

Dear Friends of OLOF,

As we surf through the unprecedented times and the challenges they bring, the words I say to myself repeatedly are "Take things one day at a time". The uncertainty and the feeling of being out of control can easily make us anxious and stress us out. These times have given many of us a different lens with which to see the world and realize that each day is precious, and we should never take it for granted. Therefore, all that matters is NOW and TODAY and entrust the future worries and anxieties in the hands of our Savior.

Let me begin thanking you for your generous response to our summer appeal. The Passionist Community at the Spiritual Center prays several times daily for you and your intentions as well as for an end to the pandemic.

With the numbers of Covid-19 infected cases and deaths rising in Florida, OLOF will continue to stay closed in the month of August and will review the decision to reopen for the daily mass by the end of the month.

I also want to thank you for the awesome response you have given to Spiritual Connect: A Virtual Fest. Over 75 people attended the ten-part series from all over the country. With the number of requests from the participants, we are working on Season 2 which will be a five-part series on Saturdays at 11:00 am (ET) beginning on August 29th and ending on September 26th. The Poster with all the details will be released next Saturday.

The theme for the new season of parish-based weekend retreats (2020-2021) will be *'From Darkness to Light: From Despair to Hope'*. The retreats that are scheduled during the first part of the season (October and November 2020) have been reformatted into Saturday only retreats. They will be offered both virtually via Zoom and in-person with the maximum limit of 35 retreatants on-site following the CDC Guidelines. More details will be in the next chapel news

We have some exciting and spiritually uplifting virtual programs scheduled during this month.




Spiritual Connect: A Virtual Fest Series
Episode - 9
**Rise Up: Answering
God's Call to New Life**
 **SPEAKER: MR. MICHAEL PUGLIESE**
SATURDAY - AUGUST 8, 2020 @ 11:00 AM (ET)
TO REGISTER, CALL 561-626-4300 OR
EMAIL RESERVATIONS@CPROVFL.ORG

On Saturday August 8, 2020 at 11:00 am (ET) is the Ninth Episode of the Spiritual Connect: A Virtual Fest Series. Our guest Speaker is Mr. Michael Pugliese who is a Catholic Motivational Speaker. His presentation is titled: *'Rise Up: Answering God's Call to New Life'*. The registrations will close on Friday Noon – August 7, 2020. Suggested Offering is \$10.00

On Saturday August 15, 2020 on the Solemnity of the Assumption of Blessed Virgin Mary at 11:00 am (ET), is the final episode of Spiritual Connect: A Virtual Fest. Our guest speaker is Rev. Donald Senior, C.P., A celebrated Scripture Scholar and the President Emeritus and Chancellor of Catholic Theological Union (CTU) in Chicago. His presentation is titled: 'The Assumption of Mary & the Promise of our Destiny'. The registrations will close on Friday Noon – August 14, 2020. Suggested Offering is \$10.00



Spiritual Connect: A Virtual Fest
Episode - 10



THE ASSUMPTION OF MARY & THE PROMISE OF OUR DESTINY
With Rev. Don Senior, C.P.

Saturday – August 15, 2020 @ 11:00 am (ET)

To register, Call 561-626-1300 or Email reservations@cprovfl.org

On Saturday August 22, 2020 from 11:00 am to 2:00 pm we have scheduled a Virtual Day of Prayer to be preached by Brother Andre Mathieu, C.P. It is titled: SPIRITUALITY AND THE DYNAMICS OF GRIEF AND LOSS.

He lectures extensively on Grief and Loss and is the author of the book, AND JESUS WEPT on the spirituality of death and dying; grief and loss.

OLOF Hosts A Virtual Day of Prayer

SPIRITUALITY AND THE DYNAMICS OF GRIEF AND LOSS

WITH BROTHER ANDRE MATHIEU, C.P.

Saturday – August 22, 2020 (11:00 am – 2:00 pm)
11:00 am – Conference 1
1:00 pm – Conference 2
Suggested Offering: \$20.00

To register, Call 561-626-1300 or email reservations@cprovfl.org

the spirituality of death and dying; grief and loss. Using the Gospel account of the raising of Lazarus, John 11:1-44, Brother Andre will reflect on the two fundamentals of healthy grieving for the Christian: Faith and the appropriate handling of the emotions of grief and loss.

There will be two sessions. The first session (at 11:00 am) will deal with our faith response to loss; the second

session (at 1:00 pm) will explore the dynamics of grief and loss and how to address them in appropriately healthy ways. Each session will have an opportunity for interaction with Brother Andre. Registration for this event shall close on Friday Noon – August 21, 2020. Suggested Offering is \$20.00

We are happy to stay spiritually and virtually connected with YOU. Praying for your safety and good health...

May the Passion of Christ be ever in our hearts!

Fr. Junesh Xavier, C.P.
Director