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# FRIENDS *of* PAUL MURPHY

THE CAUSE FOR CANONIZATION OF PAUL M. MURPHY, MJ *update*

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## **Paul Murphy Now Officially a Servant of God With An Approved Prayer**

With the completion of almost all of the requirements of the preliminary stage of the canonical investigation into the life and heroic virtue of Paul M. Murphy, including a positive consultation with the Holy See and the regional Bishops, Paul Murphy is now officially titled a "Servant of God". Moreover, Bishop Olmsted has granted the approval of a prayer for Paul's intercession to facilitate the prayers of the Faithful to God both for Paul's canonization as well as for his intercession before God for your special intentions.

This newsletter will keep you informed about the progress of Paul's Cause along with news reported to the postulation of favors received by those praying for Paul's intercession. (The confidentiality of all who send in reports of favors will be respected.) Write to us for more information about Paul's life, and for copies of the new prayer card. Please help the Cause with your generous prayers and financial support.

God Bless you all!

## Reports of Favors Received Through the Intercession of Paul Michael Murphy, MJ

Testimony by Rosa M.

When I read the book of the life of Paul Murphy I felt very moved, my eleven-year-old son and I cried at the story, but I still couldn't imagine how very useful it would be for me to know about this great person who was Paul.

At this time, the behavior of my seventeen-year-old son was unacceptable, and it wasn't the first time he acted badly. During the last three years his behavior had been progressively getting worse, to such a degree that on various occasions he could not even stand up because of all the alcohol he had consumed. He was still just a boy, but his life was not good. He would arrive home late and drunk, he skipped school and graduated only by a miracle. His whole life was a miracle because he was driving a car in these conditions, which could have been fatal. He was rude and irritable when questioned about where he had been or where he had gone and with whom; he refused to answer. He was a case, which in my role as mother I could not control. The problem had gotten out of hand and my desperation reached the limit that nobody except God could help me. For this reason I needed somebody close to Him to intercede.

Providentially, I knew various members of Miles Jesu and one of them invited me to go to Paul Murphy's tomb to pray the rosary. I accepted and during the petitions I could only think about my son Alejandro for whom I offered that rosary. But I did it with a sense of desperation, as if this was the only solution. The following Saturday I went

another time to the tomb of Paul Murphy and I offered the rosary for Alejandro. After we finished I went home very happy.

That week my son began to surprise me with his attitude. He asked permission to go out and return before the time he was suppose to. With the passing of each day his behavior improved, I still continued going to pray at the tomb of Paul Murphy, but I hadn't yet connected it with the change in Alejandro. Then I asked myself what was happening to my son, and I knew that Paul was interceding for him before God. There was no other explanation.

Now my son frequently brings home meals for my husband and I, and we sit at the table together talking about our personal family things. Other times he looks for his younger brother to play with him, and he has given up paying attention to the friends with whom he had been going out. This surprised everyone in the house.

After three months of visiting the tomb of Paul Murphy, I know that miracles happen and have happened in our own home. I wanted to write about this experience because I know that in these times there are many mothers desperate about their children, looking for help and hoping for a miracle. Miracles exist for everybody. Pray to Paul Murphy. ■

*Do you have testimonies and stories about Paul's intercession? Submit them to the Postulator and we'll use it in a future issue.*

## How Can You Help the Cause?

**Prayers.** Prayers for the success of the Cause are always needed, as are placing our intentions in the hands of Paul M. Murphy, MJ. Please tell others about Paul and urge them to pray for his intercession.

**Friends.** Tell others about Paul M. Murphy and ask them to support the Cause in the ways mentioned here.

**Testimonies.** If something in particular about Paul's life inspires you – or your intentions have been answered – please write to the address below and let us know. Your privacy will be respected, and your testimonies are helpful in furthering the Cause.

**Donations.** Postage and printing costs are expensive, as are the costs of diocesan investigation. Your generosity is appreciated and goes directly for the promotion of the Cause. (Please make your check or money order payable to Cause of Paul Murphy.)

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