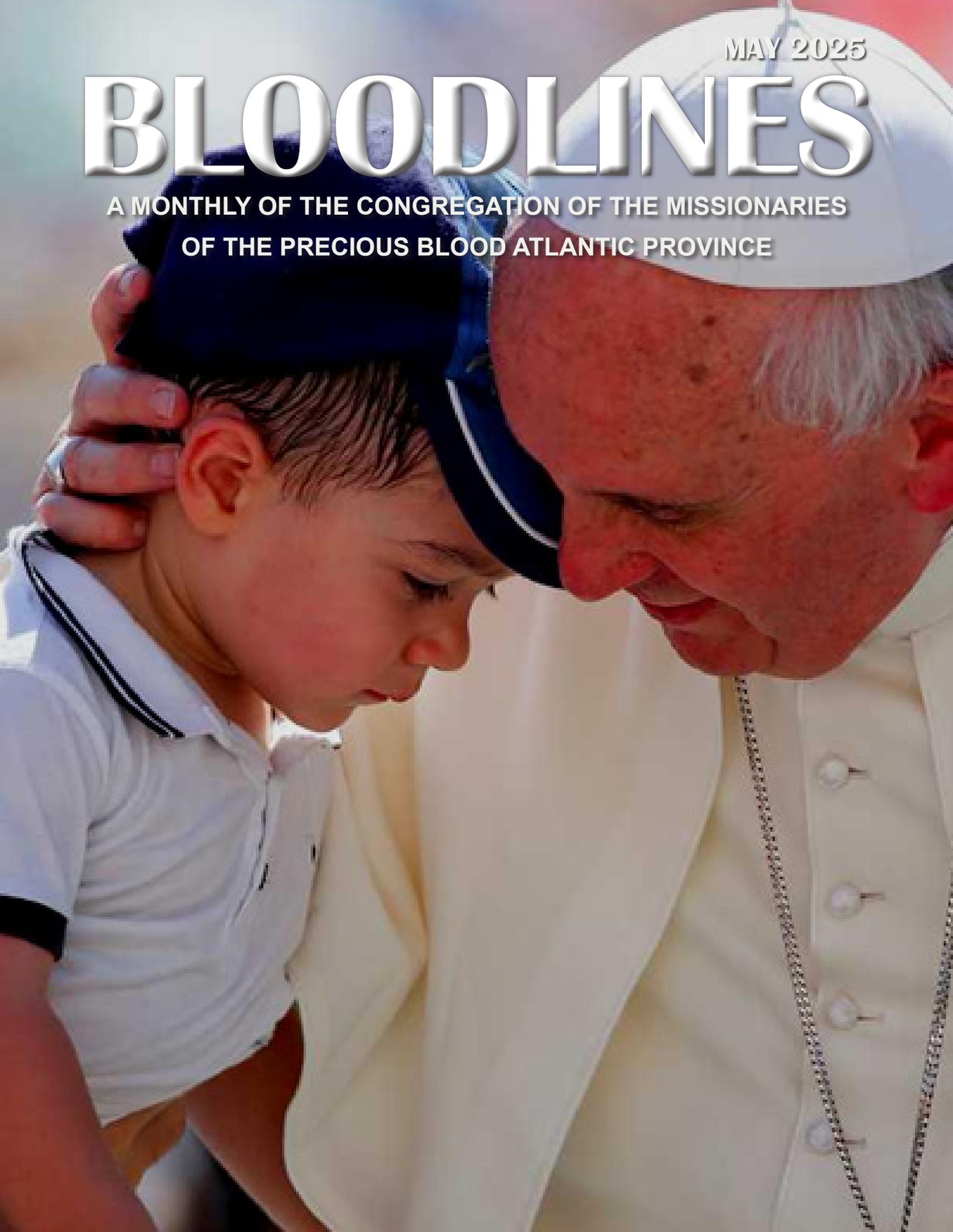


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## PROVINCIAL'S MESSAGE

### Deep Roots in God's Grace, Abundant Fruits in Our Lives

When I was growing up, every spring became a ritual with my father, as he made it his mission to teach my brother and me the art of preparing and growing our own vegetables. It is intrinsic to every seed, plant, and tree to strive toward bearing fruit or flowers. However, the quantity and quality of that yield are shaped by a delicate balance of factors: the right amount of water, nutrient-rich soil, appropriate fertilizer, diligent weeding, and abundant sunlight. The nutrients we provide and the care we invest in the plants ultimately culminate in a bountiful harvest after months of patience and effort.

This cherished childhood experience brings to mind a passage from the Gospel: "Every tree is known by its own fruits" (Luke 6:44). Goodness resides within our hearts and minds, forming the foundation of a fulfilling life. When we dedicate time to nourish our spirits and intentions, the fruits of goodness will emerge naturally, shaping us into better individuals.

How can I rekindle the goodness within my heart? How can I nurture the capacity to bear good fruit and fulfill the purpose for which God has created me?

It begins with regular prayer—a simple yet profound act that helps set deep roots in our loving God. Abiding in His presence allows the grace and trust that will enable us establish deep roots in the love of God.

By abiding in His presence, we open our hearts to His grace and cultivate the trust needed to bear good fruit and flowers. Sharing our faith with one another nourishes the heart and fosters growth. We learn from each other, and spending quality time together uplifts us. In creating a spirit of compassion, we diminish gossip, bitterness, and resentment, making room for the goodness that allows us to produce abundant fruit.

God's mighty hand is never far from us. He showers us with grace, seeking to fill our spirits and enable our lives to reflect His love and goodness. He calls us to help one another bear good fruit.

Each day, God grants us opportunities to serve and be brothers to one another. These acts of service need not be grand to have a lasting impact—they bear good fruit. From an early age, we learn life skills to survive, and just like any other virtue or skill, to remain healthy and well, we must develop and practice them consistently.

Serving one another, even through small sacrifices, has a profound effect. When we place others' needs above our own, we set aside ego in favor of humble service. In doing so, we bear the kind of fruit that reflects the greatness of our Savior.

**Fr. Luigino Santi, CPPS**

# Witnessing Hope Through Faith and Charity

## Because Hope Does Not Disappoint

*Fr. Germán Santiago, CPPS, shares his reflection on the significance of being a hopeful person as a force to living as a Christian. He writes, "Because hope does not disappoint".*

Pope Francis invites us to embrace the jubilee year of hope, spanning from December 24, 2024, to January 6, 2026.

Hope is a theological virtue exemplified fully by the Blessed Virgin Mary. She demonstrated this virtue when she courageously said "Yes" to God upon hearing the Angel's message that she would become the mother of God. Though filled with fear—understandably so, as a young girl facing the laws and societal expectations of her time—Mary held onto hope, trusting that God would not abandon her. From this hope came the beautiful words of the Magnificat (Lk 1:46-55), the exaltation of God, which still inspires us today.

Saint Paul also brought messages of hope to the communities he ministered to—hope that uplifted the discouraged and strengthened the weak. Through his own profound testimony of conversion, he showed that human beings have the

capacity to change, to grow, and to become better.

As Missionaries of the Precious Blood, we likewise invite you to embody and foster a humanity of hope—a Christian hope that dares to envision a better future. In the face of what frightens, destroys, or weakens us in these times, we are called to redouble our efforts so as not to yield to the despair of this life. Let us strive to be pilgrims of hope, cultivating goodness to triumph over evil.

## Stream of Mercy

Fr. Peter Nobili, CPPS, was born in Monte Compatri, Italy. He completed his theological studies at St. Charles Seminary in Carthagen, OH. Having served as both Vicar Director and later as Provincial, he now devotes himself to his role as Treasurer for the Atlantic Province. Fr. Peter spends countless hours meticulously balancing the financial books to ensure that all members are well cared for.

His many years within the community have bestowed upon him profound patience and fortitude. His wisdom, acquired through experience and a deep connection to the history of the Community, brings him a sense of peace and calm.

As Don Giovanni often reminded us, we must trust in God to provide the next solution. Fr. Peter, with a deep sigh and gaze lifted

to Merlini, reassures us: "He will help us."  
*Thank you, Fr. Peter, for your unwavering dedication and service!*

Fra Angelico, *Annunciation* (central panel), (1433-34)



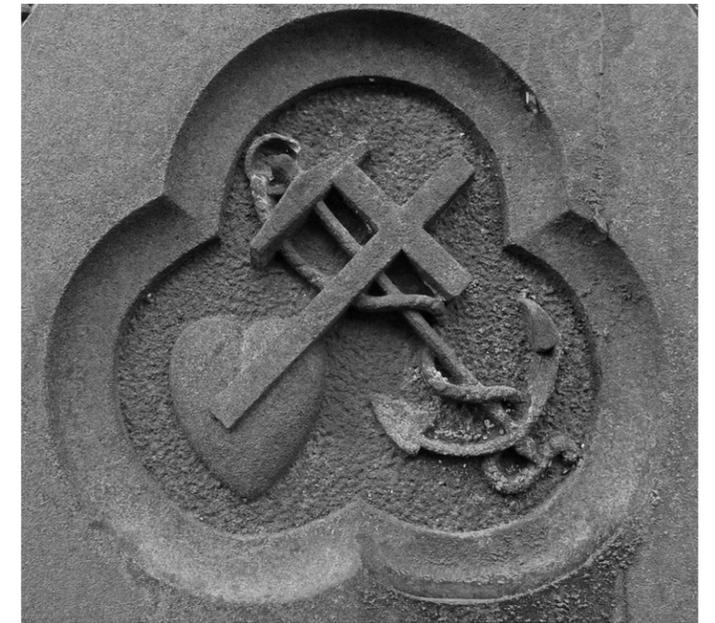
Under the guidance of Fr. Jerome Hologa, CPPS, and Young Adults under the patronage of Blessed Carlo Acutis, **St. Roch's Parish Youth Group** has launched an inspiring outreach program for the homeless. The Street Patrol achieved great success and took place on April 5.

The youth assemble care packages filled with food and snacks, then travel to the heart of the city to distribute them. For these suburban youth, the experience has been profoundly eye-opening, unveiling the realities of poverty in Toronto. Their enthusiasm and commitment to continuing this work are a testament to how hope is both lived and shared.

**St. Alphonsus Parish's Knights of Columbus—St. Gaspar's Council**—led by Fr. Alarey Abella, CPPS, Br. Anthony Canterucci, CPPS, and Mr. Jose da Costa, collaborates every Friday with the **St. Michael and All Saints Anglican Church Community** to run a meal program.

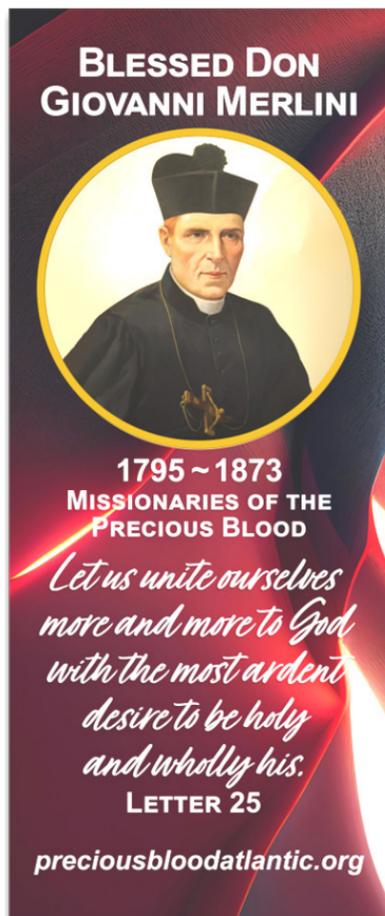
Members from both faith communities join hands to prepare and serve a home-cooked, three-course meal to those in need. In light of the rising cost of food and groceries and the challenges faced by many low-income families in the area, this initiative stands as a profound testament to compassion and hope.

**St. Charles Borromeo Church** continues to serve as a beacon of hope. Frs. Mario Cafarelli, CPPS, and Gerardo Laguaritllia, CPPS, have been strong advocates of 40



*Days for Life*, a pro-life organization dedicated to offering assistance and counseling to women contemplating abortion. Through their efforts, this initiative has saved at least one or two lives each year.

The group gathers along the parish's parking lot at a busy intersection, holding signs that celebrate the sanctity of life. It is particularly inspiring to witness youth from various secondary schools joining this silent march, demonstrating their support through a peaceful and hopeful presence.



## Inspiration Through the Journey of Blessed Merlini's Relics

The relics of Blessed Don Giovanni Merlini continue their journey through our parishes, bringing inspiration and devotion. The recent visit to St. Charles Borromeo Church was both a remarkable success and a deeply

prayerful experience. Many parish communities and visitors gathered to venerate and pray to Blessed Don Giovanni Merlini. Frs. Mario and Gerardo's outstanding hospitality and heartfelt dedication to promoting awareness of Blessed Giovanni Merlini were truly magnificent.

Please remember the Relic will visit:  
**St. Roch's Church:** June 20 to 23  
**Gaspar House:** August 16  
**St. Alphonsus Church:** September 12 to 14

A wonderful musical concert is being organized to celebrate the closing of the Year dedicated to Blessed Giovanni Merlini. Mark

your calendars for December 2, at St. Charles Borromeo Church. Don't forget to spread the word and join us for this special event!

## EXPLORE PRECIOUS BLOOD SPIRITUALITY ONLINE

You can now access the *Precious Blood Family Magazine* online at [preciousbloodatlantic.org](http://preciousbloodatlantic.org). Simply click on the *Precious Blood Family Magazine* icon and share it with your friends!

During the summer months, I invite you to pray with the monthly reflections on Precious Blood spirituality by visiting *Monthly Contemplations*. These thoughtful reflections are prepared by Annette DeCarolis, a USC member. Additionally, explore *Sanguis Christi*, a weekly blog by Fr. John Colacino, CPPS, where we delve deeply into enriching our love for the Blood of Christ.

We are truly blessed and grateful for their unwavering dedication in spreading the Word of God.

## TALK TO US

Do you have thoughts on something you've read in *Bloodlines* or a viewpoint you'd like to share? We value your opinion and welcome your feedback.

*Fr. B's latest mission is to mingle and socialize with VIPs.*

*Here he is, spotted alongside the Moderator General for the Missionaries of the Precious Blood, Rev. Emanuele Lupi; His Excellency Bishop Vincent Nguyen, Auxiliary Bishop of Toronto; and Cardinal Frank Leo, Metropolitan Archbishop of Toronto.*

*Retirement seems to be treating him well. Stay tuned to see who he meets next.*



## WORDS OF THE FOUNDER

*Be happy in the Lord, doing very quietly his lovable will and gently submitting yourself to it.*

~ GASPAR DEL BUFALO  
LETTER 1769

## THOUGHTS FROM BLESSED DON GIOVANNI MERLINI

*In the midst of unclarity, God wants us to be courageous. Let us trust in God and he will provide. As for your fears, abandon yourself into the hands of God and ask yourself why you are afraid. One does not lose God without wanting to.*

~ LETTER 112

## FATHER IN HEAVEN,

We praise you today for your servant Francis and for all that you did through him.

Meet us in our sadness and fill our hearts with praise and thanksgiving, for the sake of our risen Lord, Jesus Christ. Into your hands, O merciful saviour, we commend your servant Francis.

Acknowledge, we pray, a sheep of your own fold, a lamb of your own flock, a sinner of your own redeeming. Enfold him in the arms of your mercy, in the blessed rest of everlasting peace and in the glorious company of the saints in light.

## DATES TO REMEMBER

**MAY 26**

FEAST OF OUR LADY HELP OF CHRISTIANS

3:30PM: Happy Hour

5PM: Dinner

This is a great opportunity to share in fraternity and enjoy each other's friendship. Please call Merlini House to reserve your seat.

**JUNE 9 TO 13**

PROVINCIAL BUSINESS ASSEMBLY

Mt. Carmel Retreat House

Niagara Falls, Ontario

**JUNE 30**

FEAST OF THE PRECIOUS BLOOD

Hosted by St. Charles Borromeo

1PM: Lunch

**AUGUST 15**

GASPAR HOUSE

11AM: Eucharist

Lunch to follow

Further information will be shared at the Provincial Assembly. CPPS Members only.

**AUGUST 16**

GASPAR HOUSE WELCOMES THE RELIC OF BLESSED GIOVANNI MERLINI

The USC has organized a special day of prayer and fraternity to honor the relics of the venerable Blessed Giovanni Merlini.

Everyone is warmly invited to join, and we encourage you to share the invitation with your friends.

The day's activities will include a Welcome, Eucharistic celebration, Reflection/Presentation, free time, and fellowship. Further details will be provided at the Provincial Assembly.

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## WE CELEBRATE!

### BIRTHDAYS

MAY 24 JEROME HOLOGA

MAY 27 ANTHONY CANTERUCCI

### ORDINATIONS

MAY 2 BRENDAN DOHERTY

MAY 4 MARIO CAFARELLI

MAY 10 PETER NOBILI

MAY 21 PHILLIP SMITH

MAY 24 GERMÁN SANTIAGO

*Bloodlines* will resume in September. I am looking forward to seeing you at the Provincial Assembly and wish you a restful summer!

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ALAREY ABELLA

**2**

MARIO CAFARELLI

**3**

BROTHER ANTHONY CANTERUCCI

**4**

RENÉ CERECEDO

**5**

JOHN COLACINO

**6**

SAMUEL D'ANGELO

**7**

BRENDAN DOHERTY

**8**

JOSEPH GRASSO

**9**

JEROME HOLOGA

**10**

DOMINIC JUNG

**11**

GERARDO LAGUARTILLA

**12**

GARY LUIZ

**13**

RON MAHON

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WILLIAM MNYAGATWA

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PHILLIP SMITH

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RON WIECEK

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USC MEMBERS

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DECEASED CPPS MEMBERS

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OUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS

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YOUR PERSONAL INTENTION

# Prayer for Precious Blood Vocations

*In the waters of baptism, Lord God,  
Your voice called out:  
“You are my beloved sons  
and daughters,  
with whom I am well pleased.”  
You breathed your Spirit upon us  
and cleansed us  
in the saving blood of the Lord.*

*Open our ears to hear Your Word,  
our minds to understand Your call,  
And our hearts to respond faithfully.  
Give us the courage to answer,  
strength to persevere,  
and the willingness to be sent forth  
in Your name.*

*We ask this  
in the name of Jesus the Christ,  
in whose blood we have been redeemed.  
Amen.*