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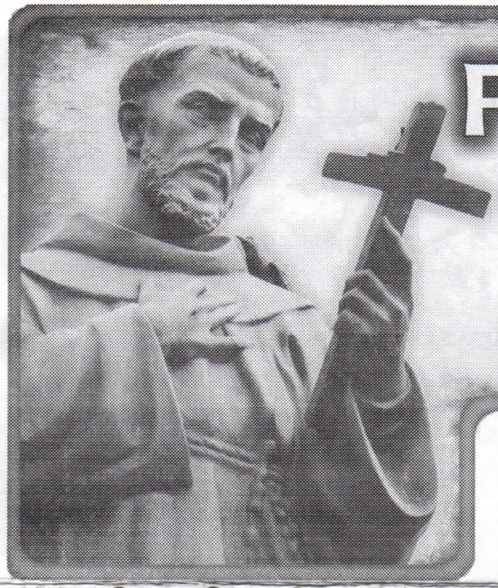

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The Newsletter of the Franciscan Missionaries of the Eternal Word

A Wolfe Family Christmas Miracle

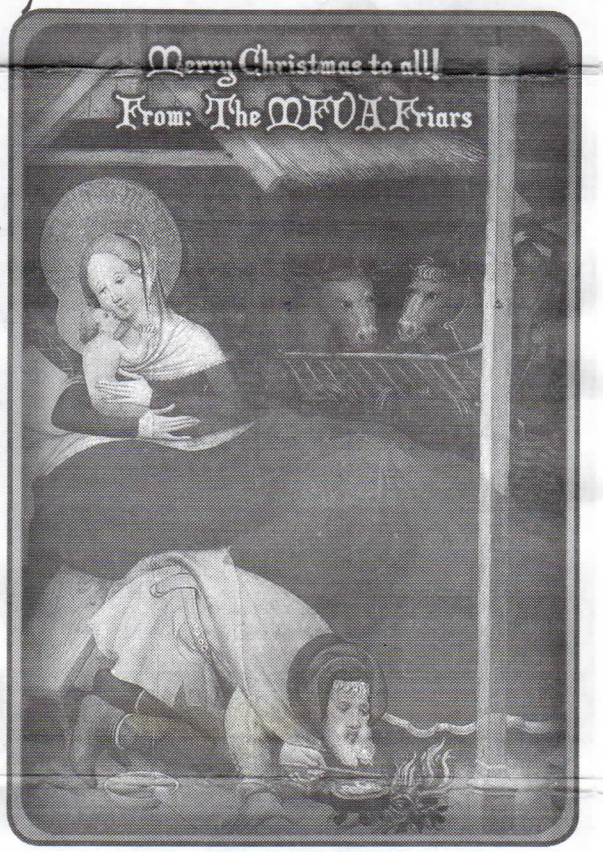
My Great Great Uncle Andy Hemmer (*brother of my Great Grandma Dehner*) was in his 90's and still living on his own. His son Paul (*of Dubuque, Iowa radio fame*) told me that one of the things that bothered his father the most was the loss of his eyesight, because he enjoyed writing and reading letters from his family and friends. You see, Uncle Andy, was completely blind in his right eye and could only see dimly with his left eye – only enough to make his way around the house. He had been declared legally blind.

Paul told me Uncle Andy was a very spiritual man who had only completed the 8th Grade, but was a self-taught man who became quite learned through his reading and study. Paul would stop in every day to visit his father at 3:00pm and would find him listening to the television and praying the Rosary.

It was in 1993 that I was ordained to the priesthood and in one of my televised Masses at EWTN, I spoke of a prayer that many people pray before Christmas for their needs. It is a prayer that recalls that most awesome moment in all of human history when God became man and dwelt among us. It asks for help in one's needs by the merits of what Jesus did.

Hail and Blessed be the Hour and Moment in which the Son of God was born of the most pure Virgin Mary, at Midnight, in Bethlehem, in piercing cold. In that hour, vouchsafe, O my God, to hear my prayer and grant my desires, through the merits of Our Savior Jesus Christ and of His Blessed Mother. Amen.

Traditionally people pray this prayer 15 times a day from the Feast of Saint Andrew (November 30th) until Christmas.



When Uncle Andy heard me speak of this prayer, he wrote to me asking for a copy of that prayer. I happily sent him a copy, which he prayed, not only 15 times a day, but all day long, for the restoration of his eyesight.

That Christmas Eve night he had a terrible pain in his right eye. Christmas morning he awoke and, to his great joy, he could see again. He later wrote to me (*see the two 1994 attached letters*) and said that he continued to pray this prayer in thanksgiving and that the sight in his left eye had dramatically improved as well. My parents and I visited Andy during one of my Iowa Summer visits and he was happy to tell us of what God had done for him.

You see, sometimes we are "shocked" to discover that God really does know us, cares about us and loves

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The Christmas Novena

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Pray 15 times a day from November 30th until Christmas.

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APR. 9TH

FR. JOSEPH M. WOLFE

DEAR FATHER JOSEPH, HOW CAN I THANK ENOUGH FOR THE PRAYER YOU SENT ME OF ST. ANDREW MY BLESSINGS HAVE BEEN MULTIPLIED THOUSANDS OF TIMES. MY RIGHT EYE IS GREAT ,AND WAS A TOTAL LOSS. JUST RECENTLY MY LEFT EYE THAT WAS VERY DIM BUT WAS ABLE TO SEE ENOUGH TO GET AROUND MY HOUSE HAS POPPED WITH A EXCRUCIATING PAIN EARLY ONE MORNING IT PUT ME TO MY KNEES WITH PAIN. I ASKED BLESSED MOTHER & SWEET JESUS TO HELP ME.. THIS EYE FLOWED WITH THE STICKY JUICE AND KEPT IT UP FOR SOME TIME I KEPT BATHING IT TILL IT STOPPED WENT BACK TO BED AND SAID A PRAYER OF THANK YOU FOR THE HELP I FELL A SLEEP AND AWOKE ABOUT 6'30 WAS SUPRISED THAT I WAS SEEING QUITE WELL WITH THAT EYE. I TURNED ON MY T.V. AND ATTENDED MASS ON E W T N. AS A THANKS: MY FAMILY ARE SO EXCITED ABOUT MY GOOD FORTUNE, AND WILL BE FOREVER THANK FUL TO YOU FOR THAT PRAYER.

PLEASE EXCUSE ME FOR ALL MY RAMBLING BUT I AM SO VERY HAPPY ABOUT IT ALL . THANK YOU THANK YOU ENCLOSING A SMALL TOKEN OF THANKS , YOU ARE FOREVER IN MY PRAYERS, & I LOVE YOU.

UNCLE ANDY

On the right is an actual copy of the first letter from Fr. Joseph's uncle reporting the miraculous healing of his eye. On the left is a copy of the Christmas Prayer that Uncle Andy prayed. It can be cut out from this newsletter for personal use.

A Wolfe Family Christmas Miracle Continued ...

us. This miracle showed this to Uncle Andy Hemmer, but also to all of us in our family.

Dear family, we live in anxious times when many people are losing hope. I wanted to send you this account of a Christmas miracle to give you hope. Know that "God so loved the world (*including each member of your family*) that He gave His only Son." Never forget that God really does know you, cares about you, and loves you. That is why Jesus was born in such poverty, because He did not come for His own sake – but for yours and for mine.

Bartimaeus threw aside his cloak, jumped up and came to Jesus. Jesus asked him, "What do you want me to do for you?" "Rabboni," the blind man said, "I want to see." Jesus said in reply, "Be on your way. Your faith has healed you." Immediately he received his sight and started to follow him up the road. (Mark 10:50-52)

Fr. Joseph Mary Wolf, MFVA

OCT. 18th.

DEAR FATHER JOSEPH MARY.

MY GREAT GREAT NEPHEW, I MUST DROP YOU A LINE AGAIN, AND THANK YOU FOR SENDING ME THAT SWEET LITTLE PRAY OF ST ANDREW LAST FALL ASYOU ALREADY KNOW THE RESULTS & BLESSINGS I RECIEVED FROM THIS PRAYER, I HAVE BEEN SO VERY THANKFUL&HAPPY I HAVE HAD SO MANY PHONE CALLS AND LETTERS ASKING ME IF THIS WAS TRUE ,AND WANTING A COPYOF THIS PRAYER. I HAD SO MANY COPIES MADE & STILL GETTING REQUESTS FOR IT. BUT I MUST HAVE GIVEN THE TRUE COPY AWAY AND NOW I AM STILL ASKED FOR A COPY. . COULD I ASK YOU IF YOU HAVE ANY COPIES OF IT TO PLEASE SEND SOME TO MR.

I HAVE HAD SO MANY BLESSINGS FROM YHIS PRAYER MY OTHER EYE HAS COME BACK TOWHERE IT WAS 25 YRS AGO. I SAY THIS PRAYER EVERY DAY 15 TIMES AS A THANK YOU AND HAVE ASKED THAT ABORATION BE OBOLISHED. & WONT GIVE UP. I KNOW SOONER OR LATER MY PRAYER WILL BE ANSWERED. MY FAMILY ARE CONTINUALLY BEING ASKED HOW ARE YOUR DAD,S EYES.. THE GOOD SISTERS OF ST: FRANCIS CONVENT & PRESENTATION SISTERS HERE ALL HAVE COPIES AND CALL ME REGULARLY TO SEE HOW I AM. AS YOU KNOW I AM 91 AND FEELING GREAT STILL LIVING ALONE.

PLEASE PRAY FOR ME. I GO TO EWTN MASS EVERY DAY.

CLOSING WITH LOVE & PRAYERS

YOUR GREAT GREAT UNCLE

ANDY.

MY DRS. ARE STUNED AS I WAS DECLARED LEGAL

The LIFE ON THE ROCK Thanksgiving Day Special with the MFVA Friars

On the left is a copy of the second letter to Fr. Joseph from his great great uncle requesting more copies of the Christmas Novena. On the right are some photos from this year's Thanksgiving Day episode of Life on the Rock where Doug Berry interviewed the MFVA Friars about our way of life. Watch it by going to our MFVA website.

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