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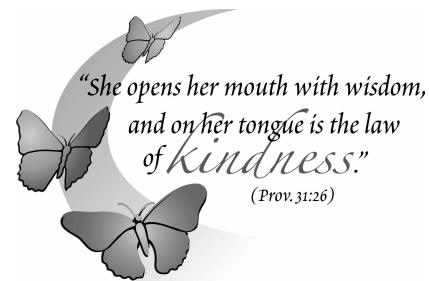
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NOTICE

Please place no further order for prayer candles. The prayer candles have been discontinued and are no longer being advertised in our newsletter.



IN THE MAIL BOX

Smell of Roses Brings About Calm and Forgiveness

Dear Father Rookey,

This is my good news letter you told me I'd be writing you. I had spoken to you on the phone but I wanted to write and thank you again. About two weeks ago I called you after having a mammogram and was called back in for more pictures. They spotted a lesion and felt I should have a biopsy. I called your ministry and I spoke to you and you told me not to worry and you prayed for me. Two hours after I got off the phone from speaking to you I was resting in my chair when I smelled roses. I got up to look for anything that the smell could be coming from. There was nothing in the room that could account for the smell of roses. I became much calmer than I would have normally been under these circumstances. Things started to change. I forgave everyone. I understood people better and understood why you and God love everyone. I felt loved. My prayers for peace were happening all at once. Finally I got the call from my doctor. The biopsy showed no cancer. With Much gratitude.

MASSACHUSETTS

October 2007

Teen Develops Relationship with Jesus

Hello Father Rookey,

First I want to thank you from the depths of my soul for your prayers a few months ago with me via

phone. My prayer request was for my son who had been addicted to Meth for almost 10 years. The family was trying to get him to enter treatment at "Teen Challenge" and he was resisting. After our prayer, a miracle happened! My son did go to Teen Challenge and after many years of resisting God in his life, he developed a relationship with Jesus Christ. Father, thank you again for praying with me.

MINNESOTA

October 2007

More Praying after Coma

Dear Fr. Peter Rookey,

Thank you for your prayers and blessings. My son came out of the coma (sort of) and I think he's praying more and says that he is not drinking. Your prayers are helping him. Again I thank you.

Michigan

January 2007

Healed at Death's Doorstep

Dear Sweet Father Rookey and all of your wonderful Staff,

My family and I would like to extend a most heart felt thank you. . .even though thank you will never be enough. Our dear auntie was on death's doorstep and through all your prayers and all of ours, God has healed her. Thank you so much for your kindness, love, compassion, faith and charity.

ILLINOIS

October 2007

Finds Job Without Relocating

Dear Fr. Rookey,

Thank you for your prayers for my husband. He has finally gotten a job. He is hired on a temporary basis with the idea that if it works out, the job will be permanent. Through God's grace it will be permanent. I know this job offer was because of your intercessory prayers. It came after I wrote a letter to you asking for prayers that he would find a job. We don't have to

relocate so we will still be near our families and our children. Thank you, thank you, thank you, and especially thank you, God!

OHIO

October 2007

Pregnant After Phone Blessing

Fr. Rookey,

Our prized package . . . at 4 months. We got pregnant after praying with you Aug. 2006. Join us in giving thanks and pray always for Mary's touch in his life.

WISCONSIN

October 2007

Witness to Miracles

Dear Father Rookey,

I'm writing to you to give witness to the miracles our Lord Jesus and our Father in heaven are doing in people's lives. On June 29th 2007 I was diagnosed with a cancerous brain tumor. On July 2nd I went in and had the tumor removed. On July 3rd I returned home. On July 24th I started chemo and radiation and returned to work full time without any ill effects. On Oct 3rd I went in for an MRI. I took the records to my neurosurgeon and he didn't find any new tumors.

MISSOURI

October 2007

Muscle Disease Healed

Dear Father Rookey,

I would like to thank you for the miracle of my great grandson. . . . I took him to see you when he was five. He had a muscle disease. They found it when he was two. He is now nine and is off all medicine with no sign of the disease. Thank you and your staff for all the prayers. May God continually bless you and those assisting you.

Illinois

November 2007

Healing Prayers Relieve Addiction

Dear Father Rookey,

I want to thank you for the prayers you said with me over the phone on January 3, 07 for my son . . . who was in an emergency situation with bleeding ulcers. All of this was taking place around 1:00 P.M. You prayed with me over the phone for son's healing and by 5:30 P.M. my son was taken to surgery. The surgery was successful and he was back in his room

at 11:00 P.M. that night. On January 1, 2007 when he was taken to the hospital it was the feast of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Had he been out drinking he would have bled to death. Please continue your wonderful healing mission.

Wisconsin

January 2007

Son Healed of Autism

Dear Father Rookey,

I am writing for a couple of reasons. First of all, I owe you a long overdue thank you for what you have done for one of my sons. Please forgive me for not writing sooner.

I believe it was in July, 2000 that we met you at a parish in St. Louis to give our 4 year old son a special blessing. He has Autism and would not be able to tolerate the entire Mass/healing service. You instructed us to go to the sacristy. I remember holding a crucifix and you praying fervently over us.

My son is now 11 years old and is doing awesome. He is our miracle child.

I am asking you now for some prayers for my older son who was diagnosed with Asperger's syndrome which is a type of Autism. Thank you, Father Rookey, for your time and any prayers that you can give.

ILLINOIS

October 2007

Improvement with Pain

Dear Father Peter Rookey,

Thank you for your prayer for me over the telephone and more. I went to a pain clinic and, as never before got improvement with my pain and sensitivity to food and medications. Now I am stronger and can work. God Bless You!

INDIANA

March 2008

Prayers Answered Quickly

Dear Fr. Rookey,

Please accept my sincere gratitude for forwarding my prayer requests to our Lord. They were concerning my son and serious surgery he needed. . . . and . . . talked with you shortly after I told them about the difficulty. Our prayers were answered so quickly. Again, you were there to intercede for one of my children. My son has not been a practicing Catholic for some time. Your intercession certainly got his attention. Now the focus is on his complete return to prac-

AVE MARIA!
May/June 2008

"Dear children! Also today, I call all of you to grow in God's love as a flower, which feels the warm rays of spring. In this way, also you, little children, grow in God's love and carry it to all those who are far from God. Seek God's will and do good to those whom God has put on your way, be light and joy. Thank you for having responded to my call." Our Lady Queen of Peace, Medjugorje, April 25, 2008.

O Mary you tell us: spring up like those flowers showing God's love. Grow in God's love, carry it to those far from God. Seek God's will. Do good to all (even your enemies). Be light and joy...what a call to a life of heaven on earth for us. " If you knew how much I love you, you would cry for joy!"

May 1- Believe in My perfection and be willing, and together we will bring an unstoppable flow of love into the world...*Our Lord gives "Anne" a new message on the first of every month.* www.directionforourtimes.com

May 4 – St. Peregrine, O.S.M. Patron of Cancer for over 700 years. Visit the National Shrine, Our Lady of Sorrows Basilica, Chicago.

May 11- Pentecost (fifty), Mary, we join you in "the upper room" with the Apostles. Through your intercession, may the Holy Spirit pour his gifts upon us with his powerful wind: Wisdom, Understanding, Counsel, Knowledge, Piety, Fortitude, Fear of the Lord.

May 17 – Father Rookey celebrates 67 years a priest.

*The Order of Friar Servants of Mary Cordially Invite You to Our
775th Anniversary Mass and Reception*

Thursday, June 12, 2008

Mass begins at 6:00pm

Our Lady of Sorrows Basilica

3121 W. Jackson Boulevard • Chicago, IL

The Servites have called Chicago "Home" since 1874. On June 12, we are coming together as a community at Our Lady of Sorrows Basilica in Chicago to celebrate the 775th anniversary of the founding of our Order, 1233 A.D., followed by a complimentary reception.

We look forward to celebrating this milestone with you as we share our history, our charism, and our beautiful Basilica – the first and oldest Basilica in Chicago – with you this June.

All are welcome!

† **May**-Happy Mother's Day all you dear Mother's.

† **June**-If you don't have a father for Father's Day you will always have: "Our Father who art in heaven."

SMILES:

† Evangelist Billy Graham, sixty years happily married. Their secret: "Ruth and I are happily incompatible."

† Can't sleep? Try counting your blessings.

† **NO MAN CAN SERVE TWO MASTERS (MT 6.24):** Could this be a biblical warning about bigamy (two wives)???

TRUE SMILE:

† A lady reported these days to Chicago's Panorama Polish magazine that Servite Fr. Rookey had died. The dear editor will correct this in the next printing. We answer with Mark Twain: *The reports of our death have been grossly exaggerated!!!*

With love to you all,

Peter Mary Rookey O.S.M.

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Happy Mother's Day



