



A Catholic canonical missionary service of evangelization with the poor consecrated to the beating Hearts of Jesus and Mary

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## Sharing the Joy of the Gospel

Dear Friends,

In the days of 1917, before the Blessed Mother began to appear to the three children of Fatima, an angel appeared to Lucia, Jacinta and Francisco, and taught them this prayer, "Jesus, I believe in you, I hope in you, I trust in you, I love you, and I pray for all who do not believe, do not hope, do not trust, do not love." The angel was expanding their hearts to care for and spiritually help those finding it difficult to live the life of grace. It was only then that Mother Mary came to reveal her beating Immaculate Heart to these little apostles, two of whom are being canonized by Pope Francis during this Centennial Year.

Expanding our hearts to move with the beating Hearts of Jesus and Mary for the poor, who are forgotten and neglected, is the focus of the LAMP Missionaries and yet we are all challenged to have a missionary heart. A few years ago, Pope Francis wrote a document called *The Joy of the Gospel*. He speaks of the Church being "missionary," and how she has to go forth

to everyone without exception. In para. 48, he states: "But to whom should she go first?" He looks for the answer in the Gospel and concludes: "...above all the poor and the sick, those who are usually despised and overlooked, 'those who cannot repay you' (Lk. 14:14)."

These are the persons the LAMP Missionaries specifically seek out. We recently began a new site for the LAMPcafé in the S. Bronx, near a homeless shelter (see photo below). We need more LAMP Missionaries to serve them! Also, in your kindness please pray for and assist LAMP financially as you are able. We need your support.

With you in the beating Hearts  
of Jesus and Mary,

*Tom & Lyn*

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Scheuring, Ph.D.s  
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*Marybeth & Ed*

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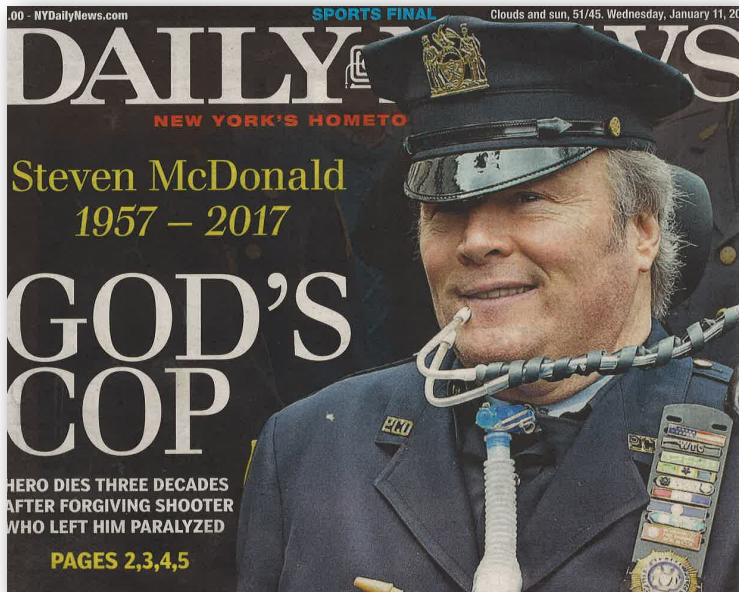
*A smiling woman (r.) from the neighborhood came to the new LAMPcafé site in the South Bronx one day when Cardinal Timothy Dolan, Archbishop of New York, arranged to serve with LAMP. Co-Director Tom Scheuring (l.) accompanied the Cardinal. [On the front cover of Catholic New York!](#)*

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**Might someone you know make a good LAMP Missionary?  
Might YOU make a good LAMP Missionary?**

**Here is our number!**

**718-409-5062**



## “God’s Cop” and LAMP

In September, 1994, we received a note from Steven McDonald asking for information about LAMP. That was the beginning of a special and blessed relationship with NYPD Det. Steven McDonald of NYC fame, who in 1986 was shot in Central Park as a rookie cop and hung on the precipice of death for months. As he miraculously recovered, he had to learn to live as a quadriplegic. His doctors thought he would live for only a few years. His relationship with God is what gave him the strength to recover, and he publicly forgave the incarcerated teenager who shot him. (He and his wife Patty were friends of another friend of LAMP, Cardinal John O’Connor, who baptized their son Conor, a few months after Steven was shot.) Steven’s message of forgiveness took him all around the world. He also continued to serve the city as a detective.

[Steven served as a LAMP Missionary for many years](#), giving his witness of God’s love and mercy, and the power of forgiveness, to parishes, hospitals, schools and shelters where LAMP was serving. He was a strong witness to LAMP Missionaries also, showing that there is no excuse not to share the joy of Jesus with others.

This past January, Steven went to eternal life, 30 years after being shot. His funeral tied up the midtown area of Manhattan and other roads as the streets were filled with police from around the country and countless citizens who loved him.

If you are from the New York City area, you probably know Steven’s story well. We want to share with all our friends about Steven, because he was so much a part of LAMP. Steven, please pray for LAMP.

## The Opening

Rays of brilliance  
 Streaming from your open side  
 Where the blood and water  
 From your last earthly Heartbeats  
 Had poured out upon the earth  
 On Calvary hill.

The blinding light from your open wound  
 Originating from your pierced Heart,  
 Most sacred saving Sacrifice,  
 The final death blow to your body  
 Creates the pathway to the vibrant healing energy  
 Of a pulsing Heart forever alive  
 and in love with us.

In rising your beacon Heart can be seen  
 By every person on this planet  
 The burning furnace of your charity  
 Visible, unbounded,  
 Bursting from your side.  
 Oceans of grace and mercy  
 Churning and yearning  
 Gushing forth to wash us  
 when we cry out to you.

- Marybeth Mutmansky Greene



Painting by Caravaggio

**“Jesus said to Thomas:  
 ‘...Reach out your hand  
 and put it in my side. Do  
 not doubt but believe.’”**

John 20:27



## “Where Is A Dentist?”

Sarah and I were counseling and praying on a busy sidewalk outside Planned Parenthood in the South Bronx. A young woman stopped to ask Sarah if she knew where a dentist office was because she had an awful toothache. Since I had a smart phone, Sara brought her over to me after handing her a pro-life pamphlet and I proceeded to look on Google Maps for the nearest dentist office. Meanwhile, Kimmie was reading the pamphlet. “What’s post-abortive healing?” she asked. Still searching through the results on my phone, at first I kind of mindlessly replied. Then the Holy Spirit grabbed my heart and shook me awake. Wake up,



## A “Precious” Encounter

I was sitting alone at a table near the inside entrance of a NYC Midtown café, silently reciting morning prayer while sipping coffee. It was a cold blustery day, and standing next to my table was a homeless woman momentarily sheltering herself from the weather while busily reorganizing all of her worldly possessions packed into a handcart. After fixing her belongings she attempted to leave the café, but couldn’t get past my table with her cart. She kindly asked me to pick up my coffee so as not to spill it while gently moving aside the table. Upon passing, she again very gently and conscientiously replaced the table to its original position while thanking me. Her gentle kindness touched my heart so much so that I offered her some money for her to buy something to eat. I reached into my wallet for cash and for my ever ready “You are precious...” card. I noticed her rummaging around in one of her bags and before I could give her the card, she brought out a rather wrinkled small white piece of paper and gave it to me. It read: “You are precious in God’s eyes!” It was a copy of the card I was going to give her, but on plain paper. I was amazed when I saw it and further amazed to see that it was a photocopied version of the card we hand out. In astonishment, I offered her my more sturdy ‘authentic’ LAMP Precious card, but she refused it saying she had a steady supply of her own and was not in need of more. Once again the evangelist had become the evangelized!

-LAMP Missionary Kevin Wright



*Hailey sharing with a pregnant woman in front of an abortion clinic in the South Bronx.*

Hailey. Why is she asking this?

He awoke my heart to be sensitive to hers, to hear the beating Heart of Jesus resounding for love of her. I then proceeded to carefully say that if she knew anyone who had had an abortion there’s a lot of healing available. “I had one of those,” She said, her eyes cast down. Her voice was thick with guilt and pain. While walking her to the dentist office I got to speak to her about the pain she was feeling. We spoke about God’s abundant love and mercy, about her child in heaven who loves and forgives her and who wants her to be with her/him for all of eternity. I gave her a “Healing after Abortion” pamphlet from the Sisters of Life, and shared about post-abortive healing retreats. She wanted to go to one of those retreats.



Her heart was broken, but God was leading her to the fountain of His mercy where she could once again be free to love and accept His love.

-LAMP Missionary Hailey Megge



*LAMPLighters (and Tom & Lyn's grandsons) Chase, with his brother Maddox (not shown), assist LAMP Missionary Steve Patterson (extreme left) serving "those who cannot repay us" (Luke 14:14). LAMPLighters is the children's branch of LAMP where the young are formed in faith and compassionate care for those who suffer and/or are in need.*

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## Announcements

Dr. Malissa Scheuring Leipold, one of Tom & Lyn's daughters, recently co-guided a group of college students from Iona College, where she is a professor, on a pilgrimage of history and spirituality to Auschwitz, a concentration camp where untold suffering happened during World War II. It was here that St. Maximilian Kolbe and St. Teresa Benedicta of the Cross (Edith Stein) were martyred.

LAMP celebrates the 50th Anniversary of the Catholic Charismatic Renewal, which has brought new graces to countless Catholics around the world. Marybeth Mutmansky Greene, LAMP's Pastoral Co-Director with her husband Ed, had the privilege of being present on the Duquesne Weekend in 1967, when this outpouring of the Holy Spirit began.

With Marybeth's help, two other LAMPLighters (also Tom & Lyn's grandchildren) Alexandra and Lukas, recently created a children's booklet, *Ethan's First Holy Communion Miracle*, about the Heart of Jesus present in the Blessed Sacrament. It would make a great First Holy Communion gift, and is available [here](#) on Amazon.com.

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- 2) If you or someone you know would make a good LAMP Missionary, please give us a call at (718) 409-5062!
- 3) Our new book is available [here](#) online! If you are moved to purchase a copy and it edifies you, please consider leaving a review!
- 4) Please like us on [Facebook](#) (LAMP Catholic Ministries NY) and follow us on [Twitter](#) (@LAMP\_Ministries) for the latest updates!

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