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FR. PETER M. ROOKEY 68TH ORDINATION ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

Saturday, 16 MAY 09, 11 AM - 4 PM

Mother of Dolors Parish Center, 322 N. 7th St., Vandalia, IL, 62471

\$10 offering includes lunch. No Gifts Please.

PRE-REGISTRATION **REQUIRED** by phone 618-292-9852 or email osmm@sbcglobal.net



IN THE MAIL BOX

Melanoma Healed

Dear Father Rookey,

I had Melanoma in my arm two years ago. They removed it and said I needed chemo treatments. I am 80 years old so I chose not to take it. I called you and you prayed with me over the phone. It is two years now and I am cancer free so far. Thank you for your prayers. Keep up your good work.

ILLINOIS

November 2008

Scent of Roses from Prayer Cloth

Dear Father Rookey,

I would like to tell you that the prayer cloth that you sent us is wonderful. I gave the prayer cloth to my daughter. I told her to pray and to rub the cloth on her arm and chest. She did what I said and she smelled roses. She gave the cloth to me and I smelled the cloth. The scent got stronger. My living room smelled like roses. Thank you Jesus and Mary.

ILLINOIS

October 2008

Breathing Normal

Dear Father Rookey,

About the 10th of Sept. I called you for prayers. For almost a month I had problems with my breathing. You prayed with me and my breathing went back to normal. Praise Jesus. You also prayed with me for I was going for a CAT scan. This was the second one for me to see if the nodule on my lung had grown. It had not. I give glory to God and I thank Jesus for using you as an instrument of His love.

FLORIDA

November 2008

Patient Avoids Hospice

Dear Father Rookey,

The power of prayer is awesome! I am so thankful to God, for your prayers and the devotion you have for Our Blessed Mother. To refresh you, my brother...[name deleted] was diagnosed with Non-hodgkins Lymphoma two years ago and underwent seven months of chemo. He was doing well until last summer when his bone marrow stopped producing white blood cells and required several blood transfusions. The family was told to prepare for the worse and to contact Hospice. It was then that I decided to call you. I was so happy you prayed with me for my brother. A few days afterwards he began to improve and the doctors decided to do another bone biopsy. To their amazement there was no evidence of cancer. God bless you and thank you for all that you do for others.

INDIANA

June 2008

Staff Infection Healed

Dear Father Rookey,

I don't know if I wrote to you and thanked you for your prayers. I was in the hospital with Pneumonia and I got a staff infection. They sent me to a nursing home to get over the infection. While I was there I called and Father Rookey prayed over me. It took 4 weeks to recover, but I did, and now I'm back home in my apartment and can take care of myself. I'm 84 years old and I thank God and Father Rookey for taking care of me. May the Lord bless and keep you all in his care.

INDIANA
October 2008

Powerful Intercession

Dear Father Rookey,

I called you and you prayed for our son. He kept receiving units of blood, but they couldn't figure out what was wrong. Finally they sent a camera through him and they said he had an ulcer on the intestine. Before they could get a surgery date set, he began to feel well and get his color back. When they finally did surgery, they removed a polyp, but that wasn't the problem. They found nothing else and he is working and feeling good again. Many thanks for your powerful intercession. Praise the Lord!

WISCONSIN
November 2008

Settlement after Prayers

Dear Father Rookey,

Thank you for praying for us. We got somewhat of a settlement for his...[name deleted] injury. We sure like your Newsletter!

IOWA
November 2008

No Surgery Needed

Dear Fr. Rookey,

Last week I called you about a very bad gall bladder attack and I was afraid the doctors wanted to do surgery. Although the symptoms were typical of a gall or kidney stone, nothing showed up on several tests. After you prayed for me on the phone, I had one more episode and now I am back in action. My gall bladder is still with me and my Dr. is left scratching his bald head. Thank you always!

KANSAS
September 2008

Numerous Miracles

Dear Father Rookey,

I call so many times for me, my family and friends. God always answers your prayers. My husband's miracle was healing of spine without surgery. My grandson born with a blood clot on his brain was healed after you prayed for him. My sister-in-law who had cancer all over her body and given 3 months to live, was healed after your prayers. My son who needed a job was called one week later for a job. Thank God and thank you Fr. Rookey.

ILLINOIS
December 2008

Reconciliation and Forgiveness

Dear Fr. Rookey,

Thank you very much for your prayers and blessings over the phone on 10/21/08 about a family reconciliation and forgiveness. After 3 days, on 10/24/08, my petition was answered. We are at peace now. May God continue to bless you with good health and success in your ministry.

ILLINOIS
November 2008

Safe and Sound in Mind

Dear Fr. Peter Mary and ICM staff,

After you prayed with me, my son arrived back safe and in a sound state of mind after leaving in despair at midnight. We reconciled and he is going to seek a job and a place to stay by himself. He is receiving Christian counseling to overcome anxiety and OCD. Things are looking up! Praise God!

TEXAS
November 2008

Out of ICU after Blessing

Dear Fr. Peter,

My heartfelt thank you for praying over my sister-in-law who was critically ill in the ICU. I heard and learned from my brother that not long after, she improved immensely. Her doctor performed a tracheotomy and then shortly it was removed. She could talk a bit and sit up on a chair and even walk a couple of steps. It was indeed a miracle! We pray the good Lord continue to keep you and bless your ministry as you generously share yourself for the good of souls and His honor and glory.

CALIFORNIA
July 2008

AVE MARIA!
March/April 2009

"Dear children! In this time of spring, when everything is awakening from the winter sleep, you also awaken your souls with prayer so that they may be ready to receive the light of the risen Jesus. Little children, may He draw you closer to His Heart so that you may become open to eternal life. I pray for you and intercede before the Most High for your sincere conversion. Thank you for having responded to my call."

Dear children! . . .

0 yes, dear Mother awaken our country from the winter of anti-life laws forming in our federal and state governments, "in this time of spring." Please obtain from Jesus a new life attitude in our leaders. "May He draw us closer to His Heart so that we may become open to eternal life." Thank you, dearest Jesus and Mother Mary.

We mightily praise the recent statement of our Protestant leaders against anti-Catholic bigotry: "Just as Pope John II acknowledged past prejudices committed by Catholics or committed in the name of Catholicism against Protestants, Jews and others, and pledged to work against any revival of these injustices, we pledge to fight against the anti-Catholic bigotry we are now witnessing. Our Catholic brothers and sisters will not have to wait to hear our voices forcefully raised against the bigotry now directed against them." The statement includes much more and is signed by 30 outstanding Christian leaders like the President of the American Baptist Convention and the President and CEO, National Religious Broadcasters.

Prayer never goes unheard

The Lord hears all prayers. No prayer goes unheard. Sometimes we don't get the results that we want. We ourselves may feel abandoned. We need to trust that God knows what is needed and when. Submission to the will of God sometimes is hard to accept. We must never give up hope in the love of God and the power of prayer. My mother was taken to the hospital at 11 P.M. for chest pains. Two hours later she was in full cardiac arrest. At 2 A.M. we called a priest to administer last rites. The only prayer I could remember was Hail Holy Queen, Mother of Mercy our life, our sweetness, and our hope." That's all I could remember to pray but I told God, "Father, I accept your will for me", and I asked Our Lady, "Please take care of my mother." The Doctors told us they could not get her stabilized and they did not think she was going to make it. At 9 A.M. We asked if Fr. Rookey could come and pray over her. We all went into the ICU room. Fr. put his crucifix in her hands. He sprinkled holy water around her. He laid hands on her. At that moment all the monitors stopped ringing and they all at the same time returned to normal pace. We held hands and prayed the Our Father. The doctors and nurses were amazed and commented, "what a miracle". We were blessed to have our mother for five more years.

Pope Benedict XVI's Prayer Intention for April: "That the Lord will bless farmers' work with an abundant harvest and sensitize the richer populations to the drama of hunger in *the world*."

St Philip Basilica High School Alumni: Celebrate together on April 24th – We graduated In 1934

May 10th: **Blessings on all our mothers today from the altar!**

SMILES:

- † "In God we trust" – is right on the money!
- † St. Clement of Alexandria (150 A.D.): " Jesus has turned all our **sunsets** into **dawns**."
- † Ray's Excavating Co. Inc. Edgewood, Ca. USA: "We work dirt cheap."

Wishing you all the joys of Easter! We love you,

Peter Mary Rookey O.S.M.

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