JESUS IS LORD!

PEOPLE OF HOPE

A COMMUNITY OF DISCIPLES ON MISSION

AFTER THIS GREAI TITUDE, WHICH NO MAN COULD NUMBER, OF ALL ATIONS, AND TRIBES, AND PEOPLES, AND TONGUES, STANDING BEFOR - Martha THRONE, AND IN SIGHT LAMB 6.18 REVELATIONS 7:9-

> 896TH COMMUNITY PRAYER MEETING IST HYBRID PRAYER MEETING

I have put my words in your mouth and covered you with the shadow of my hand—I who set the heavens in place, who laid the foundations of the earth, and who say to Zion, 'You are my people.

SAIAH 51:16

THIS IS YOUR HOUR

Rise up! This is your hour! You have been prepared for such a time as this! I need your witness of love! Not as the world gives love, but the witness of my truth spoken in love. Souls are thirsting for my message of hope and salvation! I need your witness! Rise up! This is your hour!

Ref. Isaiah 60: 1-2

DON'T SETTLE ... GIVE ALL TO ME

As you say farewell to dear friends who have passed to their heavenly reward, be reminded that you are still in the battle. They have finished the race but you have not. You are still part of the church militant and it is not time to shrink back, it is not time to relax or become passive. Don't settle ! Don't settle for good enough!! call you to give all, to love and serve me with all your heart, soul, mind and strength. Don't settle, my dear men and women of hope. As you continue to give all to me, you will experience more and more of my peace and joy and happiness. Don't settle, and your reward will be great in Heaven

ROUSE THE WEARY

You are my people, my People of Hope. Have we not made a covenant together? Have we not pledged fidelity to one another, me to you, you to me, and you to each other? Yes, indeed. And yet in these times that are testing you, are you tempted to forget all that I have done for you? Do you remember how I protected you my People of Hope in times of attack; how I blessed you with friendships and support in faith for all these many years? And individually, have you forgotten all that I have done for you as my beloved sons and daughters? So that you do not forget, I call you in these times to speak to the weary among you a word that will rouse them. Draw on the length and the depth of your covenant relationships to remind your dear brothers and sisters of what I have done for them. Remind them of those moments where I personally demonstrated my love, my power and my mercy. Remind them. Have confidence in me and my call to you in this covenant. Draw on the strength of this covenant. Reflect on the blessings of your covenant relationships. Rouse the weary, and so be more and more a people confident in Hope. Ref Isaiah 51:12-16

"Christ has no body now, but yours. No hands, no feet on earth, but yours.

Yours are the eyes through which Christ looks compassion into the world. Yours are the feet with which Christ walks to do good. Yours are the hands with which Christ blesses the world."



"HIS SEGUE TO BEATIFICATION? HE REPORTED EUCHARISTIC MIRACLES ONLINE. NOT IN THE DAILY PAPER. NOT ON MARCONI OR EDISON'S RADIO. ONLINE."

INSPIRED BY THE SAINTS

Chris Benitez, Ignite Senior

Since All Saints Day is here, it's really tempting from a modern perspective to think about the Saints' examples as unattainable by current standards. As far as I know, going to Mass on Sundays won't cost us our lives at the stake, or pulling out a bible won't have us tortured. Yes, there are modern, twentieth-century saints out there, but who are they? One of the Popes? Nuns? Priests? Lay adults standing up to authoritarianism or war?



These questions bobbed in my head until my Instagram feed gave me the latest update from Rome. Carlo Acutis, a teenager, who was in high school at the time of his death, had just been attributed to a miraculous healing of a sick boy in Brazil. His segue to beatification? He reported Eucharistic miracles online. Not in the daily paper. Not on Marconi or Edison's radio. ONLINE. "I offer all the suffering I will have to undergo for the Lord, for Pope Benedict XVI, and the Church"

- Blessed Carlo Acutis

As a prospective journalism student, this rang twentysix sirens in my head. Is this the relatable saint I had been looking for ever since I was shown a VHS at First Communion Prep? There was only one way I could find out. Turns out, Acutis had much more in common with



my generation than I thought. Born to middle class, semi-religious north Italian working parents, Acutis showed an early interest in the Roman Catholic faith. He requested to take his First Communion at age 7, showing deep devotion to the Blessed Sacrament ever since.

Glad to see that young people still embrace the faith, I dug a bit deeper, only to find an amazing detail: Blessed Carlo was technologically savvy. His main work consisted of reporting Eucharistic Miracles. Not 15-second dance videos, not video games (although he is the first Saint to own a PlayStation), Eucharistic Miracles. He curated his website (today in the hands of an association of his friends), traveling all over Europe, writing, taking pictures, all while juggling high school and an admirably stable prayer life. At only 15, he was diagnosed with M3 fulminant Leukemia, one of the biggest hurdles a teenager can face. His response? "I offer all the suffering I will have to undergo for the Lord, for Pope Benedict XVI, and the Church" He was welcomed into the Heavenly Realm on October 12, 2006.

So in short, I find inspiration in Blessed Carlo, for contributing directly to St. John Paul II's New Evangelization. To think that this could as well be anyone in my generation, even me. I hold that this saint, with whom three years of our lives overlap, could not be a clearer example of the modern Christian communicator and journalist, and a message from God in Caps Lock: I HAVE NOT LEFT YOU ABANDONED.

Blessed Carlo Acutis, Pray for Us!

Amazingly, Blessed Carlo Acutis' website "The Eucharistic Miracles of the World" is still available online. You can visit it here:

http://www.miracolieucaristici.org/en/Liste/list.html

"Love the Lord and pray for those who do not know Him. What a grace it is to know God!"

MY FRIENDS, THE SAINTS



WRTTEN BY LAURA GREEY

My relationship with the saints started when I was 19 years old beginning with a book about St. Therese of Lisieux. Up to that point, I thought there was no way I could be a saint. However, after reading St. Therese's Little Way, I thought I could give this a try as I was inspired by her humility and kind heart. Many times through the years, St. Therese answered my prayers with a rose. The most significant time was when I was going for infertility surgery. A dear friend showed up at my front door with excitement on her face. She had a single stem that had 5 roses on it. It should have been a single rose, but somehow had 5 buds. My friend took this as a sign that God would allow me to have children.

Through the years, I have read and studied about many saints. They have become my friends as I walk on this earth. They have also become a support and help. One of these friends is St. Elizabeth Ann Seton. She became a special saint in my life as she was a convert, a wife, a mother, a widow and a religious. St. Elizabeth taught me about perseverance in family life and in friendships. Her writings reveal a woman who never gave up on anyone in her life as she tried to win them to Christ.

I have also traveled some of my roads with St. Clare of Assisi. There are many stories I could share from her life, but one particular story that impacted me told of her willingness to serve the other sisters, even after she became Mother Superior of her order. My prayers for assistance through St. Clare have often brought me comfort in difficult times, and once led to a healing while I prayed to her in Assisi, Italy. St. Clare has been a model to me of simplicity and great love for the Passion and Resurrection of Jesus Christ.



A saint that has been a blessing in times of suffering is Blessed Margret of Castello. Blessed Margaret was born very deformed and blind. Her father was so embarrassed that he built what was essentially a cell, in the woods by their house, for her to live in so she would be hidden from the world. A priest was her only visitor each day. Growing up, she had a deep faith and offered up her sufferings for others. I am currently praying to Blessed Margaret for an increase in courage and perseverance in suffering. Recently, I found a novena to Blessed Margaret of Castello. I prayed the novena for one of my daughter's back pain to be healed, and it was!

"They have truly called me on, supported me, encouraged me, and been by my side. I do not put them above Jesus, as they draw me to Jesus."

Although I could go on and on about many saints who have walked with me, there is one more saint, and his family, who have been a source of strength in my life. I have always loved praying to St. Bernard of Clairvaux, and his sister Blessed Humbeline. (My daughters were nervous I would name one of my children Humbeline when they were younger :) St. Bernard's mother, Alice of Montebar, has also inspired me. Alice taught her seven children to pray, and instilled in each of them a great faith. One aspect of their lives together that always inspired me was how St. Bernard continually called his siblings to deeper faith. Now, each and every sibling in their family is a Blessed! I cannot imagine my life without my friends, the saints. They have truly called me on, supported me, encouraged me, and been by my side. I do not put them above Jesus, as they draw me to Jesus. Their examples don't make me scared, bur rather encourage me. There are many more saints - thousands of saints! There is a saint for each and every situation you can be in. They want to walk with us. It is the Church Triumphant reaching out to, and praying for, the Church Militant. My goal is not to tell you all the stories of the saints, but rather to inspire you to go and learn about the saints and build friendship with the saints that touch your heart.



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Pray for us all you saints in Heaven.

THE PEOPLE OF HOPE

"You have made as for yourself, O Lord, and our hearts are restless until they rest in you."

ST AUGUSTINE OF HIPPO

NOVEMBER 2020

Fr.Raniero Cantalamessa to become a cardinal

Pope Francis announces he will raise Fr. Cantalamessa to the rank of cardinal on November 28, 2020.



We congratulate our dear brother and friend, Fr. Raniero Cantalamessa on being made a Cardinal by the Holy Father. Fr. Cantalamessa has served as the Papal Preacher since 1980. We are grateful for the relationship we in the People of Hope have had with him over the years! More to come with updates on him becoming a cardinal after November 28th.

If you have any stories you want to share about Fr. Cantalamessa, please email them to <u>maevebuganski@peopleofhope.net</u>.

PLEASE JOIN KOINONIA ACADEMY

for their

10th Annual Gala

Thursday, November 12, 2020

8:00-9:00pm

Come celebrate the renewed spirit of our school and the beautiful witness of our honorees at the 2020 virtual gala.



Register and learn more about the evening at koinoniagala.com

HEALTH CARE

Let's continue to thank and keep in our prayers the following brothers and sisters in the People of Hope, family and friends, who are on the front lines caring for those most in need during this pandemic.

> Please visit our website <u>peopleofhope.net/healthheroes</u> to see the complete list of all medical and emergency personnel we are keeping in our prayers or you would like to add someone to our list of intentions.

- Jane Apuzzo
- Marianne Benson
- Anne Cantine
- Dr. Joe Clemente
- Kathy McCabe
- Daria Moccia
- Mary Kathleen Molnar
- Kate Nordstrom
- Charlie Pepper
- Arlene Peregrin

Heavenly Father, we place in your protective hands all these healthcare workers and their families during this time. Bless their work, the patients they care for, and all affected by this virus. Amen.

PLEASE CONTINUE TO PRAY FOR ALL THE SICK

IMMEDIATE NEED

- Paul Giegerich
- Jackie Donnelley
- Don Campbell
- Tom Cvelich
- Lou Cirrotti
- Rose Molnar

SERIOUS & ONGOING

- Rita (Buganski) Arena
- Eleanor Benson
- Dick Birmingham
- Margaret Fierro
- Laura Greey
- Shannon Hardy
- Danielle Neri
- Lee Scarfone

AROUND THE SWORD OF THE SPIRIT

- Steve Clark Servants of the Word, Chelsea, MI
- Peter Smith Triumph of the Cross, MD

Please visit our website **peopleofhope.net/prayerintentions** to see our complete list of our prayer intentions and to add to our list.

2020 PRAYER PETITION HIGHLIGHT

We pray for our brothers and sisters in the Sword of the Spirit around the world, especially for those in danger in the Middle East and Central America. Please bless our ecumenical efforts. We pray for all the leaders , international and regionally. Please bless the many relationships of Christ the King Association with the Catholic Church. We pray for Kairos, the youth program of the Sword of the Spirit, to continue to bring forth the truth of Christ, powerfully and effectively to all youth from junior high to post college.

> "Dismiss all anxiety from your minds. Present your needs to God in every form of prayer and in petitions full of gratitude"

> > **PHIL. 4:6**

IN LOVING MEMORY WALTER QUENSE

Born into earthly Life: June 26th, 1930 Reborn as a Son of God in Baptism: July 13, 1930 Born into Eternal Life: September 17th, 2020

Walter Quense, was born in Jersey City and raised in Bloomfield NJ by his parents John and Estelle Quense. He later resided in Glen Ridge NJ until 1977, when he moved to Berkeley Heights NJ. In 1985 he decided to make Warren, NJ his home, and has resided there since.

Walter graduated from Seton Hall Prep and went on to earn a Bachelor's Degree in Civil Engineering from Villanova University. He later went on to earn a Master's Degree in Business Administration from Rutgers University. He is a veteran of the United States Navy having served in the Korean Conflict. Walter was employed for 25 years by NJ Bell and AT&T.

Walt and Joanne, faithfully married for 67 years, were "one" in their love for the Lord and each other, a beautiful example of Christian married love. This love was also expressed in the example of their beautiful family. 8 Children, 36 Grand-Children and a growing number of Great Grand-Children.

One of the great blessing in Walt's life was his involvement in the People of Hope where he participated and served the Lord for many years: Walt was one of the original members of the People of Hope. He was part of the overall leadership of the community, using his extensive organizational and teaching skills. At the age of 52, Walt left his position with AT&T to serve the Lord in full time in the People of Hope.

A man with wisdom for family life, he had a great love for the Lord. Beyond his work in the local community, Walt represented the People of Hope in helping to develop similar lay communities around the world, including in Scotland, England, and Ireland. He was a mentor for many young men helping them become strong Catholic husbands and fathers. He retired from leadership at age 75 and remained an active member of the community until his passing.

We, the family, are so grateful for the People of Hope - this "family of grace" which dad was so blessed by for so many years. Your prayers, encouragement and support have been a rich blessing. May Dad be celebrating in the heavenly courts, interceding for us all as we continue to Run the Race until one day we are joined in the Kingdom with Jesus.

God bless you all, The Quense Family



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