

Apostolate Letter – September, 2007

I realize that this letter is a little late, but, as you may already know, I have had the opportunity the past few weeks to unite myself more closely with those to whom this letter is addressed.

After two weeks in the hospital I am now recuperating from a fall I suffered in August.

Although I have had the opportunity to be a live-in chaplain at St. Paul's Hospital, Vancouver for five years in the 1970's and, as a parish priest, have visited the sick, this was my first time as a patient. It gave me the opportunity, first, to be thankful to God for my good health; then, to realize in some little way the sufferings that many endure for a great part of their life; and finally, to be grateful for the many prayers that were offered for me and the care given by those who work in the hospital.

In this letter I want to join myself with the sick in uniting any and all our pains with the sufferings of Jesus who has made our offering acceptable in His own passion.

Intentions for the month of August.

General – *For unity among all Christians* – That the ecumenical assembly of Sibiu in Romania may contribute to the growth of unity among all Christians, for whom the Lord prayed at the Last Supper.

Mission – *For all missionaries* – That, following Christ joyfully, all missionaries may know how to overcome the difficulties they meet in everyday life.

Diocesan – *For the students and staff of our Catholic schools and our parish Catechists* – that as the new school years begins God may bless those who have accepted to assist parents in bringing children into a closer relationship with Jesus not only by their teaching, but also by the example of their lives of virtue.

May Jesus, Mary and Joseph accompany you each day!

Yours in Christ,

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