

# *The Friends of Saint Jude*

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Dear Friends of St. Jude:

**A**s we approach our annual novena in honor of St. Ann and St. Joachim, let us be mindful of the need to pray for our grandparents, both living and deceased. As the Gospels indicate, St. Jude was the cousin of Jesus. The mother of St. Jude was Mary of Cleophas, who stood at the foot of the cross on Calvary. Mary of Cleophas and the Blessed Virgin Mary were either sisters or cousins and St. Anne and St. Joachim are regarded as the grandparents of both Jesus and Jude.

As we know from the Creed, we Catholics believe in the communion of saints. This doctrine teaches us that our sense of Christian community transcends death. The saints in heaven care for us. At this time of our novena in their honor let us not only invoke the loving protection of St. Jude, but also that of his grandparents and the grandparents of Jesus, St. Anne and St. Joachim.

Our preacher for this novena will be Fr. Paul Scanlon, O.P., the former provincial of our Western Dominican Province and the newly elected prior of St. Dominic's Priory. You will have an opportunity to meet Fr. Paul during the novena and on your future visits to the St. Jude Shrine. I have included a brief outline of his life that he sent to me awhile back. Meanwhile, please send in your petitions to the Shrine for the St. Anne - St. Joachim novena July 18 - 26.

## **St. Jude's Mandylion**

The statue of St. Jude at our shrine, like most representations of St. Jude, shows him holding to his chest an image (the Holy Mandylion) of Jesus. This is an imprint of the face of Jesus. According to the third century writings of Eusebius (the father of church history), during the reign of Agbar, king of Edessa (today in modern Turkey near Syria), news of the healings by Jesus spread northward. The king was afflicted with a serious illness (some say leprosy), and he sent a messenger begging Jesus to come and cure him. Our Lord afforded the king hope by sending word that He would send someone later to aid the king in his suffering. It was St. Jude who brought a cloth bearing the face of Jesus to the king and healed him. The king listened to the eloquent

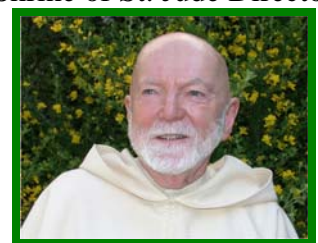
presentation of the Gospel by St. Jude, and the king and many of his subjects were converted. After establishing the Church in Edessa, St. Jude traveled through Armenia and parts of the Near East preaching the Gospel and eventually being martyred for the faith.

If this tradition is correct, the Mandylion of St. Jude along with the Shroud of Turin would hold the earliest known representations of Jesus. Lucia Robinson Dugliss, a parishioner at St. Dominic's and iconographer painted an icon of the image of Christ in the Holy Mandylion and presented it to the Shrine of St. Jude. A framed reproduction of the original painting can be obtained through our St. Jude office.

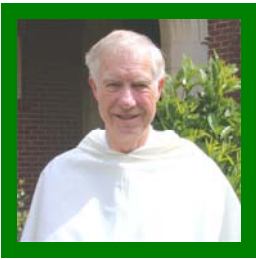
St. Jude, patron of our hope pray for us.

*Fr. Martin Walsh O.P.*

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Shrine of St. Jude Director



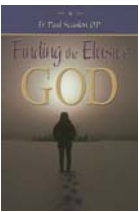
## Meet Fr. Paul Scanlon, O.P.



I was born in Detroit but raised in a small town in Southern California, the only child of very devout parents. Their faith graced me with a friendship with the Lord Jesus from earliest days. As a high school student I loved the outdoors as well as carpentry and so had a romantic dream of one day being a foreign missionary. Ordained in 1959 I discovered the joy of working with teenagers in parish ministry. Ten years later I served as Dominican Provincial in the vibrant '70's when both social life and church life were in great transition. However they were blessed days for our Western Dominican Province as we reached a high water mark in vocations at a time when many other groups were experiencing an outgoing tide. Our province was able to expand its boundaries and move enthusiastically into new ministries, such as campus ministry.

My dream of being a foreign missionary was partly realized when as provincial I had the great experience of visiting our brothers working in Chiapas, Mexico. After my time as provincial, with great help from a number of other Friars, I worked in Mexicali, Mexico for nine years, where I learned so much from the humble poor and acquired a heightened interest in social justice issues. God works in mysterious but beautiful ways, for as I write these lines I am ministering to the Hispanic people up in Alaska. Nearing my 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of ordination I give thanks to the Lord for his faithful friendship despite my own frailties, the joy of preaching, and the gift of having ministered with marvelous Dominican Brothers and Sisters.

### FINDING THE ELUSIVE GOD



Fr. Paul Scanlon, O.P., a Dominican missionary priest, tells of one priest's search to see Christ in those whom God had called him to serve - from Alaska, to California, to Mexico. These stories of compassion and everyday valor will challenge and inspire. 174 Pages, 5.25" x 8".

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