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**UPCOMING  
EVENTS:**

**Jan 12 -**  
Group Leader  
Presentation at  
12:15 PM, Queen of  
Heaven Church in  
Uniontown

**Jan 23-24 -**  
"March for Life" Bus  
Trip with Holy Ro-  
sary Parish (see web-  
site calendar for  
details)

**Feb 1 -**  
Padre Pio Prayer  
Group Gathering  
beginning with  
Rosary at 8:00 AM  
and Mass at 8:30 AM,  
Our Lady of  
Guadalupe Church,  
9080 Shepard Rd,  
Macedonia

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# St. Padre Pio Prayer Group Newsletter

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## A New Year, A New You

**"Come, let us climb the mountain of the  
Lord..." (Isaiah 2:3)**

We should never be content with remaining at the same level in our spiritual life. Jesus is always inviting us to new heights of holiness. This is why in scripture, He ascends mountains. He desires to bring a new level of holiness to all those who feel unable to ascend the mountain because of their weaknesses and sin. We may not be physically blind or crippled, but each of us has areas of spiritual blindness; each of us can be spiritually crippled at times. Regardless of our faults, Jesus is always inviting us to go deeper (or higher!). Ask God to allow the Light of His healing Presence to shine into the deepest recesses of your being: cleansing, healing, refreshing and renewing you.

Trust Him enough to accept the full forgiveness that He offers you continually. It is only by following Jesus up the mountain that we are able to experience true healing. It's no coincidence that Jesus first had the people ascend the mountain and then he healed them. Sometimes

in our lives we need to allow the Lord to bring us through extreme spiritual discomfort (a mountain, our cross) so we can experience healing. A perfect example is when we are dealing with an area of spiritual darkness that we have not yet relinquished: perhaps unforgiveness in our hearts, a sin that has gone unrepented, a character defect that we refuse to work on. It is only when we bring this darkness into the light, when we experience the discomfort of being completely transparent and acknowledging our weakness, that we are able to experience God's healing.

Ascending the mountain is uncomfortable, but it's precisely in that discomfort that we experience Christ's healing. Christ invites us to new heights of holiness. Don't run away from your discomfort; embrace it and ascend the mountain with the Lord. Then, and only then, will you experience His healing.



Are you thriving to learn more about prayer and the stages of spiritual growth? Are you prudent with your "God time"? If you were to die today, would you have done anything differently in your life? These questions can help you in your path to holiness. The predominant goal for the state of your soul is one of profound peace. Growing in holiness

should be all of our New Year's Resolution. If it is not, you need to take a good look at yourself and ask yourself why not. Each year, we vow to exercise more to get fit. Our soul needs to be healthy. In the song lyrics *Ain't No Mountain High Enough* it states: "If you need me call me, no matter where you are, no matter how far. Just call my name, I'll be there in a hurry. You don't have to worry." Jesus is waiting for you. Trust Him.



**Dear Jesus, help  
me to climb the  
mountain you  
have set before  
me. I trust in you,  
who is all good.  
Your grace is  
enough on this  
path to holiness.  
Fill me with the  
Holy Spirit.  
Amen.**

The beginning of anything new moves us to wanting to make some change in our life. Maybe it is a new article of clothing or hairstyle. It could be a new piece of furniture, a new book to read, trying out a new recipe, or even buying a new phone or tablet. This time of the year can also make one think of changing one's attitude or turning away from some vice, some sin that turns us away from God, the Church and our neighbor. The Year Twenty-Two [2020] is a new beginning. Using the image of having 20/20 vision, we can begin this New Year with a change of our spiritual vision. The beginning of any new year is traditionally a time when we hear people say "What is your New Year's Resolution?" "What are you going to do to make or have something new happen in this New Year?" For us, as followers of Jesus Christ in the Roman Catholic Church, it should be to amend our life, turn away from sin, and be faithful to the Gospel. This sounds a bit like what we do in Lent, but this attitude is one that we should have no matter if it is at the beginning of a new year, at Lent, or any other time of the year. It is our disposition to obtain to New Life, to Eternal Life, to be in the Presence of God forever. Usually the New Year's Resolution falls apart by January 3<sup>rd</sup>; our Lenten Penance usually is forgotten by the first fish fry of Lent. This shows us our weak human nature, but it has been redeemed and made new by the newborn infant, Jesus Christ. The only way we can be successful [for us it should be faithful] in our resolutions is by joining them with Jesus Christ. It is in praying, celebrating the Sacraments, and sharing in the Corporal and Spiritual Works of Mercy that we can do daily, that we can make our resolutions a reality.



Some suggestions for the New Year:



- +Consecrate yourself to Mary using the *33 Days to Morning Glory* and/or to the Mercy of God using the *33 Days of Merciful Love*;
- +Pray the St. Michael the Archangel Chaplet;
- +Visit a person in the hospital, nursing home, prison, etc., monthly;
- +Begin or add more time to Eucharistic Adoration/Holy Hour;
- +Pray for the Souls in Purgatory;
- +Volunteer at Soup Kitchens, Catholic Social Agencies, Hospice Centers, etc.;
- +Increase your time going to Confession;
- +Help someone who has suffered a death in the family or work with a Bereavement group;
- +Make donations to Catholic agencies that help the poor, disadvantaged, disabled, aged, etc.;
- +Pray and work with Catholic agencies dealing with the issues of Life; and
- +Any other suggestions you may have or already do.

Have a Holy New Year.

# Tenderness Can Make the Difference

We live in an often harsh world in which many people are losing their faith. The Barna Research Group was investigating the successful handing on of the Christian faith from one generation to the next. It discovered that while education in the faith is very important, perhaps even more important is the tenderness with which the faith is lived and shared by those handing on the faith—parents primarily—and also teachers, priests, ministers and fellow parishioners. The reason is that believing is primarily a matter of the heart. Reason can show the reasonability of the doctrines of the faith, but what gets us over the edge is tenderness which moves our hearts to surrendering to a way of life. Wasn't Jesus in the scriptures constantly calling people to "metanoia" a Greek work which means "a change of heart?" A softened heart moves the will to change.

Beginning from a negative approach, we know that anger is the cause of a hardened heart. Anger can cause people to close their hearts to the faith which is a belief system based on the authority of God, invested in church leaders. Many atheists and fallen away Christians have not experienced tenderness from authority figures. Examples: Adolph Hitler was tied to a bedpost and beaten every day. The militant atheists of today did not have loving fathers. Many homosexuals and lesbians were angered when a homosexual man was beaten to death in New York City. This was the last straw in their perception that the churches and society did not respect them as persons. The woman's movement seems to have been ignited by a survey taken which showed that many wives were very unhappy in their marriages and the National Organization of Women (NOW) asked, "Where was the church in encouraging husbands to 'love their wives as Christ loves the Church,'" and "Why does a supposed Christian society treat woman unfairly in many areas?" Many in the churches responded with anger and lack of action and tenderness to their attackers. Thanks be to God that the right to life movement has moved from a sometimes self-righteous angry approach of the 70's and 80's to its current compassionate approach to women who have had abortions while holding steadily to its principles.

Not just anger, but a lack of tenderness has caused people to abandon the faith. Our Catholic Church has cost millions of once Catholic Hispanics to fall away because they don't feel welcomed by white Catholic congregations. A teenage gang member once experienced a dramatic conversion to Jesus. So, the next Sunday he went to the

nearest church presuming that the Christians there would welcome him. The people saw his long hair and tattoos, and no one welcomed him. Therefore, his conversion to Christ was aborted.

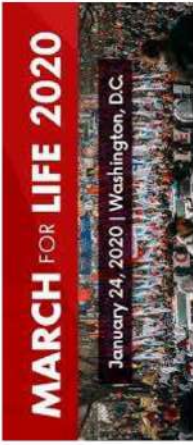



On the positive side, tenderness can overcome attitudes in people's hearts caused by harsh or apathetic attitudes of people in the church.

Some suggestions:

- Repent of any hardness of heart and lack of tenderness. Discover what you are reacting to, what do you feel you are losing control of?
- For every one person who enters the Catholic church, six people are leaving. Therefore, be intentional about being a winsome, tenderhearted Catholic willing to listen to people's stories of why they are not practicing the faith.
- While holding to Catholic values, don't be judgmental or negative toward people. The real enemy is Satan, not people. The "Forty Days for Life" people who prayed outside the Houston Planned Parenthood were so tenderhearted, that the director of Planned Parenthood facility, Abbey Johnson, had the confidence to turn to them for help when she realized the evil of what she was doing.
- Many of our family members have left the church. They already know that we don't approve. Don't nag. Instead, be upbeat about the person of Jesus in our lives. Talk tactfully and at the right moment (not overdoing it), about prayers answered, and God moving in our lives. Tell them you will pray for them when they mention a problem they are having. Then later show interest in how the problem is coming along. Pray with grandchildren. Share with them an excited and tender way how great Jesus is.
- Remember that principles of themselves don't inspire. People who embrace principles in a tender way inspire. That's why the son of God became a human being.
- Be optimistic. Many people who don't practice any faith become Catholic when they marry into a loving and faith-filled loving and warm-hearted Catholic family.
- Go the extra mile and be willing to sacrifice time and energy to bring a lost sheep back into the fold. Years ago, Fr. Paul Hritz was the Pastor of St. Malachi Church on Detroit and W. 25<sup>th</sup> street where many alcoholics congregated. Once he was on his way somewhere but an alcoholic approached him to talk. Fr Hritz stopped and listened to the man very compassionately, giving him his full attention and befriended him. Eventually, the man gave up his drinking and returned to the practice of the faith. When the man would give his lead at an AA meeting, he would say, often with tears in his eyes, "who was I that Fr Hritz would stop and talk to a nobody like me?" Tenderness works!



# Pro-Life Reflections for Everyday January 2020

| Sunday   | Monday  | Tuesday   | Wednesday  | Thursday  | Friday  | Saturday   |
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| <p>5 Lord Jesus, You conquered the power of death. May we seek freedom from its power only in You!</p>  | <p>6 Lord, thank You for my body, my life, and my freedom. May all of us understand the purpose of these gifts: to freely give ourselves away in love just as You did.</p> <p>Christmas Weekday<br/><i>St. Andre Bessette</i></p> |  <p>7 Lord, I pray for all those who have had abortions. Through the compassion of others, may they turn to You for forgiveness and may You grant them Your peace.</p> <p>Christmas Weekday<br/><i>St. Raymond of Penafort</i></p> | <p>1 Lord, enable me to devote more time, energy, and resources to the greatest human rights movement of our day, the pro-life movement.</p> <p><b>SOLEMNITY OF MARY, MOTHER OF GOD THE OCTAVE DAY OF THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD</b></p> <p>8 Lord, give us a consistent respect for every life and a proper understanding of every life issue.</p> <p>Christmas Weekday</p> | <p>2 Lord, increase my love for the children in the womb who cannot acknowledge or repay me. May You be my only reward.</p> <p>Ss. Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen</p> <p>9 Lord, the kingdom belongs to children. Grant that we may treat them accordingly.</p> <p>Christmas Weekday</p> | <p>3 Lord, thank You for the grace of being pro-life and of standing strong when others ridicule or oppose me. May Your peace fill my soul, and may I become more like Your crucified and risen Son.</p> <p>Christmas Weekday<br/><i>Holy Name of Jesus</i></p> | <p>4 Spirit of truth, keep us free from the power of deception. Give us clear minds to know truth and courageous tongues to speak it.</p> <p>St. Elizabeth Ann Seton</p> |
| <p>12 Thank You Father of Life, for creating every human being, born and unborn, healthy and sick.</p> <p><b>EPIPHANY OF THE LORD</b></p>  | <p>13 Lord renew my confidence today that Your promise to us will continue to be fulfilled as Your Kingdom of Life grows in the world.</p> <p>[1<sup>st</sup> Week in Ordinary Time]<br/>Weekday<br/><i>St. Hilary</i></p>        | <p>14 Lord, You teach us to see beyond appearances, prejudices, and false distinctions. Help us care for every life, born and unborn.</p> <p>Christmas Weekday<br/><i>St. Raymond of Penafort</i></p>   | <p>15 Lord, thank You for the privilege of defending human life through the pro-life movement.</p> <p>Christmas Weekday</p>  | <p>16 Lord, bless these courageous men and women who have suffered from abortion. Thank you for their powerful witness.</p> <p>Christmas Weekday</p>  | <p>17 Holy Spirit, keep our minds and hearts focused on children, that we may learn from them.</p> <p>Christmas Weekday</p>   | <p>18 Lord Jesus, may we be one as You and Your Father are one.</p> <p>Christmas Weekday</p>   |
| <p>19 Lord, send Your blessings upon Sandra Cano, and upon all who work for the reversal of these disastrous decisions of our Supreme Court.</p> <p><b>BAPTISM OF THE LORD</b></p>         | <p>20 Lord, I thank You for Norma McConvey's conversion, a sign of hope for our culture. May she rest in peace.</p> <p>Weekday<br/><i>St. Fabian</i><br/><i>St. Sebastian</i><br/>Martin Luther King, Jr., Day</p>                | <p>21 Lord, may we imitate a young girl who sacrificed her grades for the cause of life!</p> <p>Weekday<br/><i>St. Agnes</i></p>  | <p>22 Lord, I unite myself today with all my brothers and sisters in this great pro-life cause.</p>  <p>Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children</p>   | <p>23 Defend Your people, O God, and protect the rights You have given them all.</p> <p>Weekday<br/><i>St. Marianne Cope</i><br/><i>St. Vincent</i></p>   | <p>24 Lord, bless all those who will march this year for life, and the many more who labor for life in their own communities every day.</p> <p>St. Anthony</p>  | <p>25 Lord, we praise You for the conversions taking place each day. Bring the world to unity in You.</p> <p>Weekday<br/>BYM</p>   |
| <p>26 Lord, protect Your people in all of their rights, and help us to protect one another.</p> <p><b>2<sup>ND</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</b></p>                                       | <p>27 Lord, I pray for all those who are disabled, frail, and ill. Give them Your strength and peace, and give us the eyes to see their dignity and value.</p> <p>Weekday<br/><i>St. Angela Merici</i></p>                        | <p>28 Lord, may all people acknowledge You as the only master of human life. May those who defend life understand that they are not only defending their brothers and sisters, but are also defending You!</p> <p>St. Thomas Aquinas</p>  | <p>29 Lord, free Your people from the deception of idolatry. Preserve us in true worship and effective justice.</p> <p>Weekday<br/><i>St. Marianne Cope</i><br/><i>St. Vincent</i></p>   | <p>30 Lord, I pray today for the Society of Centurions, those who used to perform abortions. Help them to find Your healing and peace.</p> <p>Weekday</p>   | <p>31 Lord, instill in all fathers and mothers a deep sense of responsibility for their children, born and unborn.</p> <p>St. John Bosco</p>  | <p>CONVERSION OF ST. PAUL</p>    |
| <p>3<sup>RD</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</p>  |   |   |  |   |   |  |

# Praying for Peace of Mind and Soul

Anxiety is often one of the most difficult feelings to have, as it puts your entire body on edge. This can create a great deal of emotional and bodily suffering that can be difficult to endure. While there doesn't exist a single solution to bring lasting peace into your mind and soul, it is important to offer your suffering to God. This holds true with any type of suffering, as it reminds us that we are never alone and that God wants to be with us and relieve our heavy burden. This prayerful offering is in addition to any treatment we may be undergoing to address the mental and physical causes of anxiety. Whatever is weighing on your heart, unite your suffering to Jesus on the cross or even to the suffering Jesus may have endured as a little babe in Bethlehem. Give it to God and let his peace invade your soul.

The DSM (Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders) has clinical definitions for depression, and there is as well the spiritual darkness that St. John of the Cross writes about in "Dark Night of the Soul". However you've come to a depressive state, and for whatever history brought you there, the key in both of those dark times is to reach. The state of darkness and depression is not a void. It is a space filled with insights that we are momentarily blinded to. When we try to go it alone, we are often too wearied to keep from going under, instead succumbing to the waves of hopelessness. To reach is not an intuitive movement when psychologically and/or spiritually sinking into depression. Even though we've been taught that to despair is to turn our backs to God—which is a sin—there is another element to despairing that is sometimes overlooked. It comes from the Rule of St. Benedict, "In all things may God be glorified." Depression is a battle, and for some of us a lifelong cross to bear. In bearing it as best we can while reaching up and out for help, we are led in to a deeper maturity of faith—which like most virtues, is not easily won. If you find yourself in a state of darkness, the key is "to reach." "Reach up as high as you can today, and God will reach down the rest of the way."

Here are two prayers to God that can be recited:



Let not my soul be troubled, O my dear Savior; and let it not be afraid. I believe that you, Lord, art the greatest good. Help me to look upon this matter in its true light—as it is

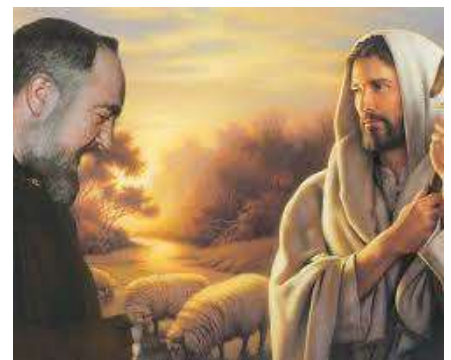
beheld by you. May your will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give me the grace to fulfill your heavenly will. I offer myself to you and I offer the result of my present anxiety. Accept me, I pray, and bear me through this and through every worldly care. With eternity before me, let me see things in their true light. Grant me true and abiding peace and help me to do all things for your glory and so be admitted into your everlasting rest. Amen.



Also, the St. Pio of Pietrelcina After Communion Prayer is a great prayer to recite when you feel anxious.

"Stay with me, Lord, for it is necessary to have you present so that I do not forget you. You know how easily I abandon you. Stay with me, Lord, because I am weak, and I need your strength, so that I may not fall so often. Stay with me, Lord, for you are my life, and without

you, I am without fervor. Stay with me, Lord, for you are my light, and without you, I am in darkness. Stay with me, Lord, to show me your will. Stay with me, Lord, so that I hear your voice and follow you. Stay with me, Lord, for I desire to love you very much, and always be in your company. Stay with me, Lord, if you wish me to be faithful to you. Stay with me, Lord, for as poor as my soul is, I want it to be a place of consolation for you, a nest of love. Amen."



# Prayers for Priests and Vocations

As we begin a new year, let us continue to pray for our priests and for more holy vocations:

## Prayer for Priests



Lord Jesus, present in the Most Blessed Sacrament, and living perpetually among us through Your Priests, grant that the words of Your Priests may be only Your words, that their gestures be only Your gestures, and that their lives be a true reflection of Your life.

Grant that they may be men who speak to God on behalf of His people, and speak to His people of God.

Grant that they be courageous in service, serving the Church as she asks to be served.

Grant that they may be men who witness to eternity in our time, traveling on the paths of history in Your steps, and doing good for all.

Grant that they may be faithful to their commitments, zealous in their vocation and mission, clear mirrors of their own identity, and living the joy of the gift they have received.

We pray that Your Holy Mother, Mary, present throughout Your life, may be ever present in the life of Your Priests. Amen.

—Congregation of the Clergy

## Prayer for Vocations

Lord Jesus Christ, you are the savior of the world. Please manifest in your church the Spirit whom you also abundantly bestowed on your apostles. Call very many to priesthood and religious life. May zeal for your glory and for the salvation of the world inflame those you have chosen. May they be saints in your likeness. May our Holy Spirit strengthen them. May they be priests and religious according to your own heart.

—Diocese of Marquette



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# Dear Spiritual Brothers and Sisters of Padre Pio

The December gathering was joyous, enlightening and prayerful. Thank you to Fr. Bill Browne for his spiritual guidance. We blessed our Baby Jesus and the Blessed Salt that were going to be in our homes for Christmas. Hopefully these sacramentals brought your family peace and protection. Philip Keller was amazing and insightful speaking of Our Blessed Mother. Thank you to all who helped and brought food to our Festa Meal and served. The “Good News” segment of our meeting always brings me to my knees in Thanksgiving to our Lord. He does hear our prayers and our Spiritual Father Padre Pio’s intercession. “God favors” happen every day!



time to save our families. People are confused about marriage, what it means to be a man, and what it means to be a woman. We have gender ideology—people don’t even know what bathroom to use today! We need the head of the Holy Family—Our Spiritual Father, St. Joseph, to help us restore order to things. By bringing him into this crisis and confusion we’re having, we can learn what it means when we say that ‘the man is the head of the home.’ And that’s scary language today. We have to understand it in the right way: He’s a servant—he’s one who sacrifices. What woman wouldn’t want that? What woman wouldn’t want a man who is like that? [A man] who is a servant-leader, and humble and loving, and yet, strong and not afraid to make a decision. His main virtues are most chaste and most prudent.”



Our Padre Pio Prayer Group is going to focus on St. Joseph this year. Fr. Donald Calloway has written a book called “The Consecration to St. Joseph.” What is Consecration to St. Joseph?

This year’s goal is to help families understand what it means to be a family. Many of the concerns I hear with our Group is that our children don’t go to Mass. It is time to get back to things that we’ve forgotten: spending time together, praying together, recreating together. It’s important for families to be given “The Model” of what it means to be a prayerful, joyful, fun family, and that’s Jesus, Mary, and Joseph. Fr. Donald Calloway’s book will be available at our prayer meeting. I ordered 125 copies. We will consecrate ourselves at a special Mass on the Feast Day of St. Joseph, March 19<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm at Our Lady of Guadalupe Church.

Happy Blessed New Year.

Sincerely,  
Cindy Russo, OFS  
Group Leader

“Consecration to St. Joseph is kind of a supplement to the Consecration to Our Lady,” Fr. Calloway explains. “If you think about it, we’re consecrated to Jesus by our Baptism. He’s Our Lord and Savior. And we entrust our lives to Mary because she’s our Spiritual Mother. What about St. Joseph? He’s our Spiritual Father and the patron of the Universal Church. If we love him, honor him, and want to be like him, we are going to become really close to Our Lord and Our Lady, and we’re going to grow in holiness. The Consecration to St. Joseph is entrusting our lives into the hands of our Spiritual Father, so that he, with Our Lady, can help us grow in holiness. The time for this is now. It is



## KEEP OUR SICK SISTERS & BROTHERS IN YOUR DAILY PRAYERS

Call Helen Husky 440-232-3462 to add a member to the list.

Jan Boczek  
Virginia DeJesus  
Roy Evans  
Marty Franck

Joe Morici  
Eleanor Phillips  
Abbot C. Schwartz OSB

**FOR ALL THE INTENTIONS IN OUR ONLINE  
PRAYER BASKET, LORD, HEAR OUR PRAYER.**



### † OUR CONDOLENCES TO THE FAMILIES OF OUR RECENTLY DECEASED †

Bob Burian  
Mike Friess

## Jake's Corner

For January, I am writing about Saint Manuel González García, Apostle of Abandoned Tabernacles, and Bishop of Palencia and Málaga, Spain. Also, I have a First-Class Relic of him in my care. He was born on February 25, 1877 in Seville, Spain to a devout Catholic family. Manuel was very active in his Parish and he sang in the choir. At the age of twelve Manuel entered the Minor Seminary at the Diocese of Seville. Ten years later at the age of twenty-one, Manuel was ordained to the Holy Priesthood on September 21, 1901, by Blessed Marcelo Spínola y Maestre, the Cardinal-Archbishop of Seville. He celebrated his first Mass on September 29, 1901 at the Church of the Holy Trinity and entrusted himself to the care of Mary, Help of Christians.



In 1902, he was sent to be the Pastor of the Parish Church of Palomares del Río. He imagined the people to be full of zeal for the Lord and eager to participate in Parish events. Instead, he found the Parish Church of Palomares del Río dirty, neglected and nearly abandoned. The Tabernacle was covered with dust and cobwebs. The Church was poorly attended and not a growing or vibrant community.

Saint Manuel thought to beg for a different assignment. He knelt down before the Tabernacle and began to ponder the impossible task that had been given to him. Saint Manuel González García felt as he was kneeling before Jesus in the Tabernacle, that Jesus needed a friend and someone who would love Him.

After that experience, Saint Manuel felt the call to bring about a Eucharistic revival in His Parish and to make sure that Jesus in the Eucharist was adored, honored and loved in every Parish. He founded a Community of Eucharistic Reparation. He

made associations for adults and young people and he founded a community of Religious Sisters, the Eucharistic Missionaries of Nazareth. He was appointed Auxiliary Bishop of Málaga on December 6, 1915 and he was appointed Bishop of Palencia on August 5, 1935.

Saint Manuel González García died on January 4, 1940 and at his request he was buried underneath the Tabernacle at the Cathedral of Palencia in Spain. He was given the Decree of Heroic Virtue on April 6, 1988 by His Holiness, Pope Saint John Paul II and Beatified on April 29, 2001 by the same Pope. Saint Manuel González García was Canonized on October 16, 2016 by His Holiness, Pope Francis.

Saint Manuel González García is one of my favorite Saints. In our times, where only thirty-one percent of Catholics believe Jesus is present in the Eucharist, we must follow the example of Saint Manuel and always have a great love and reverence for Jesus in the Eucharist. May we always profess the truth that Jesus is truly present in the Eucharist. During this January, and in this new year of 2020, may we continue to profess our love for Our Eucharistic Lord and become Eucharistic people.

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**BEST WISHES to our Spiritual Children celebrating birthdays and special occasions in the month of January!**

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