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the road. Petro's mother was dragging him while yelling and swearing at him. When Petro saw me he tried to come to me. He was shaking from the ordeal and said, 'Ruslan, please, I want to be with you at Bortniky.' So back we went.

"Yesterday I took the younger ones, including Petro, to the lake where they were so happy and carefree as they played and skipped stones along the water. Some tears of joy welled up in my eyes as I thanked God for Bortniky, for this haven where our kids are safe, secure and have no worries.

"We have 32 kids at Bortniky, ranging in age from six to eighteen. Thanks to our benefactors, we continue to provide these traumatized boys with a real home and healing atmosphere."

Please help our *Miles Jesu Missions* today, such as our Bortniky Boys' Home in Ukraine. Your sacrifice of a large gift, a monthly pledge or whatever you can afford, truly makes all the difference. In *Miles Jesu* we pray for our benefactors daily at Mass and in our holy hours and rosaries because the *Miles Jesu Missions* depend upon God's help through people like you.

Yours in Jesus through Mary,

Fr. Romeo Salcido, MJ
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Miles Jesu Education Fund: for consecrated members of Miles Jesu, towards their lay professions and training in doctrine and social teachings of the Church.



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Dear Friend in Christ,

"Six-year old Petro came to us from the state orphanage a few months ago," Ruslan Markiv, MJ, Director of our Bortniky Boys' Home, tells us. "Last week his mentally ill mother came for a visit and took Petro for a walk. It turned out to be a really long walk to take him away. I went out looking and found them along

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Growing In the Faith

SEEK THE FACE OF THE LORD

By Fr. Christopher Foeckler, MJ

We are exhorted at least 85 times in Sacred Scripture to “seek the Lord,” and specifically on many occasions to “seek the face of the Lord.” (cf. I Chron 6:11) There is so much meaning in this exhortation. First of all, a face to face encounter with anyone is something decidedly personal, one on one. Moreover, the face of a person is the most telling feature of their attitude and sentiment, of their thoughts and will towards others. The face reveals the person. The Blessed Virgin Mary prayed: “the Lord has looked upon His handmaid”...and she was blessed among women. (cf. Lk 2:) while the whole of Pharaoh’s army was thrown into panic by a glance from the Lord. (cf. Ex 14:24)

Moses longed to see the Lord and begged Him for that privilege. But the Lord responded that in this world it was not possible to see the face of the Lord as Scripture explains here and elsewhere, “no one can see the face of God and live.” (cf. Ex 33:20) But why, especially if we are exhorted so to seek His face, can we not behold it here in this life? It is because God is Goodness Itself, and we who are created as rational

creatures to desire the good would want no other lesser good if we were to see Goodness itself! Food, air, others, even life wouldn’t matter to us anymore. All we would want and only be satisfied with would be to possess that Goodness – God Himself, which is reserved for the next life.

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The fulfillment of all human desire is to see the face of God! We seek now in this world with faith and hope knowing of the beauty and goodness of the Lord by His works and His grace, and we are assured by the Lord that those who seek, shall indeed find. (cf. Lk 11:9)

The blessing that the Lord gave Moses to teach to the priests of Israel is a beautiful reflection of this: *“The LORD bless you and keep you! The LORD let his face shine upon you, and be gracious to you! The Lord look upon you kindly and give you peace!”* (Num 6:24-26)

This month of November, as we remember in a special way all our dearly beloved who have died, we invoke this prayerful blessing for them. Our eternal destiny is all about seeing God face to face. May we all, one day together, see His face!

The Lay Vocation

ED VOTA — REQUIESCAT IN PACE. AND THANKS FOR THE STATUE!

By Thomas Creen, MJ • Phoenix, AZ

A holy soul who recently departed from us was Mr. Ed Vota, at the venerable age of 92. Ed was an excellent member of Miles Jesu for many years and his son, Fr. Paul Vota, MJ, was the first priest ever ordained for Miles Jesu. The following incident from Ed’s life illustrates who he was:

Ed and his wife Doris (also an MJ member) used to belong to a parish called St. Philomena’s. One evening, the pastor called a parish meeting and Ed was there. The pastor pointed out that the parish was named after St. Philomena but had no image of her in the church. He wanted to order a statue of St. Philomena for the parish but he needed the parishioners to donate the money to cover it. No one volunteered to help until Ed raised his hand and committed to it.

When he got home and told Doris, she wasn’t sure if that was the best decision for their budget at the time. But they both agreed to stick to the pledge. And the parish got its statue.

Fast forward a few decades. Ed was in the old neighborhood and made a visit to St. Philomena’s. When he came into the church, he noticed a man praying there alone. They got to talking and Ed mentioned he was a former parishioner and about the story of the statue.

The man was astounded and said to Ed, “I am a convert to the Catholic Church. I used to be a Protestant minister. One day I was feeling down and decided to come in here to pray. While I was praying, that statue of St. Philomena told me I needed to become a Catholic. Long story short...here I am. Thank you for paying for that statue.”

This one incident tells us a lot. Ed was generous, trusted in the Lord, was prayerful, devout, and kept his word. An instrument of the Lord.

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