offer prayers and sacrifices of Reparation:

July 13: *"If what I tell you to do is done, many souls will be saved..." "Make sacrifices for sinners..."*

August 17: *"Pray, pray very much and make sacrifices for sinners, because so many souls go to Hell because there is no one to pray and make sacrifices for them."*

At Fatima, Our Lady enlightens us about the theme of Reparation. Two points stand out especially. (1) Lent is not the

only time to offer reparation for sin. It is our duty as Christians to be offering some Reparation all the year around. (2) The result, the gift, the reward God gives us for our acts of Reparation. She said by our prayers and sacrifices, *"sinners will be converted."* *"Many souls will be saved."* *"...and there will be peace."*

Our Lady said: *"War is a punishment for sin."* All suffering is caused by sin, and as we observe society in 2010, it seems we are seeing more sin in the world than ever; and likewise, so much suffering everywhere today. The only way to reduce the suffering is to reduce the sinning. Therefore, the world needs "Reparation" which will obtain the conversion of sinners. But, must we offer Reparation for other people's sins? Yes, because we are the lucky ones, the "chosen ones", who have been given more understanding of God's love and His plan for our salvation.

Which Prayer? - What Sacrifice? During Lent each of us chooses certain prayers and penance practices according to our abilities. All year around, Our Lady tells us to pray the rosary every day, and offer our *"daily duty."*

Rosary - The Church has given us many, many prayers; all of them are good and "guaranteed

to work." From the long list of approved prayers, Our Mother Mary recommends the Rosary during this age of science and technology. At the dawn of this age, She appeared six times at Fatima, and every time, six times over, repeated *"Pray the Rosary every day."* She said *"This prayer will bring peace."* How we long for peace. Do we want it enough to give fifteen minutes a day? Maybe during 2010, we should offer two rosaries a day!

Daily Duty - *"Make everything you do a sacrifice."* *"Will you bear with submission all the sufferings God sends you in Reparation for the sins that offend Him and for the conversion of sinners?"* That is, willing acceptance of our crosses each day.

Most of us say a prayer each day called the "Morning Offering." But let us review how well we live it out. Jesus tells us in the Gospel we must "take up our crosses and follow Him." Our Lady of Fatima is only asking for the same thing. But She reminds us of the reward for doing this: *"Many sinners will be converted, and there will be peace."* Consider this: All of us have some crosses. We cannot escape them. But, we do have these two choices: First, we can carry our crosses willingly, with Jesus, and gain

God's mercy and much grace for the world. Or, second, we can suffer with our crosses and waste it. No other choice!!

Archbishop Fulton Sheen said *"The greatest tragedy of all time, wasted suffering."* Our crosses are much easier to bear when we are aware of the Value of the Cross.

Let's review: Offerings of Reparation will obtain the conversion of sinners. Sin is so widespread today. More Reparation is needed. Our Lady's assignment is not that difficult. How strong is your desire for peace? Maybe we could do more than the minimum of one rosary a day and our cheerful acceptance of our crosses. How about a Holy Hour of Reparation? An extra Mass once a week? First Friday devotions and First Saturdays? The monthly all night vigil? Fasting? There are many other ways to make Reparation.

Sometimes it is hard for us to believe that our prayers and sacrifices really do interfere with the "bad guys" out there and do obtain conversions. But when we speak to children, we tell them that when people are bad, it makes God sad. But, if we will pray for them, they won't be so bad!! The children have no trouble believing this. #



SAINTHOOD AND PEACE PLAN

St. Francisco Marto of Fatima

Msgr. Joseph A. Cirrincione, describes the character of Francisco as a young lad having a nonchalant attitude. Relaxed, calm, sometimes uninterested, casual, unabsorbed in himself, easy going, and as the priest defines him "...he was neither capricious nor vivacious. On the contrary, he was quiet and submissive by nature." "...preferred playing the flute while others danced." "If one of the children insisted on taking away something belonging to him, he said: *"Let him have it! What do I care!"*" (pg. 2) Francisco's attitude did not comport with the children we grew up with, as best as I can recall. Sr. Lucia recalled to Msgr. what Francisco enjoyed most...was to perch on top of the highest rock, and sing or play his flute. (pg. 4) It seems that while Francisco was present at the three visitations of the Angel in anticipation of Our Lady's apparitions, Lucia and Jacinta related to him what the Angel had said and done. (pg. 6-8) Even after Our Lady's first apparition, Lucia and Jacinta had to tell Francisco all that Our Lady had said. "He was overjoyed and expressed the happiness he felt when he heard of the promise that he would go to Heaven, he exclaimed, *"Oh, my dear Lady! I'll say as many rosaries as you want!"* (pg. 8-9) *"I loved seeing the Angel, but what I loved most of all was to see Our Lord in that light from Our Lady which penetrated our hearts. I love God so much! But, He is very sad because of so many sins! We must never commit any sins again."* (pg. 9) Later he acknowledges that they would have much to suffer to make reparation to Our Lord and the Immaculate Heart. The vision of hell was least impressive for Francisco as he was wholly absorbed in God, the Most Holy Trinity; later he said: *"We were on*

fire in that light which is God, and yet we were not burned." (Pg. 14)

The Hidden Jesus

"I prefer praying by myself... so I can think and console Our Lord, Who is so sad!" When Lucia asked Francisco whether he preferred to console Our Lord or to convert sinners, his response was, *"I would rather console Our Lord. Didn't you notice how sad Our Lady was last month, when She said that people must not offend Our Lord anymore, for He is already much offended?"* On another occasion on our way to school in Fatima he would say to me: *"Listen, you go to school and I will sit here in the church, close to the Hidden Jesus. It's not worth my while learning to read, as I'll be going to Heaven very soon."* (Pg. 25)

While Jacinta seemed to be solely concerned with the one thought of converting sinners and saving souls from going to Hell, **Francisco appeared to think only of consoling Our Lady**, who seemed to him to be so sad. (Pg. 27) Love and consolation for the Eternal God and love of the imprisoned Hidden Jesus was Francisco's greatest concern. This is what sainthood does to a person. It instills the correct attractions and directs the desire to love God and assists the soul to correctly



worship Him in the sacrament of Bread and Life available to us as Catholics. Oh! What fools if we do not grasp this opportunity to live in the Presence of God here on earth and strive to be with Him eternally in Heaven.

Source: Blessed Francisco Marto of Fatima, Msgr. Cirrincione, Joseph A., TAN Books, Charlotte, NC, 2004.

St. Jacinta Marto of Fatima

The second saint in Msgr. Joseph A. Cirrincione's book is Jacinta Marto, sister of Francisco and 1st cousin of Lucia Dos Santos. Lucia, the eldest, was born on March 22, 1907. Francisco was born later on June 11, 1908 and Jacinta, the youngest, was born on March 11, 1910. At the time of Our Lady's 1st Apparition on May 13, 1917, Lucia was 10 years old, Francisco was nearly 9 years old, and Jacinta was 7 years old.

The Ever-Virgin Mother of God (Jesus) questioned the children asking: *"Are you willing to offer yourselves to God and bear all the sufferings He wills to send you, as an act of reparation for the sins by which He is offended, and of supplication for the conversion of sinners?"* The children responded **affirmatively**. At this time all three children acknowledged Her question and She responded: *"Then you are going to have much to suffer, but the grace of God will be your comfort."*

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The following month of June, Our Lady informs the children that She would take Jacinta and Francisco soon, but that Lucia would remain for some time longer. Regarding Lucia, She

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added: *"Jesus wishes to make use of you to make me known to the world and loved. He wants to establish in the world devotion to my Immaculate Heart."*

Offer it all up!

When the Angel appeared a 2nd time he told the children: "The Hearts of Jesus and Mary have designs of mercy for you. Offer unceasingly to the Most High prayers and sacrifices." But how are we to offer sacrifice ourselves? Lucia asked and Mary responded: *"Offer everything in your power as a sacrifice to the Lord, as an act of reparation for the sins by which he is offended and of supplication for the conversion of sinners. ... Above all, accept and bear with submission the sufferings the Lord may send you... In later years, Lucia revealed the words of the Angel were like a light that made us realize who God was, and He loved us and wanted to be loved..."* (Pg. 9)

Prayers answered

There was the story going around of a poor woman who had thrown herself at the feet of Jacinta crying and begging for her to obtain from Our Lady her cure for a painful infirmity. Jacinta knelt beside her and prayed for her. Later, the woman returned cured and grateful to Our Lady. (Pg. 32-33) On another time, a soldier came crying like a child to recommend himself to the prayers of the three children... the children prayed for him...and a few months later the soldier, his wife, and the soldier's three children returned to thank Our Lady. (Pg. 33)

A quite tipsy old woman hurled insults and blows at the children. When they escaped from her, Jacinta said: We must pray hard to Our Lady for the conversion of that woman and make sacrifices...without thinking; she raised her eyes to Heaven and recited the



formula of offering. Upon seeing this, the old woman was so much won over by Jacinta's prayer that she stopped insulting them instead, she asked them to pray for her. (Pg. 32-33)

Another time, Jacinta was asked to pray for a missing boy, a relative, who had left home and was never heard of again. A few days later, the boy amazingly returned and begged for his parent's pardon. He told them that on his way home he had become lost in the mountains and woods, and a violent storm had blown up which thoroughly frightened him to the point he fell to his knees begging God's mercy, when suddenly he saw his cousin Jacinta beside him with hand outstretched she led him to the road and pointed the way home for him. When Jacinta was asked, she answered: I don't even know where those forests or mountains are. But, I prayed hard to Our Lady for him. (Pg. 33)

Eagerness to Suffer

Jacinta's sickness showed no signs loosening its hold on her. The influenza turned into pleurisy and as though that weren't enough, an abscess formed on her side. Her mother felt so sad to see her in such pain, but her reply was, "Don't worry mother, for I am going to Heaven. I'll pray a lot for you there. Don't cry. I'm all right..." (Pg.40)

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It was indicative of the spiritual progress the children had made to see them look forward to suffering with joy rather than sadness. It is not that the children loved suffering for suffering's sake. Surely, pain was as unpleasant to them as it is to

any other person. Offering their suffering as an act of reparation to the Immaculate Heart of Mary and for the conversion of sinners was a motive so overpowering that it negated the normal pains any one of us would experience. (Pg. 34)

On one occasion, Jacinta told Lucia: "I love Our Lord and Our Lady and I never get tired of telling them that I love them. It seems that sometimes I have a fire burning in my breast...I would like to be able to go to the hills to say a Rosary...I want to make the sacrifice of being alone." At another time, Olimpia, Jacinta's mother, commented, "... that they, the three visionaries, used to say Rosary after Rosary, at least seven or eight every day and there was no end to their short prayers." (Pg. 35-36)

Like Francisco, one of Jacinta's most ardent desires was to receive Holy Communion. Once, a cousin of hers gave her a picture representing a chalice and a host. She took it, kissed it tenderly, and said, "It is the hidden Jesus. I love Him so!" (Pg. 38)

Source: Blessed Jacinta Marto of Fatima, Msgr. Cirrincione, Joseph A., TAN Books, Charlotte, NC, 1992, 2016.

Heaven Bound

Both Jacinta and Francisco fell ill almost simultaneously toward the end of October 1918. During this time the Spanish Flu, or pandemic, was fully blown throughout Europe and millions died as its result. Fortunately for him and unfortunately for us, Francisco died on April 4, 1919, at 10:00 AM, after much suffering from the Spanish flu pandemic. Jacinta died nearly a year later on February 20, 1920, at 10:30 PM, after being operated on and two ribs removed. Four days earlier she said: "I am not complaining any more. Our Lady has appeared again and said she is coming for me soon. She took all my pains away." (Pg. 58)

Source: Her Own Words to the Nu-



clear Age, The Memoirs of Sr. Lucia, The 101 Foundation, Asbury, NJ, 1993.

Source: Blessed Jacinta Marto of Fatima, Msgr. Cirrincione, Joseph A., TAN Books, Charlotte, NC, 1992, 2016.

Our Lady's Peace Plan

Mary gave the world a message called the "Peace Plan from Heaven" calling us to conversion, prayer, and penance. "If what I tell you is done, many sinners will be converted and there will be peace." "... Pray, pray a great deal and make sacrifices for sinners, for many souls go to hell because they have no one to pray and make sacrifices for them." On July 13th the Virgin promised a great miracle on October 13th "so that all may believe." The great miracle of the sun occurred as foretold on that day with about 100,000 people gathered at Fatima.

"Pray, pray a great deal and make sacrifices for sinners, for many souls go to hell because they have no one to pray and make sacrifices for them." — Our Lady of Fatima.

The Message of July 13th also warned that by failing to do as she asks; we will suffer from "wars, famine and persecution of the church." "The good will be martyred; the Holy Father will have much to suffer; and various nations will be annihilated. Finally, my Immaculate Heart will triumph, and a period of peace will be granted to the world."

First Request of Our Mother

Asked what was absolutely necessary for the triumph announced at Fatima, Sister Lucia, who received the messages of Our Lady of Fatima, said there were three things to be done:

- 1) Sanctification of daily duties (a morning offering)
- 2) Prayer (a daily Rosary, or more)
- 3) Consecration to the Immaculate Heart of Mary (wear the Scapular)

Second Request of Our Mother

During the 3rd Apparition She announced that she would come again to ask for "... the Communion of Reparation on the first Saturdays." Thus, on December 10, 1925, the Blessed Virgin, with the Child Jesus at her side, appeared to Lucia saying: "My daughter, look at my Heart surrounded with the thorns with which ungrateful men pierce me constantly through blasphemies and ingratitude. You, at least, try to console me, and tell people that I promise to assist at the hour of death with all the graces necessary for salvation all those who, on the first Saturday of five consecutive months:"

Source: Our lady of Fatima: Our Mother Comes to Us, Pilgrim Virgin Foundation, PO Box 3506, Munster, IN, 2004

THE BROWN SCAPULAR

The Scapular may be made by any individual, or may be purchased. It is important only that the Scapular be valid.

The color of the Scapular is usually brown, but may be any shade between brown and black. The cords which join the two pieces of wool may be of any decent material (even chains may be used) and of any color. Ornamentation or pictures on the Scapular are not necessary.

“Those who die wearing this scapular shall not suffer eternal fire!” --Our Lady to St. Simon Stock

The Scapular must be worn over the shoulders in such a manner that one part hangs in the front of the body and the other in the back. Worn in any other way, it carries no indulgences. It is not necessary to wear the Scapular next to the skin. It may be worn over one's clothes. The Scapular may be enclosed in some sort of case (metal, plastic, etc.) providing the cords be actually joined to the brown cloths, so that, were the covering removed, the Scapular would be intact.

It is permitted to sew one of the four edges of the rectangles (the top edge) to the top edge of another Scapular (e.g. of a Third Order). Then only one set of cords is required, but the cords must be put in-between the Two Scapulars, so as to be sewed directly to each.

THE BLESSING of the Scapular and the enrollment must be done by a priest (or deacon) who has faculties. Once enrolled, he remains enrolled for life. Once anyone has been properly



enrolled in the Scapular, he or she need not have subsequent Scapulars blessed.

Those in the armed forces may enroll themselves simply by assuming a blessed Scapular or Scapular Medal and saying some prayers to Our Lady (e.g. three Hail Mary's.) However, they should look for an opportunity to be enrolled by a priest

Children may be enrolled in the Scapular before attaining the use of reason. This enrollment endures even after they reach the age of reason.

A non-Catholic may wear the Brown Scapular of Our Lady, and will receive many graces and blessings for this special sign of their devotion to the Mother of Christ. All non-Catholics who are anxious to honor the Mother of Christ should be urged to wear the Scapular.

VALUE AND MEANING: Many popes and saints have strongly recommended wearing the Brown Scapular to the Catholic Faithful, including St. Robert Bellarmine, Pope John XXII, Pope



Pius XI, and Pope Benedict XV. St. Alphonsus said: “Just as men take pride in having others wear their livery, so the Most Holy Mary is pleased when Her servants wear Her scapular as a mark that they have dedicated themselves to Her service, and are members of the Family of the Mother of God.”

St. Alphonsus of the Redemptorists and St. Don Bosco of the Salesians both had a very special devotion to Our Lady of Mount Carmel and both wore Her Brown Scapular. When they died, they were buried in their priestly vestments and Scapulars. Many years later, their graves were opened, the bodies and sacred vestments in which they were buried decayed to dust. But, the Brown Scapular which each was wearing was perfectly intact. The Scapular of St. Alphonsus is on exhibit in his monastery in

Rome.

St. Claude de la Colombiere, the renowned Jesuit and spiritual director of St. Margaret Mary adds **“No devotion has been confirmed by more numerous authentic miracles than the Brown Scapular.”**

Enrollment in the brown Scapular also makes a person part of the Carmelite family throughout the world. They share in all of the prayers and good works of the Carmelite Orders. Participation in the Carmelite family also, of course, places you in a special relationship with the Carmelite saints, especially St. Elijah, St. Teresa of Avila, St. John of the cross, St. Therese of Lisieux, and, most importantly, Our Lady of Mount Carmel.

NOTE: “The scapular must be worn on the shoulders in such a manner that one part hangs in front of the body and the other in back. Worn in any other way it carries no indulgence or promise. Some falsely believe that wearing the Brown Scapular offers some sort of guarantee of salvation because of the legendary words attributed to Our Lady. This is against Church teaching, is superstitious and a grave error. Sacramentals are not magical ways to manipulate God; they are Church-instituted rituals/objects that remind us of what we are supposed to be doing/thinking of, that depend on the faith, hope and love of the user, and which help prepare us to receive God's saving grace. **You will not die with the Brown Scapular on you if you do not fulfill the requirements of the Brown Scapular.**

(**Can. 992** An indulgence is the remission in the sight of God of the temporal punishment due for sins, the guilt of which has already been forgiven. A member of Christ's faithful who is properly disposed and who fulfils certain specific conditions, may gain an indulgence by the help of the Church which, as the minister of redemption, authoritatively dispenses and applies the treasury of the merits of Christ and the Saints.

(**Can. 1167 B2** The rites and the formula approved by ecclesiastical authority are to be accurately observed when celebrating or administering sacramentals.



DEATHBED CONVERSIONS REVEAL ROSARY'S POWER AND GIVE HOPE FOR FALLEN-AWAY CATHOLICS

Some of Father Sebastian Walshe's greatest experiences as a priest is going to people's deathbeds and giving them the sacraments. A younger me might have rolled my eyes. *Fun guy, right?* Now as a parent with some children who have left the Church, I find his story ever exciting and hopeful.

the grandmother had reached 100 years old and her health was fading, she had a recurring dream of being invited to a party but being unable to go.

Baptism of a 100-Year-Old

Cynthia asked Father Walshe if he would visit her grandmother. He addressed the recurring dream suggesting that perhaps she was being invited to go to Heaven as a Catholic, but unable to do so without Baptism. "Would you like to be baptized," he asked? "That would be nice," she answered. A couple days later, a priest from the nearby abbey came to baptize and confirm the grandmother who was then able to go to Mass and receive Communion one time before she died. When being baptized she said her mother would be so happy," Father Walshe shared. "Why," Cynthia asked her grandmother? "You were always so anti-Catholic." Her grandmother explained, "I never told you that my mother was a catholic, but my father was an atheist, and he forbade her from practicing the faith and passing the faith on to us."

"So that woman who had been dead for maybe 40 years," Father Walshe noted, "her daughter ends up entering the faith at 100 years old." Not only was Cynthia's grandmother converted, but her own mother was converted and baptized on her deathbed. And a short time later, when Father Walshe went to see the Grimms family, they had just gotten off the phone with Cynthia's brother. He was in the hospital and having surgery the next day and wanted to know if Father Walshe would stop by to see him. "I have not lived a good life," he told Father. "I want to be baptized."

Since he was having surgery

the next day, the uncle was able to be baptized and confirmed. He never recovered, but he read the Catechism of the Catholic Church, which Father had given him in his remaining days, until dying on the Feast of Our Lady of Sorrows. That woman whose husband was an atheist had every one of her family members become Catholic before they died.

"Isn't that amazing?" Father Walshe noted. "So, when I hear from these poor forlorn mothers, worried and anxious about their children and grandchildren away from the faith, I tell them, "Hey, look, I have some inside information for you...You pray, you cry, you do everything you need to do. God is going to listen to you, He is going to hear your prayers."

The Power of the Rosary

A most powerful prayer for conversions is the Rosary, according to Father Walshe, because when we pray the many Hail Mary's of the Rosary, we ask Our Lady to pray for us **now and at the hour of our death**. "That's pretty much the two defining moments in everyone's life." "The present is all you have and then the moment you especially want Our Lady to pray for you is at the moment of our death. That is a moment of supreme importance and that is when Our Lady is most present to every soul, literally at the hour of their death."

St. Faustina talked about the miracles of Divine Mercy that happen even when it seems like there's no hope, according to Father Walshe. He explained that the devil is frustrated when he is unable to snatch a soul from heaven at the moment of death. "That's why you say the Rosary

and ask Our Lady over and over to pray for us **now and at the hour of our death**, and there's no way she can fail you." Father Walshe said, "She loves you more than your human mother, just like God loves you more than your human father. The Rosary is the greatest prayer we can pray for the conversions of ourselves and for others."

The Mercy of the Deathbed

There was a holy nun named Venerable Sister Mary Potter (1847-1913) who founded a religious order dedicated to prayer for the Dying. "There is none (work) greater, none more salutary for the saving of souls and people in heaven," she wrote in her book, *Devotion for the Dying: Mary's Call to her Loving Children*.

Potter recommended offering sacrifices and putting sinners into the heart of Our Blessed Mother, praying to her and the Holy Spirit and invoking the Most Precious Blood of Jesus. Potter did not have the Chaplet of Divine Mercy yet as St. Faustina received it from Jesus.

In the Diary of St. Maria Faustina Kowalska we read that Jesus impressed upon St. Faustina the importance of praying for the dying. He taught her the Chaplet of Divine Mercy and asked for it to be prayed especially for sinners and the dying, saying: "Write that when they say this chaplet in the presence of the dying, I will stand between my Father and



*I have so much optimism as a priest when I talk to parents whose children have been away from the faith and there seems to be no hope," he said in a talk, "The Grace of Deathbed Conversion," for The Coming Home Network International.

"I'm totally optimistic because I see what happens. I go to someone's deathbed and the story is often the same. 'I haven't been to church in 40 years...I stopped practicing the faith when I was a teenager.' And there's this little call in their heart. When they get closer to death, this grace of conversion comes. And so many times, people who look like they were completely beyond conversion, they convert."

Father Walshe shared the story of his childhood friend, Cynthia. She had converted to the faith thanks to a friendship with a large Catholic family, the Grimms. Her mother had passed away, and her father was nowhere to be found, so her grandmother was raising her. Ironically, her grandmother was very anti-Catholic. But when



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DEATHBED CONVERSIONS

↳ *the dying person, not as the just judge but as the merciful Savior*" (No. 1541).

It's not just parents praying for their children either. Sometimes children are praying for their parents, as recounted in "Deathbed Victories: Three Accounts of How Grace Conquers Sin, Even in Life's Final Moments."

In "Get to Heaven with the Help of Our Lady, St Joseph and the Holy Eucharist," Father Joseph Aytona share a deathbed victory where the voice of Satan tried to interfere. He explained that in preparing for our own eternity, turning to Our Blessed Mother (the one who gave Jesus life) and St. Joseph (the one who saved Jesus' life from Herod) holds great power to save us too.

Father Joseph also shared that the easiest route to heaven is through the Holy Eucharist. In that spirit, the Catholic Church in the United States began a three year Eucharistic Revival on June 19, the Feast of Corpus Christi. Jesus invites us to the source and summit of our faith: His Real Presence is in the Holy Eucharist. Drawing closer to Jesus and receiving him in Holy Communion heals our own souls as we also pray for the souls of others, that we will all meet in heaven one day

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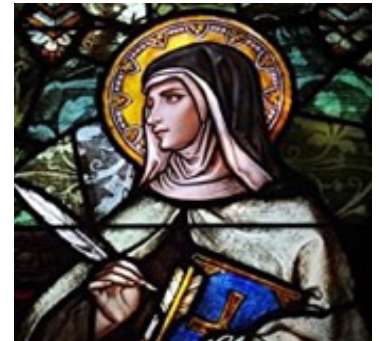
Our Lord showed St. Gertrude the Great that the following prayer would release a vast number of souls from purgatory each time it is said.

Eternal Father, I offer Thee the most Precious Blood of Thy Divine Son, Jesus, in union with the Masses said throughout the world today, for all the Holy Souls in purgatory. Amen.

Approval of His Eminence the Cardinal Patriarch of Lisbon, April 2, 1936

(The prayer was extended to include living sinners by adding.... For sinners everywhere, ***for sinners in the universal church, those in my own home and within my family. Amen***)

For many years I have been praying the above short prayer over and over. In January 2022 I came down with the Covid Virus. Two days before being taken to the hospital on January 16th having trouble breathing, I laid in a recliner in the living room, very tired, but unable to sleep, I began praying the St. Gertrude prayer over and over from 9:50 pm to 1:50 am before falling asleep. At 2:10 am I felt a push on my right elbow that woke me up. About 8 feet in front of me was what looked like a good size oval frame all aglow. In this frame was a man with a white brush haircut, mustache,



goatee, a slim face, white suit jacket and shirt, and a string type of tie. We just looked at each other then slowly the vision moved backwards and faded away. I continued to look in wonderment, then thinking perhaps my prayers and sufferings released this man from purgatory. Three months later, after I was able to go to confession, I related to the priest my experience. What Father said to me left me speechless and in tears. He said "What you saw could have been Jesus Himself assuring you of his presence." As I think of it now, my husband Carl Malburg, passed away on January 16th of this year. In March of last year Carl was diagnosed with stage 4 lung cancer. Carl suffered greatly and offered all of his suffering to Our Lord and Our Lady, never complaining.. Always reminding me that "Our Lady is always at my side."

Rose Marie Malburg