

PRAISE AND THANKS

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In 2017 I was diagnosed with prostate cancer. Upon speaking with my urologist Dr. Abarra, I had my files transferred to Princess Margaret Hospital (PMH). For the last three years, I've been under the care of Dr. Tony Finelli, a surgeon specializing in prostate cancer at Princess Margaret Hospital. In 2019 my PSA rose again, so another biopsy was performed. It was at this time that I decided to let my wife know of my situation. In November of 2020, my PSA elevated considerably, so he ordered an MRI of the prostate done in February of his year. Upon review, he immediately scheduled me for another biopsy to determine what stage I had progressed to. At this time, I let the diaconate community and Monsignor Greg, the pastor at my Parish, Saint Padre Pio, know of my condition. I also decided to take a leave of absence.

The following week unbeknownst to me, Monsignor announced my condition during a televised mass and asked our community for prayers. Prior to going in for the biopsy in April, I went to confession, went to Mass, received the Eucharist, the sacrament of the sick and was prayed over. On the day of the surgical procedure, 18 core samples were taken, six more than on the previous two biopsies, of which both showed cancer.

I was recently informed the week before Pentecost that the samples all came back negative. No trace of cancer was found, not even low-grade cancer. This healing of prostate cancer is a testimony of the power of united prayer, the power of the sacraments and the power of the Holy Spirit.

I now want to take this opportunity to give thanks and praise God, who is all-merciful, loving and forgiving, as well as thanking every one of you who stormed Heaven with prayers in my time of need. For this, my wife and I will always be truly grateful.

Our God is truly an AWESOME GOD. May we always give Him the Glory and Praise!

Sincerely

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