

**Companions on the Journey**

**April 24, 2022**

Dear Friends,

Last week (Holy Week) I heard a lot of confessions and it was very good. On Monday I heard for maybe three hours total and one of the themes that began to emerge and which ran through the entire week was from parents whose young adult children have walked away from the practice of their Catholic Faith. The thinking was often described along these lines. The Catholic Church has lost her moral authority because of the scandals of the bad priests and the resisting bishops. And because of the Catholic Church's position on several of the moral and sexual issues of this era. What the Church offers may be good and all for some people and those who want to believe but not really that necessary. "I am a good person," they say. "I try to live a good life." I know all of that is there and I will check back in from time to time when I feel it's necessary but until then I have better uses for my Saturday nights and Sunday mornings.

The parents whose children have gone away are concerned, frustrated and oftentimes feel helpless even to find a way in. Several asked me to preach on the issue soon and I will. I will also ask Our Lord just what He wants me to say because He knows the way in to every human heart. That night I awoke in the midst of a dream. I do not experience that this very often. In the morning the dream was still clearly there. Our Lord said that before I leave Saint Anthony's He wants me to establish Perpetual Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. Twenty-four hours a day and seven days a week. He wants me to create a Chapel specifically for this purpose.

I am to use the area of the old garage which is by The Paduan Room entrance. The whole garage is to be transformed into a Chapel. The Chapel is to be named The Chapel of Prayer For Our Children. It is to be open to all. There is to be around the clock prayer for the intention of the restoration of the faith of our children. All Our Children.

So we are going to do this. I already began scoping out the area and we can do something very nice which will transform a garage into a chapel. There is no need for me to do any consulting with parish organizations in this instance. When Our Lord makes his will known in such fashion (which is pretty rare) my responsibility is to receive the mandate and put it into practice as soon and as best as possible. The Lord also said that He would see to it that the necessary resources would be provided.

One of our upcoming Jubilee Projects for this year is the renovation of The Paduan Room into a much more User-friendly Meeting space, carpeted, expanded which is properly ventilated and with access to bathroom facilities. So all of this is on the parish plate for this summer into the fall. This is a heads up and pledge on my part to respond to what Our Lord is asking. For you, it is to make the decision to be one of the many who will volunteer to spend an hour each week in adoration before the Blessed Sacrament and praying for our children. You will be hearing more about this in the days and weeks ahead.

Blessings of Peace,

Msgr. McHenry