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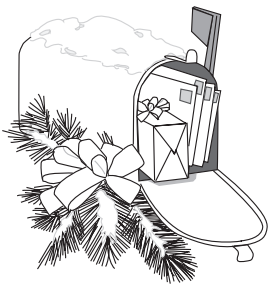


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*WOE TO YOU THAT CALL EVIL GOOD, AND GOOD EVIL: THAT PUT DARKNESS FOR LIGHT, AND LIGHT FOR DARKNESS: THAT PUT BITTER FOR SWEET, AND SWEET FOR BITTER (Is 5).*

Not standing up for truth and fairness was once called **cowardice**. Now it's called **political correctness**. Denouncing evil was once called **virtue**. Now it's called being **judgmental**. What would we call John the Baptist and Christ? What would we call the Prophets and Apostles? On the other hand: What would we call the Scribes and Pharisees? What would we call our current major news media? What would we call the educators of today? What would we call today's public officials? What would we call many religious leaders of today? Most importantly: **What would we call ourselves?**



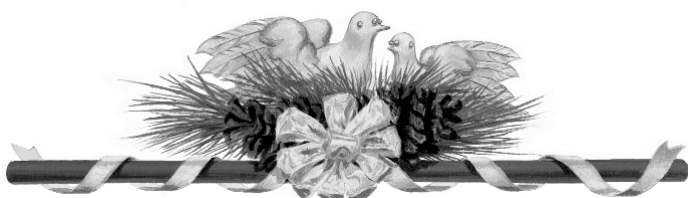
## IN THE MAIL BOX

### *Pregnant after Blessing*

Dear Father Rookey,

My husband and I have been trying for a baby for seven years. With many times of disappointments I as well as my husband started to lose hope. With the help of a new doctor we started getting on a positive track. It was a few weeks ago that my mother had told me to call you to ask you to give me a blessing, and that you would pray that I become pregnant. I did speak to you and you gave me a beautiful blessing and you kept me in your prayers and I am happy to say that five days ago for the very first time in my life I am pregnant. We love you.

ILLINOIS  
April 2009



### *Phone Call Heals Depression and Lungs*

Dear Fr. Rookey,

This thank you letter is long overdue. Back in the year 2000 I had called you to ask for prayers for my 20 year old son who was suffering from depression. You asked me to put him on the phone. I was shocked that he actually got on the phone and you prayed with him on the phone and the next day, he was healed of depression of which he suffered for a few years. Then in 2004 I called and asked you to pray for a healing for my 19 year old daughter who was suffering from a lung condition. You prayed and not long after that she was healed. Thank you for being there for all of us in our times of suffering.

CALIFORNIA  
February 2009

### *Double Miracle*

Dear Fr. Rookey,

Two years ago, I called for prayer for my sister who had shingles. The doctor said that it was the worst case she had ever seen. I called and you prayed for her. She actually had the pain for a year, so she was on morphine twice a day for almost a year. She started tapering off and after a year, not only is the pain gone but she has had no after effects from the morphine. Then about 10 days ago I called again for prayers for my son who was planning to leave his family for another woman. One week later my son returned to his family. He suddenly realized what a terrible mistake he had made and came home, asked forgiveness and agreed to go to marriage counseling and to attend a Retrouvaille weekend. It is truly a miracle! Thank you again Father and Praise be to God!

CALIFORNIA  
June 2009

### ***Hepatitis B Healed***

Dear Father Rookey and Staff,

I was told that I had contacted Hepatitis B last year. I called you and you prayed over me. Several tests showed the virus was there. After more prayers and your blessing, the final test was done by a viral specialist and showed no sign of any virus in my system. I cannot thank you enough. May God bless you and keep you well and healthy.

NEW YORK  
May 2009

### ***Drug Addiction Healed***

Dear Father Rookey,

I am writing this letter to let you know how grateful I am for your ministry and especially the times you prayed on the phone with me for my daughter. . . . You see, she is a heroin addict and an alcoholic. She used heroin for 3 years and many times she was prayed for by your dedicated staff or yourself. She now has sobriety for 10 months. She is working a job full time and still goes to her meetings for help. You are in my thoughts and prayers.

WISCONSIN  
June 2009

### ***Stage 4 Cancer Healed***

Dear Father Peter Mary Rookey,

Thank you for the prayers . . . from you that were requested for. . . . He had been diagnosed with Lymphoma Non-Hodgkins stage 4 Leukemia. Yesterday the doctor told him there was no cancer. Thank you for your prayers. It is a miracle.

MARYLAND  
June 2009

### ***Fax Leads to Healing***

Dear Father Rookey,

Back on June 9th I sent a fax on our cousin . . . as he was very ill and almost died in the hospital. We went to visit him this past Sunday and he was able to take short walks with oxygen but the most important thing was his happy attitude. It was as if there was a glow on his face. He just kept thanking all for their prayers and you for your talking with him and praying for him about a week ago. Thank you Father for your ministry and love.

TEXAS  
June 2009



### ***Husband and Wife Healed***

Dear Father Rookey,

This is in thanks to God for his healing of my wife's breast cancer. Your prayers for her are much appreciated. I will never forget my visit with you a couple of years ago for my own cancer which was also healed. Your faith and simple trust in Jesus left a lasting impression on me.

ILLINOIS  
July 2009

### ***Lungs healed and Breast Mass Benign and Gone***

Dear Father Rookey,

I am writing to thank you for your intercessory prayers when you prayed with me on September 17, 2008 for the healing of my lungs. I waited for time to pass before calling or writing to ensure their healing. My lungs are healed! In addition, I received an unexpected healing. The benign mass in my left breast, there since at least 2000 per the medical reports, is "no longer present." God bless Father Rookey and everyone on the staff for being there to pray for people in need.

OHIO  
July 2009

### ***Clear Biopsy***

Father Rookey,

Thank you for praying with me. My biopsy came out clear—no cancer so far.

ILLINOIS  
July 2009

### ***Out of Coma after Phone Call***

Dear Father Rookey,

For seven and one half weeks our son remained in a coma. Tests indicate he had suffered a heart attack accompanied with a brain seizure. The doctors stated he would not survive. Father Rookey was called to pray over him. The following day our son awakened from the coma. He continues to make progress in speech and physical exercises. Thank you Jesus and thank you Father Rookey.

ILLINOIS  
July 2009

### ***No Malignancy***

Dear Fr. Rookey,

I am dancing on cloud 9 as I write to thank you for speaking with me and also praying for me. I got the results of my breast biopsy today—no malignancy. What a blessing it was to speak with you. Thank you again for taking time to speak with me. May God continue to bless you and your ministry.

KENTUCKY  
July 2009

### *More Joy after Blessing*

Dear Fr. Peter Mary Rookey,

Recently my pilgrimage to your office and chapel was a total joy for me. I plan on returning Thanksgiving week. The 2 hours with you and your staff members was informative and also most importantly a blessing on me and my mission work. Something was lifted off me when you prayed over me. I seem to have more joy about my work. I have this feeling from the Holy Spirit that I need to stay in touch with you. Love always in Jesus name.

MICHIGAN  
July 2009

### *Bladder Cancer Gone*

Dear Fr. Rookey,

Thank you for your blessing and prayers. My bladder cancer is gone after 2 years. May Our Lady and Our Lord continue to give you healing powers.

PENNSYLVANIA  
July 2009

### *Neuropathy Pain Gone*

Dear Father Rookey,

I spoke with you about 16 months ago, asking prayers for my leg. I had neuropathy from a pinched nerve. After 12 years of suffering I have found help. Six months after visiting with you I was connected with a doctor who has helped me. I am nearly pain free. Praise God and thank you for your prayers.

NEBRASKA  
July 2009

On Monday October 12, 2009 the office received a call from Ireland. The woman said that she was in Knock the day before and had attended a Healing Service with Fr Rookey, that Father had blessed people in the thousands and that the sky lit up and the image of Our Lady appeared for all to see. She was so excited and wanted to know when Father would be returning to Ireland. I explained that she must have been confused because Father was here, in the office, was not in Ireland the day before, and had no plans to go to Ireland in the near future.

After countless phone calls, each of which described the same story, we began to question what was going on. It was then that we realized that the events in Ireland, after accounting for the time change overseas, had taken place on Fr. Peter's 93rd Birthday. Could it be that God rewarded Father with the gift of bi-location for his years of faithfulness and continued devotion? Birthday gifts just don't get any better than that!

## **AVE MARIA!** **Winter 2009/2010**

### **MARY IS SAYING**

*"Dear children! Also today I bring you my blessing, I bless you all and I call you to grow in this way, which God has begun through me for your salvation. Pray, fast and joyfully witness your faith, little children, and may your heart always be filled with prayer. Thank you for having responded to my call."*

Dear Children! . . . October 25, 2009. Dearest Mother Mary, how are we to comment on your precious monthly messages! We simply print up your words for our dear ones all over the world, underline your often repeated "Pray, pray, pray, fast, go to Confession daily Mass and Communion." You repeat, good Mother, that you are concerned because we, your forgetful children, need to be constantly reminded . Thank you dearest Mother Mary!

### **WE BELIEVE JESUS IS SAYING**

My children it's time to clean the corners of your hearts and start thinking of the coming season of Advent. This is a special time of graces for all who participate in its glories. This may be your last Advent. You never know what the future will be. Take this opportunity to place yourself in God's love and pray daily for my coming. I am the only answer to all the evil in the world. Remember I love all of you and want nothing more than your conversion of heart. You have this season of Advent to start a new way of thinking. I will help you if you only ask. I love you, Jesus.

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### **THE FAMILY CIRCUS**



**"Is it still okay to say 'Have a Merry Christmas' this year?"**

from *The Joyful Noiseletter*  
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**OTHER REMARKS**

October 18 was our 93rd Birthday. Thank you Betty our ICM manager and all you who helped. Tony Calderone, the proprietor of Palermo Restaurant, gave the wine for 103 guests. . . 'Twas wonderful to speak with old friends including six brother priests.

HOLY LAND NOV. 30-Dec. 12 (Our Lady of Guadalupe) We will walk where Our Lord and Blessed Mary lived and walked. We will be with our dear Servite sponsors, Debbie Pryor OSMM and Venessa Keck OSMM, founders of Our Sorrowful Mother's Ministry, Vandalia, Illinois. During these thirteen days our holy assistants in our office pray with you, Monday-Friday.

December 12 Our Lady of Guadalupe appeared to St. Juan Diego. He converted the pagan Mexico people from sacrificing their children to their god. She is abolishing abortion in our times.

December 25 Let us dwell on the real mystery: A Baby Jesus born (of the Virgin Mary) in Bethlehem's stable. Our Christ, Mass we celebrate for you always.

**SMILES:** For Thanksgiving Day

1. Harry's Thanksgiving prayer:  
Bless, O Lord these delectable vittles. May they add to your glory and not to our middles!
2. For our dear soldiers and veterans caution: If you think old soldiers just fade away, try getting your enlarged tummy into your original uniform.
3. Tongue twister: "Sue sows shirts suitable for soldiers."

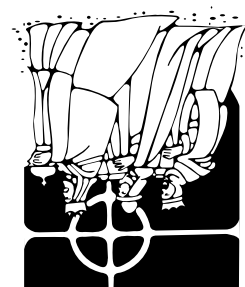
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