

Catholic Cemeteries Association

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November 2022 *Newsletter*

Mt. St. Benedict Cemetery-Bloomfield



*NEW Semi-Private Estates are still
available...inquire today!*



Catholic Cemeteries Association of the Archdiocese of Hartford is pleased to announce the new Semi-Private Family Estates located around the St Benedict statue in our historic Mt St Benedict Cemetery. These exclusive shrub lined individual Semi-Private Family Estate offer two or four grave lots with a complementary granite memorial bench.

A Semi-Private Family Estate provides the opportunity to choose an exceptional resting place with special memorials. It allows your family to maintain a perpetual family bond among multiple generations.

To learn more please call (860) 242-0738 and speak with a Family Service Advisor.

The better educated you are the better choices you can make.

From the Desk of the Executive Director...

Greetings!

November brings us two significant Church feast days, All Saints and All Souls Day November 1st and 2nd respectively. These are very important feasts. All Saints Day because they keep the presence of the Saints, both known and unknown, in our minds as a constant reminder of what we strive for. All Souls Day as a reminder that we should be praying for the souls of our loved ones because they cannot pray for themselves. What a great day to come visit our cemeteries and spend some time in quiet contemplation and prayer for the dearly departed souls who have left us.

We are honored this year to have Most Reverend Leonard Blair the Archbishop of Hartford celebrating All Souls day Mass with us at All Saints Cemetery in North Haven at 10:00 AM. I hope you will be able to join us for this Solemn Mass for the Faithful Departed.

November 11th is Veteran's Day. Another important day to remember those who have served our country to protect and defend the constitutional rights we all enjoy and are ever so thankful for. Thank a veteran for their service to our great nation and the sacrifices they and their families have made.

The beautiful Fall foliage in the New England area reminds us daily of the majesty of God's creation and all that we should be thankful for. November 25th is Thanksgiving Day, a day we reserve for thanking not only God for his gifts in our lives, but also the gift of each other, whether family, friends, or work associates. It is also another opportunity to visit our parks and spend time in thanksgiving for our loved ones who have made such a significant impact on our lives.

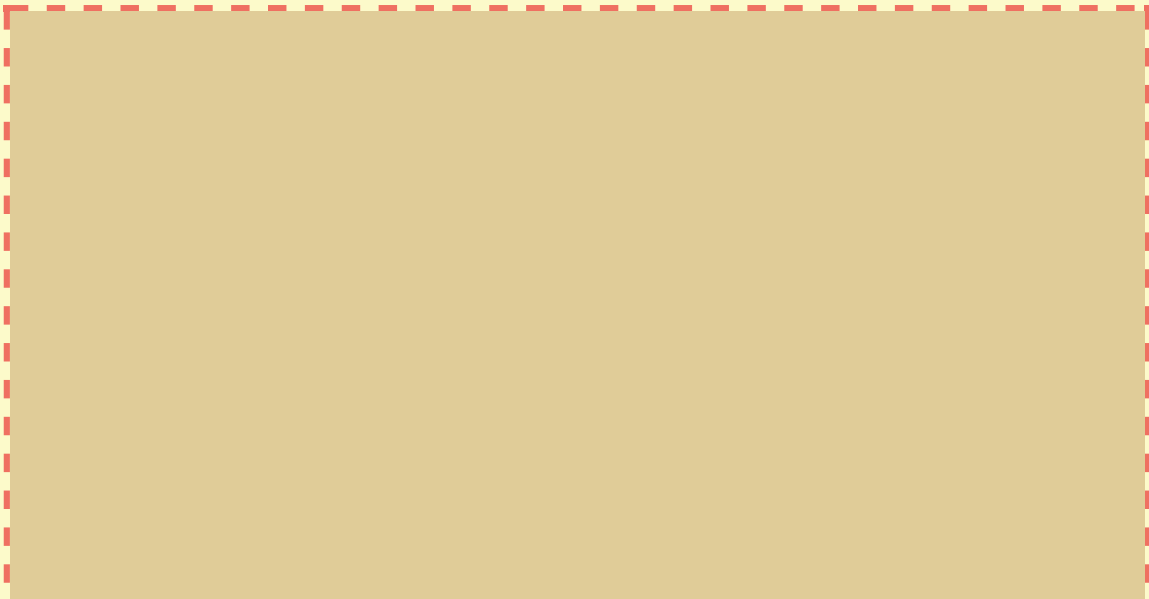
Check out the new sections at Mt St Benedict in Bloomfield, Calvary in Waterbury and All Saints in North Haven. We are always striving to improve the offerings in our parks for your family.

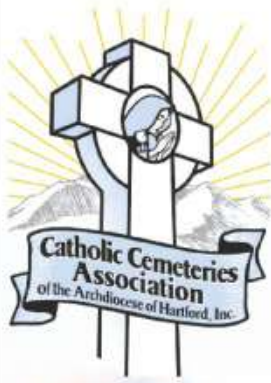
From all of us at CCA we wish you a safe and Blessed Thanksgiving.

Peace,

John Pinone

November Offer...





Catholic Cemeteries Association is making it easier than ever to pre-plan your cemetery arrangements in one of our 30 cemeteries.

Why pre-plan?

- It ensures your wishes are carried out
- It is the greatest gift you can leave your family and loved ones
- It locks in your pricing, without being subjected to price increases in the future

And Catholic Cemeteries Association is making it even easier with our End-Of-2022 Specials!

Purchase any grave or mausoleum crypt and receive 0% financing, with no money down!

**Any space more than \$ 7,500,
pay 24 equal monthly payments for two years***

**Any space less than \$ 7,500,
pay 12 equal monthly payments for one year***

Call one of our Family Service Advisors today for more details! Offer expires 12/31/2022

* Cannot be combined with any other offers. Special applies to Pre-Need sales only.



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All Souls Day!

*Wednesday, November 2nd
at 10:00 AM*

*Join the
Most Reverend
Archbishop Blair for
Mass...*

**All Saints Cemetery
700 Middletown Ave.
North Haven, CT
Office Telephone:
203 239-2557**

Location: Mausoleum



Let's us pray for the Holy Souls!

***NEW!!
At All Saint Cemetery in North Haven***



Our cremation garden is a tranquil area where your loved ones cremains are laid to rest surrounding the Queen of the Universe. The Queen of the Universe cremation

garden is beautifully landscaped section devoted entirely only to 20 double interment spaces. The focal point is a twelve foot statue of our Blessed Mother offering a unique place for gathering, reflection, and prayer.

For more information, please contact us today!

Please meet with one of our professional Family Service Advisors to be part of this exclusive final resting garden.
www.ccacem.org or (203) 239-2557

New Semi-Private Estates at Calvary Cemetery in Waterbury, CT!



The Catholic Cemeteries Association of the Archdiocese of Hartford is proud to announce the

New Semi-Private Estates at Historic

Calvary Cemetery in Waterbury.

Each of these six estates are enclosed individually by shrubs and plantings on consecrated ground. This unique resting place for your family includes a customized memorial bench and a walkway for ease of access. Semi-Private estates create a perpetual legacy for your loved ones.

A Family Service Advisor will be happy to meet with you to share the many options you have to memorialize your loved ones. Please contact us at (203) 754-9105 set an appointment to view this wonderful new section.

Catch us on the Radio!

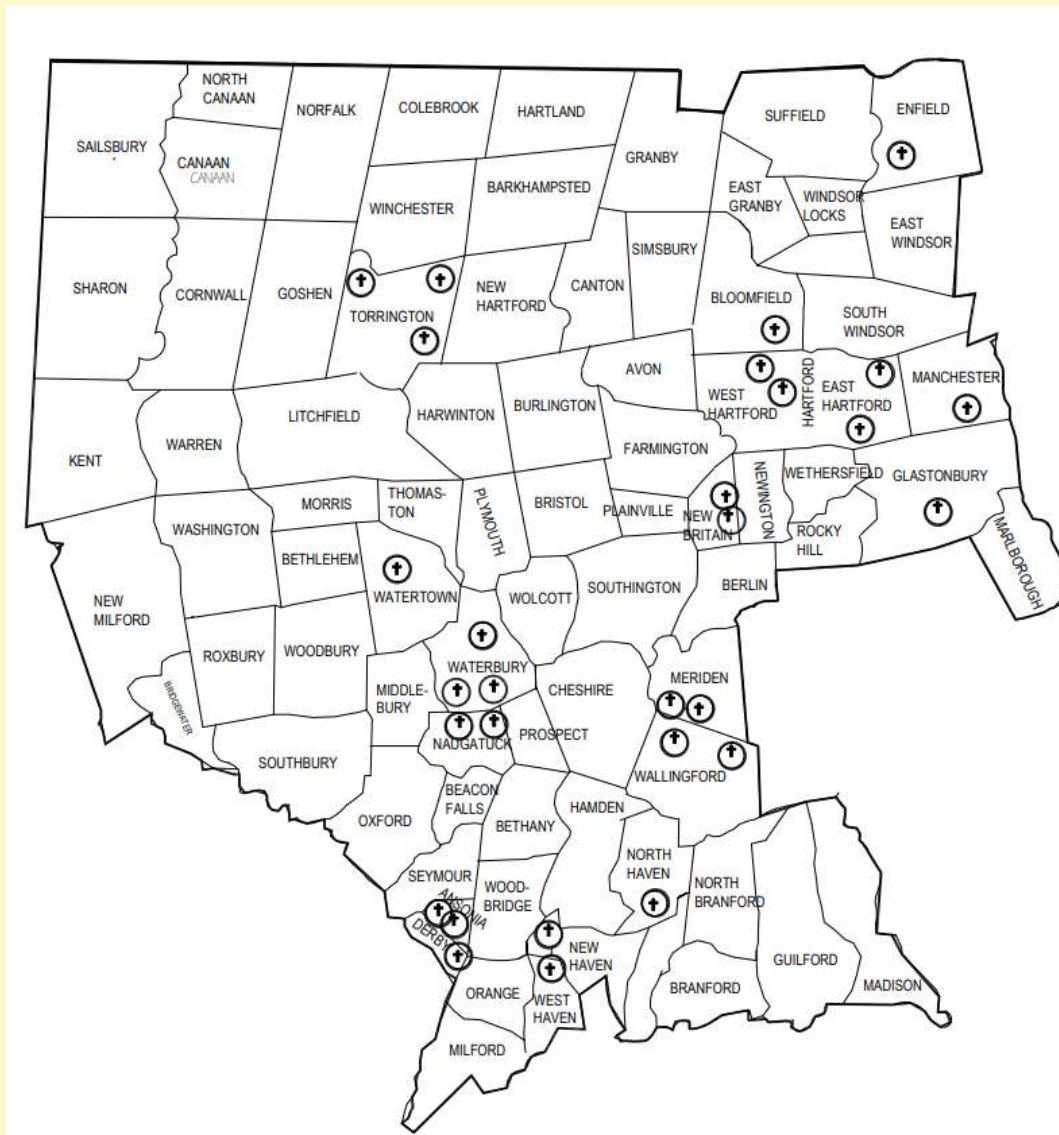


***Join us every Saturday at 11:00 AM on
WDRC the Talk of CT***

Tune in at 1360 AM, 103.3 FM, 1470 AM (Meriden), and 610 AM (Torrington) to hear Chris Radlicz, our Family Service Director, at CCA and President of Catholic Family Services Association speak about the importance of Pre-Planning issues facing Catholic Families as well as a host of other timely subjects important to Catholics. Tune in every Saturday at 11:00 AM on WDRC the Talk of CT

Listen on Talk of CT

Where you can find us...



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Families of the
Archdiocese of Hartford in
three counties!*

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*Need guidance?
Contact a Family Service
Advisor today!*

Congratulations to Lydia Cassarino for 6 years of dedicated service



Lydia Cassarino

Lydia has proudly served as a **Family Service Advisor** with the Catholic Cemeteries Association of the Archdiocese of Hartford for over 6 years in many of our locations mainly Mt. St. Benedict Cemetery in Bloomfield and St. Mary Cemetery in New Britain.

She has always had the passion and compassion of helping others and feels she has truly found her calling. Every family Lydia works with is treated as if they were her own. Whether a family who has experienced a loss or are pre-planning their cemetery needs, her dedication continues with families long after their initial appointment. Each family knows she is always a phone call away and this has brought comfort to countless families. Lydia understands the importance of support, care, and concern for those going through a loss and always makes it a priority to reach out to those families and feels she has been blessed to build long lasting relationships.

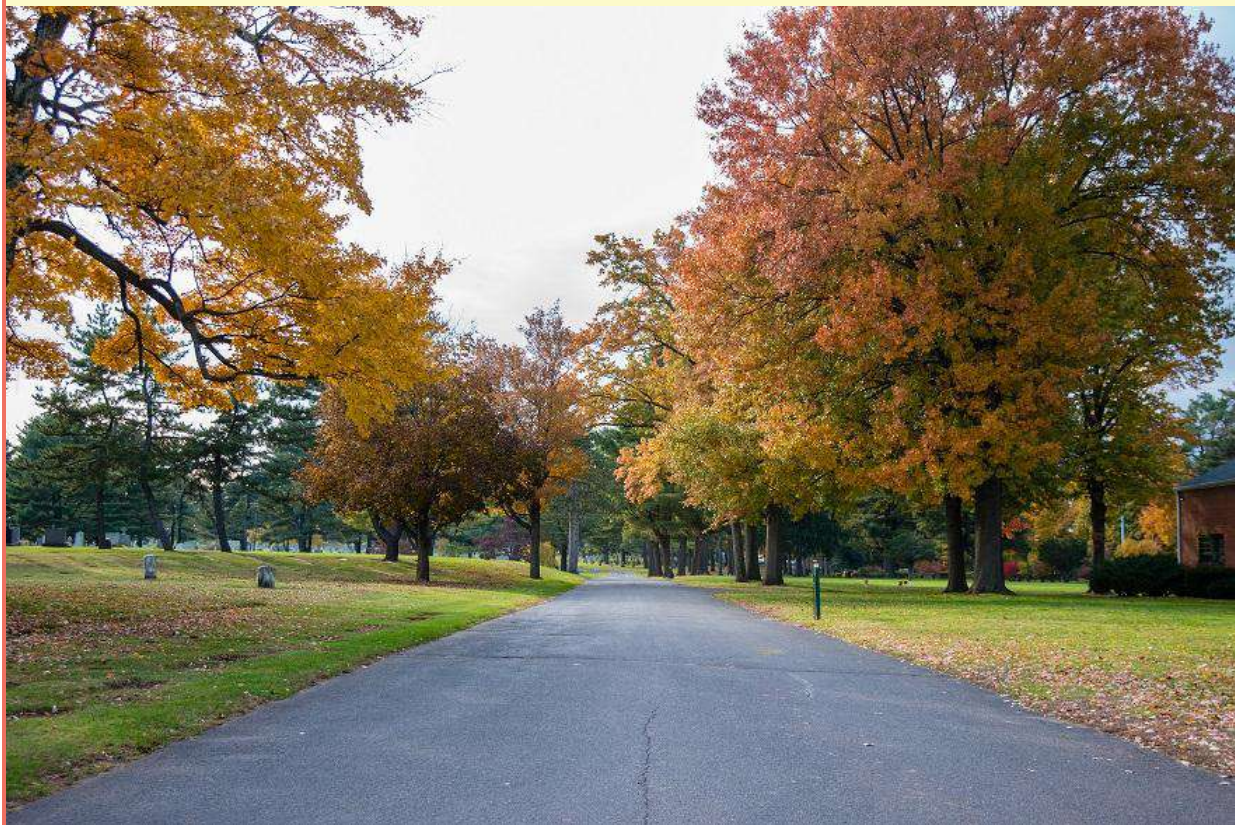
Often asked "How do you do what you do?" Lydia will have the same response..."I love

what I do because I have been blessed and given the opportunity to help others with care and concern through difficult decisions at a difficult time while ensuring each family is given the best education and information to make the most permanent decisions one can make in life."

Contact Lydia:

**email: lcassarino@cccacem.org
or
call her at (203) 507-8328**

Find time for a peaceful visit...



Dignity of Life Seminars!

***An Educational Seminar to help you and your family
prepare for the future with Dignity.***

Learn why Pre-Planning makes good sense \$



This Archdiocesan approved program is successfully assisting parishioners with elder care and end-of-life planning. The goal of the session is to provide

- educational and resource information in the areas of burial, estate planning and information about the Catholic Funeral Plan. Let the experts assist you.

**For your convenience and safety, we will be offering small-sized in-person seminars on the following days or evenings:
All interested must register.**

2022 Schedule:

**Thursday, November 10th
SS Isidore and Maria Parish
Seminar location:
St. Paul Church
Glastonbury, CT
Time: 2:00 PM**

For more information about our Seminars and to register,

please visit
our website www.ccacem.org or call
our Outreach Coordinator,
Barbara Gode (203) 780-8418 or
email her at bgode@ccacem.org

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***Thinking about how to pay for
your Funeral?
We have the answer...
The Catholic Funeral Plan!***

Ask us about the
Catholic Funeral Plan®
Preserving the Catholic Burial Traditions of our families

A faith-based, pre-need plan for you and your loved ones

The Catholic Funeral Plan allows Catholics to make their funeral and cemetery arrangements in advance. The Plan guarantees that, upon your death, the arrangements you've selected will be executed as stated in your Plan, outline and in accordance with the Traditions of the Catholic Faith.

By enrolling in the Catholic Funeral Plan® (CFP), you will be developing a program outline for your funeral service that best suits you. You can choose a funeral home, and select specific arrangements at a cost that meets your budget. At the time of need, your funeral home will make and execute the arrangements.

The CFP will oversee the process, ensuring that your wishes are carried out as you directed and within the guidelines of the Catholic Faith Tradition.

Dramatic changes are taking place today in the way we buy goods and services. Locally-owned banks, grocery stores and drugstores are giving way to regional or national chains. The funeral industry is no exception. Large, publicly-held corporations and regional consolidators are beginning to dominate the industry, driving up prices and changing how funerals are delivered. One of the negative results for Catholic families has been a decrease in the observance

of our Church's traditional liturgical rites for the dead, in particular the Mass of Christian Burial at the parish.

The Catholic Funeral Plan has been developed to safeguard the Church's sacred burial traditions against the forces of change and to guarantee Catholic families the right to be buried in accordance with these traditions at an affordable cost.

What will the CFP offer me and my family?

- An affordable way to preserve the Traditions of the Catholic Faith
- Assurance that your wishes will be executed according to the plan
- Inflation protection with any excess accumulated paid to your beneficiary

Words to ponder...



**Christ Is the
Answer to Human
Pain**

by [*Pope Saint John Paul II*](#)

DESCRIPTIVE TITLE

Visit to the Adolfo Lopez Mateos Hospital in Mexico City

DESCRIPTION

The Holy Father's Message of January 24, 1999 at the Adolfo Lopez Mateos Hospital in Mexico City during his Pastoral visit.

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Dear Brothers and Sisters,

1. As I have done on other Pastoral Visits across the world, on this one, my fourth to Mexico, I also wanted to share with you, dear sick people hospitalized in this centre named after Adolfo López Mateos and through you with all the other sick of the country a few moments of prayer and hope. I would like to assure you of my affection and, at the same time, I join in your prayer and that of your loved ones, asking God, through the intercession of the Blessed Virgin of Guadalupe, for fitting health of body and soul, the full identification of your sufferings with those of Christ and the search for reasons which, based on faith, help us to understand the meaning of human suffering.

I feel very close to each one of those suffering, as well as to the doctors and other health-care professionals who offer their selfless service to the sick. I would like my voice to transcend these walls to bring Christ's voice to all the sick and to all health-care workers, and to offer in this way a word of comfort in their illness and of encouragement in the mission of assistance, recalling in particular the value of suffering within the framework of the Saviour's redemptive work.

Suffering is one of the mysteries of human life To be with you, to serve you with love and skill, is not only a humanitarian and social work, but above all an eminently evangelical activity, since Christ himself invites us to imitate the Good Samaritan, who, on seeing

the suffering man on the wayside, did not "pass by on the other side" but "had compassion and went to him and bound up his wounds ... and took care of him" (Lk 10: 32-34). Many pages of the Gospel describe Jesus' meetings with those burdened by various illnesses. Thus St Matthew tells us that Jesus "went about all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and preaching the gospel of the kingdom and healing every disease and every infirmity among the people. So his fame spread throughout all Syria, and they brought him all the sick, those afflicted with various diseases and pains, demoniacs, epileptics, and paralytics, and he healed them" (Mt 4: 23-24). When St Peter, following in Christ's footsteps, reached the Beautiful Gate of the temple, he made a lame man walk (cf. Acts 3: 2-5), and when rumours of what had happened spread, "they even carried out the sick into the streets, and laid them on beds and pallets, that as Peter came by at least his shadow might fall on some of them" (ibid., 5: 15-16). From the beginning, the Church, moved by the Holy Spirit, has wanted to follow the example of Jesus in this regard, and thus she considers it a duty and a privilege to stay beside the suffering person and to nurture a preferential love for the sick. I therefore wrote in the Apostolic Letter *Salvifici doloris*: "Born of the mystery of Redemption in the Cross of Christ, the Church has to try to meet man in a special way on the path of his suffering. In this meeting man 'becomes the way for the Church', and this way is one of the most important ones" (n. 3).

2. Man is called to joy and to a happy life, but everyday he experiences many forms of pain, and illness is the most frequent and common expression of human suffering. In the face of it we spontaneously wonder: "Why do we suffer? For what do we suffer? What does people's suffering mean? Can physical or moral pain be a positive experience? Each one of us has certainly asked these questions more than once, either from our bed of pain, during convalescence, before undergoing surgery, or whenever we have seen a loved

one suffer.

For Christians these are not unanswerable questions. Suffering is a mystery, often inscrutable to reason. It is part of the mystery of the human person, which is only explained in Jesus Christ, the One who reveals to man his own identity. Only through him will we find the meaning of all that is human. "Suffering", as I wrote in the Apostolic Letter *Salvifici doloris*, "cannot be transformed and changed by a grace from outside, but from within.... However, this interior process does not always follow the same pattern.... Christ does not answer directly and he does not answer in the abstract this human questioning about the meaning of suffering. Man hears Christ's saving answer as he himself gradually becomes a sharer in the sufferings of Christ. The answer which comes through this sharing ... is above all a call: "Follow me!". Come! Take part through your suffering in this work of saving the world, a salvation achieved through my suffering! Through my Cross" (n. 26). This is why, when faced with the enigma of suffering, we Christians can say: "Your will be done, Lord", and repeat with Jesus: "My Father, if it be possible, let this cup pass from me; nevertheless, not as I will, but as you will" (Mt 26: 39).

3. Man's greatness and dignity consist in being a child of God and being called to live in intimate union with Christ. This participation in his life brings with it a sharing in his pain. The most innocent of men the God made man was the great sufferer who took upon himself the weight of our failings and sins. When he announced to his disciples that the Son of Man had to suffer much, to be crucified and on the third day to rise again, he also warned that anyone who wanted to come after him would have to deny himself, take up his cross each day and follow him (cf. Lk 9: 22ff.). Therefore there is a close relationship between Jesus' Cross a symbol of supreme suffering and the price of our true freedom and our pains, sufferings, afflictions, hardships and anguish which can weigh on our souls or take root in our bodies. Suffering is

transformed and elevated, when in those moments we become aware of God's closeness and solidarity. This is the certainty that gives inner peace and spiritual joy to the person who suffers generously and offers his pain "as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God" (Rom 12: 1). The person who suffers in this way is not a burden to others, but by his own suffering contributes to the salvation of all.

With Christ even suffering and death have meaning. Seen in this way, illness and the darker moments of human life acquire a profound dimension, even one of hope. We are never alone before the mystery of suffering: we are with Christ who gives meaning to all life: in moments of peace and joy, as well as in moments of affliction and sorrow. With Christ, everything has meaning, even suffering and death; without him, nothing can be fully explained, not even the legitimate pleasures God has joined to the various moments of human life.

4. The position of sick persons in the world and in the Church is not in any way passive. In this respect, I would like to recall the words which the Synod Father addressed to them at the end of the Seventh Ordinary General Assembly of the Synod of Bishops: "We need you to teach the whole world what love is. We will do everything we can so that you may find your rightful place in the Church and in society" (*Per Concilii semitas ad Populum Dei Nuntius*, n. 13; *L'Osservatore Romano* English edition, 2 November 1987, p. 11). As I wrote in my Apostolic Exhortation *Christifideles laici*: "The Lord addresses his call to each and every one. Even the sick are sent forth as labourers into the Lord's vineyard: the weight that wearies the body's members and dissipates the soul's serenity is far from dispensing a person from working in the vineyard. Instead the sick are called to live their human and Christian vocation and to participate in the growth of the kingdom of God in a new and even more valuable manner.... Many of the sick can become bearers of the 'joy inspired by the Holy Spirit in much afflictions' (1 Thes

1: 6), and be witnesses to Jesus' Resurrection" (n. 53). In this regard, we should remember that those who live in sickness are not only called to unite their suffering with the Passion of Christ, but to play an active part in the proclamation of the Gospel, bearing witness by their own faith experience to the strength of the new life and happiness that come from encountering the risen Lord (cf. 2 Cor 4: 10-11; 1 Pt 4: 13; Rom 8: 18ff.).

Thank you for the prayers you offer for my ministry. With these thoughts, I have wished to inspire in each and every one of you the sentiments which enable us to undergo these present trials in a supernatural way, seeing them as an opportunity to discover God among the shadows and doubts and to glimpse the broad horizons that can be seen from the height of our daily crosses.

5. I would like to extend my greetings to all the sick in Mexico, many of whom are following this visit on radio or television; to their relatives, friends and all who help them during these moments of trial; to the medical and health-care staffs, who contribute their knowledge and care to overcoming or at least to lightening them; to the civil authorities concerned with the progress of hospitals and other treatment centres in the various states throughout the country. I would especially like to mention the consecrated persons who live their religious charism in the health-care field, as well as the priests and other pastoral workers who help them find comfort and hope in faith.

I cannot fail to express my gratitude for the prayers and sacrifices so many of you offer for me and my ministry as Pastor of the universal Church.

As I give this Message to Bishop José Lizares Estrada, Auxiliary of Monterrey and President of the Episcopal Commission for Health-Care Ministry, I again offer you my greetings and my affection in the Lord, and through the intercession of Our Lady of Guadalupe, who said to Bl. Juan Diego, "Am I not your health?", thus revealing herself as the One we Christians call upon with the title

"Salus infirmorum", I cordially impart to you my Apostolic Blessing.

Resource: <https://www.catholicculture.org/culture/library/view.cfm?recnum=843>

As we gather together...



Please share with us your response to...what you are grateful for this year? We would like to post your responses in our December/January newsletter.

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From Our Family to Yours...



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help*

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