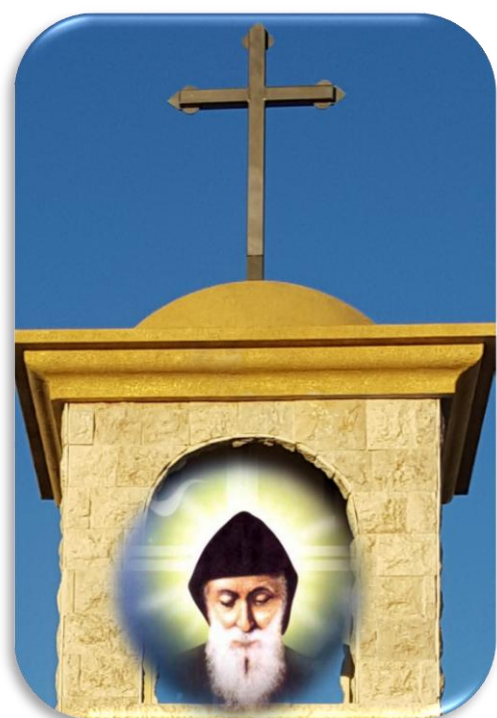


Saint Sharbel Maronite Catholic Church Las Vegas



**St. Sharbel
Pray for us!**

July 2019

5th Sunday of the Glorious Pentecost

Gospel: (Matthew 10:1-7/ The Twelve Apostles)

"And he called to him his twelve disciples and gave them authority over unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to heal every disease and every infirmity. The names of the twelve apostles are these: first, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother; James the son of Zebedee, and John his brother; Philip and Bartholomew; Thomas and Matthew the tax collector; James the son of Alphaeus, and Thaddeus; Simon the Cananaean, and Judas Iscariot, who betrayed him. These twelve Jesus sent out, charging them, "Go nowhere among the Gentiles, and enter no town of the Samaritans, but go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel. And preach as you go, saying, "The kingdom of heaven is at hand."



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2nd Sunday: 4:30 pm

Rosary & Tagalog Mass

Sunday Catechism

(Classes are Sept – June)

1st SUNDAY 9:30 a.m. & 11:30am

Youth Mass



5TH SUNDAY OF PENTECOST

READING:
Philippians 3:7-14
GOSPEL: Matthew 10:1-7

Will we do greater than Joseph and Jesus did? Or will we do worse than Joseph's brothers? If we fall into sin, our sins will be worse than those of Joseph's brothers, for in Christ we are new creations. "When much has been given a man, much will be required of him. More will be asked of a man to whom more has been entrusted" (Lk 12:48). We, who are children of God, are not only called to greatness but obligated to become great. After what the Lord has done for and in us, anything less than greatness is a sin and shame. You are children of the divine, royal, and priestly family (1 Pt 2:9). Live accordingly.

Prayer: Father, may I be myself.

Promise: Jesus "summoned His twelve disciples and gave them authority to expel unclean spirits and to cure sickness and disease of every kind." Mt 10:1

Praise: St. Benedict was inspired to gather hermit monks together into one "Grand Monastery" with prayer, study, and manual work.

"In fact, all the world came to Joseph to obtain rations of grain, for famine had gripped the whole world." Genesis 41:57

Joseph saved hundreds of thousands of people from starvation. He was one of the greatest people in history. Joseph's brothers were also called to greatness, but they wasted their lives through jealousy, violence, deceit, guilt, and self-hatred. Every Christian is greater than Joseph (Mt 11:11), because we are adopted sons and daughters of God our Father. It is an understatement to say that we are destined for greatness. Jesus even promised that we who have faith in Him will do greater works than He did (Jn 14:12).

DID YOU KNOW THAT MANY SAINTS IN THE EARLY CHURCH RAISED PEOPLE FROM THE DEAD?

According to tradition, after Jesus' resurrection God allowed many other people to rise from the grave.

The Catholic Church believes that Jesus' resurrection is a foreshadowing of what will happen at the end of time, when all people will be raised from the dead. Yet, even during in Jesus' life, God allowed certain individuals to rise from the grave and live for a while longer on this earth.

In the Acts of the Apostles, a Christian woman named Tabitha died in the city of Joppa. The Christians in the city knew St. Peter was nearby and sent for him, and he hurried to the side of Tabitha. All were mourning over her death, but when Peter arrived he asked everyone to wait outside the house.

Peter put them all outside and knelt down and prayed; then turning to the body he said, "Tabitha, rise." And she opened her eyes, and when she saw Peter she sat up. And he gave her his hand and lifted her up. Then calling the saints and widows he presented her alive. And it became known throughout all Joppa, and many believed in the Lord. (Acts 9:40-42)

The resurrection of Tabitha was a miraculous gift from God that led many others to belief in the power of Jesus Christ.

Interestingly enough, this wasn't the last time a saint invoked the power of God to resurrect an individual.

According to St. Irenaeus in the early 2nd century, "Some persons that were dead have been raised again and have continued among us many years." He further added later, speaking against magicians who falsely claimed their ability to raise from the dead, "So far are they from raising the dead, as Our Lord raised them, and as the Apostles did by prayer, and **as in the brotherhood oftentimes is done**, when the whole church of the place hath begged it with much fasting and prayer, and the spirit of the dead man hath returned and the man hath been given back to the prayers of the saints" (*Saints Who Raised the Dead: True Stories of 400 Resurrection Miracles*).

There are additional reports of resurrections in the 4th and 5th century, as related by Church historians of that time period. *(As a note, these people did experience a second "death," as these resurrections were only "earthly" and temporary and not the full "heavenly" resurrection that God promised will happen when this world passes away.)*

For example, St. Marcarius, a holy monk living in the deserts of Egypt, encountered a man who didn't believe in the resurrection of Jesus. In order to convince him, the saint invoked God's power over a dead man and he was raised back to life. This miracle was spread throughout the Egyptian desert.

While some may be wary of believing these early accounts of resurrection, the Acts of the Apostles is the most reliable evidence that reveals an ability to call upon God's power to resurrect an individual, bringing them from death to life. It certainly is not a common occurrence in the history of Christianity, nor is it something that can easily be invoked by any Christian.

Similar to all miracles, it is a *gift* given through the power of God for a specific purpose, through the hands of a humble instrument. God wanted to remind his people that the resurrection of Jesus wasn't just a "fluke," but a real event that will occur to all people at the end of time.



I AM
THE RESURRECTION
AND THE LIFE;
HE WHO BELIEVES IN ME,
THOUGH HE DIE,
YET SHALL HE LIVE.
JOHN 11:25

KNOW YOUR 12 APOSTLES



1. Peter	formerly "Simon," renamed "Kepha" or "Cephas" by Our Lord; preached in Antioch, Pontus, Galatia, Cappadocia, and Asia Minor, Rome; headed Roman Church (was first Pope); crucified upside-down in Rome, Italy; relics at St. Peter's Basilica in Vatican City. Symbols: the Keys; upside-down Latin Cross; book. Feast: June 29 (along with St. Paul); August 1 (St. Peter's Chains).
2. Andrew	Peter's brother; preached in Scythia; Epirus; Achaia; Hellas; Cappadocia, Galatia, and Bithynia, Scythian deserts, Byzantium; Thrace, Macedonia, Thessaly, and Achaia; crucified in Patrae in Achaia; relics at Cathedral of Amalfi, Italy, and in St. Andrew's Church in Patras, Greece. Symbols: X-shaped Cross; anchor; fish; fishing net. Feast: November 30
3. James the Great	he and his brother (John) nicknamed by Jesus "Sons of Thunder" (Boanerges); a son of Zebedee; preached in Spain; beheaded by Herod Agrippa I to please the Jews; relics at Compostela, Spain. Symbols: seashells; pilgrim's staff; scroll; book; floppy hat; trampling a Moor; mounted on horseback. Feast: July 25.
4. John	he and his brother (James the Greater) nicknamed by Jesus "Sons of Thunder" (Boanerges); a son of Zebedee; the disciple whom Jesus loved; Evangelist; preached in Asia Minor (Ephesus). Symbols: chalice; eagle; serpent; sword; cauldron. Feast December 27.
5. Philip	preached in Hieropolis in Asia (?); relics at church of the Dodici Apostoli in Rome, Italy. Symbols: basket of loaves; T-shaped Cross. Feast: May 11 (with St. James the Less)

6. Bartholomew	preached in India, Mesopotamia, Persia, Egypt, Armenia, Lycaonia, Phrygia, shores of the Black Sea (?); beheaded or flayed alive and crucified, head downward in Albanopolis in Armenia; relics at St. Bartholomew-in-the-Island in Rome, Italy (?). Symbols: tanner's knife; flayed skin. Feast: August 24.
7. Matthew	"Levi"; Evangelist; preached in Ethiopia to the south of the Caspian Sea (not Ethiopia in Africa), Persia and the kingdom of the Parthians, Macedonia, and Syria, and to the Hebrews generally (?). Symbols: angel/man/winged man holding a pen or inkwell; bag of coins, money bag, money box, or purse; spear; sword; halberd; lance. Feast: September 21.
8. Thomas	"Didymus," meaning "Twin"; familiarly (not Scripturally) known as "Doubting Thomas"; preached in India; pierced through with spears by four soldiers at Syriac Mazdai; relics in Santhome Cathedral, Chennai, India. Symbols: T-square; spear. Feast December 21.
9. James the Less	"James the Just" or "James the Younger"; son of Alphaeus (Clopas) and "brother of the Lord"; Bishop of Jerusalem Church; epistle writer; killed by Jews by being thrown off the Temple and clubbed to death. Symbols: fuller's club; book; windmill. Feast: May 11 (with St. Philip)
10. Jude	"Thaddaeus"; "brother of James (the Less)"; epistle writer. Symbols: shown with medallion with profile of Jesus around his neck; shown with flame above his head; oar; boat; axe; book; pen. Feast: October 28 (with St. Simon).
11. Simon	"Simon the Zealot" or "Simon the Canaanite." Symbols: fish(es); man being sawn in two longitudinally; saw; lance. Feast: October 28 (with St. Jude).
12. Judas Iscariot	replaced after his suicide by Matthias (St. Matthias's Feast: February 24).

Beautiful Faces & Places



Congratulations to all of June Baptisms



Happy 5th Birthday to Liam, the Son of Dino & Cess Mapili & Fr. Nadim



Youth gathering in June made over 300 Sandwiches for the homeless. Good Job



NAM Convention in Miami with several Priests, Nuns & Ghassan Saliba (Singer)

ST. CHARBEL MAKHLOUF: THE WONDER WORKER, JULY 24

On July 24, the Church celebrates the life of St. Charbel Makhlof, a Maronite Catholic priest, monk and hermit who is known for working miracles both during his life and after his death.

On the occasion of his beatification in 1965, the Eastern Catholic hermit was described by Pope Paul VI as "a new, eminent member of monastic sanctity" who "through his example and his intercession is enriching the entire Christian people."

Born into humble circumstances in Lebanon during 1828, Yussef Antoun Makhlof was the youngest of Antoun Zaarour Makhlof and Brigitta Elias al-Shediyag's five children. Antoun, who had been taken away from the family and forced into hard labor, died when his youngest son was only 3.

Yussef studied at the parish school and tended to his family's cow. Engaged in prayer and solitude from an early age, he spent a great deal of time outdoors in the fields and pastures near his village, contemplating God amid the inspiring views of Lebanon's valleys and mountains.

His uncle and guardian Tanious wanted the boy to continue working with him, while his mother wanted him to marry a young woman. Yussef had other plans, however, and left home in 1851 without informing anyone.

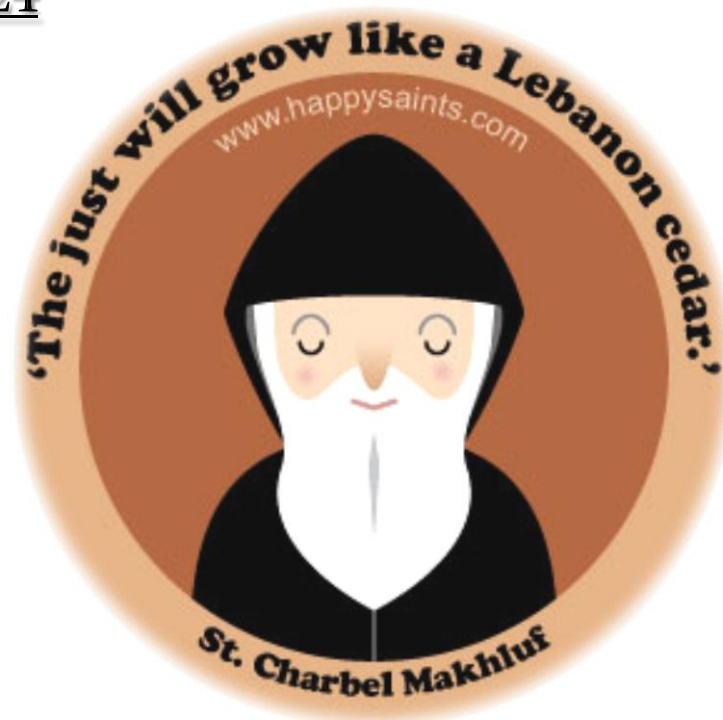
Yussef would become "Brother Charbel," after making a pilgrimage on foot to his new monastic home. In this, he followed the example of his maternal uncles, who were already living as solitary monks at the Hermitage of St. Paul in the Qadisha Valley.

Charbel took his monastic vows in November of 1853, during a solemn ceremony which was closed to the public and off-limits even to his family. He subsequently studied for the priesthood and was ordained, returning to the Monastery of St. Maron.

The priest-monk lived and served in the monastery for 19 years, showing great devotion to the life of prayer, manual work and contemplative silence.

Charbel's superiors observed God's "supernatural power" at work in his life, and he became known as a wonder-worker even among some Muslims. In 1875, he was granted permission to live as a solitary monk in a nearby hermitage dedicated to Sts. Peter and Paul.

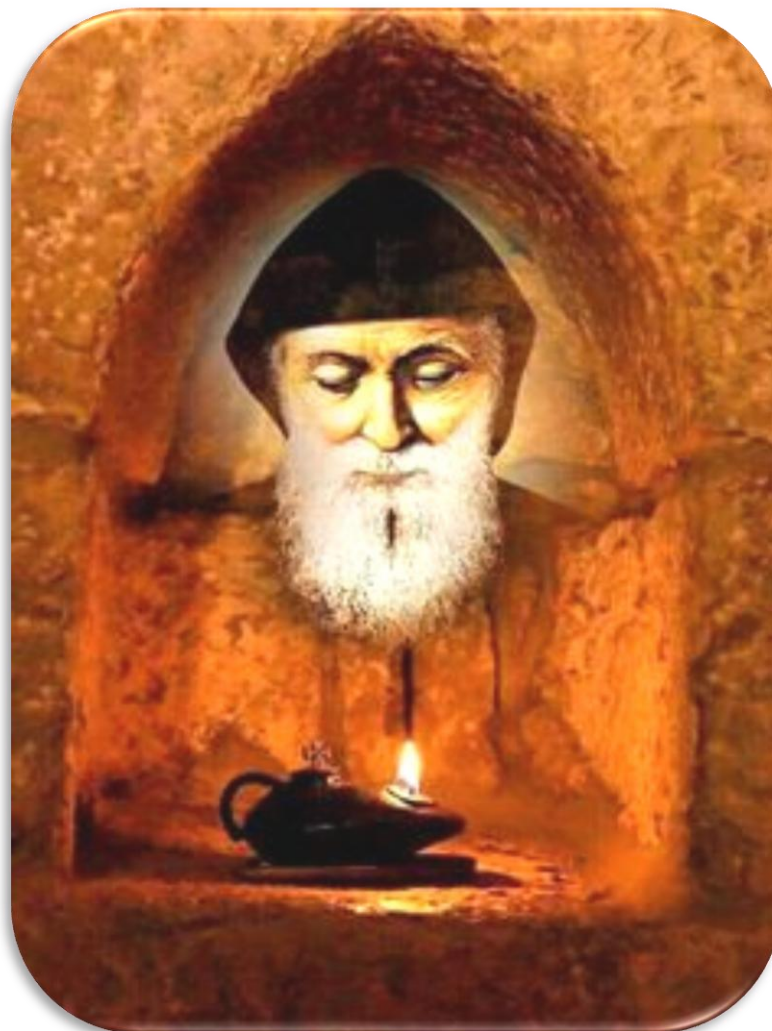
Rigorous asceticism, and a profound union with God, continued to characterize the monk's life for the next 23 years. Deeply devoted to God's Eucharistic Presence, he suffered a stroke while celebrating



the Divine Liturgy on Dec. 16, 1898. He died on Christmas Eve of that year.

St. Charbel's tomb has been a site for pilgrimages since his death. Hundreds of miracles are believed to have occurred through his intercession with God, both in Lebanon and around the world.

He was canonized in 1977 by Pope Paul VI, who had earlier hailed the Lebanese Maronite saint as an "admirable flower of sanctity blooming on the stem of the ancient monastic traditions of the East."



A RARE MARONITE ORDINATION IN ROME

Ancient tones of Syriac chant, columns of incense, ornate oriental vestments and bearded clerics filled the chapel of the Pontifical North American College in early June, creating a rare Middle Eastern atmosphere in the heart of the U.S. church's flagship seminary in Rome.

The ordination of Michael Shami to the diaconate was the first at the NAC in more than 20 years to use the Antiochene Syriac rite of the Maronite Catholic Church. The new deacon said the ritual underlined the church's universality for his fellow seminarians and highlighted treasures proper to one of the smallest and most ancient Christian churches.

In the Maronite tradition, "there are no great treatises like in the West with Aquinas," Deacon Shami explained. "Its strength is in its liturgical contributions."

For example, he said, in the ordination rite, "when the bishop is imposing his hands upon the candidate, he's fluttering his hands, and the specific verb used there for the action of the Holy Spirit" is the same verb "used for the Holy Spirit hovering over the primordial waters in Genesis and the descent of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost."

"Because typology is the primary mode of Syriac theology, it makes a very rich connection between biblical events and historical events and sacramental events and the general life of the believer," Deacon Shami said.

While most of the altar servers were Latin-rite seminarians of the NAC, who wore their Latin cassocks and albs, many of them had spent three months learning to chant the Syriac prayers and preparing for the demanding liturgy.

"I didn't see the hodgepodge" of East and West mixing "as an eyesore or lack of uniformity," Deacon Shami said. "At the same altar, there was a Maronite deacon standing with a Byzantine priest leading him as his sponsor and Latin servers -- it kind of encapsulated the true universalism of the church and it was appropriate that it should happen in Rome."

Preparing for Maronite ministry at a Latin seminary might be unusual, but Deacon Shami was confident it would help him to be a successful witness to his religious heritage in the United States.

"It provided me with an opportunity to try to communicate to a predominately Latin- or even Protestant-minded United States the value of the Eastern tradition in general, specifically our heavy reliance on patristics and sacramental mystagogy," he said. "It taught me which idioms were helpful for communicating Eastern theology and which were not."

Deacon Shami said that he had to put in extra effort to remain faithful to his Eastern spiritual heritage while at the Latin-rite NAC, but even those challenges bore fruit with his confreres.

"I would chant my own Office in my room," Deacon Shami said, referring to the daily prayers of the Liturgy of the Hours. The other seminarians "hearing my voice, hearing me take such great love in my tradition in worshipping God, they themselves turned and looked more into the Western chant tradition."

In other areas of life at the NAC, East and West did not mix so well. Fasting — not eating meat or dairy products — is at the heart of Eastern spiritual discipline and there are long periods of fasting throughout the liturgical year.

"It was very difficult to fast at the NAC. I tried my best, though," he said, and there, too, it became an opportunity to share with the Latin-rite seminarians the idea of fasting as an ascetical practice.



Michael Shami, a seminarian at the Pontifical North American College, is pictured during his ordination as a deacon at the college in Rome on 2 June 2019. Shami was ordained as a deacon using the Antiochene Syriac rite of the Maronite Catholic Church.

The NAC also asked Deacon Shami not to wear his Eastern-style outer cassock, he said, because it would break up the uniformity of the seminarians' attire. Other challenges were making time to visit Eastern-rite liturgies in Rome that would often conflict with the NAC's schedule.

Deacon Shami is among the few young Maronite-rite seminarians in the United States. At 25, he is aware that his choice to remain faithful to the Christian heritage of his ancestors is counter-cultural. His own father, for instance, "Latinized" when he moved to the United States.

Like many U.S. immigrants from Lebanon, where the Maronite church is centered, "my father stopped attending (the Maronite liturgy) and simply started going to the local Latin parish" because it was more convenient.

As an adolescent, Deacon Shami said he took an interest in the Syriac language and developed his skills while an undergraduate at New York University.

"In my parish assignment last summer, I offered a free Syriac class and I had attendance of upward of 25-30 persons," Deacon Shami said. "Even people of other backgrounds, with Italian last names, were coming" because Syriac is close to "the language Christ spoke."

Deacon Shami completed his stint at the NAC in June and plans to visit Lebanon before returning to the United States for a parish assignment that will last until his priestly ordination in May 2020. As a new priest, he hopes to help revive Maronite traditions that have been lost.

A recent liturgical reform in the Maronite church "had a lot of simplification and elimination," he said.

"One of them is when the priest elevates the host as he's offering it, and he recounts all the great patriarchal sacrifices of old, from Abraham and Noah to David on the Threshing-Floor of Ornan," Deacon Shami explained.

"The last sacrifice (the priest) mentions in this anamnesis is the sacrifice of the widow who puts the two pence in the treasury vault," he said. "It really kind of encapsulates this idea that the greatest sacrifice, as St. Aphrahat says, is the sacrifice of the heart, and so the priest is asking that this sacrifice be akin to that sacrifice, the sacrifice of the widow."

"Those kinds of prayers have been completely eliminated," Deacon Shami said, because there was an assumption that many of them were "too complex" for people to understand.

"We need to have a reclamation of sorts," Deacon Shami said.

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2019 Festival – Booth Rental

We are currently accepting Booth Rental Application for the 2019 festival. While we always strive to accommodate everyone, Sponsors of the festival get priority of booth space and therefore we cannot guarantee a booth space. Please submit your application before August 15, 2019 to guarantee a space. Application located on the website **LEBANESEAMERICANFESTIVAL.COM**

WHILE OTHER BIG CORPORATIONS PUSH ABORTION, WENDY'S SAVES KIDS THROUGH ADOPTION

Planned Parenthood frequently purports to be about "choice," but only if the choice involves abortion. Although in 2018, just 0.03% of their services included adoption referrals (and even this must be questioned, as **the corporation's idea of "adoption referrals" is highly suspect**), the abortion giant is frequently the recipient of lavish media and corporate support, while truly pro-life efforts like adoption get overlooked. Fast-food chain Wendy's and its partner, the Dave Thomas Foundation for Adoption, has at its heart the interests of the children who are frequently trotted out as "reasons to abort" — those who are in foster care waiting to be adopted. According to a previous Live Action News **article**, "There are about 400,000 children in the U.S. foster care system. Just over 100,000 of them are eligible to be adopted, according to **AdoptUSKids**, and will likely be adopted by their foster parents. The majority of children in the foster care system are waiting to be reunited with their birth families, who are taking steps to get their children back."

The Dave Thomas Foundation has its origins in being an advocacy group. Through their program, Wendy's Wonderful Kids, they help the more difficult-to-place children — those who are older, have special needs, or are part of a sibling group — find loving homes using **evidenced-based**, child-focused methods. The Foundation is now seeking to go nationwide, and has partnered with Snapchat through the **Cause Cup** program. Starting in May, the **Cause Cups** at participating Wendy's will have a Snapcode that, when scanned, will donate \$5 to the Dave Thomas Foundation for Adoption — for a total of up to \$500,000. The donations will help bring the program to all 50 states and DC by 2028.

In an interview with **Columbus Monthly**, Wendy's CEO Rita Soronen said the effectiveness of the program is based on one-on-one, full-time, expert case workers who know well the child they're seeking to place. "At the core is knowing that child," she said. Caseworkers in most programs must balance several cases at a time, and many lack time and resources to devote to just one child at a time. "When you give a caseworker time to really work a case, you will find an adoptive family for these children." She also emphasized the importance of impartial evaluation of their methods to ensure they are serving children's needs as best they can. "If we don't know at an evidence level that it works, then we're doing no better than business as usual."

As an adoptee himself, Wendy's founder **Dave Thomas** always held the cause of adoption close to his heart. He credited his summers in Maine with his grandmother as teaching him the value of hard work and perseverance, and his time eating in local restaurants with his father after his adoptive mother died that made him value restaurants as a place of sharing and family closeness.

These core values led Dave Thomas to found one of the most successful fast food chains in the US, and through his success in business, spurred him on to philanthropic advocacy. He made several trips to the White House to raise awareness about adoption and to advocate for adoption benefits for federal employees and others. In 1990, Dave was invited to the White House again **to be a spokesman** for a national adoption awareness campaign. But Dave wanted to do more, and in 1992 he founded the Dave Thomas Foundation for Adoption, which has been **called** the "biggest game in adoption today," and receives high ratings on **Charity Navigator**.



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While celebrities are loudly screaming their support for Planned Parenthood and abortion, organizations like the Dave Thomas Foundation for Adoption are quietly doing the hard work of helping vulnerable children, women, and families in need. Perhaps celebrities should take note and spend less energy telling women they must have abortion to be successful, and spend more time and effort doing the work of supporting women and children whose mothers chose life.

Note: Learn more about adoption and see children waiting for families at AdoptUSKids.org.



Community Life

1. **Tuesdays:** July 9 @ 6 pm Movie & Potluck.
2. **1st Sunday God our Father:** July 7 Devotions held after 9:30 Mass.
3. **1st Sunday Spanish Mass:** July 7 @ 4:30 pm Rosary followed by Mass at 5 pm.
4. **1st Friday Youth Gathering:** July 5 @ 6 pm, board games and snacks.
5. **2nd Sunday Tagalog Mass:** July 14 @ 5 pm & Rosary @4:30 pm.

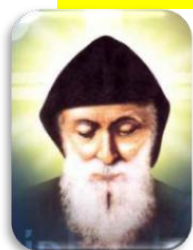


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(Ages 10 – 20)

St. Sharbel Pro-Life



Prayer to End Abortion



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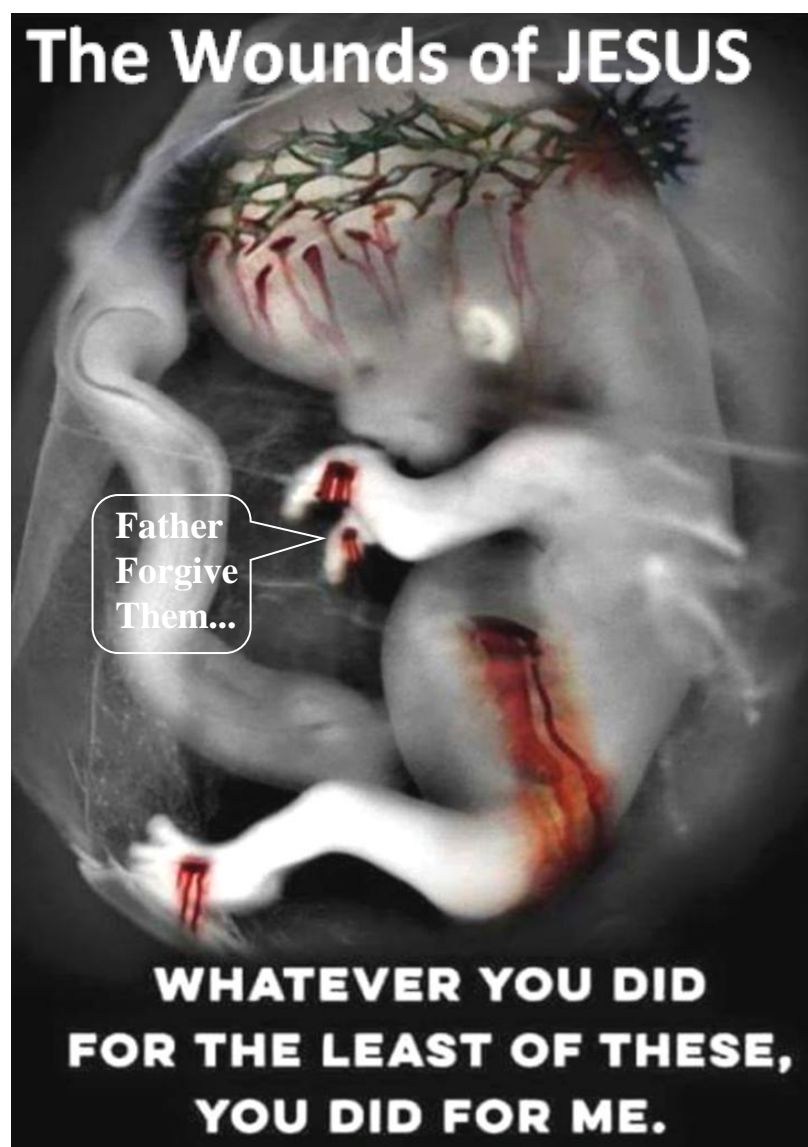
For the gift of my life,
I know there is nothing that
Destroys more life than abortion,
Yet I rejoice that You have conquered death
by the Resurrection of Your Son.
I am ready to do my part in ending abortion.

Today I commit myself
Never to be silent. Never to be passive,
Never to be forgetful of the unborn.
I commit myself to be active
In the Pro-Life movement,
And never to stop defending life
Until all my brothers and Sisters are
protected, And our nation once again
becomes A nation with liberty & Justice Not just for
some, but for all, Through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**



**O Blood and Water, which gushed forth
from the Heart of Jesus as a fount of
mercy for us. I trust in You. Amen.**

Our Father.. Hail Mary..



**Together: Praying, Adopting &
Naming 1 Unborn Baby Daily**

FILIPINO NEWS**VATICAN DECLARES DARWIN RAMOS AS 'SERVANT OF GOD';
DIOCESE OF CUBAO TO MOVE FOR BEATIFICATION**

The Philippines has a new "Servant of God".

According to a CBCP News post, the Vatican declared on March 29 Darwin Ramos as "Servant of God," the preliminary process for sainthood. The declaration was made by Cardinal Angelo Becciu, Prefect of the Congregation for the Causes of Saints, in Rome.

This means that the Diocese of Cubao now has the green light to initiate the process for beatification and canonization of the teenage boy.

"The Vatican has given us the go signal to go deeper in his life how he lived his faith and how he gave witness to Jesus to whom he was very close," Cubao Bishop Honesto Ongtioco, who started the process at the request of The Friends of Darwin Ramos Association, said. The prelate added that the Vatican declaration "reminds us that we are invited to give witness to our faith in concrete ways".

Ramos spent his early years in the slums of Pasay City. In order to help his family, he became a scavenger in the streets, with his younger sister.

Unfortunately, the initial symptoms of what will later be diagnosed as Duchenne muscular dystrophy appeared. Progressively, he could no longer stand and his muscles weakened.

In 2006, after getting acquainted with a group of street educators from Tulan ng Kabataan (TnK), Ramos entered in one of its centers helping street children.

Discovering the Catholic faith, he received the sacrament of baptism in the same year and the first communion and the sacrament of confirmation in 2007.



Darwin Ramos

Along the years, Ramos' physical condition deteriorated. But despite it, he uplifted the staff and other children at the center by the way he lived with his illness.

Ongtioco said that Ramos developed a deep personal relationship with Christ, and not a day passed that the boy did not take time out to entrust himself to Jesus.

In 2012, Ramos' condition worsened suddenly: he felt pain while breathing and was then brought to a hospital.

Even in these moments of suffering, he continued to maintain a friendly attitude, thanking everyone for helping him.

Ramos died at the Philippine Children's Medical Center in Quezon City on Sept. 23, 2012, at the age of 17.

"Darwin is an example of holiness. Being a street child, afflicted with myopathy, he is closely united with Christ in his suffering and joy," Ongtioco said.

Declaring Ramos Servant of God is the first step towards recognizing him as a saint.

Other steps towards sainthood, are declarations of Venerable, Blessed and canonization.

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WEEKEND

DAILY 8AM

Saturday 4:30pm July 6

Emily Barfoot

Sunday 9:30am July 7

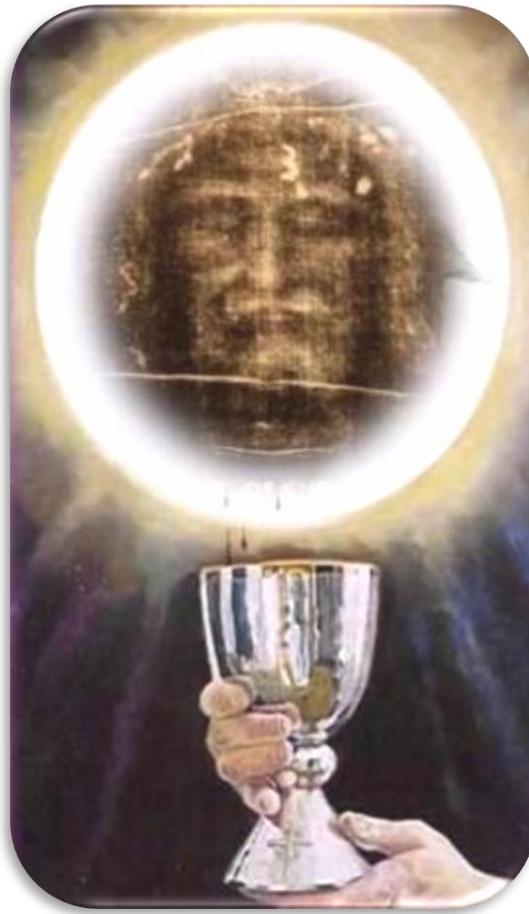
+Charles Joseph Freteluco
Healing – Pedor & Zenaida
Anrigue

Sunday 11:30 am

Government Leaders
in our Country

Sunday 4:30 pm Spanish

Refugiados víctimas
del gobierno.



PRAY FOR THE SICK

MONDAY July 8

Unity of Families

TUESDAY July 9

End to Abortion

WEDNESDAY July 10

Youth of the World

THURSDAY July 11

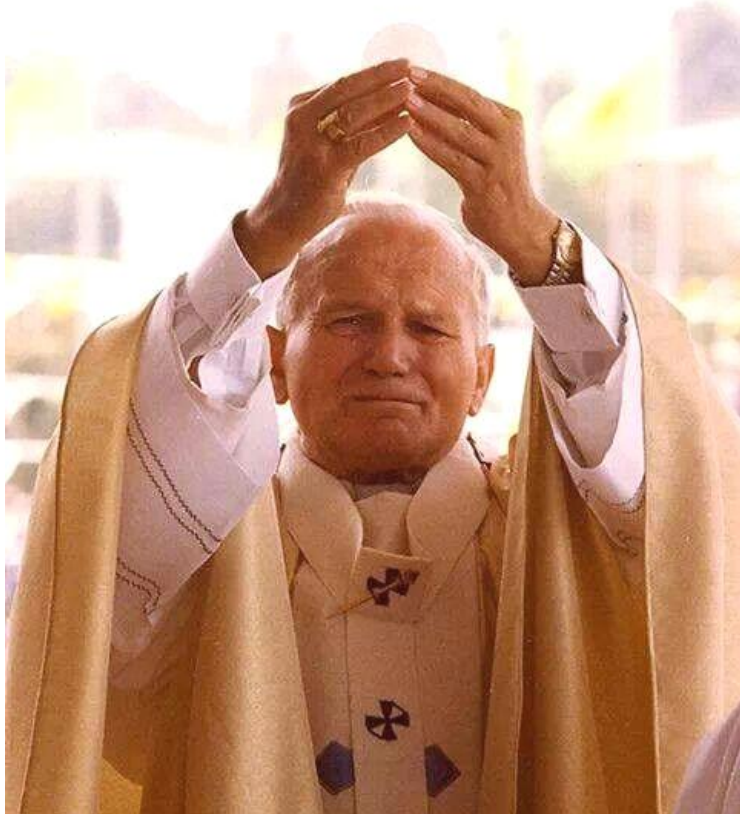
Healing of the Sick

FRIDAY July 12

Unborn Babies

“Jesus is present in the Eucharist to be met, loved, received and consoled.”

- Blessed John Paul II, Feast of Corpus Christi 1979



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DIA: Domingo 7 de Junlo del 2019

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