

SPIRITUALITY COMMISSION REPORT

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You're thankful for what? 2020 is sure going down in the history books for one wild ride, and it isn't over yet. Our lives have not returned to normal, and we still don't have a cure.

We spent Thanksgiving alone, missing our families more than ever. But we did it for our future, unsure what it will be like. My husband and I woke up Thanksgiving morning and looked at each other and said, "Let's go to church." We quickly dressed in our Sunday best and off we went. On the way we said a Rosary and talked about our blessings.

We didn't feel alone because our Lord was with us every step of the way. We were reminded of St. Padre Pio's advice "pray, hope, and don't worry."

I write this at the start of the Advent season, a time to prepare for the coming of the Christ Child. This year more than ever, we will have the time to devote to our prayer lives. Reflect more on the meaning of what Christmas is all about. Read the Bible and ask the Holy Spirit to touch you and give you the Wisdom needed to get closer to our Lord.

Let us not forget the Rosary, Divine Mercy, and prayers. Make this a Christmas to remember!!!

Next year the MDCCW will start a postcard campaign to pray for our priests, starting on Holy Thursday.

During Holy Week with the permission of our priest we will be handing out postcards with the name of a priest for whom we will be praying for the whole year.

We all need prayers, but especially our beloved priests. Sometimes we get irritated when Mass doesn't start on time, but we don't know that he just received a call from a parishioner dying or in the hospital. So many things happen that we never know about or realize. We may only see our priest on Sundays, but he has a schedule full of appointments. Even on his day off, he might have a funeral or need to prepare one. He is always on the go, putting our needs first.

When you receive the postcard, it will have the priest's name and address on the front; you will sign your name on the back of the card and mail it to him. If you want to send other cards to him throughout the year, that is up to you.

Know that I am praying you and your family have a Blessed Christmas.