



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

MAKING A DIFFERENCE FOR LIFE

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Dear Mr. Stachura:

Hi. My name is Tracy Creel and me and my husband Russell live with our son Michael in Merrill, WI. Russell is a member of KC Council #1133. Russell has been in contact with you in the past to come and speak at the Merrill Council meeting so you have previously met. I originally grew up in Krakow, and am a Pulaski High School graduate. My parents are Rich and Diane Mihalski, and my brothers are Bill and Andy Mihalski, respectively.

I write to you with deep, deep condolences about the sudden death of your son this past week. I have been profoundly effected by the news so I would like to share a story with you, if I may.

Jimmy was our KC insurance agent for the last 5 years. We had him in our home at least once or twice a year. We always had the Pulaski connection with him even though we lived in Merrill. He was the nicest and most joyful, intelligent guy a person could know. We always looked forward to his visits. His sudden death has had a *profound, I mean profound* effect on me since I found out on Sunday morning from my brother. My weekly holy hour in front of the Blessed Sacrament was on Monday morning of this week. I prayed the Divine Mercy Chaplet, then the rosary for the repose of his soul and sat there in bewilderment wondering the state of his soul. I prayed in tears that God had mercy on him, and then I felt Jesus spoke to me:

"Tracy, I saved Jimmy's soul, but you have to have as many Masses said for him as possible."

So I'm spreading the word to you, and I hope you spread it to all you know. I'm not a mystic by any means, and rarely hear Jesus give me a message in my heart, but he planted a message this past Monday morning to bring me comfort and to pass the message on to your family. Let's storm heaven with Masses for years to come for Jimmy's benefit. It is the most precious gift we can give him right now.

I called the Association of the Marians in Stockbridge, MA today. This congregation promotes the divine mercy message world-wide. I was able to order a set of Gregorian Masses to be said for the repose of Jimmy's soul. This is 30 consecutive Masses that will be prayed for Jimmy beginning in June by a priest in Poland. Our priest in Merrill at St. Francis Xavier Catholic Church also said Mass for Jimmy on Monday night of this week.

I pray that God will grant you and your family peace in the days ahead. I know the road will be long and arduous, but I know God will give you the grace to overcome your grief.

With trust in Jesus,

The Russell Creel Family

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