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*“I am the **LIGHT** of the **World**.”*

NEWSLETTER

YOU ARE MY FRIENDS, IF YOU DO WHAT I COMMAND YOU



Jesus said, “This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one’s life for one’s friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you.” (John 15:12-14) He called us friends and He died for us, for our sins on the cross. He even let His Heart be pierced with our sins to open the fountain of graces for our purification and sanctification. Let us ardently pray and give our earnest devotions to His Sacred Heart as the Catholic

Church celebrates the feast of the Sacred Heart of Jesus on June 18, the third Friday after Pentecost. Here are the promises made by Jesus to the souls devoted to His Sacred Heart.

PROMISES OF THE SACRED HEART OF JESUS

Of the many promises Our Lord Jesus Christ did reveal to Saint Margaret Mary Alacoque in favor of souls devoted to His Sacred Heart the principal ones are as follows:

* I will give them all the graces necessary for their state of life; * I will give peace in their families; * I will console them in all their troubles; * I will be their refuge in life and especially in death; * I will abundantly bless all their undertakings; * Sinners shall find in my Heart the source and infinite ocean of mercy; * Tepid souls shall become fervent; * Fervent souls shall rise speedily to great perfection; * I will bless those places wherein the image of My Sacred Heart shall be exposed and venerated; * I will give to priests the power to touch the most hardened hearts; * Persons who propagate this devotion shall have their names eternally written in my Heart.

ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA, PRAY FOR US!

St. Anthony of Padua was born to a wealth, but for the sake of Christ he became a poor Franciscan priest. A gifted speaker, he attracted crowds everywhere he went, speaking in multiple tongues; legend says that even the fish loved to listen. One of the most beloved of saints, his images and statues are found everywhere. He died in 1231, was canonized in 1232, and on January 16, 1946, he was proclaimed a Doctor of the Church. His memorial day is June 13. St. Anthony is known as a patron of the poor, and the patron saint of seekers of lost articles, travellers, and Portugal.

A CHAPLET TO ST. ANTHONY:

This chaplet is composed of thirteen sets of three beads each. For each set, on the first bead, say *Our Father*, on the second, pray *Hail Mary*, and on the third, pray the *Gloria*. On the medal, recite the **Miraculous Responsory**.

The cross reads, on one side, Blessing of St. Anthony of Padua (also known as **St. Anthony’s Brief**): *Behold the Cross of the Lord! Fly Ye*
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PERSONALITY PROFILE :

-THE APOSTLE PAUL-

No person, apart from Jesus himself, shaped the history of Christianity like the Apostle Paul. (PAUL, a Greek name, taken from the Roman family name *Paulus* meant “small” or “humble” in Latin. He was originally named SAUL of Tarsus, which means “asked for” or “prayed for” in Hebrew, but changed his name after converting to Christianity.) Even before he was a believer, his actions

were significant. His frenzied persecution of Christians following Stephen’s death got the church started in obeying Christ’s final command to take the gospel worldwide. Paul’s personal encounter with Jesus changed his life. He never lost his fierce intensity, but from then on it was channeled for the gospel.

Paul was very religious. His training under Gamaliel was the finest available. His intentions and efforts were sincere. He was a good Pharisee

who knew the Bible and sincerely believed that this Christian movement was dangerous to Judaism. Thus, Paul hated the Christian faith and persecuted Christians without mercy. Paul got permission to travel to Damascus to capture Christians and bring them back to Jerusalem. But God stopped him in his hurried tracks on the Damascus road. Paul personally met Jesus Christ, and his life was never again the same. (Acts 9:1-30)

Until Paul’s conversion, little

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“Believe on the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved, you and your household.” (Acts 16:31)

****ST.ANTHONY OF PADUA****

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Evil Power!The Lion of the Tribe of Judah,The Root of David has Conquered! Alleluia! Alleluia! On the other side, the Blessing of St. Francis of Assisi: The Lord Bless Thee and Keep Thee, May He Show His Face to Thee and have Pity on Thee, May He Reach His Countenance Toward Thee and Give Thee Peace, The Lord Bless Thee.

The Miraculous Responsory:

If you seek for miracles, Death, error, all calamities, The demons fly, and leprosy, And health succeeds infirmities. The sea obeys and fetters break, And lifeless limbs thou dost restore; Whilst treasures lost are found again, When young and old thine aid implore. All

dangers vanish at thy prayer, The direst need doth quickly flee. Let those who know thy power proclaim, Let Paduans say these are of thee. The sea obeys and fetters break, And lifeless limbs thou dost restore; Whilst treasures lost are found again, When young and old thine aid implore. To Father, Son may glory be And Holy Ghost eternally. The sea obeys and fetters break, And lifeless limbs thou dost restore; Whilst treasures lost are found again, When young and old thine aid implore.

V. Pray for us, blessed Anthony, R. That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

Let us Pray: O God, let the votive commemoration of Blessed Anthony, Thy confessor, be a source of joy in Thy Church, that she may always be fortified

with spiritual assistance, and may deserve to possess eternal joy. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

This powerful and highly indulgenced prayer, sometimes known as the *si quideris* from the first words of the Latin translation, is generally attributed to St Bonaventure, and is considered to have been composed by him on the occasion of the discovery of the incorrupt tongue of St Anthony. This remarkable discovery was made in the year 1263, when the saint's relics were transferred to the magnificent basilica that had been built in his honor in Padua. When the tomb was opened it was found that the flesh was crumbled in dust but that the tongue was intact and had the appearance of the tongue of a living man.

-THE APOSTLE PAUL-

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had been done about carrying the gospel to non-Jews. Philip had preached in Samaria; Cornelius, a Gentile was converted under Peter; and in Antioch in Syria, some Greeks had joined the believers. When Barnabas was sent from Jerusalem to check on this situation, he went to Tarsus to find Paul and bring him to Antioch, and together they worked among the believers there. They were then sent on a missionary journey, the first of three would take that would carry the gospel across the Roman Empire.

The thorny issue whether the Gentile believers had to obey Jewish laws before they could become Christians caused many problems in the early church. Paul worked hard to convince the Jews that Gentiles were accepted to God, but he spent even more time convincing the Gentiles that they were acceptable to God. The lives Paul touched were changed and challenged by meeting Christ through him.

God did not waste any part of Paul- his background, his training, his citizenship, his mind , or even his weaknesses. Are you willing to let God do the same for you? You will never know all He can do with you until you

allow Him to have all that you are!

Strengths and Accomplishments:

- ☆ Preached for Christ throughout the Roman Empire on three missionary journeys.
- ☆ Wrote letters to various churches, which became part of the New Testament.
- ☆ Was never afraid to face an issue head-on and deal with it.
- ☆ Was sensitive to God's leading and, despite his strong personality, always did as God directed.
- ☆ Is often called the apostle to the Gentiles.

Weaknesses and mistakes:

- * Witnessed and approved of Stephen's stoning.
- * Set out to destroy Christianity by persecuting Christians.

Lessons from his life:

- ❁ The Good News is that forgiveness and Eternal Life are available to all people and are gifts of God's grace through faith in Christ.
- ❁ Obedience results from a relationship with God, but obedience will never create or earn that relationship.
- ❁ God does not waste our time; He will use our past and present so we may serve Him with our future.

Key verses:

—"For to me, living is Christ and dying is gain. If I am to live in the flesh, that means fruitful labor for me; and I do not know which I prefer. I am hard pressed between the two: my desire is to depart and be with Christ, for that is far better; but to remain in the flesh is more necessary for you." **(Philippians 1:21-24)**

Mentioned in :

Paul gave his witness in : **Acts 22:3-21; 26:4-20**. His story is told in Acts and throughout his 13 New Testament letters. He introduces himself in: **Gal 1:13-24; Phil 3:5-6; 1Tim 1:13** and tells about his vocation: as an apostle(**1Cor 1:1; 1Tim1:1**); as a preacher, apostle and teacher of the Gospel (**2Tim 1:11**); as an apostle for the Gentiles (**Acts 22:21; Gal 2:8**)

Vital Statistics:

- ❖ *Where* : Born in Tarsus but became a world traveler for Christ
- ❖ *Occupations*: Trained as a Pharisee, learned the tentmaking trade, served as a missionary.
- ❖ *Contemporaries*: Gamaliel, Stephen, the apostles, Luke, Barnabas, Timothy.

"I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his death, if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead." **(Philippians 3:10)**

BIBLE QUIZ!

IV. THE ACTS OF THE APOSTLES

Jesus told his followers, "You will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." (Acts 1:8). The Book of Acts tells how these words were fulfilled. Test your knowledge of these important cities (left blank) where the disciples served as witnesses. Questions are in order of increasing difficulty.

1. Paul was preaching a sermon in _____ till midnight where he raised a dead young boy to life.
2. Paul, a prisoner, was on his way to _____ to stand trial when he was shipwrecked.
3. In _____, an idol-filled city, Paul tried to persuade a group of philosophers in the Areopagus on Mars Hill.
4. The apostles chose Stephen as one of the church's first deacons in _____; he also became the church's first martyr here.
5. The Ethiopian eunuch was traveling on the road from Jerusalem to _____ when Philip shared the gospel with him, then baptized him.
6. The Gospel was preached to Gentiles in _____ after God told a centurion named Cornelius to send for Peter.
7. Paul and Silas, imprisoned in _____, were praying and singing hymns when an earthquake shook the jail to its foundations.

ANSWERS to Last Month's Quiz

III THE FOUR GOSPELS

- i) Jesus is...
 - a) Mark; b) Matthew;
 - c) John; d) Luke
- ii) Wrote originally to...
 - a) Matthew; b) Luke ;
 - c) John; d) Mark
- iii) Character of the writer -
 - a) John; b) Mark;
 - c) Luke; d) Matthew
- iv) Wrote approx. by around -
 - a) Luke; b) John;
 - c) Matthew; d) Mark
- v) Greatest emphasis is on...
 - a) Luke; b) Mark;
 - c) John; d) Matthew

Send Your Answers to:

**JEEVAN DHAM, H.No. 696/
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Rules to be followed:

- 1 Answers may be sent by post or e-mail latest by the 20th of the month. Answers received after the 20th will not be considered.
- 2 You should clearly specify your name and postal address. Mention the quiz number and title before the answers written in order.
- 3 Prizes will be awarded to the winners of three consecutive quizzes.
- 4 Answers and winners of each quiz will be published in the subsequent issue of the newsletter.

Thanks for taking the Quiz! Good Luck!

REFLECTION *Of the WORD* LOVE brings OBEDIENCE

"They who have my commandments and keep them are those who love me; and those who love me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them."

(St. John 14:21)

Obedience to God's commands comes from your heart. When you begin struggling to obey God, that is a clear indication that your heart has shifted away from Him. Some claim: "I love God, but I'm having difficulty obeying Him in certain areas of my life." That is a spiritual impossibility. If I were to ask you, "Are you obeying God?", would you answer yes as quickly? Yet I would be asking you the same question! Genuine love for God leads to wholehearted obedience because we have a hope of sharing later the glory of God. "And this hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us." (Romans 5:5) Since God has poured His love into our hearts, which has no limits, no barriers and no means of discrimination, He can surely ask for the same love in return. This love has to be true, complete and totally committed to Him. This commitment gives way to wholehearted obedience surrendering to His will as Jesus did to His Father's. We, by mistake, assume that God is satisfied with occasional love or partial obedience. He is not.

Obedience without love is legalism. Obedience for its own sake can be nothing more than perfectionism, which leads to pride. God looks beyond your godly habits and beyond your moral lifestyle focussing His penetrating gaze upon your heart to seek for true love which you can share with your fellow-

beings and bring them closer to God.

Has your worship become empty and routine? Have you lost your motivation to read God's Word? Are you experiencing spiritual lethargy? Is your prayer life reduced to a ritual? These are the symptoms of a heart that has shifted away from God. Return to your first love. Love is the greatest motivation for a relationship with God and for serving Him and His children. Remember that 'whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love.'

(1 John 4:8)

'LIVING WITNESSES' OF GOD IN JEEVAN DHAM

DEAF BY BIRTH NOW HEARS EVERYTHING AND STARTS PRAISING!

Praise be to Jesus!

Thanks be to Jesus!

I, Rama (age-21 years), was unable to hear from both my ears by birth. My parents took me to a nearby doctor. The doctor found out that the nerves connected to my ears are weak and there is no way to revive them and make them functional. He added that because of such an incurable condition, I would never be able to hear. Hereafter, my parents consulted several other ENT specialists but all gave them the same reply. When I grew up, I wore a hearing-aid machine. But this did not help me hear properly. Anyway, I completed my studies till seventh class in a school for the handicapped, using sign language.

One day, eight months back, a lady living next door to us mentioned about this prayer service held here every Sunday and some of the several healings that are taking place by God's grace. My mother brought me here the next Sunday with little hope and faith. But, after listening to several testimonies given by the people and observing all that was happening there, her faith strengthened in God. We kept on attending this prayer service on Sundays since that week onwards. Few days back I felt that I was able to hear

"For sin will have no dominion over you, since you are not under law but under grace." (Romans 6:14)

little more clearly and I told my mother by sign language. She was very much worried about my future. Today, God answered our fervent prayers when I felt that I could hear even very low voice very distinctly. Moreover, when they whispered in my ears to tell my name, I could even speak out my name 'Rama'. Till now I could never speak a word properly since I have never heard anything clearly till now. I called out the name of 'Jesus' and praised Him saying, 'Alleluia' several times. My words of praise fall short before His glory and His blessings showered on me. Alleluia! Praise be to Jesus! Rama, Faridabad.

"I sought the LORD, and he answered me, and delivered me from all my fears." (Psalms 34:4)

GOD'S WORD HEALED HIS RESPIRATORY PROBLEMS!

Praise be to Jesus!

Thanks be to Jesus! I, Narayan (age-47 years), have a son Dhananjay (age-10 years). He started suffering from some breathing problem just after 3 months of his birth. He was struck not once but four times by pneumonia. This sudden attack of pneumonia affected his lungs and other respiratory organs, thereby making it difficult for him to breathe properly. I took him straightaway to Safdarjung hospital in New Delhi. All types of tests were conducted to diagnose the problem. I spent over Rs.10, 000 there but in vain. He did not get any relief at all. I took him to few other hospitals in Delhi. Unfortunately, we could not get any encouraging result in any hospital. He could not take curd, banana, rice or anything cold. His condition worsened all the more and he spent the whole nights gasping for breath. As prescribed by the doctors, I had to give him two to three injections everyday four days a week along with a tonic to be given thrice a day. I even took him to several famous hospitals in Bihar, West Bengal and Assam for his treatment. But all my efforts failed and my money too went waste. I lost all hopes of his recovery.

A month back, someone recommended me to take my son to a



THE MIGHTY WORD OF GOD STRENGTHENS THEM ALL! THEY STOOD UP AND STARTED WALKING ON THE SAME DAY (Aug. 31 2003)

child specialist in Kolkata, West Bengal. I got ready to take my son there for treatment. But within a few days, fortunately, one of my friends in Govindpuri suggested me to attend the Sunday prayer service in 'Jeevan Dham', Faridabad. He gave me a newsletter named 'Divya-Jyoti' to read for further information. I read all the witnesses mentioned in it and believed that it was surely the work of God, who heals and cures so many every Sunday. Rather than going to Kolkata, I came here the next Sunday along with my son and listened to the Word of God carefully. The merciful, almighty God started healing my son from that Sunday onwards. Today, it's the fourth Sunday and we have come here to give witness of the blessings received from God. My son is now completely all right, free from all respiratory problems. I have tried to give him curd, banana, rice and cold things one by one and he has had no problems at all. I tried even cold water bath for him, and found to my surprise that he is hale and hearty. This is truly a marvelous miracle that God performed amidst us, for I've spent over one lakh rupees on his treatment so far which yielded nothing. Alleluia! Praise the Lord!

Narayan, Dhananjay (s/o of Narayan)
New Delhi

"The LORD is near to the brokenhearted, and saves the crushed in spirit. Many are the afflictions of the righteous, but the LORD rescues them from them all."

(Psalms 34:18-19)

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IMPORTANT TIMINGS

DAILY MORNING PRAYER :

On Weekdays from 9:00a.m. to 11:00p.m. 24hr. Adoration is going on everyday. You too can join us in prayer anytime.

HOLY MASS :

On Fridays: morning 10:00 a.m.
On Sundays: evening 6:30 p.m.

**Are you ... worried & burdened?
Are you ... depressed?
Are you ... sick or weak?
Do you ... feel the absence of peace & love in your life?
Are you ... grappling with a lot of problems in your life?**

Then visit this place chosen by God & see for yourselves all the incredible miracles happening here. This place is 'JEEVAN DHAM'. Believe in God and attend the prayer session held every Sunday at St. Anthony's School (ground), Sec-9, Faridabad from morning 9:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. organized with the grace of Almighty God by 'Jeevan Dham'- H.no.696/ Sec-22, Faridabad. Obtain invaluable graces & heavenly blessings & witness the miraculous healings performed by Him.

WELCOME TO JEEVAN DHAM!

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