



National Shrine of Saint Kateri Tekakwitha

Prayer Letter

February 2020

Dear Friend of Saint Kateri,

Eternal Father, I offer You the Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity of your dearly beloved Son, Our Lord Jesus Christ, in atonement for our sins and those of the whole world.

The New Year resolutions we make in January are fundamentally based upon our human emotion of Hope. We promise ourselves to make our lives healthier, more productive, more physically and financially stable or to get along better with others. No matter what that resolution was, each one began with a negative circumstance and hope that putting in effort will end with a positive goal.

The month of February may remind us that our resolution to change may have fallen into the human condition known as short-term memory and not the daily routine of betterment that we had originally hoped would happen. This loss of our original plan of action for self-betterment could have occurred because of a necessary decision to change our usual daily routine that we hesitated to make. This postponed decision to begin on the road to success can be explained by us in as many ways as there are plans for a new attitude, a new way of thinking, a new year's resolution.

But all is not lost.

"For the sake of His sorrowful Passion, have mercy on us and on the whole world."

This is a prayer by Saint Faustina that helps us recognize a negative beginning and then points us toward the healing strength of our Creator and Redeemer Jesus Christ. I recognize through this beautiful petition that in order for me to begin to heal myself, I need to recognize that I need to turn my life over, to change my way of thinking and approaching life's difficulties by seeking an expert to guide me.

What better expert to lead us to a deeper understanding of the reality of life through the eyes of God than the image of His Divine Mercy. Not only is Saint Faustina an expert, we here at the Shrine also have Saint Kateri as an expert guide to lead us to a deeper understanding of God Our Father's will for us. Our spiritual body is nourished and healed by Christ crucified. Restart any New Year resolutions by asking God to help you begin with the negative in your spiritual body. "Jesus, I trust in You." Ask God in prayer to enlighten you to "seek the Pearl of Great Price."

Let us during this New Year seek healing in our spiritual bodies that may lead us to healing in our physical bodies. May both Saint Faustina and Saint Kateri be the experts that inspire us by their lives to pray the following prayer each day: "Jesus, I trust in You."

PEARL OF GREAT PRICE: HOPE

-Fr. Tim Lyons, OFM Conv., Chaplain



Dear Friars, please include the following intentions in your daily prayers:

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| 1. _____ | 6. _____ |
| 2. _____ | 7. _____ |
| 3. _____ | 8. _____ |
| 4. _____ | 9. _____ |
| 5. _____ | 10. _____ |

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