

Star of the Stormy Sea

“... When your souls suffer temptations and are immersed in grief ...turn to her with confidence and say, ‘Star of the stormy sea of my mortal life, may your light shine upon me so that I do not stray from the path that leads me to heaven.’” (Taken from “The Testament of Mother Mariana de Jesus Torres” January 16th, 1635)

Quarterly Newsletter of the Apostolate of Our Lady of Good Success Vol. 1 May-2006

Dear Apostles of Our Lady of Good Success:

What’s New?

- ❖ Newsletter – Star of the Stormy Sea--First of all-We have great news! Devotees of Our Lady are now writing us with testimonies. We have decided to change our format. We are now sending out a quarterly newsletter including testimonials. You will find three of them in this issue. Please DO write to us and share your story with us for in doing this you will personally help to spread this important devotion with your proof of Our Lady’s solicitous care for all of us! As well, we are asking for an annual donation of \$10 from each member to help defray the cost of our mailings and support the Apostolate in the stipends we send to Traditional priests to offer the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass for the intentions of all members of the Apostolate every month. Helping to support our priests who are laboring to defend the Faith is an important mission. Please help us!
- ❖ New Informational Flyer on Our Lady of Good Success for promoting and spreading the approved devotion and prophecies. The flyer is included in this mailing. Copies are 10 cents each.
- ❖ New Book on Gabriel Garcia Moreno- Early Bird Special We are proud to announce that the Apostolate through the generous donation of a benefactor will be able to publish the book by Dr Francisco Salazar Alvarado “Encounter With History” in English. We published this book in Quito in Spanish in 2004. We are hoping to have this book in June. Early Bird Special \$10.00 Retail \$16.00
- ❖ New Book Volume 2 Admirable Life of Mother Mariana – Dr Marian Horvat’s translation of the second volume of Fr Manuel Souza Pereira’s book “The Admirable Life of Mother Mariana is due out in mid- May. We already have a waiting list for this most exciting and prophecy- laden volume! Certain to be a bestseller here! Cost \$20

Pilgrimage

2006

We have had you all in our thoughts and prayers these past January as we journeyed to Ecuador once more for our annual pilgrimage to Our Lady of Good Success. It is our profound hope that all of you were granted many graces, spiritual and temporal, during this holy time.

A Singular example and testimony of the Catholic Faith

It was our great privilege as well to have on our tour a pilgrim all the way from Singapore. This 75 year old devotee of Our Lady of Good Success was so blessed to finally have arrived after 2 full days of traveling to see her that he wept tears of joy and sang the "Salve Regina" and "Salve Sancta Parens" there at her feet. This man so full of fervor for the Faith filled so many of us with a holy envy for such a virtue. He was a man on fire like those that suffer in the Underground Church in China. Unfortunately for this dear pilgrim, his travel companions from Malaysia were refused travel due to not having Visas. This was a very great and trying cross for this man. Yet he bore this all with a smiling countenance and happy demeanor. All of us felt so blessed to be near him. (So we want to warn anyone coming from foreign countries other than USA to make certain that you are truly able to travel with the necessary documents in hand WELL BEFORE leaving on your pilgrimage to Ecuador.)

Spreading this devotion in Quito and Conceptionists

This year, desiring to have a greater impact on the local people of Quito, the Apostolate had special leaflets printed in Spanish and distributed before the 5 AM "Rosary of the Dawn" procession on February 2, 2006. Members of the pilgrimage all took their turn passing these out in front of the Conceptionist church starting at 4:15 AM. Most of the people received them graciously even coming back for friends or family members. The leaflets on Our Lady of Good Success contained direct quotes from Our Lady on the Crisis of the Church in these times and on the miraculous statue being made for the Consolation of the faithful in these times. We handed out as well the Canonization prayer card of Gabriel Garcia Moreno as a public act of reparation made to counter the evil acts intended to harm his good name as the enemies of God and of the Church in Quito have done a fine job of calumniating the life of this holy man. Additionally, we gave out the canonization prayer of our dear Mother

Mariana de Jesus Torres. Please pray that over the course of the next year, these acts will bear good fruit in Quito as well as in the Universal Church. Mother Abbess has told us that many, many people have been coming from around the world to see Our Lady of Good Success. She feels as if it is due to the work of the Apostolate. - mainly the website. If this happens to be true, let us give thanks that the Apostolate seems to bearing good fruit.

Due to your generosity, we were able to distribute \$6,000 amongst our charities in Quito during the time of our pilgrimage. All of our charities were so very grateful for these acts of kindness. Of course you can count on the good sisters of these communities to pray and sacrifice for all of your needs.

The Unwed Mothers' Home

This charitable organization currently has some 24-26 occupants including 4 pregnant mothers. We have seen great improvements there this year such as repaired windows, electric wiring fixed, new additions to the house as well. This year we distributed rosaries, scapulars, miraculous medals and booklets in Spanish on all of these sacramentals for the children and mothers. This year, this home, on their very own, started the novena to Our Lady of Good Success. We are praying that our little family in Quito will receive many graces and blessings as a result. The orphanage received the same gifts as well.

Carmelites

The visit to the Carmelites was a great success. This poor convent has been attacked in numerous ways. They have received much pressure to relax the rules and to become active. Please pray for them to hold fast to the rule. We will continue to do everything we can to assist these holy souls towards this end.

These dear Carmelite friends are requesting "The Garment of Grace" booklet in Spanish by the hundreds-as much as we can spare for their Feast day in July. Anyone wishing to donate for this cause, please contact us. As well, the Mother Superior of the Carmelites has fallen ill and needs medicine. She has asked if the Apostolate could help them to make the monthly medical bills of \$1000. We received one donation to cover one month but as yet we cannot assist her in this for we have no regular monthly donations for this cause I assured her that we would do all we can to find a benefactor for this worthy cause. Anyone willing to donate, please contact us.

As most of you know, we worked most of 2005 to obtain for the two convents -Conceptionist and Carmelites -host makers. On visiting on the January 2006 Pilgrimage, we were able to witness these machines in action - viewing the results with great satisfaction as the hosts had beautiful imprints of the cross and thorns around it. I have never seen more beautiful hosts! The sisters were very pleased with these machines.

The Apostolate will continue to try to make some kind of difference in Quito -- to work for the return of Tradition to Quito. It is a long difficult road, but we are diligently working on planting the seeds of the Catholic Faith in the hearts of the people there. Every visit we make, we share the story of Our Lady of Good Success. We spread her message, her prophecies, her warnings and her words of encouragement. We ask for your continued prayers for this cause. We ask you to pray for good priests and religious who discover the message of Our Lady of Good Success and desire to spread it. We ask that you give us your support as much as possible. We truly need it. Unfortunately all of our work that we do- printing and distributing holy cards, books -all of our works of mercy cost time and money. Please consider us as a charity in this year of 2006.

Masses offered in Quito for your intentions

In April, Father Paul Sretenovic visited Quito and offered the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass for the intentions of all the members of the Apostolate. Through the generosity of a donor we were able to give the Carmelites a donation. In May we will be able to give the Conceptionist a donation as well when Fr Kappes goes to visit in Quito. Fr Kappes will offer the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass for the members during the month of May there as well.

Testimonials:

❖ Bad neighbors

Dear Apostolate,

I want to thank you for introducing to me (four years ago) to Our Lady of Good Success. I have prayed to her many times and this year my prayers were answered. Three years ago, new neighbors came and moved next door. They are be very loud, filthy in many many ways, keeps burning when they are not suppose to and the smell is unreal. I take of my mother; she has C.O.P.D and chronic bronchitis among other ailments, so it is not good for her, for my brother, or me. They seem to leave their lights on 24 hrs a day and too many wind chimes that are so loud. (I don't mind wind chimes if they are positioned properly.) Too many cars that don't run and a bumper sticker that says "Proud to be Pagan". They seem to have a thing with dragons and animal skulls hang on the porch. I have lived at this house since 1963 and grew up in this neighborhood. It was once a very quiet and clean place to live. Since they have moved in, I have found roaches in every room of the house and now mice are coming in. I prayed the novena this year asking that they would move or we would find another home. On Feb. 7, my prayers were answered. A family who was planning to sell their parents home called and said it was ready to look at. On March 15, four days before the feast of St. Joseph we closed the deal. Thank you so much! Enclosed is a small token of my appreciation and thankfulness. Please use this money where it is needed most. May God Bless You! In Jesus, Mary, and Joseph's Love, J.C

❖ Diabolical Influence

Dear

Mary is a Catholic married to a Protestant husband. They had 4 kids. For a long time they had been facing evil attack in their apartment. Every night they used to hear a terrible noise on the top of their house. Beside that the man used to dream ... [of a sexual nature-explanation deleted in case we would offend anyone] These events had disturbed both couple for a very long time, usually when such thing happen it is termed witchcraft. As a result of these, he lost his business and now he is jobless. He

Kathy,

had gone to even witch doctor and medical doctor for cure but to no avail. As this continued to worry his wife (catholic), she wrote to the Living Rosary in Dickinson USA, her letter was sent to me, immediately I contacted her. The day she came to my house, I suggested to her to use holy water, pray the Rosary, Novena to St. Philomena and Our Lady of Good Success along with her protestant husband, she accepted. I gave them some holy pictures to put in their house. Just before my last message, Mary and husband came to my house happy and thanking both Our Lady of Good Success and St. Philomena for their assistance. Now I have directed them to see a Priest to arrange for their Church wedding. But since the husband is jobless, they have financial problem for the wedding. One thing worth noting is that the husband now prays some Catholic prayers and pray that he becomes Catholic. Now those noises are stopping and the dream he usually had reduced. Currently they are carrying on Novena to both St. Philomena and OLGS. Mary is very happy for these miracles. Thank you Kathy for bring light to this family. Thank you again and continue the good Apostolate you are doing in Africa. AVE MARIA!!!! P E

❖ Three Hurricanes and a Tornado – Sacramentals and Holy Water to the Rescue-

It was wonderful to talk to you once again.. It was refreshing and enlightening, what an enjoyment to express and exchange the same viewpoints. At any rate, after 2 years of traveling, my children and I were tired and wanted to settle down. **My husband didn't (this part is important as he was adamant)**. So, I told the children (we were living in an RV) let's say a Rosary Novena which lasts 27 days petition and 27 days thanksgiving and pray that maybe in less than a year when we go back to Nevada, we will buy a house and settle down for good. Well, at the end of the novena, **upon my husband's request**, we bought a house in Vero Beach, FL. We never left Florida, we stayed. This is where all the real estate agents said, 'there's no such thing as hurricanes, they're fairy tales.' Ah, the wisdom of the real estate agent?!?!

But despite that, Our Lady certainly must have thought the area was at least secure enough. We moved into our house in July and the first hurricane, Hurricane Frances, was to hit in September. We've never been through a hurricane but noticed that the neighbors were putting up shutters and some were packing their cars and others were planning to stay. There was a lot of anxiety and tension in the air and all of this was pretty alarming.

At this time we didn't have very much furniture or religious items because most of our goods were in storage in California, but I did have my Sacred Heart of Jesus Statue which I took every where while traveling and put Him in our new front room. I did have a few St. Benedict Medals, some Blood of Christ Seals and a few wooden crucifixes w/the Corpus Christi. They were pre-blessed that I brought along with me. Also I did bring, Blest Salt and Holy Water along with several St. Benedict Crucifixes. I even gave one to a lady down the street who was a fallen away Catholic.

[When the first hurricane hit] we made an executive decision to leave the area and our brand new home before the hurricane hit instead of hunkering down because of lack of experience. But before this, I made a very important move. I put a St. Benedict Medal, a Blood of Christ Seal and a Crucifix on every window. (I didn't have enough, this is also important to know as I thought they were supposed to be on every corner of the windows or doors). I went outside and prayed the St. Michael's prayer while spraying Holy Water and Blest Salt around the perimeter of the property and again right on the foundation and also on the roof of the house. I also tacked a St. Benedict Medal and Crucifix on several 20 to 30 feet high trees surrounding our home.

After the ordeal, we came home. Before [the hurricane] there was a flourishing neighborhood full of beautiful trees, on our return it was a desolate block. Almost all the trees were down, many landed on houses. Almost every house had a tree on their roof, or car, or pool, etc. **Except ours.** Our house was in perfect condition except for a few roof tiles caused because of the satellite dish which tugged and pulled some of them off. Our trees landed on the telephone wires and one broke off and landed on **the neighbor's roof. (Oops)** We felt bad but started to clean up.


In October, we took the boards off the windows, and wouldn't you know it, the very next day Hurricane Jeanne swung around in a U-turn or loop. We put the boards back up, this was miserable. Once again, I secured the Holy Medals and went around and blessed the house inside and outside. Again we ran off to the hotel, hundreds of miles away, and when we came back even more damage and flooding occurred. This time our neighbor's house was completely demolished, many houses were ruined beyond repair and almost all the garages were either imploded or exploded caused by a tornado that ripped through several streets and right through our neighbors' house (This was 2004, they're still rebuilding to this day). **No damage to our property**, in fact it looked much cleaner while the other homes looked like, well, 'a tornado went through them.'

By the way, I know Our Lady must have done this; through Her intercession, our insurance helped pay for almost all the damages and expenses and loss of money, otherwise we wouldn't have been able to survive, because each time it cost us around \$2500. for traveling, hotels, eating out, loss of hundreds of dollars worth of food in the refrigerator and all the boards and equipment to secure the home. Not one cent from FEMA. Even after tons of paper work, FEMA just sent someone to look it over and he refused.

2005. Hurricane Wilma. This time we stayed in the house and spent our money on a gas generator. Through the intercession of Our Lady, this time FEMA paid for the generator. It was through Her intercession because, trying to get money from FEMA is like trying to get blood from a turnip. I hadn't yet filled out the tons of forms when an agent pulled up, got my information and a week later I had a check for the gas generator. Later FEMA called and asked if I needed help, and I was sort of taken aback, because I said, 'well, you already came and processed everything.' They took me off the list. Our Lady is very efficient.

Well, Hurricane Wilma, same thing as before, our house was left undamaged, and looked rather pristine. This time a lady neighbor and a born again Christian, bitterly said **"How come you guys never get hurt?"** But what was interesting was the day before Wilma, when I was blessing my house; this same neighbor came up and talked to me. I kept praying while she was talking about a bunch of nothing and fluff. I kept praying, spraying Holy Water and my daughter was sprinkling Blessed Salt. You know, that that woman never asked me what I was doing. She just kept right on talking and then walked away. I asked my daughter, "Did you notice that she wasn't the least bit curious about what we are doing? The Blessed Virgin Mary will blind all those that don't believe and they won't even see what we are doing. This is good to know for future reference."

Our Lady kept her word. She protects those who put their trust in Her. We remained under Her Mantle and were protected.



OUR LADY OF GOOD SUCCESS



NOON
CANDLEMAS

PILGRIMAGE

- † Daily Tridentine Mass.
- † Pray before the miraculous statue of Our Lady of Good Success.
- † Tour of the Monastery of Our Lady of Good Success.
- † Tour on the life of Catholic Martyr Gabriel Garcia Moreno.
- † Rosary at Dawn Procession on Candlemas Day –Feast of the Presentation, February 2nd in the streets of Colonial Quito amongst the many picturesque Renaissance era monasteries and Churches.
- † Tours of Monasteries of Dominicans, Carmelites, Mercedarians, and Franciscans.
- † Artisan shopping at local artisan guilds for Sacred Catholic artwork.
- † Mark your calendars for **January 27th to February 5th 2007- 10 day tour**

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We thank you for allowing us to do this work for without your help, we would not exist. It has been truly a great grace to work and fight with all of you under the banner of Our Lady of Good Success.

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