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New Foundations and the Holy Souls in Purgatory

GOOD NEWS! We closed on our church property on September 16, 2015. Soon, Our Lady of Lourdes Chapel will be fully established with the Traditional Latin Mass being offered daily for the living and the dead. This new foundation will not only benefit the members of the Church Militant, but will also give relief and even release to the members of the Church Suffering. Below, you will find an example of the power of new foundations and the Holy Mass for the poor souls in Purgatory as seen in the life of St. Teresa of Jesus.

All Soul's Day, November 2, is a reminder of the importance of offering Holy Mass for the dead and of obtaining indulgences for the souls in Purgatory. How powerful is the Mass on behalf of the dead? Here is a story to illustrate:

ST. TERESA OF JESUS (Avila) recounts how in November of 1567 a distinguished young gentleman, Don Bernardino de Mendoza, willingly gave her a house he owned with a large and spacious garden near Valladolid. "He wanted to give away the property immediately; it was very valuable. I accepted his offer. . . . Two months later, more

or less, he was struck by a sudden illness that took away his speech, and he could not confess well, although he made many signs to ask the Lord's pardon. He died shortly afterward, very far from where I was.

"The Lord told me that the young man's salvation had been in great jeopardy but that he had received mercy for the service he had rendered to the Blessed Mother in giving that

house to be a monastery of her order; however, that he would not leave Purgatory until the first Mass was said there, that then he would leave.

"I was so conscious of the grievous afflictions of this soul that even though I wanted to make a foundation in Toledo, I set it aside and hastened as much as I could to found a house in

Valladolid. It couldn't be made as quickly as I desired, for I was forced to delay. . .

"I was in prayer one day in Medina del Campo when the Lord told me to hurry because that soul was suffering very much. Although I didn't have the means available, I set to work and entered Valladolid on the feast of St. Lawrence."

"After many more trials and delays



From November 1 to November 8, the Missionaries of St. John the Baptist, will offer the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass for the repose of the souls of our benefactors who have died, as well as for the deceased relatives and friends of our benefactors (to participate see reverse side).

including securing the necessary ecclesiastical permissions to offer Mass at the new location, St. Teresa's chaplain, Padre Julian de Avila, finally offered the first Mass at the new location. St. Teresa continues: "When the priest came with the Blessed Sacrament to the place where we were to receive Communion and I approached to receive It, the gentleman I mentioned [Don Bernadino] appeared beside him, his face joyful and resplendent. With hands folded, he thanked me for what I had done so that he could leave Purgatory and go to heaven."

St. Teresa of Jesus then wrote: "It seemed to me that another way of dying would have been necessary in view of the way he had lived. For although he had performed many good deeds, he was much involved in the things of the world. True, though, he had told my companions that he kept death very much before him. It is important to know that Our Lord is pleased with any service rendered to His Mother, and great is His mercy. May He be blessed and praised for everything. For He repays our lowly deeds with eternal life and glory, and He makes them great while they are in fact of little value." She named the new foundation after the Immaculate Conception (cf. *Foundations*, ch. 10). ❀

HAVE PITY! YOU AT LEAST, MY FRIENDS...



HEAR your loved ones softly pleading,
From the green graves lonesome lying,
Ever crying: "Have pity!

You at least, my friends. . ."

WHILE the hot skies far are glowing,
Think of pain no relief knowing,
Their prison fires appalling
Their piteous voices calling:
"Have pity!

You at least, my friends. . ."

IN the time of sad remembrance,
Give a prayer to old friends gone,
Let your heart with mournful
greeting,

Hear their sad appeal repeating:
"Have pity!

You at least, my friends. . ."

By the love in life you bore them,
By the tears in death shed o'er them,
By their words and looks in dying,
Hear their plaintive voices crying:
"Have pity!

You at least, my friends. . ."

Prayer For Our Relatives In Purgatory

GOOD JESUS, whose loving Heart was ever troubled by the sorrows of others, look with pity on the souls of our dear ones in Purgatory. O Good Jesus, who "loved your own," hear our cry for mercy, and grant those whom Thou called from our homes and hearts, may soon enjoy everlasting rest in the home of Thy love in heaven. *Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen*

INDULGENCE

An indulgence, applicable only to the Souls in Purgatory, is granted to the faithful, who devoutly visit a cemetery and pray, even if only mentally, for the departed. The indulgence offered is plenary each day from the 1st to the 8th of November; on other days of the year it is partial.

If you would like to have any names of your beloved deceased included in this octave of Masses, please write them down (index card provided) and send them to us to be placed on the Altar of Sacrifice.

If you would like to include an offering, please make checks payable to the Missionaries of St. John the Baptist or, more simply, MSJB.

May God reward you!

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