

One Family in Mission

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Office of Parish Stewardship September 2020

We are pleased to present our September issue of **ONE FAMILY IN MISSION** newsletter. We invite you - as part of that **FAMILY** - to share articles, best practices and any other items that you believe would benefit our community of Stewards. Please send them to tzalud@drvc.org.

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**Pope Francis' prayer for an end to coronavirus pandemic, to
recite after praying the rosary.**



"We fly to your protection, O Holy Mother of God."

In the present tragic situation, when the whole world is prey to suffering and anxiety, we fly to you, Mother of God and our mother, and seek refuge under your protection.

Virgin Mary, turn your merciful eyes toward us amid this coronavirus pandemic. Comfort those who are distraught and mourn their loved ones who have died,

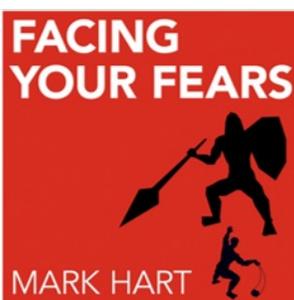
and at times are buried in a way that grieves them deeply. Be close to those who are concerned for their loved ones who are sick and who, in order to prevent the spread of the disease, cannot be close to them. Fill with hope those who are troubled by the uncertainty of the future and the consequences for the economy and employment.

Mother of God and our Mother, pray for us to God, the father of mercies, that this great suffering may end and that hope and peace may dawn anew. Plead with your divine Son, as you did at Cana, so that the families of the sick and the victims be comforted, and their hearts be opened to confidence and trust. Protect those doctors, nurses, health workers and volunteers who are on the frontline of this emergency, and are risking their lives to save others. Support their heroic effort and grant them strength, generosity and continued health. Be close to those who assist the sick night and day, and to priests who, in their pastoral concern and fidelity to the Gospel, are trying to help and support everyone.

Blessed Virgin, illumine the minds of men and women engaged in scientific research, that they may find effective solutions to overcome this virus. Support national leaders, that with wisdom, solicitude and generosity they may come to the aid of those lacking the basic necessities of life and may devise social and economic solutions inspired by farsightedness and solidarity. Mary Most Holy, stir our consciences, so that the enormous funds invested in developing and stockpiling arms will instead be spent on promoting effective research on how to prevent similar tragedies from occurring in the future. Beloved Mother, help us realize that we are all members of one great family and to recognize the bond that unites us, so that, in a spirit of fraternity and solidarity, we can help to alleviate countless situations of poverty and need. Make us strong in faith, persevering in service, constant in prayer.

Mary, Consolation of the afflicted, embrace all your children in distress and pray that God will stretch out his all-powerful hand and free us from this terrible pandemic, so that life can serenely resume its normal course. To you, who shine on our journey as a sign of salvation and hope, do we entrust ourselves, O Clement, O Loving, O Sweet Virgin Mary. Amen.

FORMED STEWARDSHIP CONTENT OF THE MONTH



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As summer comes to its close, we enter a new season with hope and faith. Although we may not know what the final months of 2020 will bring, the good news is that we never knew what the following months will bring!

As Catholics we are called to have faith no matter what the circumstances are and no matter what the future holds.

We may be feeling a little anxious, fearful or upset. You may have a friend or family member who is feeling anxious, fearful or upset. As Catholics, let us turn to the

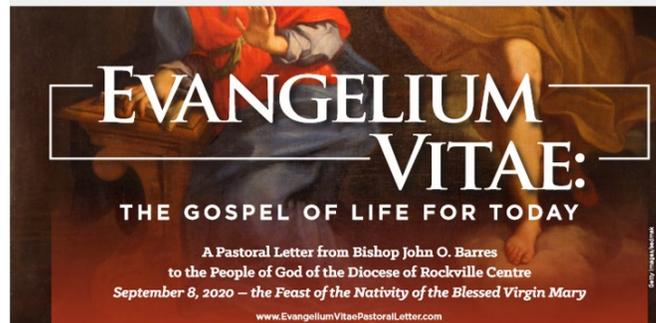
**Facing Your
Fears
by
Mark Hart**

Cross and ask Jesus to help us see His will and follow it.

For our friends and family (and others) who are anxious or fearful, let us pray for them. As stewards, we need to help our brothers and sisters in their life. When we do this, we are practicing all of the pillars of stewardship.

We build upon the pillar of hospitality by caring for and checking in on our struggling brothers and sisters. We build upon the pillar of service by going to see them or giving them a call to make sure they are ok. We build upon the pillar of prayer, simply, when we pray for them. Finally, we build upon the pillar of formation when we remind them that God loves us and He cares for us.

This month remember to pray for our nurses and doctors, our government leaders, our police, fire and EMT departments, our educators and students returning to class, our essential workers and for those who are anxious.



On this the Feast of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Bishop Barres has issued this pastoral letter to the People of God reflecting on St. John Paul II's eleventh Encyclical, Evangelium Vitae - The Gospel of Life.

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