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A Portrait of Blessed Kateri Tekakwitha is seen at the Sacred Heart Retreat Center in Gallup, N.M. Pope Benedict XVI has advanced the sainthood cause of Kateri, the first Native American to be beatified. The church has recognized the second miracle needed for her canonization.

Native American clears hurdle to sainthood

Miracle attributed to Kateri Tekakwitha's intervention

SEATTLE (CNS) -- Elsa and Donny Finkbonner of St. Joseph Parish in Ferndale had no doubt that their young son's recovery from a deadly flesh-eating bacteria almost six years ago was a miracle.

On Dec. 19, Pope Benedict XVI confirmed that when he signed a decree acknowledging a miracle attributed to the intervention of Blessed Kateri Tekakwitha in the recovery of Jake Finkbonner from the rare and potentially fatal disease, necrotizing fasciitis.

In February 2006, just before his sixth birthday, the boy was playing basketball when he suffered a cut on his lip that enabled the bacteria to invade his bloodstream. Days later, he was near death at Children's Orthopedic Hospital and Medical Center in Seattle.

Because the family is part Native American, Father Tim Sauer, then-St. Joseph pastor, suggested they pray to God through Blessed Kateri (1656-1680), a Mohawk woman who devoted her short life to her Catholic faith and to caring for the sick and elderly. Known as the Lily of the Mohawks, she was beatified in 1980, the first native North American

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The consecrated life: A great gift of God

As we begin a new calendar year, we reflect on the many gifts received from the Lord in 2011 and before. One such gift is the religious life, those women and men living a consecrated vocation in a religious community. Blessed John Paul II taught: "Religious bring the People of God into contact with the Redemption by the evangelical and ecclesial witness they bear by word and example to the message of Jesus."

My first awareness of religious sisters was as a second grader at Seven Dolores Catholic Grade School in Manhattan. The Sisters of St. Joseph of Concordia taught me; some were probably praying that I would be a priest some day! My fourth grade teacher, Sister

Join us on Feb. 4 for our celebration of the Consecrated Life. Speak with a religious sister or a religious priest serving in our diocese – they will tell you all about the blessings God has given them in their calling.

Leo Frances, recently died; may God bring her soul to the heavenly glory. I thank those sisters, and the many other religious sisters and brothers who have brought the faith of Jesus and His Church to me, and continue to influence me in my episcopal ministry.

On Saturday, Feb. 4 we will have a special Mass in thanksgiving for the Consecrated Religious serving in the Catholic Diocese of Dodge City. This Holy Mass will be at 10:30 a.m. in the Dominican Motherhouse in Great Bend, with lunch following.

I invite you to join me in cel-



**+ Most Rev. John B. Brungardt
Bishop of the Catholic Diocese of Dodge City**

celebrating the gift of our consecrated religious who minister to and with us.

Blessed John Paul II wrote to the Bishops of the United States: "The religious life in the United States has indeed been a great gift of God to the Church and to your country. From the early colonial days, by the grace of God, the evangelizing zeal of outstanding men and women religious, encouraged and sustained by the

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'This is where God wants me' Priest finds deep devotion among religious, laity alike serving at missions

WASHINGTON (CNS) -- Education is key to the Catholic Church's evangelization efforts among Native Americans, and St. Anthony Indian Mission School in Zuni, N.M., is "a case in point," said Father Wayne Paysse.

Last October, the priest, executive director of the Washington-based Black and Indian Mission Office, visited the school in the Diocese of Gallup, N.M., which encompasses seven Indian tribes.

Principal Deborah Goering showed him around the elementary school. Accompanied by a reporter and photographer from Catholic News Service, Father Paysse stopped in every classroom, talking to the teachers, teachers' aides, and students.

In a Christmas blog on his website, www.blackandindianmission.org, he said the visit was like the "magi experience" when I saw the smiling faces of the Zuni youth. They were like bright shining stars that gave a glow of joy, peace, and a great sense of faith."

"The children and their teachers, along with their principal, shared a real treasure with me as I walked through the classrooms and school campus," he wrote.

"We feel that there is nothing greater than the positive impact on evangelization among our Catholic Indian mission schools from a good teacher," Father Paysse told CNS in an interview in his office in early

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OFFICIAL APPOINTMENT

Bishop John B. Brungardt announces the following appointment:

Effective Jan. 2, 2012, Father Cosmas Nwosuh, a member of the Missionaries of St. Paul from Nigeria, is appointed parochial vicar of St. Dominic, Garden

City and St. Stanislaus, Ingalls.

**By order of the Most Rev. Bishop John B. Brungardt
Sister Janice Grochowsky, CSJ, JCL,
Chancellor**

'Another Way'

Our children are trained to become good doctors, good businessmen, and good engineers, but they are never apprenticed in what matters most ... in the *art of living*.

Any new year is naturally filled with new energy, new promise, and new hope. But it can sustain all these things only if we approach it in "another way."

We have been reflecting in this last month on the role of work in our lives, its original importance, this tending of the Garden of God. But sin often leaves work with an unlovely face.

It is a proud, and a scheming, and a grasping face: it wants everything for itself. Work can crowd out all else. It can exalt itself into the very end and purpose of a life. That's an unlovely face, indeed. We are not made for work. Work is made for us.

There is thus more to life than learning to be a good farmer or rancher. There is more to life than learning to be a good mechanic or plumber. There is more to life than learning to be a good accountant or a good broker (ask Bernie Madoff about that one). Yet so much of our education focuses solely on creating a good *work force*, on instilling a proper *work ethic*, on making us over into *smart consumers*. Mind-boggling impoverishment, this, in this land of plenty.

Our children are trained to become good doctors, good businessmen, and good engineers, but they are never apprenticed in

what matters most ... in the *art of living*. They might be prepared to build successful careers, but are they prepared ... in any way, shape, or form ... to make a good life? In making the world that is their marriages? In rearing their children? In forming authentic friendships? In relating to God, their Origin and End?

I think not. And, if you will examine your lives in the cold light of a January day, you will think not too. Something else is called for in approaching our work. *Another Way* ... this is needed if our New Year is to be genuinely new.



+ Most Rev.
Ronald M. Gilmore
*Bishop Emeritus
of Dodge City*

Save the Date!

Natural Family Planning Conference Jan. 28

A Natural Family Planning Conference will take place from 9 a.m.-4 p.m., Jan. 28 at the Cathedral of Our Lady of Guadalupe. Lunch will be provided. Presenters will include Most Rev. John B. Brungardt, Father Matthew Habiger, OSB, Ph.D. and Dr. Martha Garza, MD.

Guest speakers will discuss topics such as:

- How Natural Family Planning strengthens God's plan for Marriage and Spousal Love
- The Difference Between NFP and Contraception and the Huge Difference it Makes
- The Negative Consequences of Contraceptives on Women's Health and the Positive Effects of NFP
- The Hope for Couples struggling with infertility

- How Dr. Garza brought NFP into her Medical Practice

This is also an opportunity to learn about the Fertility Care clinic at St. Catherine Hospital and the Creighton Model Fertility Care System (CrMS), a form of natural family planning.

This conference is open to anyone who is interested in learning more about Natural Family Planning and how to promote this in our parishes. Engaged and married couples, medical professionals, priests, religious communities and marriage preparation leaders are encouraged to attend.

For more information on this conference and to register please visit www.dodgecitycathedral.com or contact Deanna Jones 620-225-4802 x 203

AN INVITATION

The Catholic Diocese of Dodge City invites you to attend this upcoming event, which will be held at the Cathedral of Our Lady of Guadalupe in Dodge City, 3231 North 14th Street.

Sunday, February 12 – 3 p.m.

Celebration of the retirement of the debt on the Cathedral of Our Lady of Guadalupe

This event will begin at 3 p.m. with the official burning of the cathedral mortgage. A Mass, celebrated by the Most Rev. John B. Brungardt, will follow. A reception will take place after Mass in the social hall.

No RSVP is necessary.

'Christ-Child Among Us'; Four-part workshop to address questions about adoption

By **REBECCA FORD**
Special to the Register

Throughout January, February and March, Catholic Social Service is hosting a four-part workshop series for couples in southwest Kansas who would like to know more about what it takes to adopt an infant.

The first three workshops take place from 1:30 to 4:30 p.m. at the Cathedral of Our Lady of Guadalupe in Dodge City

on Jan. 27, Feb. 10, and Feb. 17, and will address fears, definitions, what to expect, legal issues, and more. The final workshop will take place March 10, 2012 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Cathedral and will feature a panel of individuals and couples who will share from their own adoption stories. Lunch will be provided at this final workshop.

"It is very important for us as an agency to hold the adoption workshops every fall

and spring as we are always in need of adoptive families," said workshop facilitator Amy Falcon. "There is a perception that there are too many families wanting to adopt but this is just not the case. Our goal is to find families for the children who need homes."

As part of a national Catholic Charity network that has been looking after the needs of children, parents and families for more than 100 years, Catholic Social

Service is licensed by the State of Kansas Department of Health and Environment, and has been providing adoption services in southwest Kansas for more than 45 years.

For more information about adoption services at Catholic Social Service, or to register for the adoption workshop series, contact Susan Hendershot at shendershot@catholicsocialservice.org, or by phone at 620-272-0010.

Protecting God's Children Awareness Sessions

The Diocese of Dodge City requires all employees and volunteers who work with children to participate in a Protecting God's Children awareness session.

Check upcoming issues of the *SKR* for sessions, or go to: www.dcdiocese.org/Currentevents/pgf-schedule.htm. The next protecting God's Children Awareness Session:

Garden City, Saturday, Jan. 28, 2012 1 p.m.-4 p.m.; St. Mary Parish Center, 503 St. John St.; Contact Person: Hector Rivera 620-276-2716; PGC Facilitator: Cherry Deges

Through the Diocesan Awareness Sessions and other educational efforts of the diocese, all people of the diocese can learn how to discuss different aspects of abuse -- including sexual abuse -- with children and how to teach them to protect themselves.

To schedule an awareness session, contact Father Robert Schremmer at rschremmer@dcdiocese.org, or (620) 227-1555.

Hotline for victims of sexual abuse

If you or someone you know may have been a victim of sexual abuse by clergy or any employee of the Diocese of Dodge City, you are asked to contact Mr. Dave Snapp, Fitness Review Administrator: (620) 225-5051 work; (620) 225-2412 home; or email dsnapp3@starrtech.net

You always have the right to directly contact Social Rehabilitation Services, 1-800-922-5330.

Sexual misconduct report forms are available on the diocesan website, at www.dcdiocese.org/protectingchildren.

RCIA Retreat: 'Journeys to Conversion'

"Journeys to Conversion" will be presented in English from 9:30 a.m.- 3 p.m., Feb. 11, 2012 at the Heartland Center for Spirituality in Great Bend and on Feb. 18, 2011 at the Cathedral of Our Lady of Guadalupe in Dodge City in Spanish and English.

Registration is between 8:45 and 9:15 a.m. This retreat is a time of reflection and prayer with others who are also engaged in the RCIA program. It is designed as a preparation for the Lenten scrutinies but not intended to replace the scrutiny process in the parish. This RCIA retreat is for catechumens, candidates, sponsors and teams as part of the recommended RCIA formation process for the diocese.

To register, contact Brenda at the Heartland Center for Spirituality at brenda@heartlandspirituality.org, (620) 792-1232, or fax (620) 792-1746. Registration fees are \$55 per parish and \$15 per person, or \$20 per person. (Lunch charge is included and family fees negotiable.) Register for the Great Bend retreat by Feb. 1, and for the Dodge City retreat by Feb. 8.

Miracle

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to be so honored. Her feast day is July 14.

Jake beat the odds and recovered, and with the approval of then-Archbishop Alex J. Brunett of Seattle, the case of Blessed Kateri's intercession was investigated as the possible one remaining miracle needed for her canonization.

The Finkbonners were elated upon receiving the news -- and of their son's part in it.

"It's so overwhelmingly exciting, and just an honorable process to be a part of," Elsa Finkbonner said Dec. 20.

She said Jake, now a sixth-grader at Assumption School in Bellingham, is "pretty excited about it," too.

"It's been five years in the making, so he's pretty excited that everything is all coming to light and that it's all happening," she told The Catholic Northwest Progress, Seattle archdiocesan newspaper.

Finkbonner said Jake also is looking forward to meeting the pope when the canonization takes place.

"There's no doubt in mine and Donny's mind that Jake's survival is in fact a miracle," she said. "And we did everything that Father



Jake Finkbonner

Tim had asked us to do in praying for her intercession. And others prayed for him. So I'm happy that the Vatican has honored Jake to be the last miracle in (Blessed) Kateri becoming a saint."

Father Sauer said he thought it was appropriate that the news of Blessed Kateri's upcoming canonization should come during Advent. Just as God chose ordinary people in Mary and Joseph to be the "instruments of that miracle" of the birth of Jesus, "God continues to do miracles today to strengthen people's faith and to use ordinary people like (Blessed) Kateri and Jake Finkbonner," he said.

He said Jake's recovery was a "great testament" to the faith of the Finkbonners, the Native American Catholics on the Lummi Reservation and people all over the world who were praying for the boy.

Blessed Kateri's canonization will be a boost to Native American Catholics across the country, he added.

"I think this is a real affirmation and encouragement to Native American Catholics who continue to live their Catholic faith, oftentimes in the face of a lot of criticism and opposition."

'The nature of our mission is Evangelization'

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December. "Education is most important, because education is like a ladder. It gives them an opportunity to climb out of the difficult environment they're in."

As head of the mission office, Father Paysse spends two to three weeks a month visiting missions.

The school, on the Zuni Pueblo Indian Reservation, is tuition-free and depends on its development office to raise money to cover salaries, operating expenses and facility upkeep.

"The children are very happy in our Catholic mission schools," Father Paysse said. "We have wonderful, very dedicated not only religious women and men, but laity who teach in our mission schools. It's really a ministry because, believe me, they're not there because of the money."

Goering in Zuni can attest to how dedicated teachers at her school are despite the low pay. The starting salary is \$14,950; the highest salary is \$26,000.

"Most of the teachers who come

out here look at it as a mission, a way to give back. They see the bigger picture," she told CNS.

Goering feels the same about her job. Principal for three years, she arrived in New Mexico after many years as a principal in central New York. "This is where God wants me."

Giving Native Americans the best education they could receive was a priority for St. Katharine Drexel, who spent her life and wealth ministering to American Indians and African-Americans. She built mission schools and churches across the country, helped by members of the religious order she founded -- the Sisters of the Blessed Sacrament.

At St. Bonaventure School in Thoreau, N.M., also in the Gallup Diocese, Sister Consolata Beecher is "carrying forward her dream."

Native Americans "cannot take their place in society, in levels of leadership" without education, "and the Catholic Church has to do it," she told CNS.

A Laguna Pueblo Indian, Sister Consolata has been a member of St. Katharine's order for 50 years.

"The leadership I'm talking about is in their own nuclear family, their community. ... Without education they're never going to be able to take a substantial role in the community," she added.

At St. Francis School in Gallup, principal Don Frank and development director Theresa Brophy want to build a support base among alumni and others who might consider making a small monthly donation to the school.

"The dignity of the individual is foremost" at St. Francis, Brophy noted. "Catholic education, it's a guiding force for you for the rest of your life."

The students, Catholic and non-Catholic alike, benefit from church teaching permeating every subject and teachers modeling Catholic values and the beatitudes, Frank said, "because the nature of our mission is evangelization."



At left, children make the sign of the cross at St. Anthony Indian School on New Mexico's Zuni Pueblo Indian reservation.

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Bob Roller

'Who do you say that I am?'

Question to be subject of upcoming Pastoral Ministry Formation course

The answers given to Jesus' question, "Who do you say that I am?" will be the subject of a Pastoral Ministry Formation course taught by Father Henry Hildebrandt from 8:30 a.m.-noon Saturdays Jan. 21, 28, Feb. 4, 11, 18, 25, and March 3, 10 and 17. The course, THEO 4003 Christology, will be taught through the Interactive Television Network at sites throughout the diocese.

The course will examine the person Jesus from Biblical, historical, and systematic perspectives.

Father Hildebrandt is pastor of Sacred Heart, Ness City and St. Aloysius, Ransom. He has a Master of Divinity from the Pontifical College Josephinum.

If taken for three credit hours, the course costs \$150. If taken for personal enrichment, the course costs \$75. Books cost extra.



Father Robert Schremmer



Father Henry Hildebrandt

Equipping for Ministry at Mass

From 6-9 p.m., Wednesdays, Jan. 18, 25 and Feb. 1 and 8, Father Robert Schremmer will teach the course, "THEO 4881, Equipping for Ministry at Mass."

The course supports the spiritual life and

the practical ministry of those who serve during Eucharistic Liturgy. It will focus on hospitality, proclamation, prayer, participation. It is for greeters, lectors, those who write the prayers of the faithful, and all who gather for Eucharist.

Father Schremmer is the Vicar General and Moderator of the Curia for the Diocese of Dodge City. He is the pastor of St. Andrew Parish, Wright. He holds a Master of Arts Degree and a Master of Theology from St. Thomas Seminary in Denver.

The class, if taken for one credit hour, costs \$50. If taken for personal enrichment, the class costs \$25. Books cost extra.

For information about PMF or about ITV locations, contact: Coleen Stein, Coordinator (620) 227-1538, cstein@dcdioocese.org.

Priests invited to NFP symposium Jan. 27

Bishop John B. Brungardt invites all priests of the Catholic Diocese of Dodge City to attend an evening with Father Matthew Habiger, OSB, Ph.D, from 5:30-8 p.m., Friday, Jan. 27, at the Cathedral of Our Lady of Guadalupe.

The evening will include a brief social time. Dinner will be served at 6:15 p.m., following which Father Habiger will give a brief presentation on Natural Family Planning with open discussion and conversation. Inform Georgina Paz, 620-227-1531, gpaz@dcdioocese.org by Jan. 18, of your plans to participate.

A brief glance into the world of tomorrow!

One of the greatest thrills I had as a child was when my teacher would announce that we were going to watch a film -- from the dousing of the lights to the flut-flut-flut-flut of the projector as it rolled to life, to the screen igniting in hues of grey. It didn't matter if it was about "Pecos Bill" or about the life cycle of the amoeba, if it was a film, I was happy.

One of my favorites focused on the future -- the housewife dressed appropriately in high heels and pearls, slipping a turkey into a small oven, only to remove it fully cooked three seconds later.

This is the world of 1985! the narrator would announce. *Neato!* a child of six would think.

And the flying cars! And the weekend trips to the moon! No one could have convinced me back then that by 2012 we wouldn't have weekend trips to the moon.

If those films had been prophetic -- truly prophetic -- can you imagine their content?

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Narrator: Join with me as we venture 60 years into the world of tomorrow! The world of 2012!

A rotund man with a large, white mustache walks on screen wearing a one-piece suit and large gloves with swirls on the cuffs denoting atoms. He's dressed in knee-high boots and has a strange logo affixed to his shirt that looks a bit like a rocket.

Lt. Moonbeam: Hello, boys and girls! My name is Lt. Ben Moonbeam, and I'm going to be your guide into 2012! Are you ready take a peak into the future? You are? Then let's go!

Scene switches to a teen-age boy sitting in a chair talking on a telephone.

Timmy: Gee, Mary. I was just wondering ... what I mean to say is ... I'd really like ...

Voice of Timmy's mother: Timmy? Did you take out the garbage?

Timmy: Would you like...? Aw, gee. Never mind, Mary. I have to go.

Lt. Moonbeam: Did you notice, children? Timmy had to hang up the telephone and wasn't able to gather up the nerve to ask Mary to the big dance. ...But what would happen if this were 2012?

Lt. Moonbeam waves his magic wand at Timmy. Suddenly the telephone disappears, and in its place is a device about the size of a wallet. Timmy sees the strange object and looks up at Lt. Moonbeam.

Timmy: Wow! What's this? And who are you?

Lt. Moonbeam: Why, I'm Lt. Moonbeam! And that's a smart-phone! It can facilitate web browsing, and streaming media. Their advanced operating systems give you access to a host of applications: productivity tools, shopping, multimedia, games, travel, news, weather, social, finance, references, etc...!

Timmy: Wow! That's keen! Can I still call Mary?

Lt. Moonbeam: Ha ha ha. No, Timmy. We don't talk in the future! But you can text her! In fact, you don't need to talk to any of your friends any more!

Timmy: Jeepers, that's great! I'm going to get busy texting right now!

Lt. Moonbeam: Don't forget the garbage! Ha ha ha ha ha ha. Ha ha ha ha ha. Seriously.

Lt. Moonbeam addresses the camera.

Lt. Moonbeam: Okay, children! Are you ready for another great adventure! Let's go!

A blanket sets over an outdoor picnic table and we

To Whom it May Concern

By David Myers

Editor



can hear a child inside. He is pretending to be in some sort of fort, barking orders to an imaginary army.

Lt. Moonbeam: Hey, Billy! What would you say if I told you that you didn't have to play outdoors anymore?

Billy: *Billy lifts a flap and pokes his head out.* Golly! That would be swell!

Lt. Moonbeam: And what would you think if, while not playing outdoors, you could have a whole army, right at your finger tips! What would you say to that, Billy?

Before Billy can answer, Lt. Moonbeam waves his magic wand. Suddenly Billy is sitting on a sofa in front of a television holding a device.

Billy: Wow! What's this thing?

Lt. Moonbeam: It's an eighth generation video game console that is able to produce glasses-free stereoscopic 3D graphics, Billy! And that game you're playing? Well, let's just say you don't have to waste time imagining things any more!

Billy: Golly, Lt. Moonbeam! It's so real! What ... What's that guy holding?

Lt. Moonbeam: Why, that's a flame-thrower, Billy! Just one in your arsenal of weapons! I bet you never thought playing Army could be so much fun!

Billy: I'll say! Jeepers, Lt. Moonbeam, can I stay in 2012 forever?

Lt. Moonbeam: Ha ha ha ha ha ha ha ha. No.

As a young child, I would have been thrilled with this vision of the future. Would my teacher, or my parents, have been prophetic enough to see the consequences? Remember, that was a time when cigarettes weren't widely considered dangerous.

Now imagine, if instead of peering into the future, the class looked into the past. Imagine the class taking a field trip to a senior citizen group at a parish where they asked them about life 60 years ago -- in 1892 -- about the "golden days"-- the games they played when they were little, how the seniors lived in a world without telephones, electricity, or cars. Learning how to live *without*: what a great lesson in *today's* age of electronic excess.

Perhaps the seniors could even teach the students a hymn, or they could pray together.

Not only would the students receive a good dose of wisdom, but in doing so they would be reaching out in love to the elderly -- a sometimes lonely voice ever so thankful for the listening ear of a child.

Talk, listen, ask, reach out in love, learn, teach, sing, proclaim, pray and even play -- face-to-face. Enjoy and truly celebrate God's wondrous gift -- a gift of great price that costs nothing -- the gift of each other.

Blessed Carlos Manuel Rodriguez; 1918 - 1963

Carlos Manuel Rodriguez came from a deeply religious family in Puerto Rico. He lived a normal life with one brother and three sisters. Two sisters married and the third became a Carmelite nun. His brother became a Benedictine priest and was the first Puerto Rican to be named abbot of a monastery.



Holy Ones of Our Time

By Sister Irene Hartman, OP

At the age of six, Carlos began his elementary education and did very well in school. During his high school days, he developed an illness which haunted him the rest of his life. After high school, Carlos had a clerical job, but his main interest was encouraging others to develop a love for Christ.

Carlos started college but was unable to advance because of health reasons. A friend tutored him; Carlos was an avid reader, and thus became a very intelligent man. As an office clerk, Carlos worked for an agricultural station but spent his spare time dispensing Catholic materials, editing Catholic journals, and writing and lecturing about the faith. He translated into English some Spanish books on faith and morals. He became a talented teacher of the Sacrifice of



Blessed Carlos Manuel Rodriguez Painting by A.Vonn Hartung

the Mass which was only offered in Latin at that time. Carlos published at his own expense a magazine called *Liturgy and Christian Culture*. He did all these things even though he was serving in a clerical position and feeling ill most of the time.

By the beginning of 1963, Carlos showed signs of serious health conditions. He found that he was tired most of the time and suffered from anemia. Rectal cancer was diagnosed and he underwent surgery which resulted in a painful skin irritation. Carlos was moved

to a private dispensary and there confided to his doctor, "I suffer not so much for myself as for so many other sick people who have no one to take care of them when they ask for something so basic as a glass of water." Carlos never complained in his sufferings but asked pardon for causing inconvenience to others. Later his doctors found tumors in his liver and throughout the rest of his body.

Added to his physical sufferings, Carlos endured the "Dark Night of the Soul." Daily reception of the Eucharist eventually caused the Dark Night to leave him in peace. After lapsing into a coma, Carlos died on July 13, 1963, at the age of 44.

The process leading to his beatification was one of the shortest in recent history. He was declared Venerable in 1997, and beatified on April 29, 2001.



"I've made a New Year's resolution to eat more broccoli. If I can't stand it, I'll give it up for Lent."

Campbell

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