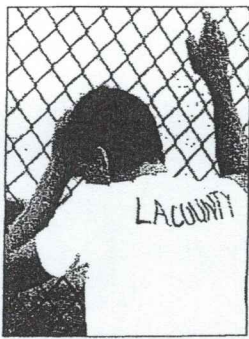


ANSWERING THE CALL:

"For I was in prison and you visited me." Matt. 25:36

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Over 202,000 Rosaries distributed!

Although we have been distributing rosaries on and off to the men in prison for a long time, at times, we are NOT permitted to do so. Therefore, any rosaries sent to us, will be distributed to other ministries and activities (street ministry, abortion clinics, etc). We are very thankful to everyone who has sent us (and still does)

To date, we've distributed 202,070 Rosaries!

2015 Financial Snapshot!

- January 2015 **-\$675.08 BELOW** expenses ☹
- February 2015 \$306.67 Above expenses ☺
- March 2015 \$385.23 Above expenses ☺
- April 2015 \$106.87 Above expenses ☺
- May 2015 **-\$171.31 BELOW** expenses ☹
- June 2015 \$913.05 Above expenses ☺
- July 2015 **-\$30.01 BELOW** expenses ☹
- August 2015 **-\$213.44 BELOW** expenses ☹

Because of your help, we're staying ahead of expenses for 2015. Thank YOU!

If you'd like to help us to stay ahead of our expenses for 2015, you can send us your donation with your response slip enclosed. Thank You!

(Contact us if you wish additional detailed information)

From The Founding Director: Tim Page

I had a booth at our church fiesta, to promote the ministry as well as to sell a few religious items, hoping to create some additional funding. One young boy (around 9 or 10) who I have known him and his family for a long time, came by eating a plate of nachos with plenty of cheese. As he lifted one chip covered with cheese, it dripped on his white dress shirt (they had just come out of attending the Vietnamese Mass). I said, "Oh, I'm going to tell your mom!" and he replied, "That's ok, I do the laundry!"... So I continued, "Well, then, I'll bring you my socks and boxers, and shirts, and pants, and... and you can wash them for me". His reply? "No thank you (always so polite), and then I added, 'Well, that



doesn't sound very Christian like, since you're supposed to be like 'Jesus', and well, wouldn't HE wash my clothes?" His reply, floored me. "Jesus washed feet, NOT clothes!" Gotta love the youth, huh! A true story! We hope that the articles in this simple newsletter will inspire you to contribute to the future years of Total Involvement Ministry.

God bless You, *Jim*

God Calling

(From the book of the same name edited by A.J. Russell (ISBN#0-8007-8096-5) who considered it an honor to prepare for publication to the public, the words that two lonely women in England were given by the Living Christ Himself! They seek no praise and these 'two listeners' wish to remain anonymous. Perhaps like them, you will find that YOU are no longer one and alone, but united with the Great Companion and Guide,

Feel Plenty

Live in My Secret Place and there the feeling is one of full satisfaction. You are to feel plenty. The store houses of God are full to overflowing, but you must see this in your mind. Be sure of this before you can realize it in material form. Think thoughts of plenty. See yourselves as Daughters (Sons) of a King. I have told you this. Wish plenty for yourselves, and all you care for and long to help. October 15th reflection

Prisoner's Prayer Request: Would you PRAY for them?

Every Saturday, volunteers led by one of our Board Members, visits a maximum-security prison. This is one prayer request that was submitted for your prayers.

I ask of you to pray for the health and safety of my children, my wife, my family, friends and enemies (and for the whole world) Peace and Love worldwide!
Rafael

Please consider helping us to meet our monthly obligations with your regular prayers.

Be a Pal! Become a PEN PAL!

Make a positive difference in YOUR own life and in the life of an incarcerated individual. Become a PEN PAL.

Contact our office (818) 893-7059 for additional information.

Let's get connected!

If you have an email address, please send it to us at:

totalinvolvement@gmail.com

Visit us on the world wide web @

www.angelfire.com/la3/totalinvolvement

Fervor in God's Service

This column is a newsletter regular feature, from the book *"MY DAILY BREAD"*. (by Rev. Anthony J. Paone, S.J. 1954).

CHRIST MIGHT SAY:

My child, read the lives of My saints and consider their wonderful fervor in following My Will. Fervor is a prompt and ready will to follow whatever I desire. It is not a matter of feeling or mood, but a loyal attachment to My Will. Can you say that you are living a life that matches the unselfishness of My saints? They were unable to say "no" to Me, no matter what I asked of them. Whether it was sickness, labors, failures, or criticisms, My saints did their best, accepting, and even preferring, whatever I sent them. Imitate their loyalty to My Will, and you will experience their peace of soul. Your labors will seem less difficult because I will give you greater graces. The fervent man is eager to know My Will in the various events of daily life. Though his feelings and moods may change, his will is ever the same, to please me in all things. Indeed, his greatest satisfaction comes from following My Holy Will

THINK:

The more I learn to think straight, the better will I see the inner simplicity of earthly life. I was put on earth to gain the eternal glory and joy of Heaven. I shall earn this unimaginable happiness in proportion as I reflect the goodness of God in my daily life. He wants me to become daily more like His Son in my thinking, thoughts and Will, and they earnestly tried to live each day as God desired. They knew that God's way was the only intelligent way. They grew in strength through the sacraments, prayer, and an

honest daily effort. They learned to do many things which had once seemed too difficult or even impossible.

PRAY:

My God, the reason why I make so many mistakes is that I do not take the time to learn Your holy Will more clearly. Another reason is that I am afraid to try. Still another reason is that when I try, I do not make a full and generous effort. I am bound to fail if I try to improve by my natural effort alone. If I made more frequent use of the sacraments, prayer, solitude, meditation and reading, my success would be assured. But no; I make a good resolution and then expect my old faults to disappear. You want determined action. Lord, time is so short, please do not let me waste any more of it with half hearted efforts and incomplete measures. Let me strive to understand what You desire of me, and let me use every help at my disposal to follow Your holy Will in my daily life. Amen.

Make copies of our newsletters and share them with others. With the proper approval, you might take some to your church, prayer group, the break room where you work. It's a great way to let other people know of our efforts, as well as to give them the opportunity to live the Gospel. Thanks, we appreciate your help!

In appreciation for your support,

We have the Holy Mass offered the last Wednesday of every month for YOUR intentions.

Next Mass **October 28th, 2015 8:30 a.m.**

As long as this ministry continues, we'll have Masses said!
Send back your Mass intention slip TODAY!

In God we Trust!

Since our inception in 1989, not one person has even been paid to work for Total Involvement Ministry, and that includes our founder/director who devotes 100% of his time to this cause. This is because of the proposal he made with God when he started the ministry, "I'll give 24/7 (24 hours a day, 7 days a week) to serving Your people, and You (God) agree to provide necessities of life."



God can be trusted for our regular Daily Providential needs. There are different ways that you can help us, but our primary need is always for 'workers for the vineyard'! We hope that you'll take the time to reply to this newsletter and let us know how God might be calling YOU to help. Thanks!

How are YOU treating Jesus?

Our Church is really great at a lot of things. No one feeds more of the worlds' hungry and clothes more of the worlds' naked than the Catholic Church. This is as it should be, because as our Lord Himself declared, 'how we treat people who need us, is how we treat HIM. A sobering thought if perhaps we're not doing all we could. According to Jesus, our very salvation can depend on it! One of the areas in which our Church could really improve, however, is how she visits those in prison. True enough, there are a number of dedicated ministries that seek to meet the spiritual needs of those in prison, but we live in a culture that largely demonizes the imprisoned, and that attitude tends to affect us without our even realizing it. I know this was true in my case...Until I became an inmate, myself! The truth is, I have been blessed far beyond anything I could ever deserve. It was in prison that God brought me out of darkness into His Church. He's shown me that I have gifts to offer to my brothers and sisters that I'd never known I had. But as Blessed Teresa of Calcutta said, "The greatest threat to many is a kind of poverty of affection, of love." In other words, we're lonely. This is especially true for those of us in prison. We are largely cut off from family, many of us completely abandoned by those we held dear. I don't really know how to describe the sense of utter solitude and desolation of heart that one can experience in prison. I am not saying that we shouldn't be punished for our crimes, but can there not also be compassion? It is not practical for most people to physically visit those in prison, but nearly everyone can write to those in prison. This kind of 'visit' takes only a little time and a stamp. You don't have to send money ---ever. You don't have to be a theologian or a saint. Just be a friend. And please, prayerfully considering 'visiting' Jesus in prison!

Joseph (Soledad Prison)

Don't sweat the small stuff.....
And it's all small stuff!

By: Richard Carlson, PH.D

Acknowledge the Totality of Your Being

Zorba the Greek was said to have described himself as "the whole catastrophe." The truth is, we're all the whole catastrophe, only we wish that we weren't. We deny the parts of ourselves that we deem unacceptable rather than accepting the fact that we're all less than perfect. One of the reasons it's important to accept all aspects of yourself is that it allows you to be easier on yourself, more compassionate. When you act or feel insecure, rather than pretending to be 'together,' you can open to the truth and say to yourself, "I'm feeling frightened and that's okay." If you're feeling a little jealous, greedy, or angry, rather than deny or bury your feelings, you can open to them, which helps you move through them quickly and grow beyond them. When you no longer think of your negative feelings as a big deal, or as something to fear, you will no longer be as frightened by them. When you open to the totality of your being you no longer have to pretend that your life is perfect, or even hope that it will be. Instead you can accept

yourself as you are, right now. When you acknowledge the less than perfect parts of yourself, something magical begins to happen. Along with the negative, you'll also begin to notice the positive, the wonderful aspects of yourself that you may not have given yourself credit for, or perhaps even been aware of. You'll notice that while you may, at times, act with self-interest in mind, at other times you're incredibly selfless. Sometimes you may act insecure or frightened, but most often you are courageous. While you can certainly get uptight, you can also be quite relaxed. Opening to the totality of your being is like saying to yourself, "I may not be perfect, but I'm okay just the way I am." When negative characteristics arise you can begin to recognize them as part of a bigger picture. Rather than judging and evaluating yourself simply because you're human, see if you can treat yourself with loving-kindness and great acceptance. You may indeed be "the whole catastrophe," but you can relax about it. So are the rest of us.

Do you receive in the mail various medals, crosses, holy cards, etc. from missionary groups and other religious organizations, and don't really know what to do with them? If so, consider becoming a parish representative to 'collect these items' from other parishioners and sending them occasionally to us for use in our street ministry. The youth are always grateful to have these small tokens of faith and hope. Call for more info: (818) 893-7059 **NOTE: There has been a change to this program, so PLEASE call us before sending any packages. Thanks!**

PRAYER HOTLINE NUMBER

A monastery of Teresian Carmelites in Worcester, MA has a 24 hours a day/7 days a week 'prayerline' just for you. Founded in 1982, the nuns will pray for any need (specifically) for 30 days continuously. Simply call (508) 581-8947. It's completely confidential. And heh, I won't mind if you ask them to pray for our needs when you call them. For prayer is the least we can do....*Thanks to Joan Atvell for sharing this spiritual information A with us!*

Update on YOU TUBE video!

Back in July 2014 when we were attempting to 'buy' the house that we had rented for 25 years (but was now going to be sold), a friend, Thomas created a video which was posted to You Tube. You can visit www.youtube.com and search for Total Involvement Ministry or type <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fHreaXPgwRY> and our video will be the #1 viewing (with myself starting the video). Please take a moment if you haven't already and view it. Thanks!

A penny a minute!

In our ministry, we make it a #1 Priority to always show appreciation for anything that people send to us, for their prayers or donations of whatever kind. Currently, it would cost 49 cents to send a first class letter, so we went to postcards (at 34 cents). Now we have a one-cent a minute phone card, or email to choose from (FREE!).... So, would you consider sending us your EMAIL ADDRESS or your phone number? Neither one will be shared with any outside sources! Just the cheapest way to say THANKS!

**Consider as part of your tithing:
Total Involvement Ministry
of your 'first fruits' back to God!**

Praying God's Purposes For your City ©

Praying for CHILDREN

(from the book of the same name by Ernie Frederick)

Children are a gift from God. (psalm 127:3) is God's clear declaration in Scripture. And God's design for children is that they grow up like Jesus, obedient to their parents and 'growing in wisdom and stature, and in favor with god and men' (Luke 2:52) As you pray for the children of your city, pray for God to build into children His whole person design for their:

SPIRITUAL LIFE: Praying for them to know, love and worship God (John 17:3), to develop Christ like lifestyles (Eph 4:13), to grow in the Body of Christ (Acts 2:42) and to serve the Lord in their lives (Luke 24:45)

PERSONAL LIFE: Praying for them to have good health habits (Prov 4:20-23), to use talents and abilities well (Matt 25:14-21) to carefully manage their 'stuff' (Luke 16:10) and to wisely use their time, energy, money and life priorities (Eph 5:15-21)

FAMILY AND HOME LIFE: Praying for God to unite the family in His love (I John 4:9-11), for parents to nurture and train them (Deut. 6:6-7), for children to honor and obey parents (Eph. 6:1-3), and for children to do 'chores' willingly (Phil. 2:3-4)

SCHOOL AND WORK LIFE: Praying for them to love learning and knowledge (Prov. 2:6), to learn good work habits (Deut. 6:6-7), to work well under authority (Co. 3:22-25), and to discover God's life calling (I Peter 4:10-11)

FRIENDSHIP AND SOCIAL LIFE: Praying for them to develop genuine friendships (Prov. 17:17), to do constructive activities (Col. 3:17), to rest, relax, and enjoy life (Matt. 11:28-30), to have a heart for the needy (Matt. 25:34-36)

SPECIAL NEEDS, PROBLEMS, CHALLENGES: Praying for them to experience God's forgiveness (psalm 32:5), to overcome fears and worries (Phil. 4:6), to turn trials into spiritual growth (James 1:2-3), and to live with personal limitations (II Corin. 12:9)

Don't forget to PRAY for your own children and grandchildren, nieces and nephews, and children in your neighborhood.

REMINDERS

- It takes effort to send our newsletter to you. If you no longer wish to receive it, let us know. Simply call us at (818) 893-7059 and we'll delete your computer record. If you move, please save us money by sending us your change of address EARLY! A penny saved, is a penny for ministry!
- Prayer is VITAL to this ministry. Our director attends DAILY MASS seeking God's direction for the ministry and his personal life. Please join us in asking God to provide for all our needs on a daily basis.
- Although there are almost 1,300 people in our database, only 200 people receive the newsletter each month. Maybe you have been getting our newsletter each month, but would rather not. We can take care of that quickly, but we need to 'hear from you' in order to adjust our records. By phone, snail or e-mail, simply let us know. Hope to hear from you.

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...has as its purpose to bring God's unconditional love, forgiveness and assurance to individuals, but especially those involved in some way in the detention system. We do this through prevention, intervention, and follow-up. In addition, via this monthly newsletter and speaking engagements, T.I.M. hopes to educate our society about our youth and how best to communicate with them and to their needs. This is best expressed in our mission, "Answering the Call: for I was in prison and you visited Me". T.I.M. is a non-profit, tax-exempt and deductible religious outreach organization, which began as a 'grass-roots' ministry in March of 1989 but was incorporated on August 14, 1991 (incorporation #1499950). Its' Federal I.D. number is 95-4344329. It has been granted 501-c-3 Tax Exemption Status by the Internal Revenue Service as well as the State of California.

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EXTRA thoughts....

- Pray for this month's prisoner
- Read Reminder Box (change of address, etc.)
- Send in PRAYER INTENTION slip for Mass
- Stay connected via phone, email, or snail-mail!
- Review number of rosaries we've distributed
- Save us money! Send us your phone/email info
- Be a parish collector of medals/card and send to us!
- Consider making copies and sharing our newsletter!
- Use the prayer hotline: 508-581-8947

If you would like to consider helping our ministry, EVEN after your entrance into Eternal Life, please consider including Total Involvement Ministry in your 'last will and testament'. Contact Tim for details at (818) 893-7059...