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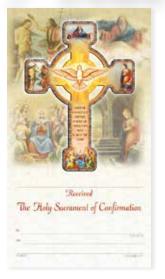
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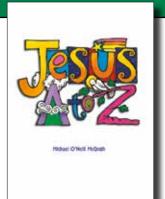
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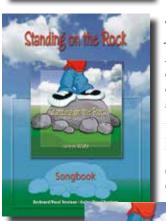


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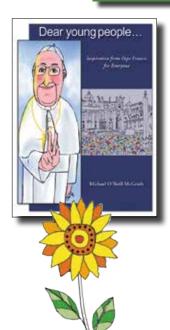


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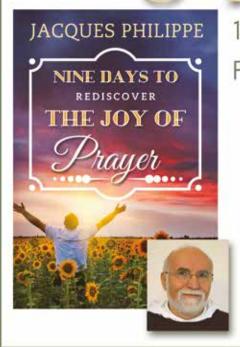
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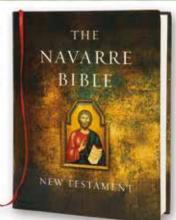


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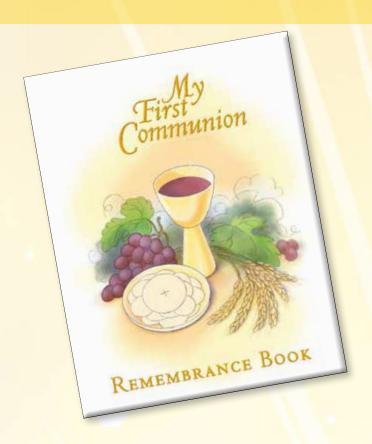




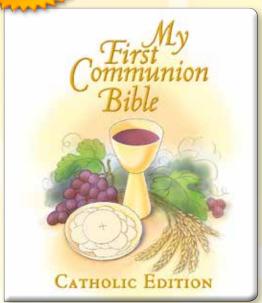


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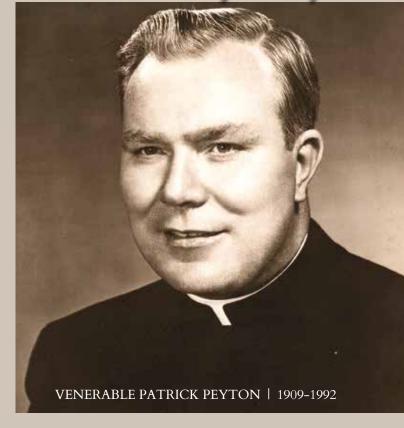
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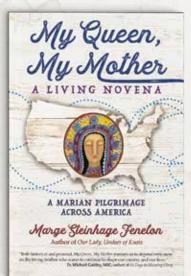
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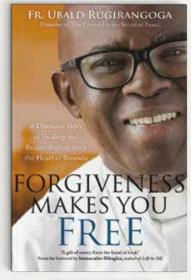


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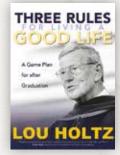
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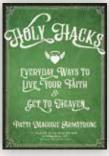


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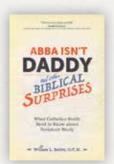


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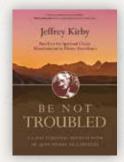


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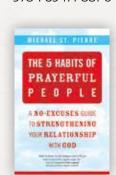


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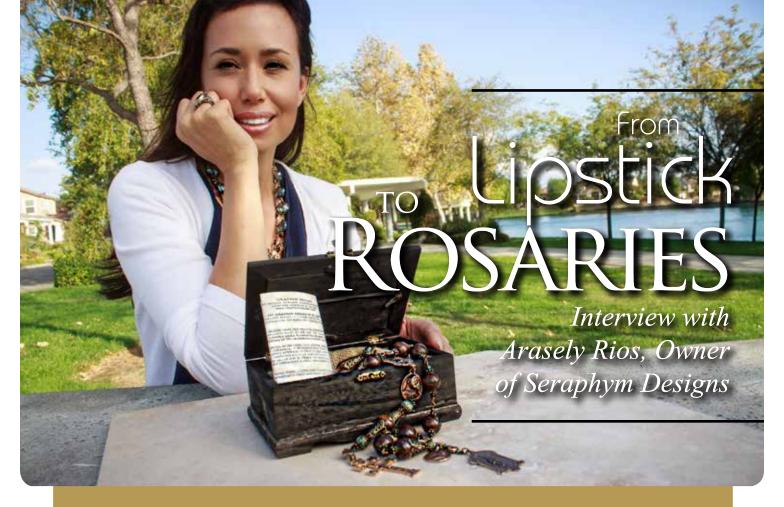


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Within a matter of months, Rios' career as an international executive for a major cosmetic corporation and her marriage both ended abruptly, leaving her life virtually unrecognizable as she set out to begin again. Yet, her faith in God through these trials was unwavering — so much so, that she was inspired to turn her former hobby - rosary making - into a business.

The process began slowly. She turned to rosary designing, which she learned from a family friend when she was 8 years old, as the one constant as her new life began to take shape. During that time, a friend asked Rios if her rosaries were for sale, and thus the business was born. She started to make rosaries for friends, set up displays at Catholic conventions, and began to be invited to rosary groups and radio shows to explain more about her process.

Today, her company, Seraphym Designs, is an internationally recognized creator of heirloom rosaries and jewelry. She and her team produce rosaries and jewelry made from classic metals and stunning gems with both biblical and sacred significance that sell online, in her new Sante Fe, New Mexico storefront, and in stores around the United States and abroad.

Since starting her business in 2008, God has continually rewarded Rios' faithfulness with numerous financial, personal, and spiritual successes – most notably, being commissioned to create a rosary for Pope Francis during his visit to the United States in 2015.

"When I got the call to make a rosary for the Pope, I didn't know what to think," Rios said. "It's something I've dreamed of for years."



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Arasely Rios, owner of Seraphym Designs

"Honestly, I would love for him to pray with the rosary," Rios explained. "That's really what I'm hoping for. That when he takes it back home, that he sits with it, and prays with it," Rios said.

Throughout the steady increase in business success, Rios' focus remains on creating beautiful pieces that draw people into closer relationship with Christ, and to do that, she is letting God take the lead, just as she did in her own life.

"I understood early on that God is the owner of my company and that I am here to do my very best at managing it," she explained. "I prayed and still pray that I learn how to be a good manager of His business. Even though I may be titled as President, CEO, or Founder on my business card, I know in my heart who the real boss is."

After 22 years in the corporate business world, Rios especially loves that her work revolves around her faith.

"The biggest blessing is that I get to think about God through my work every day and all day long. I get to praise Him with the work of my hands and I get to see a manifestation of kindling faith in people's hearts through the gift that He has given me. That is the biggest blessing."

Prayer is at the center of her work strategy and success. Each morning before she begins her work, she prays over her tools and products, specifically petitioning God to assist her in making ethical decisions and to bless those who will receive the fruit of her work, as well as her employees who are working with her towards this goal.

She encourages other business owners to do the same, no matter their craft. "If you are a creator or designer like myself, ask God to guide your creativity, your mind, and your concentration so that the works of your hands result into the saving of souls and the glorification of our all mighty and living God. If you are a counselor, pray that the Holy Spirit bless the breath that delivers your advice. If you are videographer, pray that each second of your film delivers God's message to transform individual hearts and the whole world. If you are a CEO, put God before you as your CEO, and ask the Holy Spirit to guide your every decision. Reach beyond your own needs in prayer and ask God to help you first make a difference in your own home, then your office, then your community, then your state, the country, and ultimately the world," she advises. "Be confident and trust in His ability to do this."

It's a lesson Rios notes is also important for everyday life.

"I believe that the most effective way of incorporating prayer into the work life is to first secure it into the foundation of your life so that it becomes a lifestyle," she explains. "Dedicate each and every morning to God by starting your day with prayer, biblical readings, meditation, and contemplation. It doesn't take very long to be inspired by the messages that God has prepared to give us when we make the choice to spend a bit of time with Him. His messages are always in

perfect unison with the needs of our life and they always come at the perfect time."

For Rios, this philosophy extends not just to Seraphym Designs, but also her whole life. "My company, Seraphym Designs, came to fruition by a moment of true surrender to God's will. If I was going to be the 'Rosary Girl,' He first had to inspire a deep desire within my own heart to be a follower of all His ways and will. At that moment, He became the CEO of my life."



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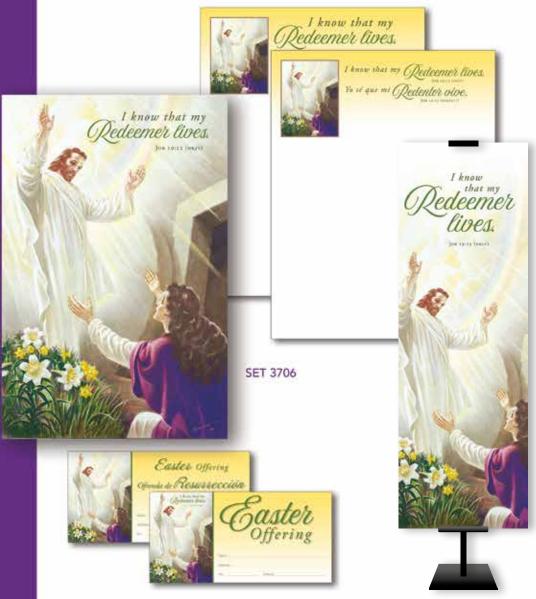
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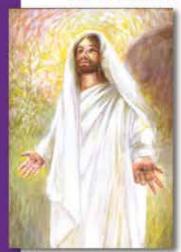
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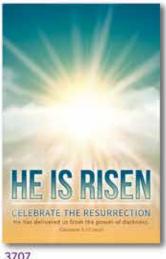


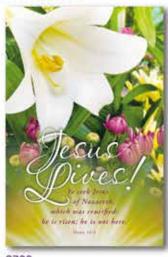












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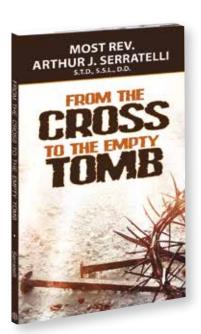
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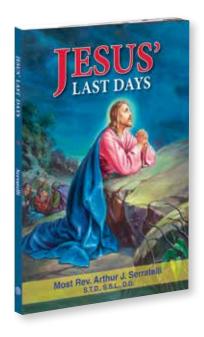
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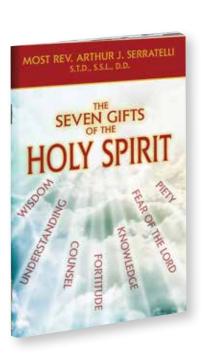
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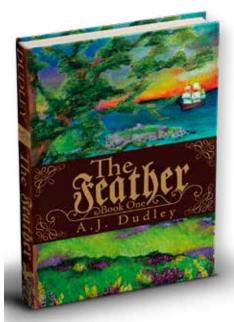
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From Tragedy to Ministry

Solidarity HealthShare founder finds motivation from wife's legacy

It should have been just another
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His plans for Chris Faddis
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Early in the morning on Easter Sunday 2011, Faddis's wife Angela woke him to ask to go to the hospital.

She had been fighting a stomach illness for the past week and finally said that she needed to go. After running some tests, they found out that the illness she'd been fighting for the last week was actually widespread, stage 4 cancer.

It was his wife's gentle, but strong faith that kept Faddis going in that moment and the months to follow. Right after the doctors told them of her diagnosis and their fears that they were too late, Angela looked up at him and said, "Jesus still rose, so we will trust." She reminded him throughout the process that there was purpose in this.

That purpose would become Solidarity HealthShare.

Soon after the diagnosis, Faddis and his family traveled to Arizona, where friends told them about experimental cancer trials that Angela could be a part of that may help prolong her life. These treatments were not covered under insurance, so Faddis found himself faced with bills totaling \$100,000 to try to save his wife's life. In desperation, he created a fundraising page online, and within 24 hours of launching, the community had raised \$11,000. At the end of a month, they had received \$60,000.

"This idea behind Solidarity HealthShare was really born out of witnessing the goodness and the kindness and the generosity of all of these people around us," Faddis noted.

Angela was able to receive the treatments and lived for 17 months after her diagnosis, time that Faddis truly treasures. After she passed, Faddis began to think about all of the people who had donated, so generously and willingly, to their cause, and he noted that it reminded him of the communion of saints.

He and close friend Dr. John Oertle began to research healthcare sharing, where members pay a monthly contribution which goes to cover each other's medical costs. Participants can see any doctor and receive any treatment they like, and their money goes to significantly help those in need.

Suddenly, the purpose behind Angela's illness became very clear.

"Given what we went through, and how our community stepped up heroically to help us pay for Angela's treatments, we knew we wanted such help to be available to more people," said Faddis. "We were determined to make this kind of sharing available to more people who were faced with bills that they can't pay by themselves."

As Faddis quickly learned, when God has a plan, He swiftly paves the way to make that plan a reality.

Faddis and Oertle connected with Bradley Hahn, a bioethics trained lawyer from Phoenix who was beginning research and planning on how Catholics could react to the Affordable Care Act, a federal law that, among other things, forces all to pay for contraception and abortion drugs, even Catholic organizations who have moral objections to such drugs. The three teamed up to begin the work of finding other options for Catholics and Christians who objected to being forced to pay for immoral medical procedures.

"With Chris and Angela's experience, we saw the basic Christian principle of solidarity in action—a community bonding together for the common good," said Hahn. "This was our framework as we looked for options for Catholic families. We decided to put less faith in politics and traditional insurance, and to find a way to better provide for one another."

The trio connected with a Mennonite community in Ohio that was already exempt from the Affordable Care Act as a healthcare sharing ministry and teamed up with that community who generously offered to help Catholics achieve the same protection under the law. After a year of development and restructuring, what started as a small healthcare sharing ministry of a local church, was relaunched as a national outreach to Christians and Catholics under the name Solidarity HealthShare, a healthcare sharing ministry which today has more than 7,000 households and is rapidly growing.

"I think that people who see our principles and guidelines start to realize how different our mission is from a traditional insurance company," said Faddis of Solidarity. "We operate on a fundamentally different moral and structural basis, though we fulfill a similar need for folks who need help with funding health care costs."

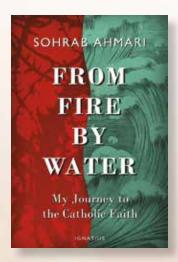
His future goals for Solidarity are two-fold: one, to continue to grow membership of people who work together to live out their faith in practical and communal ways; and two, to begin to change the landscape of healthcare in general. He points out that the ministry's members are already supporting a large number of Catholic and Christian medical providers. As the healthshare's membership grows, so, too, the demand for moral and ethical healthcare, thereby encouraging providers to follow Church teaching as a sound business practice.

Now remarried with two more children, Faddis realizes that Angela was right all along – God did have a purpose for her suffering. "As much as we miss Angela and it was hard to lose her, her life had so much purpose," says Faddis, "and in a lot of ways, that purpose was realized after she left."

Solidarity has been "such a blessing, such a gift," he notes, "and I am so grateful, because there's been so many times where God has shown that this was His plan all along."

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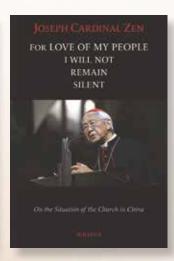
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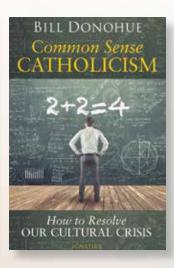
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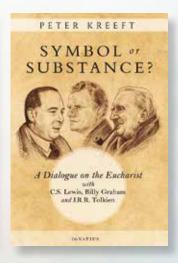


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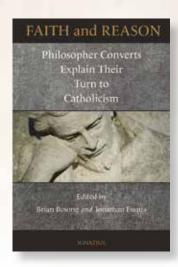
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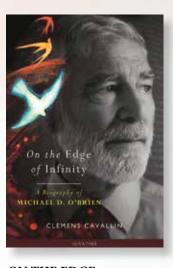
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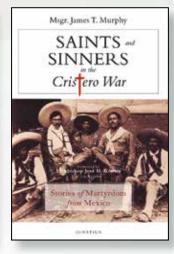
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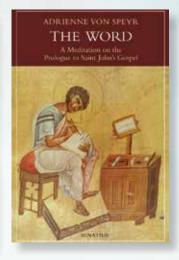


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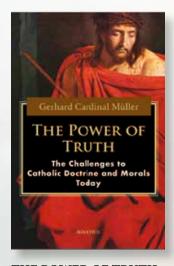
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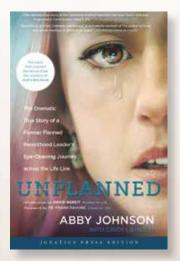
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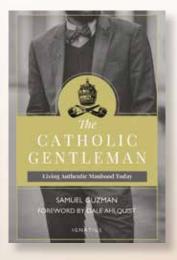
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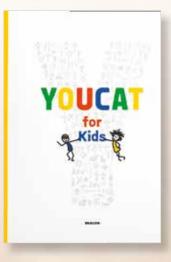
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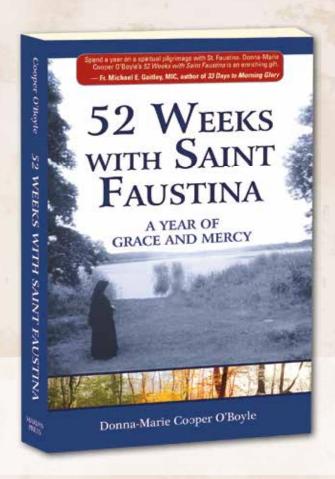


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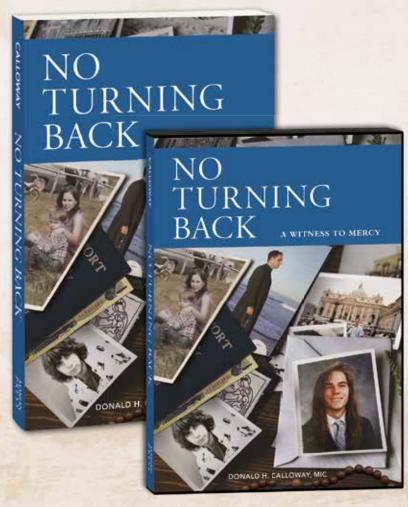
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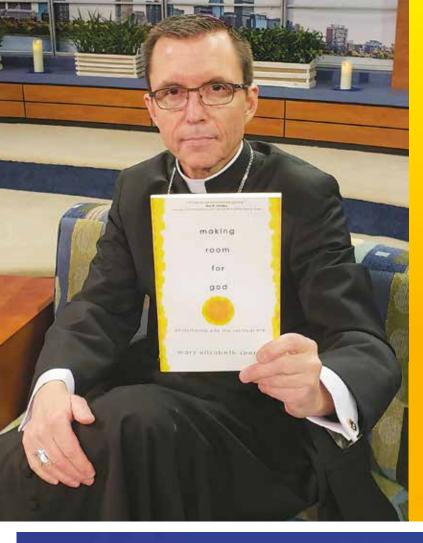
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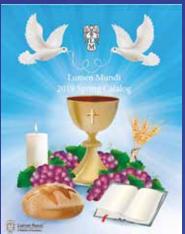














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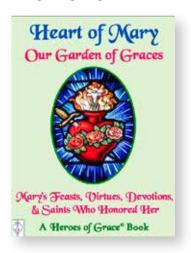






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When Charlie Moran first prayed for vocations for the Franciscan Friars of the Renewal (CFRs) in 1998, he didn't realize just how intertwined their vocation would become with his own.

He and his wife Joan first got involved with the CFRs in 1998, when they volunteered through their parish to pray for one of the friars' vocation. As they began to learn more about "their friar" and the CFRs' vocation to live in poverty themselves to aid the poor, the Morans decided they were being called to help provide for the friars' needs. With the support of their fellow rosary prayer group members, the couple began to purchase food and other material needs the order had, since the friars and sisters have to beg for everything they receive.

Over the past 20 years, the ministry has grown into the Friar Suppliers, a charity that provides food and household items for Franciscan Friars and Sisters of the Renewal at the four Friaries and three Convents in New York City.

It was the Friars' and Sisters' vow of poverty that encouraged the Morans to start this organization. "This (vow) means they live only on what is donated to them. They literally 'beg' for all their needs. We reasoned that, if we do the begging for them, we can provide for their needs. Then, they will be able to accept more vocations and have more time to focus on their prayer life and service to the poor, which will benefit everyone," the Friar Suppliers' website explains.

Each month, almost two dozen volunteers gather to organize and stock the food that Moran buys through donations from Friar Suppliers. The following day, Joan cooks a home-cooked meal, and they enjoy it with the Friars and Sisters at one of the friaries or convents.

Moran enjoys his unique position of being a lay person who works so closely with a religious order.

"They're human, they're just like me and you," which he notes is important for making their life of holiness attainable for the laity as well. "I find they're very willing to do anything without complaining," he added. "Everything is 'no problem!"





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- CHARLIE MORAN

HAITI

It was in 2003 that God's bigger plan for the Friar Suppliers was revealed, but it took Moran much further away from New York City than he'd originally planned.

It was that year he accepted an invitation to attend a mission trip with the CFRs to Haiti, a trip that would change his life.

There in Haiti, he found so much poverty that needed to be amended, and he knew he needed to help. Thus, the second branch of Friar Suppliers was born.

"I've lived by the thought that everything God had given to me, I have to give back. This is my way of giving back," Moran said.

Since that 2003 trip, Moran and other Friar Suppliers have been funding regular mission trips to Haiti to provide food and build houses and latrines for the desperately needy people. To do so, the group brings a team of volunteers and employs several Haitian men to assist in the projects.

The need is extreme, Moran explains. The average Haitian only gets to eat every other day. "The expressions on their faces are priceless" at receiving the donations from the Friar Suppliers.

Still, it's sometimes the smallest things that mean the most. Moran explains that each Haitian who works with him on the build gets partially paid in rice and a soccer ball, but despite their hunger, they are much more excited to receive the soccer ball, as it gives them something to do.

Another time, a woman approached him to explain that her door wasn't closing. Within minutes, a volunteer was able to fix it for her, and she began to cry in gratitude.

In 2018 alone, Moran went to Haiti five times, and led a most recent trip in January 2019 with a record 51 volunteers, 10 friars, and 5 children. In addition to the building projects, the group also organized a winter school and Christ-centered evangelization program for 120 children.

While the weeklong mission trip is "150% Catholic," says Moran, including Mass, daily Rosary, and morning prayer, it is open to anyone of any religion. The group even had an atheist doctor who attended one year, he reminisces.

Each night, the group of volunteers would gather, and Moran would ask them how they met Jesus that day. At the end of the trip, the doctor noted that if he were ever to pick a religion, it would be Catholicism because of how Catholics can see Jesus in so many ways in other people.

While he certainly couldn't have imagined that his simple gesture to help the friars would grow into this international organization, Moran sees that God has been preparing him for this life all along with a natural gift for fundraising.

"By the grace of God, I have this money to use," he notes, explaining that his fundraising goals are about \$200,000 per trip, and the money always comes through, even when it seems impossible. There was one trip where he was short by several thousand dollars, and the group got a large donation that covered the shortage the day before the trip.

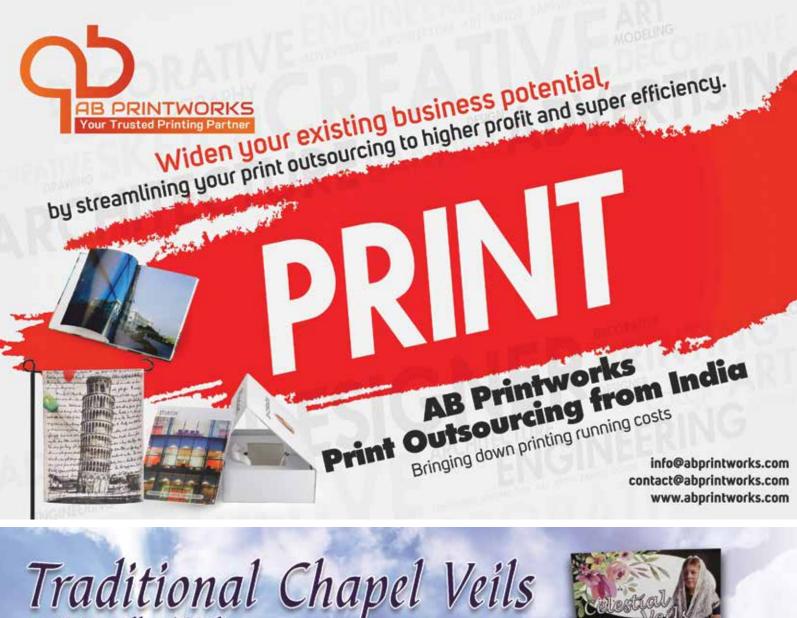
"Fr. Groschel (the late founder of the CFR order) used to always say 'Don't ever worry about the money, God has plenty of money.' And it's true, God always provides for us."

Looking ahead to the Friar Suppliers' future, Moran affirms that as long as there is still a hungry person in Haiti, he will keep going down to help. It has become his life's mission to aid as much as he can.

As only God can do, while the Friar Suppliers' ministry grew out of a prayer to increase a friar's vocation, it was Moran whose vocation was strengthened by those prayers and the relationship that developed because of it

"I really enjoy being with the people," he said. "I see Jesus in the light of these missionaries. If you want to see Jesus Christ, come with me on this trip."

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