

THE FATHER'S VINEYARD



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THE CHARISM OF MY FATHER'S HOUSE

The Charism of My Father's House is the Father's unconditional love to all of His children. When Sr. Bernadette and I established My Father's House, God gave us a clear word "Go tell everyone you meet that I love them with My whole heart, with My whole soul; I love them. Despite there faults, failings, sins and imperfections I love them, I want to be Lord of their heart, and if they surrender their poor battered hearts to Me, I promise whatever they ask in My name I will give to them. The miracles I perform for others, I shall begin to do in their own lives." Within this Charism there are 3 important elements that define our purpose:

- 1) To lead everyone into a deeper personal relationship with Jesus so that they personally experience His Presence, His Love, His Voice, His Power, His Joy, His Spirit. (Confer my books "A Personal Relationship with Jesus," "Listening to God" and "The Our Father").
- 2) To build up family life and loving relationships so that every person can be more affirming, sensitive and forgiving.

- 3) To convince everyone that they have a call upon their life; a specific vocation to continue across their time and space the redemptive, healing, evangelizing and sanctifying ministry of Jesus. We have become known therefore as a charismatic, evangelizing and healing ministry.

THE FIVE PRINCIPLES OF THE OUR FATHER

Jesus has taught us the way to pray in the Our Father. He emphasized 5 most essential principles: Praise, Plan, Providence, Purification and Protection. First praise and worship (Hallow Be Thy Name): The more time we spend in praise and worship, the more fully we come into His Presence and come under His Anointing. Secondly, to seek His Plan realizing that God reveals His Plan, not only in general, but personally step by step on a daily basis, for we cannot do His Will unless we know what it is. We cannot know what it is unless He tells us, and He cannot tell us unless we learn to listen whenever He speaks through the Church, through the Bible, through the new Catechism, through the Pope, Bishops and Priests and also from within through our own thoughts. Thirdly, to seek His Provision as he daily supplies all of our needs including the daily Bread of the Eucharist. The more we live by faith in His Divine Providence, the more relaxed our lives become, and the more we see His hand truly at work in all the "God-incidents" of our lives. Fourth, He teaches us to go to confession frequently; to be forgiven and forgive so that we can live pure lives. And lastly, to seek His Protection as He leads us, not into temptation, but delivers us from every evil. He is a God who lives within us guiding us where to go and where not to

go. We must listen to His inspirations, love one another and live in that Spirit. (Confer my book "The Our Father").

A TIME OF THANKSGIVING, ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS

THANKSGIVING

Soon we will be celebrating the beautiful feast of Thanksgiving. It is a special time to give thanks to Almighty God for all the unique gifts He gives to each of us. It is a time, above all, to celebrate a Thanksgiving Mass and a Thanksgiving family meal. A Thanksgiving Mass to thank Almighty God, and the family togetherness to celebrate the tremendous gift of family love. We do not thank God for many things; we humbly thank God for everything. For every single thing we have is a gift from God: Wisdom, Understanding and Compassion are gifts of the Spirit; family, relatives and friends are incarnational gifts; food, clothing and shelter are bodily gifts; and so for all of these gifts, we give thanks. The Church teaches that the only way we can give thanksgiving to God is by sharing His gifts and making ourselves open to more gifts from His loving Hand. Most of us in America live life at too fast a pace. We need to come apart and rest awhile with Him and with each other. Thanksgiving should be a day when we break the cycle of work and more work, and center down on our relationship with God and with one another. It is a time to refocus our priorities once again. God first; family second; work third, etc. This Thanksgiving think about sitting down and writing a special note of gratitude to all the people who are dearest to you. Please make it as loving and as personal as you can.

Food for thought: What else would you

like to give thanks to God for this Thanksgiving?

HAPPY THANKSGIVING!

ADVENT

Advent is a time when we move into great expectancy. It is a time to more deeply prepare our souls for a fuller coming of Jesus Christ within us. It is a time to think about going to Confession, of sharpening spiritual disciplines; such as more frequent Mass, daily meditation, daily control of our thought life, daily Rosary and a daily examination of conscience. Pope John XXIII stated "Without discipline you do not have a human being; without mortification you do not have a Christian."

CHRISTMAS

The Christmas season, considered by many "the most beautiful season of the year," is above all a time of love, generosity and mercy. Realize that broken relationships not only displease God, but hurt the Church as His Mystical Body. Therefore, I ask each of you to examine your conscience to see if there is between you and anybody a wall that can be easily taken down by a humble gesture. Resolve that no matter what it takes, be that a letter, a phone call, a personal visit, to do everything you can to reconcile every broken relationship that you are involved in. This gift of a loving, humble and merciful heart is the best gift that we can ever give to Jesus. The desire of His heart is that "We love one another as He has loved us."

At this time when our Nation is at war, let us pray for peace and be resolved that we be personally at peace with everyone that we know. On behalf of all here at My Father's House we wish you a

"Merry Christmas"

MY FATHER'S HOUSE NEWS NEW DVD's

Bob and Evelyn Olson are in charge of producing new DVDs of all the talks given at My Father's House. Each DVD contains four half-hour talks from our TV series "In His Name." These DVDs are available by calling Bob Olson at (860) 873-1428 or (937) 205-0128.

JESUS MOSAICS

Jesus Mosaics, a marvelous Christmas gift, are available by Frank and Mary Bear. Each Mosaic is made up of fifteen hundred classical pictures of Jesus, Mary, etc. Call (860) 873-9257.

OUR OUTREACH MINISTRY

In this newsletter we wish to congratulate in a special way Mrs. Dolores Petcavage who has been in charge of our public relations. Dolores loyally runs our public relations office and is in charge of our mailings. She lives at My Father's House and is a faithful member of our community. Thank you Dolores for jobs well done!

OUR DECORATORS

All of you have noticed how beautiful is the statuary and the decorations that change seasonally at My Father's House. We want to publicly thank Mrs. Linda Buffington and Mr. Dennis Chopps for the many hours of volunteer services they give refurbishing, repainting our statues and decorating the dining room for special occasions.

VOLUNTEERS

In this season of Thanksgiving we also would like show our appreciation and thank all of our other volunteers: Jackie Bousquet (bookstore & gift shop); Terry Butler (Library); Joannie Zajkowski and Joanne Civitello (office assistants); Jim

Giangreco (computer). And thank you to all My Father's Staff .

THIRD ORDER CARMELITES

The new officers for our Carmelite community are: Mary Chalupsky, Kathy Sinacroe and Frank Gilbert. We personally thank outgoing officers and founders Nancy McSweeney and Lea Dolinsky for their dedication and love.

SISTER. BERNADETTE

Sister Bernadette, as most of you realize, is now at the infirmary at the Motherhouse at 27 Park Road, West Hartford, Ct. 06119. She gets excellent care and recognizes most people who come to visit her. She has had a short-term memory loss, but would appreciate a letter or a card. All of us fully realize My Father's House would not exist without her faith, prayers, and above all her love. Sister is very happy at the Motherhouse and spends most of her time sitting with and enjoying the company of the other sisters. Please continue to pray for her.

CATHOLIC COMPENDIUM OF INNER HEALING

My newest book "A Catholic Compendium of Inner Healing" is already to be reprinted. It has been a best seller. The new edition will have 3 extra chapters; two of them written by nurse practitioner and lay evangelist Mary Alice Rossini: "The Inner Healing of Grief" and "Theophostic Healing." A third chapter will be on "The Priest as Counselor." Queenship Publishing is getting ready to reprint it, and it should be ready by Christmas.

MORE BOOKS COMING SOON...

Mary Icon of Holiness

Dr. James Tibbits, Mariologist and Fr.

Bill have just finished a book “Mary Ark of the Covenant, an Icon of Our Holiness;” showing how the patterns of holiness that God worked in Mary, He is working in us. Each one of us is called to be full of grace, to bear Jesus in our spirits and to live lives of humility, obedience, love and mercy.

Meditations on the Names of Jesus

Fr. Bill is half finished with another book “All the Names of Jesus,” a meditation on the over 200 Biblical Names of Jesus.

Be Catholic in the World Today

This will be a 3- volume work and will be published as such. Volume I will be Fr. Bill’s appreciation of the Church in the world today. Volume II will be a documentary with all the official teachings on the Church from Pope Pius XII, the Second Vatican Council and John Paul II; a rich legacy to be sure. Volume III will be an apologetic book entitled “A Hundred and One Reasons to be Catholic;” showing the unique truth and beauty of the Catholic Church as the One, Christ-established Mystical Body.

SHRINES OF ITALY PILGRIMAGE

Inspirational 13-day pilgrimage to Rome, Assisi, Florence, Lanciano, Loreto, Pisa, Siena, Cascia and Orvieto during Holy Week and Easter – April 2nd to April 14th 2007. Low all inclusive price of \$2,499. Papal audience included. Spiritual Director Fr. Bill; Group Leader Mary Alice Rossini. Call Mary Alice or Dolores at (860) 873-1906 or 873-1581 to reserve.

NEW MINATURE GOLF COURSE

Thanks to the carpentry of Tony Spence we now have a 9-hole minature golf course available for past-time fun to our retreatants and community.

SURPRISE BLESSINGS

During our trip to France we had the opportunity to visit the American cemetery in St. James, France where Blanche McWilliams’ brother Reynold Marcou is buried. Reynold lost his life in the Normandy beach invasion. A group of us had the privilege of praying at his gravesite and the caretaker of the cemetery had TAPS played in his honor. We all sang “God Bless America.” Pictures of the grave were given to Blanche who gave them to her 102 year old mother.

We take this opportunity to salute all our Veterans of all wars, especially those who gave the supreme sacrifice for our Country. Let us unite in prayer and pray for our Country often. If you have not already done so, please get a copy of Fr. Bill’s book “God Bless America.” Read it and pass it on to your family and friends so that America can once again return to its Christian roots.

PRAYER PETITIONS

Prayer petitions can be given to My Father’s House in 3 ways: (1) You may call Dolores and have your petition (first name and area of prayer need) placed on our weekly prayer list which list will be lifted up at daily Mass; (2) You may call Dolores and have a Mass card sent to you for either \$5.00 or \$10.00. These petitions will be generically remembered in our daily Masses for one year; (3) For a \$10.00 donation you may have an individual Mass said for your particular intention.

GOD BLESS!

PLEASE, PLEASE REMEMBER MY FATHER’S HOUSE AT THANKSGIVING AND CHRISTMAS

