



The Franciscan Spirit Padre Pio Prayer Group



Pray, Hope Don't Worry Newsletter Monthly Meeting Updates and Items of Interest

Our next in person meeting will be on October 4th, 2025, at St Mary's

- **Updates on the Prayer Group**
- **Eucharistic Celebration** (starts at 9:00 am in the church)
- **Prayers** (starts after Eucharistic Celebration in the K of C Room)
 - **Community Prayer for all Padre Pio Groups**
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Prayer Group Updates:

We had our second meeting and doubled our attendees. Thank you, Padre Pio, for guiding the new souls to our group for the Glory of God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Spirit. We also just completed our first “open to the public” event celebrating the Feast of Padre Pio with veneration of the relics of Padre Pio, a small gathering in the church hall for some refreshments, a movie and a relaxing and enjoyable gathering of like-minded parishioners.

Our next event will be right after our October 4th meeting in the church parking lot. We will celebrate the Feast of St Francis of Assisi by organizing a blessing of the Animals. See attached poster for further information. Fr Peter graciously agreed to lead the event, we are looking for some members to assist by helping to do some readings, assist with visitors i.e. traffic/parking, ensuring water containers have water in them for our 4-legged visitors, ensuring a safe and harmonious gathering.

We distributed flyers in the community, so we may have guests that are not catholic or not practising Catholics, the event is an open invitation for all to return to St Mary's. Keeping in mind the famous saying of St Francis of Assisi:

“Preach the Gospels everyday & only if you have to...use words.”

— St. Francis of Assisi

***“We have been called to heal wounds, to unite what has fallen apart,
and to bring home those who have lost their way.”***

— St. Francis of Assisi

***So let the love they have for God's creatures,
be the reason to find the Christian love we as a parish community have for them.***

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Prayers:

Community Prayer for all Padre Pio Groups

Lord Jesus,

You called us together

as followers in Padre Pio's footsteps:

Give us your Spirit

So that with You we can say,

"Abbà Father".

Through the intercession of Padre Pio,

Who was an apostle of Divine Mercy,

Make us missionaries of peace and mercy.

For all the peoples of our times.

Inspire us with feelings of loyalty and love,

So that we can become witnesses of Your Gospel in our families,

at work, and among people.

Pour down Your blessings on us

gathered here together,

So that filled with Your grace,

we may become like new creatures

Who trust totally in Your Divine Providence.

We want to abandon ourselves into Your embrace,

and looking towards Mount Tabor,

we shall follow You on Calvary,

Children and apostles of Your sanctifying love.

Padre Francesco Moscone CRS, Archbishop of Manfredonia-Vieste-San Giovanni Rotondo

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Stay with me Lord

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, 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.

Stay with me, Jesus, for it is getting late and the day is coming to a close, and life passes, death, judgment, eternity approaches. It is necessary to renew my strength, so that I will not stop along the way and for that, I need You. It is getting late and death approaches, I fear the darkness, the temptations, the dryness, the cross, the sorrows. O how I need You, my Jesus, in this night of exile!

Stay with me tonight, Jesus, in life with all its dangers. I need You. Let me recognize You as Your disciples did at the breaking of the bread, so that the Eucharistic Communion be the Light which disperses the darkness, the force which sustains me, the unique joy of my heart.

Stay with me, Lord, because at the hour of my death, I want to remain united to You, if not by communion, at least by grace and love.

Stay with me, Jesus, I do not ask for divine consolation, because I do not merit it, but the gift of Your Presence, oh yes, I ask this of You!

Stay with me, Lord, for it is You alone I look for, Your Love, Your Grace, Your Will, Your Heart, Your Spirit, because I love You and ask no other reward but to love You more and more.

With a firm love, I will love You with all my heart while on earth and continue to love You perfectly during all eternity. Amen

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Efficacious Novena to the Sacred Heart of Jesus

I. O my Jesus, you have said: "Truly I say to you, ask and you will receive, seek and you will find, knock and it will be opened to you." Behold I knock, I seek and ask for the grace of..... (*For the Holy Father, Pope Leo XIV and all the clergy that they continue to remain a pillar and teachers of our faith*)

Our Father....Hail Mary....Glory Be to the Father....

Sacred Heart of Jesus, ***I place all my trust in you.***

II. O my Jesus, you have said: "Truly I say to you, if you ask anything of the Father in my name, he will give it to you." Behold, in your name, I ask the Father for the grace of.....(*For Casa Sollievo Della Sofferenza Research Hospital that Padre Pio founded and all the Padre Pio Prayergroups*)

Our Father...Hail Mary....Glory Be to the Father....

Sacred Heart of Jesus, ***I place all my trust in you.***

III. O my Jesus, you have said: "Truly I say to you, heaven and earth will pass away but my words will not pass away." Encouraged by your infallible words I now ask for the grace of.....(*for the Franciscan Spirit PPPG, its ministries and all its members*)

Our Father....Hail Mary....Glory Be to the Father...

Sacred Heart of Jesus, ***I place all my trust in you.***

O Sacred Heart of Jesus, for whom it is impossible not to have compassion on the afflicted, have pity on us miserable sinners and grant us the grace which we ask of you, through the Sorrowful and Immaculate Heart of Mary, your tender Mother and ours.

Hail, holy Queen, Mother of mercy, hail, our life, our sweetness and our hope. To thee do we cry, poor banished children of Eve: to thee do we send up our sighs, mourning and weeping in this vale of tears. Turn then, most gracious Advocate, thine eyes of mercy toward us, and after this our exile, show unto us the blessed fruit of thy womb, Jesus, O merciful, O loving, O sweet Virgin Mary! Amen.

St. Joseph, foster father of Jesus, ***pray for us.***

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Prayer of Saint Francis, Peace Prayer

Lord, make me instruments of Your peace. Where there is hatred, let me sow love; Where there is injury, pardon; Where there is discord, union; Where there is doubt, faith; Where there is despair, hope; Where there is darkness, light; Where there is sadness, joy.

O Divine Master grant that I may not so much seek to be consoled as to console; to be understood as to understand; to be loved as to love. For it is in giving that we receive; it is in pardoning that we are pardoned; and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life. Amen.

St. Michael the Archangel prayer

"St. Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle.

Be our defense against the wickedness and snares of the Devil.

May God rebuke him, we humbly pray, and do thou, O Prince of the heavenly hosts, by the power of God, thrust into hell Satan, and all the evil spirits, who prowl about the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen."

Litany of St. Pio of Pietrelcina

Lord, have mercy.	<i>Lord, have mercy.</i>
Christ, have mercy.	<i>Christ, have mercy</i>
Lord, have mercy.	<i>Lord, have mercy</i>
Christ, hear us.	<i>Christ, hear us.</i>
Christ, graciously hear us.	<i>Christ, graciously</i>
	<i>hear us</i>

God the Father of Heaven, *have mercy on us.*
God the Son, Redeemer of the World, *have mercy*
on us.

God the Holy Spirit, *have mercy on us.*
Holy Trinity, One God, *have mercy on us.*
Holy Mary, Virgin Immaculate, *pray for us.*
St. Pio of Pietrelcina, *pray for us.*
Beloved of God, *pray for us.*
Imitator of Jesus Christ, *pray for us.*
Good shepherd of the people, *pray for us.*
Model for priests, *pray for us.*
Light of the Church, *pray for us.*
Adorer of the Blessed Sacrament, *pray for us.*
Faithful son of St. Francis, *pray for us.*
Marked with the stigmata of Jesus, *pray for us.*
Patient in suffering, *pray for us.*
Helper of the dying, *pray for us.*
Director of souls, *pray for us.*

Heart of gold, *pray for us.*
Apostle of mercy, *pray for us.*
Worker of miracles, *pray for us.*
Consoler of the afflicted, *pray for us.*
Lover of the Most Holy Rosary, *pray for us.*
Helper of souls in doubt and darkness, *pray for us.*
Comforter of the sick, *pray for us.*
Example of humility, *pray for us.*
Source of wisdom, *pray for us.*
Mirror of the divine life, *pray for us.*
Lover of Jesus Crucified, *pray for us.*
Resigned to the will of God, *pray for us.*
Doing good upon earth, *pray for us.*
Filled with the spirit of self-sacrifice, *pray for us.*
Our help and hope in all our needs, *pray for us.*
Vessel of the Holy Spirit, *pray for us.*
Leading us to Christ, *pray for us.*
Our spiritual father and advocate, *pray for us.*
Crowned with glory in Heaven, *pray for us.*
God our Father, You helped St. Pio of Pietrelcina to reflect the image of Christ through a life of charity and self-sacrifice. May we follow your Son by walking in the footsteps of St. Pio and by imitating his selfless love. *Amen*

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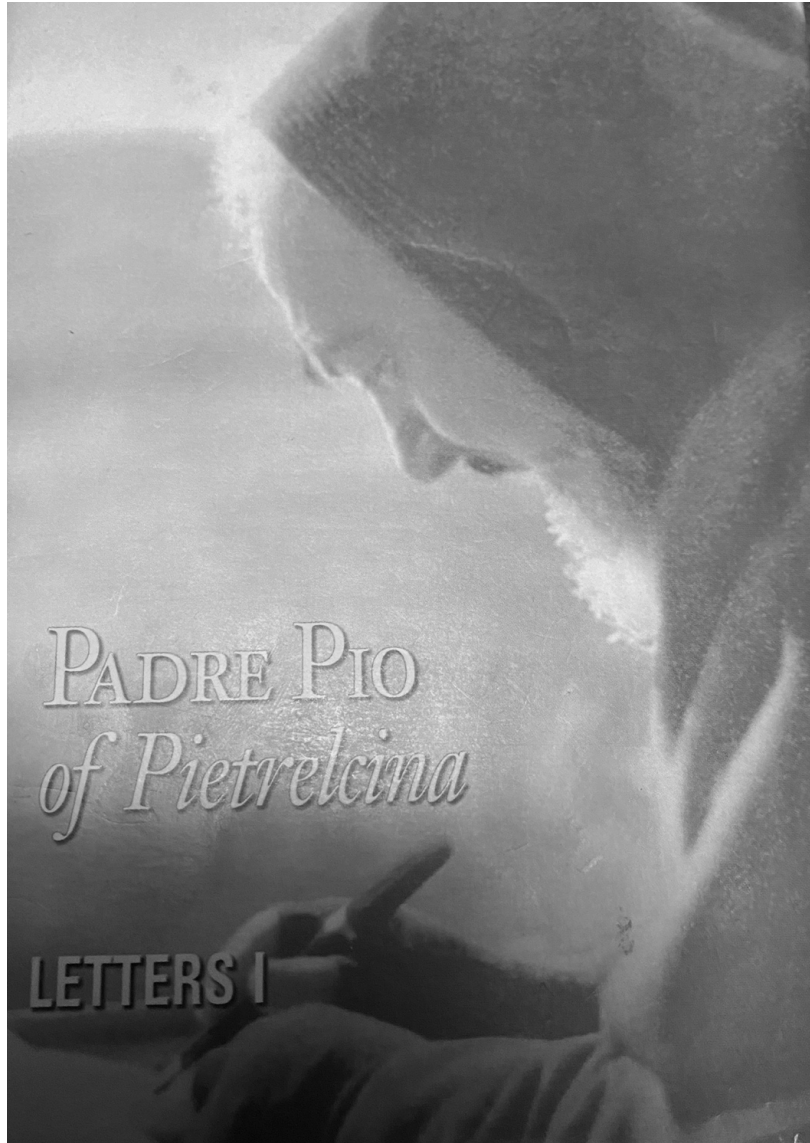
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Spiritual Readings from the Letters of Padre Pio



Letters from Padre Pio of Pietrelcina Letters 1

Padre Benedetto to Padre Pio October 4th, 1911

Padre Pio to Padre Agostino October 4th, 1915

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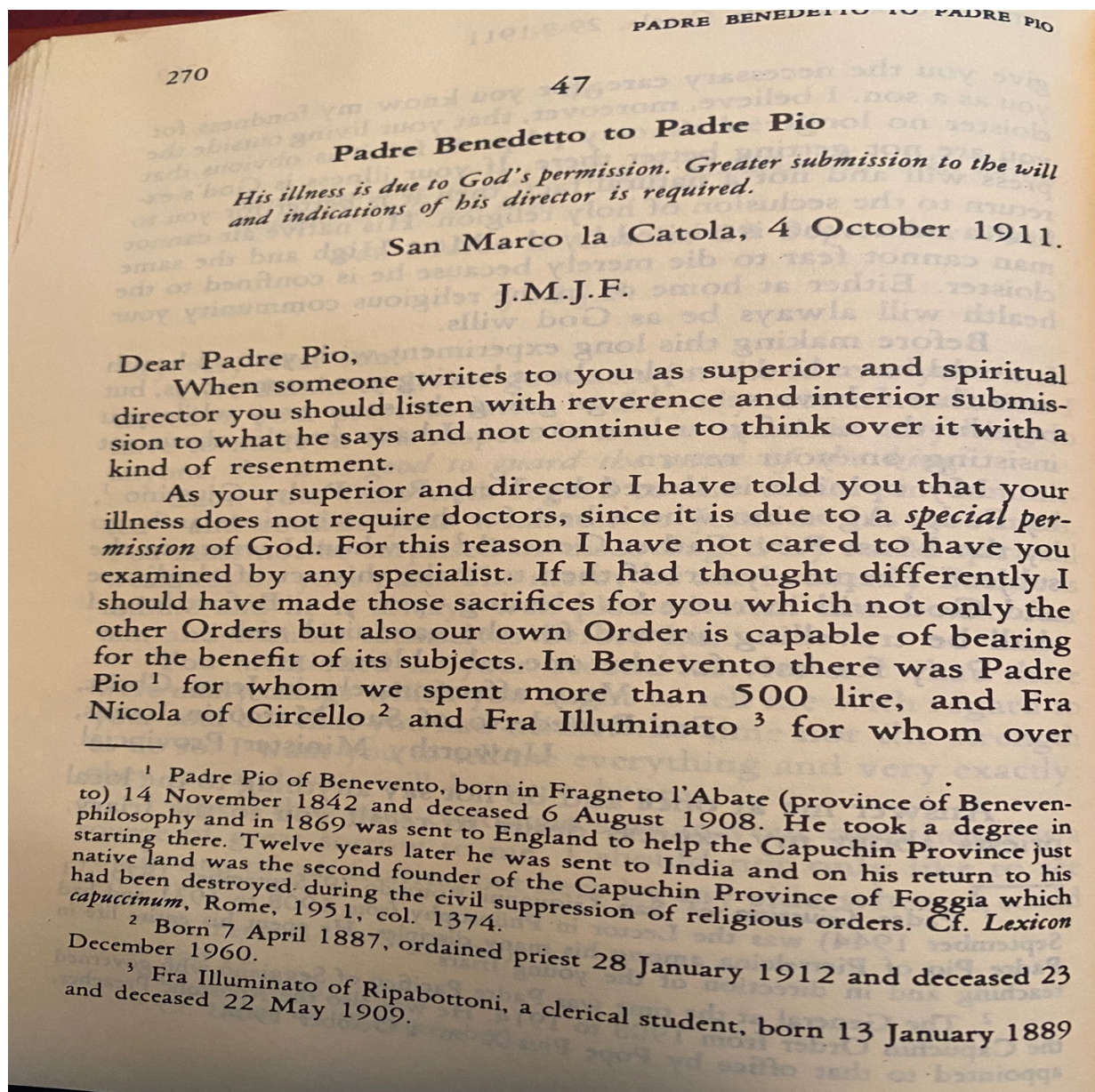
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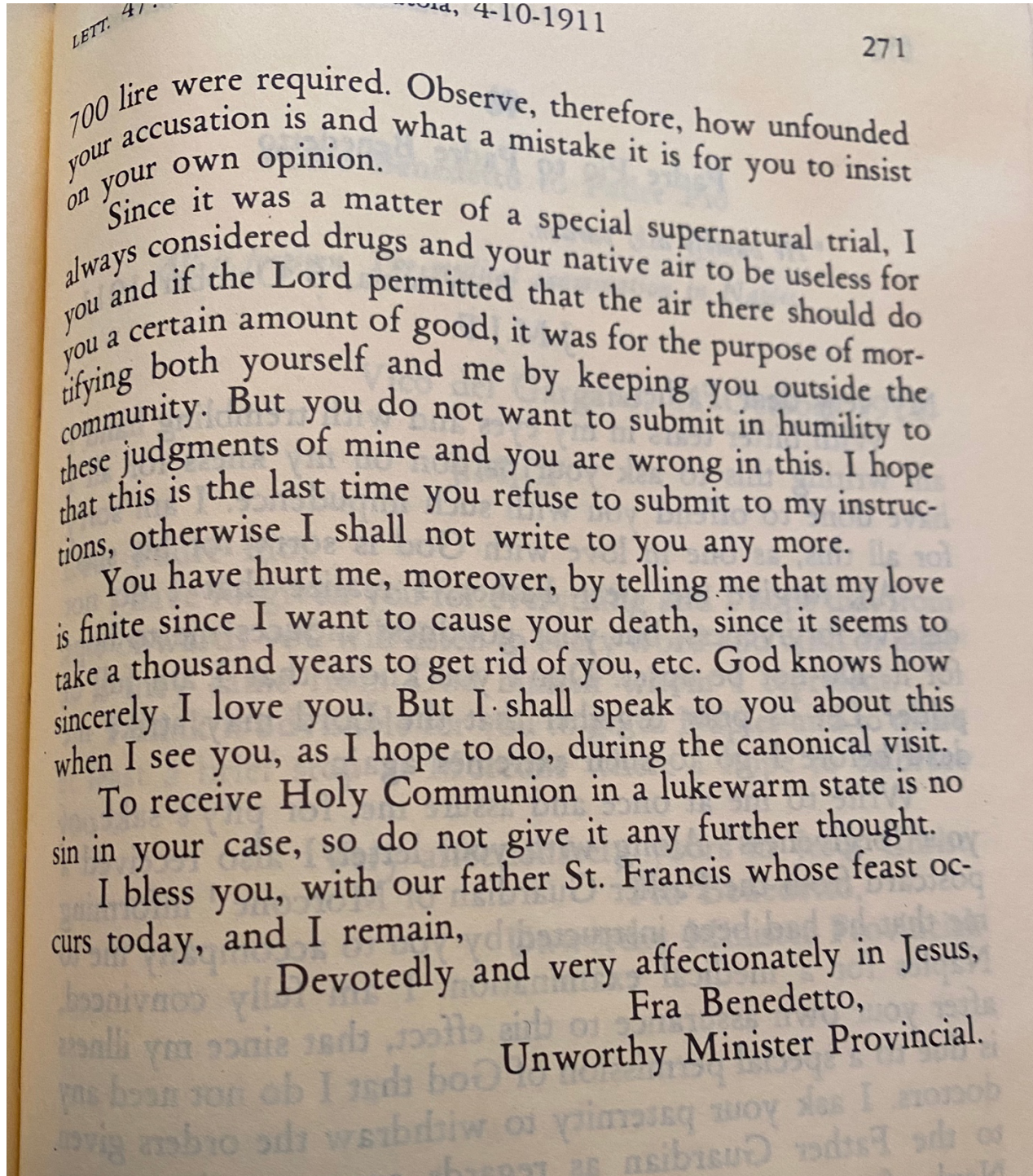
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...da, 4-10-1911
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700 lire were required. Observe, therefore, how unfounded your accusation is and what a mistake it is for you to insist on your own opinion.

Since it was a matter of a special supernatural trial, I always considered drugs and your native air to be useless for you and if the Lord permitted that the air there should do you a certain amount of good, it was for the purpose of mortifying both yourself and me by keeping you outside the community. But you do not want to submit in humility to these judgments of mine and you are wrong in this. I hope that this is the last time you refuse to submit to my instructions, otherwise I shall not write to you any more.

You have hurt me, moreover, by telling me that my love is finite since I want to cause your death, since it seems to take a thousand years to get rid of you, etc. God knows how sincerely I love you. But I shall speak to you about this when I see you, as I hope to do, during the canonical visit.

To receive Holy Communion in a lukewarm state is no sin in your case, so do not give it any further thought.

I bless you, with our father St. Francis whose feast occurs today, and I remain,

Devotedly and very affectionately in Jesus,
Fra Benedetto,
Unworthy Minister Provincial.

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Padre Pio to Padre Agostino

A cry of pain or a hymn of praise? Difficulties which the soul's faculties oppose to the development of God's love. Suffering occasioned by those who do not love the Lord. Uncertainty as to the future. He does not reply to the three questions.

Pietrelcina, 4 October 1915.

J.M.J.D.F.C.

My very dear Father,

May Jesus endue your soul with life and by his grace make it always dearer to him. May the most holy Virgin and our Seraphic Father make you increasingly worthy of God's favour. Amen.

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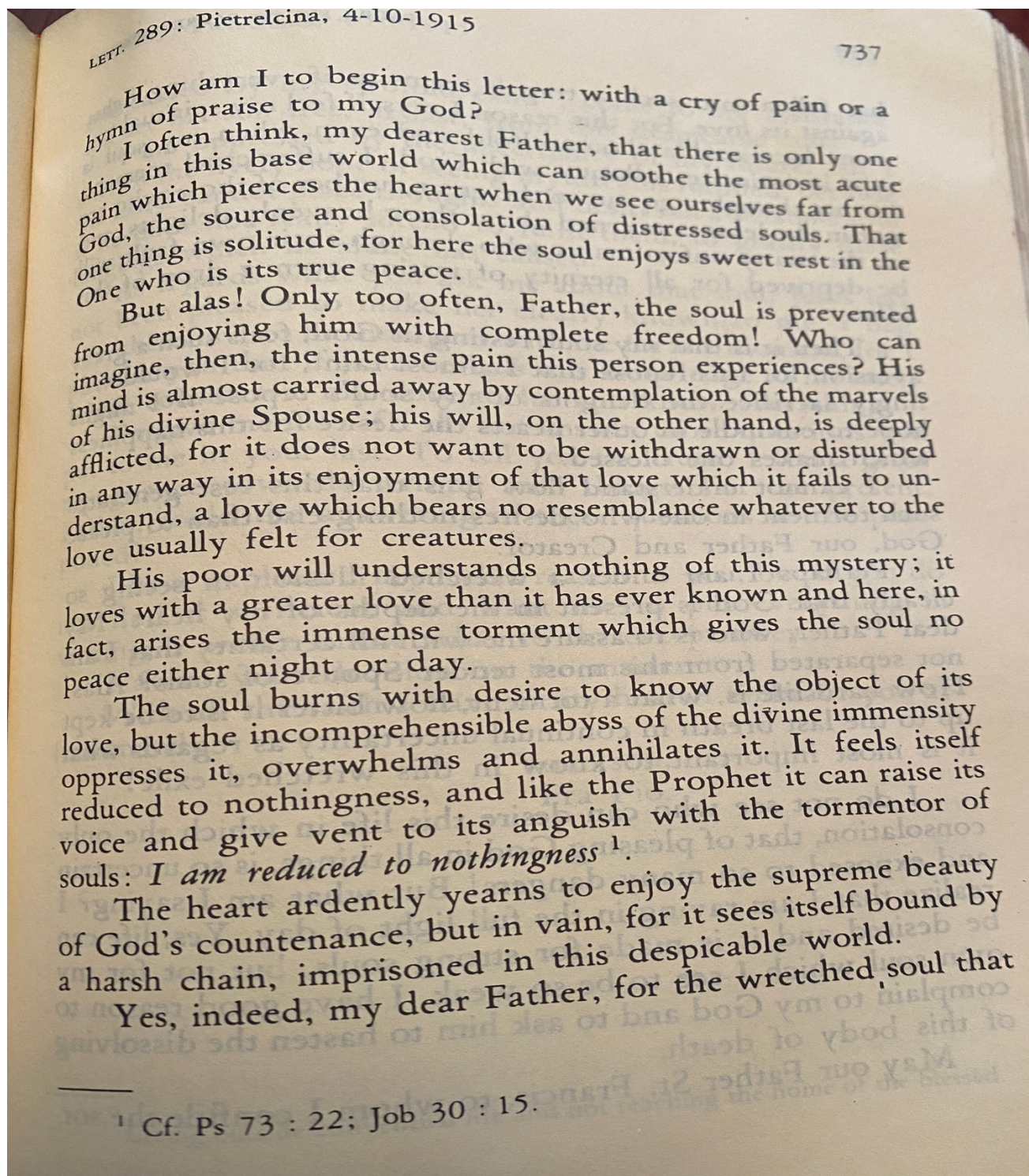
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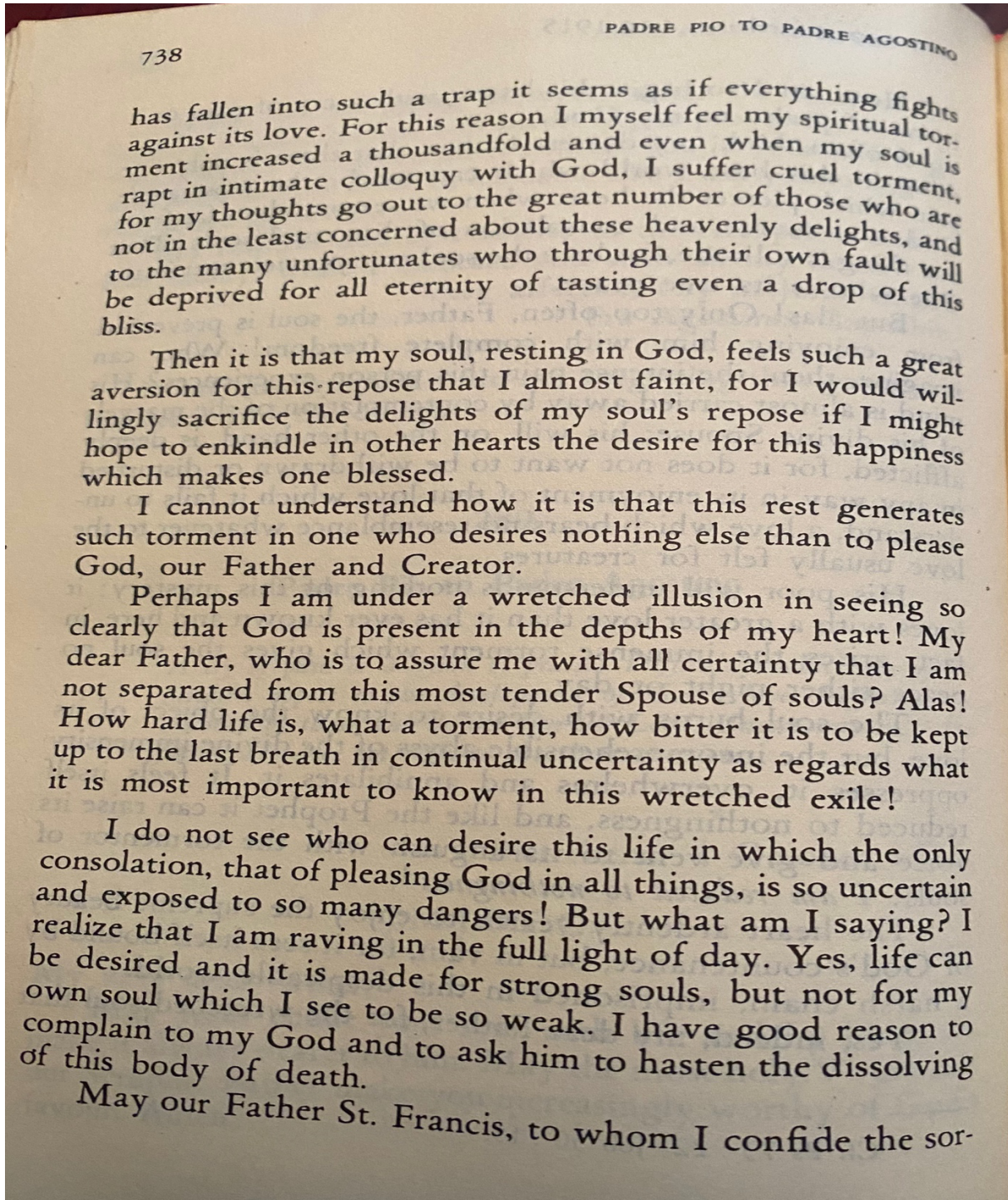
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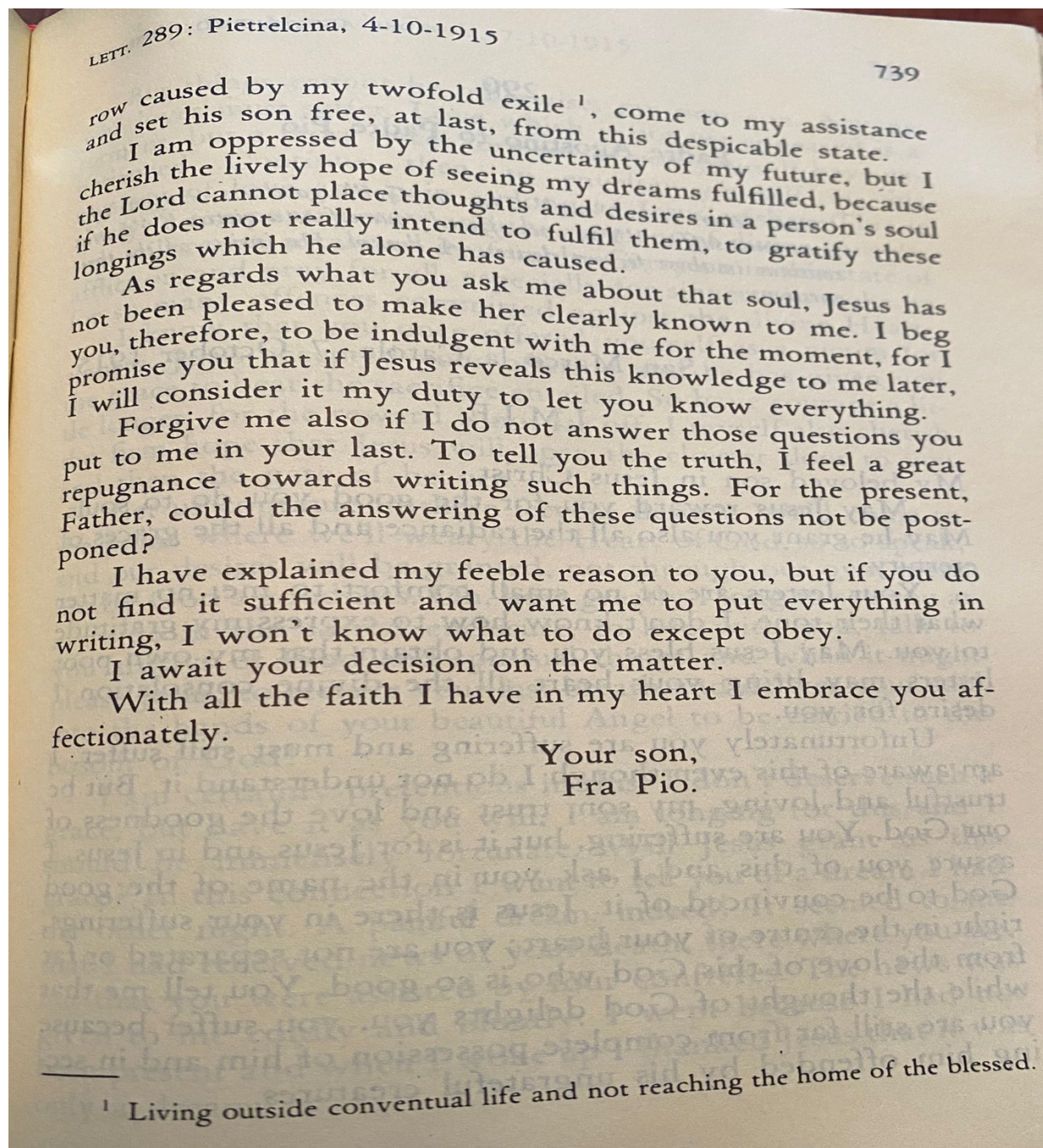
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LETT. 289: Pietrelcina, 4-10-1915

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row caused by my twofold exile¹, come to my assistance and set his son free, at last, from this despicable state.

I am oppressed by the uncertainty of my future, but I cherish the lively hope of seeing my dreams fulfilled, because the Lord cannot place thoughts and desires in a person's soul if he does not really intend to fulfil them, to gratify these longings which he alone has caused.

As regards what you ask me about that soul, Jesus has not been pleased to make her clearly known to me. I beg you, therefore, to be indulgent with me for the moment, for I promise you that if Jesus reveals this knowledge to me later, I will consider it my duty to let you know everything.

Forgive me also if I do not answer those questions you put to me in your last. To tell you the truth, I feel a great repugnance towards writing such things. For the present, Father, could the answering of these questions not be postponed?

I have explained my feeble reason to you, but if you do not find it sufficient and want me to put everything in writing, I won't know what to do except obey.

I await your decision on the matter.

With all the faith I have in my heart I embrace you affectionately.

Your son,
Fra Pio.

¹ Living outside conventual life and not reaching the home of the blessed.

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Saint of the Day for October 4

(1181 or 1182 – October 3, 1226)

Patron Saint of:

Animals, Archaeologists, Ecology, Italy, Merchants,
Messengers, Metal Workers

Saint Francis of Assisi's Story

The patron saint of Italy, Saint Francis of Assisi was a poor little man who astounded and inspired the Church by taking the gospel literally - not in a narrow fundamentalist sense, but by actually following all that Jesus said and did, joyfully, without limit, and without a sense of self-importance.

Serious illness brought the young Saint Francis to see the emptiness of his frolicking life as leader of Assisi's youth. Prayer—lengthy and difficult—led him to a self-emptying like that of Christ, climaxed by embracing a leper he met on the road. It symbolized his complete obedience to what he had heard in prayer: "Francis! Everything you have loved and desired in the flesh it is your duty to despise and hate, if you wish to know my will. And when you have begun this, all that now seems sweet and lovely to you will become intolerable and bitter, but all that you used to avoid will turn itself to great sweetness and exceeding joy."

From the cross in the neglected field-chapel of San Damiano, Christ told him, "Francis, go out and build up my house, for it is nearly falling down." Francis became the totally poor and humble workman.

He must have suspected a deeper meaning to "build up my house." But he would have been content to be for the rest of his life the poor "nothing" man actually putting brick on brick in abandoned chapels. He gave up all his possessions, piling even his clothes before his earthly father—who was demanding restitution for Francis' "gifts"



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to the poor—so that he would be totally free to say, “Our Father in heaven.” Saint Francis was, for a time, considered to be a religious fanatic, begging from door to door when he could not get money for his work, evoking sadness or disgust to the hearts of his former friends, ridicule from the unthinking.

But genuineness will tell. A few people began to realize that this man was actually trying to be Christian. He really believed what Jesus said: “Announce the kingdom! Possess no gold or silver or copper in your purses, no traveling bag, no sandals, no staff” (Luke 9:1-3).

Saint Francis of Assisi’s first rule for his followers was a collection of texts from the Gospels. He had no intention of founding an order, but once it began, he protected it and accepted all the legal structures needed to support it. His devotion and loyalty to the Church were absolute and highly exemplary at a time when various movements of reform tended to break the Church’s unity.

Saint Francis of Assisi was torn between a life devoted entirely to prayer and a life of active preaching of the Good News. He decided in favor of the latter but always returned to solitude when he could. He wanted to be a missionary in Syria or in Africa but was prevented by shipwreck and illness in both cases. He did try to convert Sultan Malik al-Kamil during the Fifth Crusade.

During the last years of his relatively short life, he died at 44, Francis was half blind and seriously ill. Two years before his death he received the stigmata, the real and painful wounds of Christ in his hands, feet and side.

On his deathbed, Saint Francis of Assisi said over and over again the last addition to his *Canticle of the Sun*, “Be praised, O Lord, for our Sister Death.” He sang Psalm 141, and at the end asked his superior’s permission to have his clothes removed when the last hour came in order that he could expire lying naked on the earth, in imitation of his Lord.

Reflection

Saint Francis of Assisi was poor only that he might be Christ-like. He recognized creation as another manifestation of the beauty of God. In 1979, he was named patron of ecology. He did great penance—apologizing to “Brother Body” later in life—that he might be totally disciplined for the will of God. Francis’ poverty had a sister, Humility, by which he meant total dependence on the good God. But all this was, as it were, preliminary to the heart of his spirituality: living the gospel life, summed up in the charity of Jesus and perfectly expressed in the Eucharist.

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**St Maximilian Kolbe O.F.M. Conv.
(1894 - 1941)**

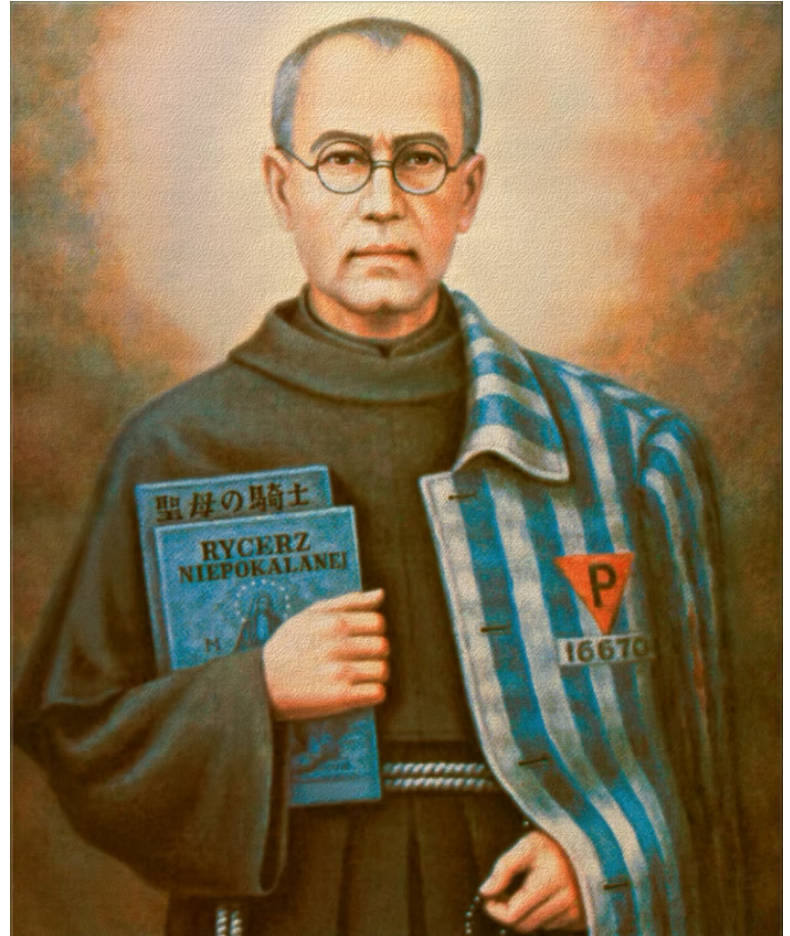
A letter of St Maximilian Kolbe We must sanctify the whole world.

I rejoice greatly, dear brother, at the outstanding zeal that drives you to promote the glory of God. It is sad to see how in our times the disease called “indifferentism” is spreading in all its forms, not just among those in the world but also among the members of religious orders. But indeed, since God is worthy of infinite glory, it is our first and most pressing duty to give him such glory as we, in our weakness, can manage – even though we would never, poor exiled creatures that we are, be able to render him such glory as he truly deserves.

Because God’s glory shines through most brightly in the salvation of the souls that Christ redeemed with his own blood, let it be the chief concern of the apostolic life to bring salvation and an increase in holiness to as many souls as possible. Let me briefly outline the best way to achieve this end – both for the glory of God and for the sanctification of the greatest number. God, who is infinite knowledge and infinite wisdom, knows perfectly what is to be done to give him glory, and in the clearest way possible makes his will known to us through his vicegerents on Earth.

It is obedience and obedience alone that shows us God’s will with certainty. Of course, our superiors may err, but it cannot happen that we, holding fast to our obedience, should be led into error by this. There is only one exception: if the superior commands something that would obviously involve breaking God’s law, however slightly. In that case the superior could not be acting as a faithful interpreter of God’s will.

God himself is the one infinite, wise, holy, and merciful Lord, our Creator and our Father, the beginning and the end, wisdom, power, and love – God is all these. Anything that is apart from God has value only in so far as it is brought back to him, the Founder of all things, the Redeemer



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of mankind, the final end of all creation. Thus, he himself makes his holy will known to us through his vice-gerents on Earth and draws us to himself, and through us – for so he has willed – draws other souls too, and unites them to himself with an ever more perfect love.

See then, brother, the tremendous honour of the position that God in his kindness has placed us in. Through obedience we transcend our own limitations and align ourselves with God's will, which, with infinite wisdom and prudence, guides us to do what is best. Moreover, as we become filled with the divine will, which no created thing can resist, so we become stronger than all others.

This is the path of wisdom and prudence; this is the one way by which we can come to give God the highest glory. After all, if there had been another, better way, Christ would certainly have shown it to us, by word and by example. But in fact, sacred Scripture wraps up his entire long life in Nazareth with the words *and he was obedient to them* and it shows the rest of his life to have been passed in similar obedience – almost as an instruction to us – by showing how he came down to Earth to do the Father's will.

Brethren, let us love him above all, our most loving heavenly Father, and let our obedience be a sign of this perfect love, especially when we have to sacrifice our own wills in the process. And as for a book from which to learn how to grow in the love of God, there is no better book than Jesus Christ crucified.

All this we will achieve more easily through the intercession of the Immaculate Virgin, to whom the most kind God has given the task of dispensing his mercies. There is no doubt that the will of Mary should be the will of God for us. When we dedicate ourselves to him, we become tools in her hands just as she became a tool in his. Let us let her direct us and lead us by the hand. Let us be calm and serene under her guidance: she will foresee all things for us, provide all things, swiftly fulfil our needs both bodily and spiritual, and keep away from us all difficulty and suffering.

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Next meeting information, websites and information

**November 01, 2025, at 9:00 am
In the Knights of Columbus Hall**

Closing Prayer:

*As we close this meeting, Lord, we want to give honour to You.
Thank You, God, for the time we had today to pray over and discuss
issues and make decisions.*

*May You bless each person who took the time to gather here today and
let Your hand of protection be on them throughout the rest of the
month.*

*Let the work done here today come to fruition and let it all be for Your
glory.*

Help us each to do our parts to bring the plans discussed to life.

*We ask this thru the intercession of Padre Pio, St Francis and St Clare
in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.*

Amen. Pace bene.

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Some important dates for the Padre Pio Prayer Groups:

Moveable Feast Days

- Ash Wednesday
- Good Friday
- Triduum
- Easter Day
- Ascension of our Lord Jesus Christ
- Pentecost
- Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ
- First Sunday of the Advent of our Lord Jesus Christ
- For year 2026
 - Ash Wednesday: Wednesday, February 18
 - Easter Sunday: Sunday, April 5
 - Ascension: Sunday, May 17**
 - Pentecost: Sunday, May 24
 - Holy Trinity: Sunday, May 31
 - Body and Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi): Sunday, June 7
 - Sacred Heart of Jesus: Friday, June 12
 - Assumption of Mary: Saturday, August 15
 - All Saints: Sunday, November 1
 - Christ the King: Sunday, November 22
 - First Sunday of Advent: Sunday, November 29
- For year 2027
 - Ash Wednesday: Wednesday, February 10
 - Easter Sunday: Sunday, March 28
 - Ascension: Sunday, May 9**
 - Pentecost: Sunday, May 16
 - Holy Trinity: Sunday, May 23
 - Body and Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi): Sunday, May 30
 - Sacred Heart of Jesus: Friday, June 4
 - Assumption of Mary: Sunday, August 15
 - All Saints: Monday, November 1*
 - Christ the King: Sunday, November 21
 - First Sunday of Advent: Sunday, November 28

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January

- **1 New Years Day** - Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God
- **4 Epiphany of the Lord**
- **11 Baptism of the Lord**
- **16 [1903]** At age 15, he entered the Capuchin Novitiate in Morcone, Italy.
- **21 [1990]** The beatification process was completed.
- **22 [1903]** Investiture into the Capuchin Order taking the Franciscan habit and the name Brother Pio.
- **27 [1907]** Brother Pio took his final vows.

February

- **9 [1940]** Work was started on Padre Pio's "Grand Earthly Undertaking", namely the building of his "House for the Relief of Suffering".
- **11 Our Lady of Lourdes**
- **17 [1916]** He was appointed to the monastery of Sant'Anna in Foggia.

March

- **16 [1918]** Padre Pio returned to the monastery of SAN Giovanni Rotondo for good.
- **19 St. Joseph**
- **20 [1983]** The official inquiry into Padre Pio's case was opened in San Giovanni Rotondo.
- **25: Annunciation of the Lord**

April

- **22 [1925]** Resenting the restrictions placed on Padre Pio's confessional duties, the faithful throughout the country were again in a state of turmoil.

May

- **2 [1999]** Padre Pio of Pietrelcina was officially beatified by John Paul II.
- **5 [1956]** The House for the Relief of Suffering was officially opened.
- **13: Our Lady of Fatima**
- **15 [1919]** His superiors call for the first medical examination of his stigmata by Dr. Romanelli. On July 26, 1919, he was examined by Dr. Bignami and on October 9, 1919 by Dr. Festa.
- **23 [1987]** The Holy Father, John Paul II, made a pilgrimage to San Giovanni Rotondo and prayed at Padre Pio's tomb.
- **25 [1887]** Padre Pio (Francesco Forgione) was born at 5:00 pm in Pietrelcina (Benevento) to Grazio Forgione and Maria Giuseppa (Peppa) Di Nunzio.
- **26 [1887]** Little Francesco was baptised in the church of Sant'Anna.

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- **31 Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

June

- **9 Mary, Mother of the Church**
- **13** St. Anthony of Padua
- **16 [2002]** Padre Pio of Pietrelcina was officially canonized by John Paul II.
- **17 [1923]** Padre Pio was debarred from saying Mass in public or replying to any of the letters arriving at the monastery in San Giovanni Rotondo.
- **24** Nativity of St. John the Baptist
- **25 [1923]** A popular revolt broke out on the afternoon of the day when Padre Pio first said Mass in a private chapel.
- **26 [1923]** Padre Pio resumed saying Masses in the church.
- **27 Most Sacred Heart of Jesus**
- **28 Immaculate Heart of Mary**
- **29** Sts. Peter and Paul
- **30** First Martyrs of the Holy Roman Church

July

- **1 [2004]** The new Sanctuary of St Pio of Pietrelcina was consecrated in San Giovanni Rotondo.
- **15** St. Bonaventure
- **16: Our Lady of Mount Carmel**
- **16 [1933]** Padre Pio resumed saying Masses in public following a two-year suspension.
- **26 [1919]** Padre Pio was examined by Professor Amico Bignami, head of the medical pathology department of the University of Rome.
- **26** Sts. Joachim and Anne
- **28 [1916]** During a period of suffocating heat, he was taken to the monastery of San Giovanni Rotondo and stayed there one week.
- **31 [1968]** His Prayer Groups are given official recognition by the Vatican.

August

- **5 [1918]** Through the work of a mysterious celestial being, Padre Pio's heart was pierced by a spear, leaving him with a wound that was to bleed for the rest of his life. This phenomenon is known as "transverberation".
- **5** Dedication of Basilica of St. Mary Major
- **8 [1923]** Padre Pio was ordered to move to Ancona.

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- **10 [1910]** At twenty-three years old, he was ordained a priest by Archbishop Paolo Schinosi in the Cathedral in Benevento, Italy.
- **11 Feast of St Claire of Assisi**
- **13 Bl. Michael J. McGivney**
- **14 [1910]** Said his first Mass at Our Lady of the Angels parish in Pietrelcina.
- **14 St. Maximilian Kolbe**
- **15 Assumption of Mary**
- **17 [1923]** Worried by the restlessness of the crowds, the ecclesiastical authorities suspended the order for Padre Pio to move to Ancona.
- **22: Queenship of Mary**

September

- **4 [1916]** Assigned to Our Lady of Grace Monastery in San Giovanni Rotondo.
- **5 St. Teresa of Calcutta**
- **8 Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary**
- **14 Exaltation of the Holy Cross**
- **15 Our Lady of Sorrows**
- **20 [1918]** Received the visible stigmata while praying before a crucifix in the monastery church of Our Lady of Grace; a mysterious person dripping with blood in the chapel appeared to him, then he found that he himself now had wounds on his hands, rib cage and feet. From then on, Padre Pio's body was marked with stigmata, the visible signs of the Passion of Christ. He became the first priest in the history of the Catholic Church to bear the stigmata.
- **22 [1968]** Padre Pio said Mass at 5 a.m. as usual. This was to be his last celebration of the Eucharist.
- **23 Feast St Padre Pio of Pietrelcina**
- **23 [1968]** Padre Pio died at 02.30, his last words being "Jesus, Mary! Jesus, Mary!" The Father Guardian of the Monastery stated that ten minutes after Padre Pio's death, all traces of the stigmata on his hands, feet and side had disappeared.
- **26 [1968]** Over a hundred thousand people attended his funeral.
- **27 [1968]** The crypt containing Padre Pio's body was opened to the public and was visited by droves of pilgrims over the years.
- **29 Sts. Michael, Gabriel, and Raphael**

October

- **2 Guardian Angels**
- **4 Feast of St Francis of Assisi**

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- **7 Our Lady of the Rosary**
- **9 [1919]** At the request of the General of the Capuchins, Padre Venanzio from Lisle-en-Rigault, Padre Pio underwent in-depth medical examinations conducted by Dr Giorgio Festa.
- **10 [1915]** He told his Superior that he had been suffering the pain inflicted by flagellation and the crowning of thorns for years now.
- **22 St. John Paul II**

November

- **1 All Saints' Day**
- **2 All Souls' Day**
- **6 [1915]** Drafted into the Italian Army. On Dec. 6, he was assigned to the 10th Medical Corps in Naples. Due to poor health, he was continually discharged and recalled until March 16, 1918 when he was declared unfit for military service.
- **12 [1917]** He returned to the monastery of San Giovanni Rotondo, where he stayed until 5 March 1918, the year when he resumed national service in Naples.
- **21: Presentation of Mary**

December

- **6 Feast of St Nicholas (Santa Claus)**
- **8 Immaculate Conception**
- **9 St. Juan Diego**
- **10 Our Lady of Loreto**
- **12 Our Lady of Guadalupe**
- **18 [1916]** He went to Naples on national service, but his poor physical conditions made the doctors send him home on special leave.
- **[21 [1998]** The scientifically unexplainable healing of Mrs. Consiglia De Martino of Salerno, Italy, needed miracle for beatification, is approved by Congregation for the Cause of Saints.
- **24 Christmas Eve**
- **25 Christmas Day - The Nativity of the Lord**
- **28 The Holy Family and Holy Innocents**
- **[2000]** The scientifically unexplainable healing of 7-year-old Matteo Collela of San Giovanni Rotondo, Italy, needed miracle for canonization, is approved by Congregation for the Cause of the Saints

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