

Dear family in Christ

Our gospel today, and in particular with John's gospel, there is much communicated to the listener about the indwelling between the Father and the Son. The Father is in me and I am in the Father, and, If you have seen me then you have seen the Father.

As a reflection for Mother's Day, we often speak of someone becoming a part of us in our life. It is very true of our Mothers. I have much of what my mother shared regarding her faith. For those who don't know, my mother passed on to the Lord 4 years ago now.

My mother was the one who remained faithful and got us to Mass, at a time when my father was not going. My mother was the one who taught me prayers before bed and I remember praying with her as I lay in bed and she knelt down beside me. I have had many funerals where the children fondly remembered their mother praying with them.

Our Blessed Mother prays with us all the time, whenever we are praying, she is there with us. She is there even for those whose mother might not have been there for them. Because we are one family in Christ. She leads us to her Son, just as my mom led me to Jesus through the Sacraments of the Church, which are given by Mary's Son. My mother even prepared me for my first Holy Communion, as I did it on my own.

And so, I offer blessings and prayers to our mothers, grandmothers, great grandmothers, and godmothers at this time. They still dwell within us, and may we always celebrate their love and sacrifice in our lives, especially towards our faith and life in God.

I continue to keep you in my prayers and private Masses. May God bless your persistence in faith and perseverance in His Almighty Love. Amen.

With prayers and blessings,

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