



PASTORAL LETTER

My dear Little Flower,

The month of November for us in our family faith community is dedicated to Saints and Souls. November, for the Catholic Church, is a month where we celebrate the victory of the Saints and remember our beloved who have gone before us.

We are eternally in communion with the Saints and our beloved dead. The Catechism of the Catholic Church states: "In full consciousness of this communion of the whole Mystical Body of Jesus Christ, the Church in its pilgrim members, from the very earliest days of the Christian religion, has honored with great respect the memory of the dead; and 'because it is a holy and a wholesome thought to pray for the dead that they may be loosed from their sins' she offers her suffrages for them." Our prayer for them is capable not only of helping them, but also of making their intercession for us effective. (CCC 958)

Last Thursday, November 2, we celebrated the Mass of Remembrance. We remembered and prayed for our beloved dead. This month, I want to introduce you to the Book of the Beloved; I would like to expand the invitation to pray for the deceased. I am called to go out into the Berkeley Heights and offer prayers for deceased family members of our community, whether a member of Little Flower parish or not.

I will let you know how this will roll out... Keep me in your prayers as I keep you in mine.

**Your parish priest,
Fr JC Merino**

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