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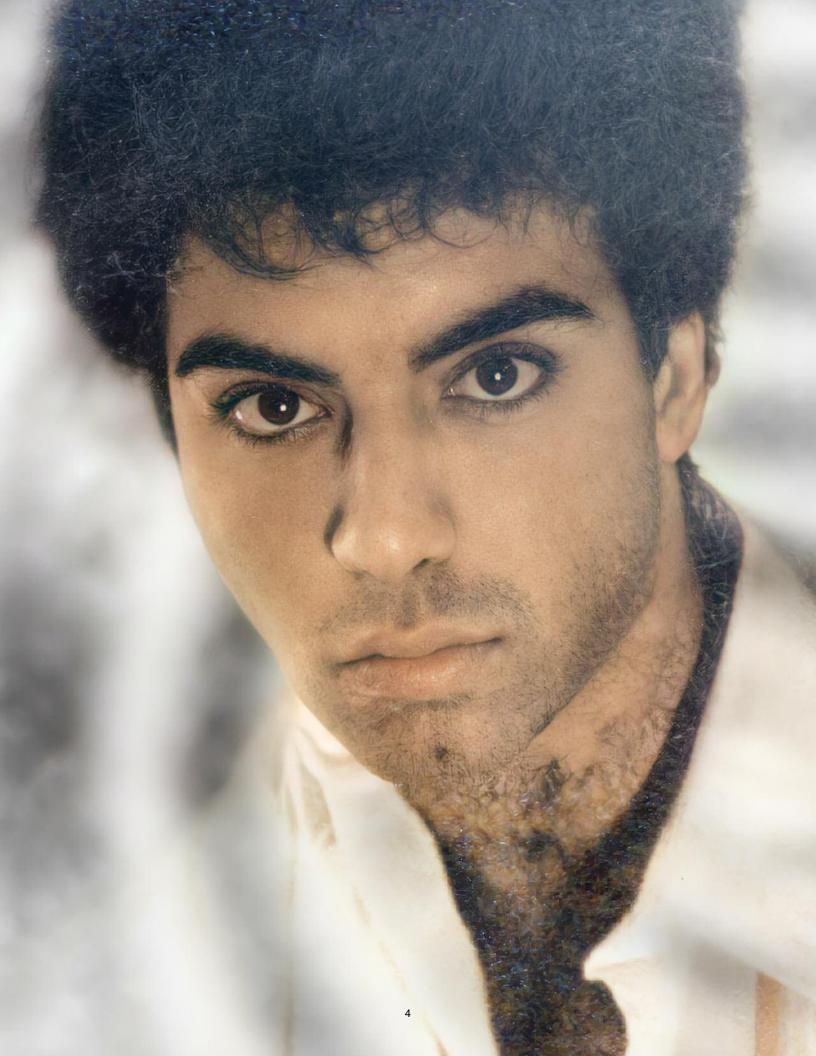
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Since 1982 I have been asked many times why I have dedicated my life in spreading consecration to the Immaculate Heart of Mary. This revised edition of **CONVERTED** will hopeful explain in words and photos.

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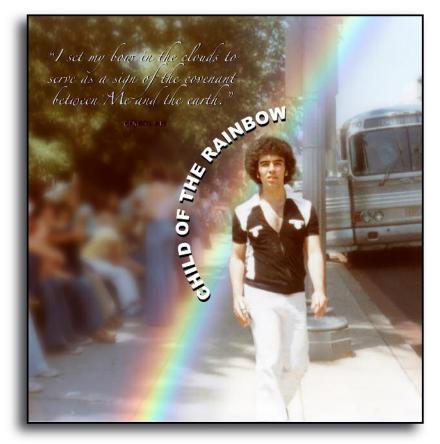


Part One.....Before I Was

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I was once a walking corpse – some said handsome to look at – but inside filled with sin and corruption.

Do not misunderstand, I was not a bad person at all, never dated, never tried or took drugs, never drank, never gambled and never tried to hurt anyone. My great sin was after confirmation, I decided I didn't want to go to Church anymore. I was not interested in God or keeping my soul free from mortal sin, which is what not attending Church is: for a Catholic a grave mortal sin.



Book Cover, 1978.

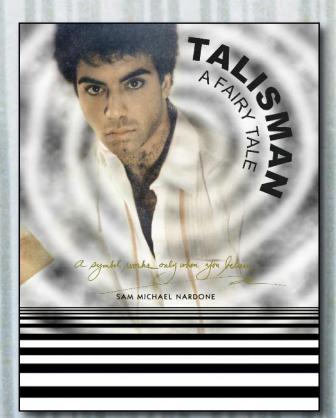
When I turned 18 I was enrolled in college as an art major but on the side I pursued my acting, modeling and singing career whenever I could. My collection of original song lyrics called CHILD OF THE RAINBOW was finished and I was onto writing the fairy tale TALISMAN which told the story of my songs.

I modeled for the covers of these projects and this artistic expression is what I wanted to pursue for the rest of my life. I was living large in the art world but the spiritual life was never even a consideration.

At 20 years old I was accepted in the Actor's Studio in New York. The tuition was paid and relatives who lived in the city were helping me find an apartment. I was on my way to an exciting new phase in my life as all my artistic dreams were coming true: a book of original song lyrics, a short-story fairy tale and enrollment in the Actor's Studio.

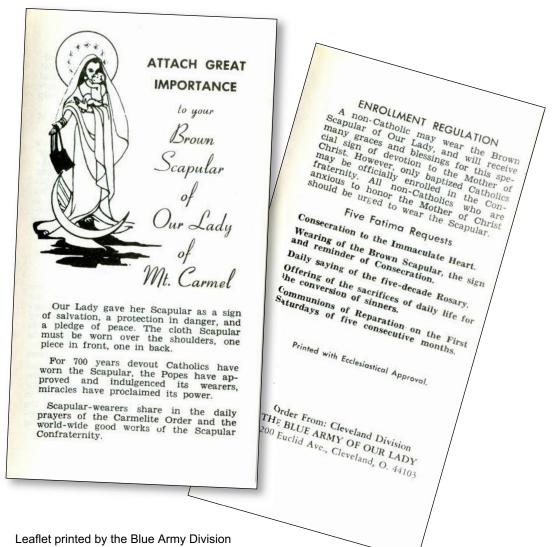
When living in mortal sin one can only live like this for a short time before the pangs of conscious reveals itself, but we must be humble enough to listen. For me, one day it did, and this event changed my life forever...











Cleveland, Ohio

Part Two.....The Night I Was

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As I was preparing to leave home and join the Actor's Studio in New York my father suddenly died and this changed my life in a split second. His death, at a young age, was a shock to me so I put everything on hold and really examined my life after his Mass and burial.

The Brown Scapular of Our Lady of Mount Carmel at Fatima – which was attached to the leaflet printed by the Blue Army Division, Cleveland, Ohio, found on page 8. At this point in my life, did I want to pursue a somewhat superficial profession where almost everything would be centered around my physicial appearance? Did I really want to be around a profession like this? The little exposure I had in that world seemed to say no.

One day I was watching a television program about how much corruption and vice there was in the entertainment business and how the devil was running rampant in hollywood. During this program they played some songs by rock groups backwards and it sounded like the pits of hell opened up. This frightened me very much to the extend that my mother wanted to call a priest so that I could speak to him. This was the first time in my life that I was questioning if my life-long dream was really a nightmare. I did not want to speak to anyone that night let alone a priest.

Instead my mother gave me a leaflet containing the Brown Scapular. The artwork was described as Our Lady of Mt. Carmel at Fatima.



My father – Samuel Joseph Nardone.

Fatima... I remembered the word from one of my father's last advise to me. We were watching television and a movie came on called THE MIRACLE OF OUR LADY OF FATIMA and when my father saw this he turned to me and said, "you should go to the library and investigate this story because it's a fascinating one." My father knew how much time I spent in the library and he wanted me to know this story on Fatima.

Anyway, I took the Brown Scapular and I placed it over my head, one piece in the back and one piece over my heart. It was like a bolt of lightening had

struck me down hitting my mind, hand and entering my heart changing everything in an instant. When I got up I was no longer the same as a complete change came over my heart, mind, body and especially my soul.

This is all I am able to say at this time about my conversion and my inner life after the lightening bolt that hit me on February 14, 1982. I was 21 years old.



It was like a Bolt of Tigatening."

Holding an exact copy of the Brown Scapular in 2022 that started it all as shown on page 9: 40 years later.



Part ThreeAfter I Was

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After the Scapular was placed on my heart and I was praying the beautiful prayers on the leaflet I wanted to know more about Fatima. I was also praying the Holy Rosary and reading The Bible everyday.

At the time my mother and I were living near a Blue Army Shrine in Holliston, Massachusetts. We happened to see it on our travels without knowing it was there. We stopped several times at the Shrine and this is where I purchased the book by William Thomas Walsh, OUR LADY OF FATIMA which I read from cover to cover.

When I read the passage in the book where Jacinta said about a woman in the village, "this woman says so many sinful things that if she doesn't go to confession she'll go to hell," I went back to sacramental confession that Saturday afternoon and went back to Sunday Mass for the first time in years and received Holy Communion. My soul was healed and now I was living a sacramental life. I was at peace, deep peace of which I never experienced before.



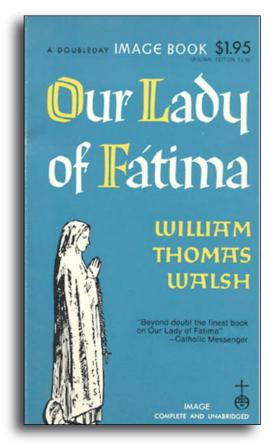
The Blue Army Shrine, Washington, New Jersey.



The Blue Army Pledge leaflet.



The Holy House which features statues commemorating the "Last Vision of Fatima" to Sister Lucia in 1929. The Blue Army Shrine, Washington, New Jersey.



This book by William Thomas Walsh was food for my soul and he kept quoting a book written by Sister Lucia, the only living Fatima seer and I really wanted to read that book but it was nowhere to be found.

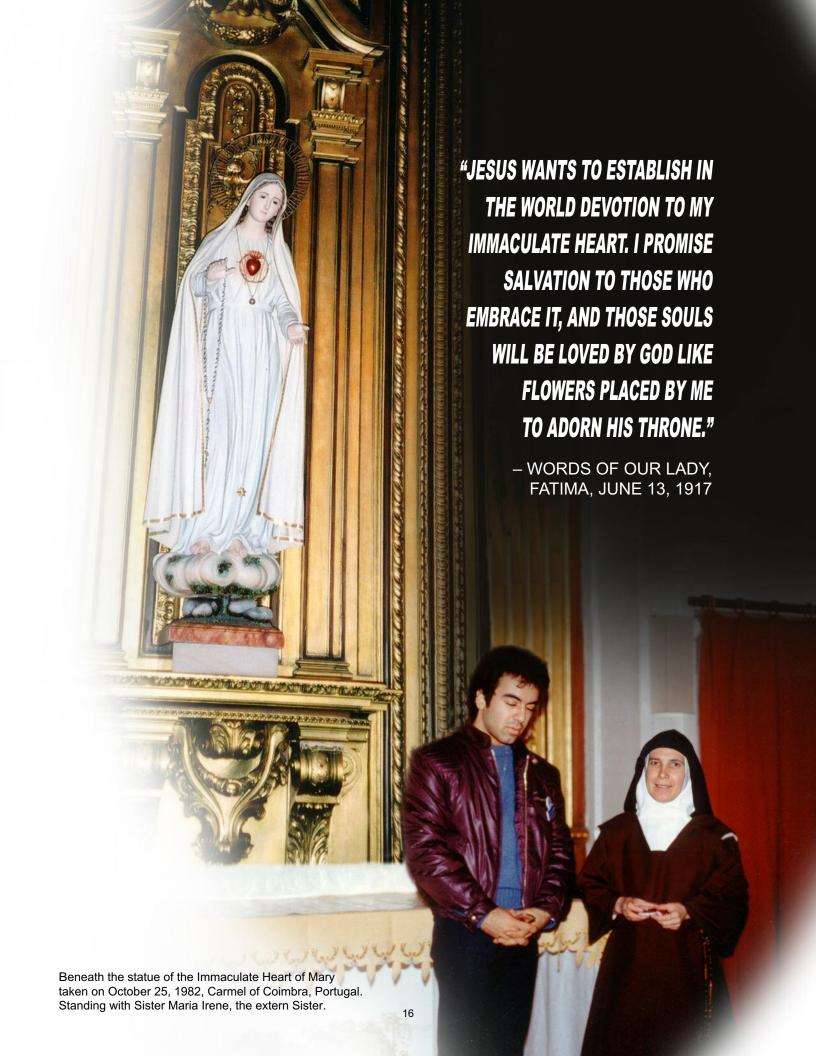
Several months later my mother and I were making a pilgrimage to the Blue Army Shrine in Washington, New Jersey, again just minutes away from where we had lived for many years, but unknown to us.

On the bus the woman who sponsored the trip gave a holy card of Jacinta to each pilgrim and it

touched my heart because it was the first time I saw what she looked like.

I made my Blue Army Pledge and became a member. At the Shrine they advertized a trip to Fatima Portugal and I knew I had to be on that plane. When I inquired about the trip the woman I was speaking with said, "unfortunately we only have one seat available," she explained it was difficult to sell just one seat. "I'll take it," I said and I was on my way to Fatima which was just several months after my conversion. I didn't need to go to a library because I was on my way to where it all happened!







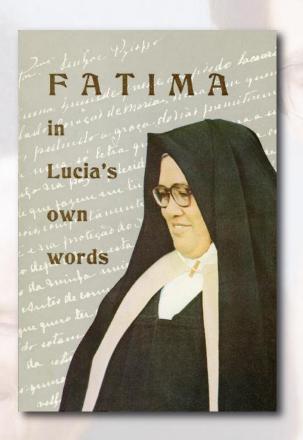
In Sister Lucia's convent there stands the unique statue of the Immaculate Heart of Mary as she

appeared at Fatima. Sister Lucia worked with the sculptor, José Thedim several months on this statue. This is the most famous image of Our Lady of Fatima showing her Immaculate Heart as she appeared on June 13, 1917. It is the only statue featured on all the Carmel's literature.

After my return from Fatima I knew what I had to do: spread devotion to the Immaculate Heart of Mary throughout the world. For me, the best way was to distribute THE GOLDEN PRAYER, which is the act of consecration to the Immaculate Heart of Mary and features Sister Lucia's statue.



Both photos: standing in the Carmelite Church at Coimbra.

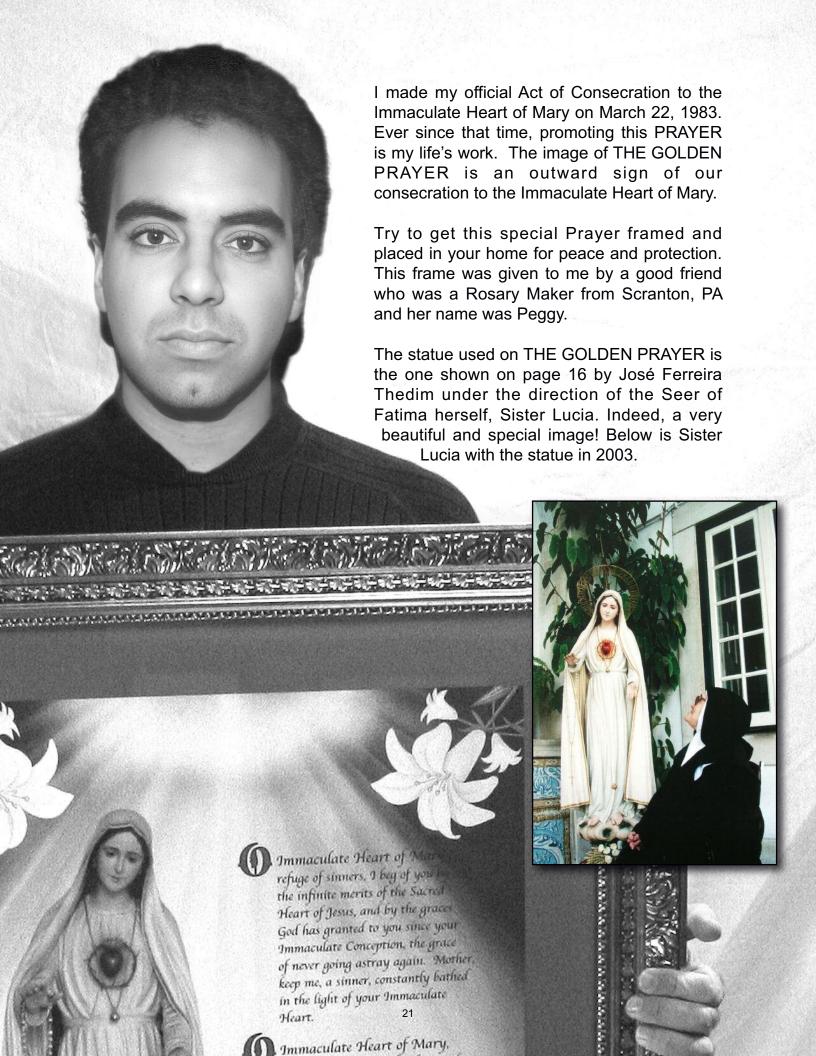


On the opposite page is a group of pilgrims at Fatima and in the center of us all is Sister Lucia's sister and I am holding her hand.

In Fatima I was finally able to find Sister Lucia's book called, FATIMA IN LUCIA'S OWN WORDS and it is by far the best book on Fatima because everything written about Fatima is based on this book. My third favorite books on Fatima is written by Father John De Marchi called, THE IMMACULATE HEART. I actually got to know him and he inspired me by his humility and holiness.





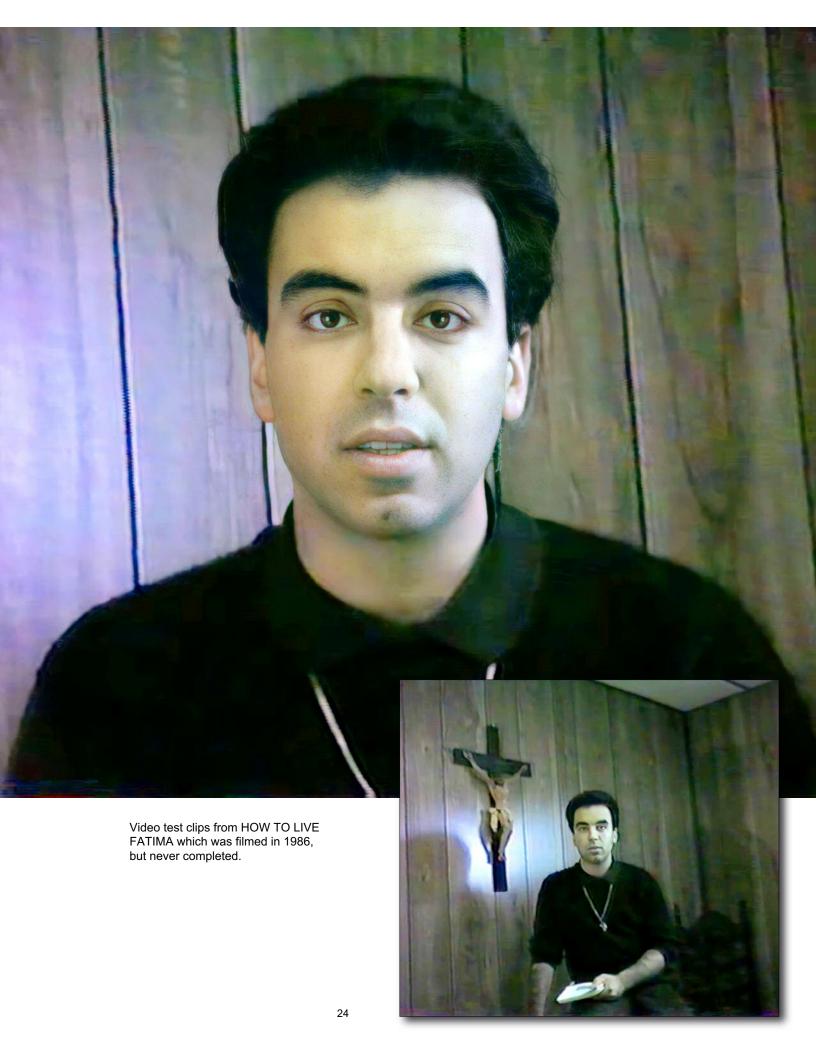




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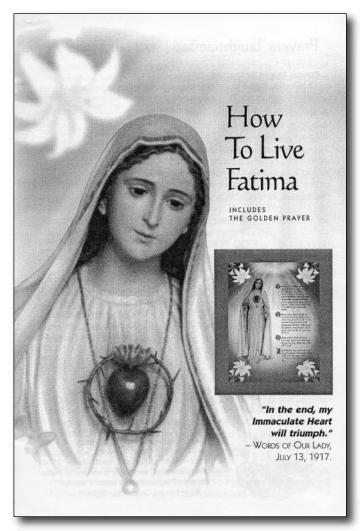
HOW TO LIVE FATIMA

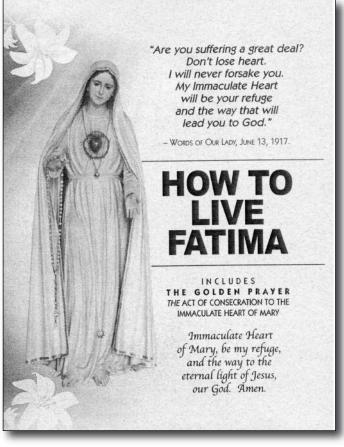


First edition of the booklet HOW TO LIVE FATIMA, 1985. The Golden Prayer is on the cover with Sister Lucia's statue. This angle was soon discarded for a better one, but that was slow in becoming a reality. The booklet was printed in black and white.



Second edition, 1986. Featured my pen and ink illustration.

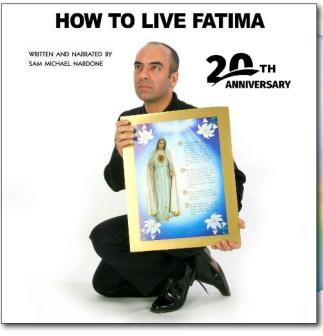




Different editions were published and the angle of the statue was getting better, but still no color.

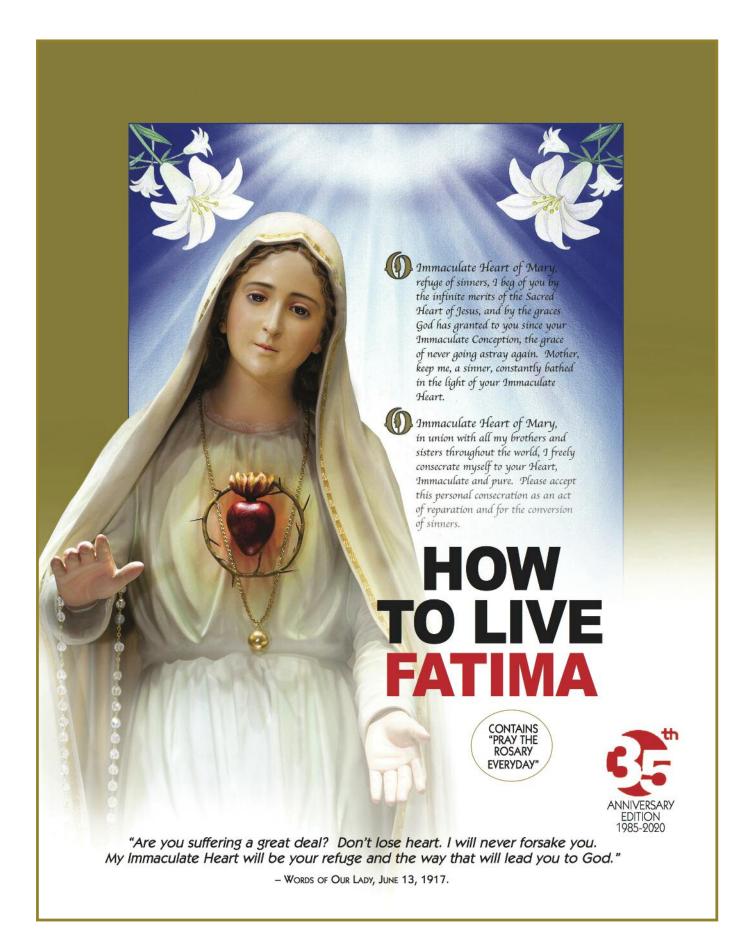
I wrote HOW TO LIVE FATIMA because I wanted Our Lady's message to be accessible to thousands – free of charge. From 1985 to 2005 I never put my name or photograph on any of my projects until I saw many people on the internet making it look like my work was theirs. It took me many years to do this as I am very shy and private. As I write this in 2022, I feel a little better about using my name and photograph.





20th Anniversary CD cover for HOW TO LIVE FATIMA which was recorded live in 2005 – twenty years after the first publication.





35th Anniversary color booklet, 2020. Definitive edition, printed in full color...finally! Ave Maria!

THE BROWN SCAPULAR



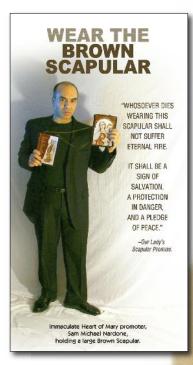
THE BROWN SCAPULAR WITH LEAFLET.

Our Lady of Mount Carmel at Fatima is my design based on the statue of Sister Lucia's by sculptor José Thedim.





It was my mother, Carmella, who gave me the Brown Scapular on February 14, 1982. I wanted to take some photographs of us together for the 25th Anniversary of this event, the event which changed my life forever. The Statue of Our Lady of Mount Carmel, with the Child Jesus, is in my mother's room.



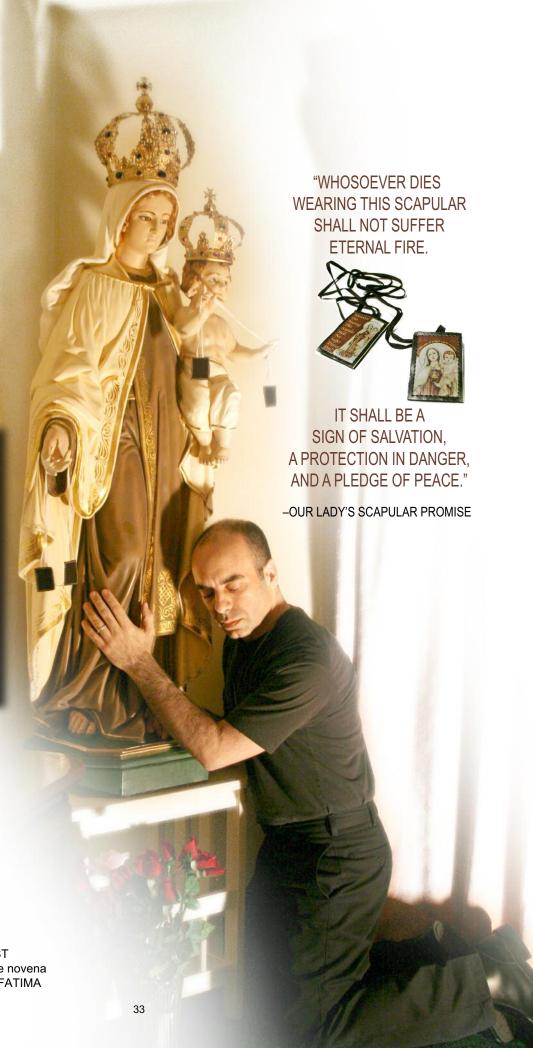
Large Scapular leaflet cover.

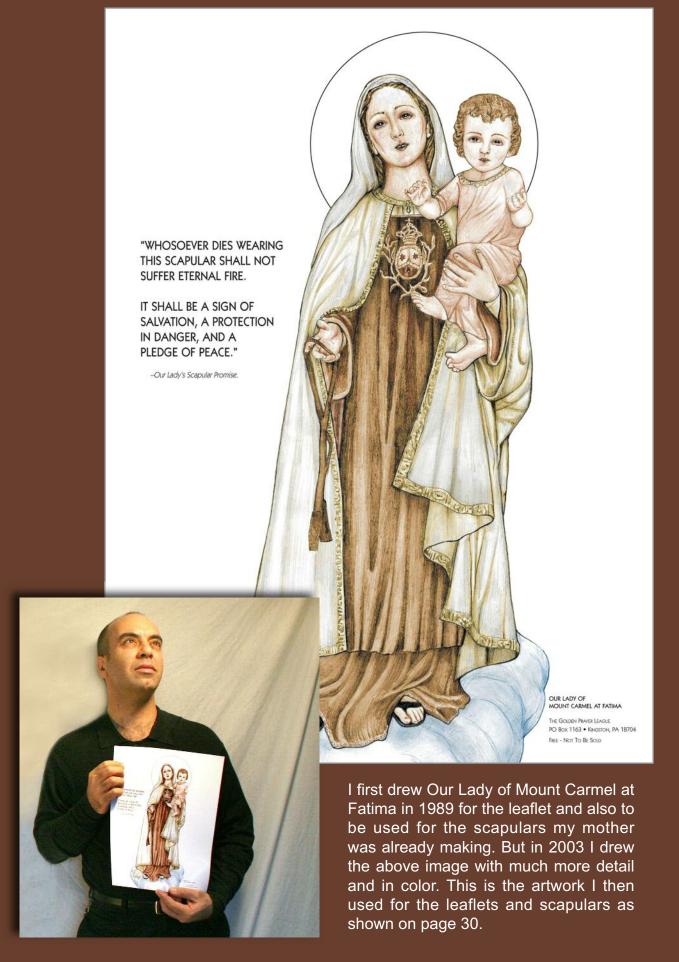


This poster commemorates my conversion for the 25th Anniversary in 2007.



Video clip taken from the 2007 DVD FIRST SATURDAY ROSARY, which includes the novena to OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL AT FATIMA which I wrote in 1992.

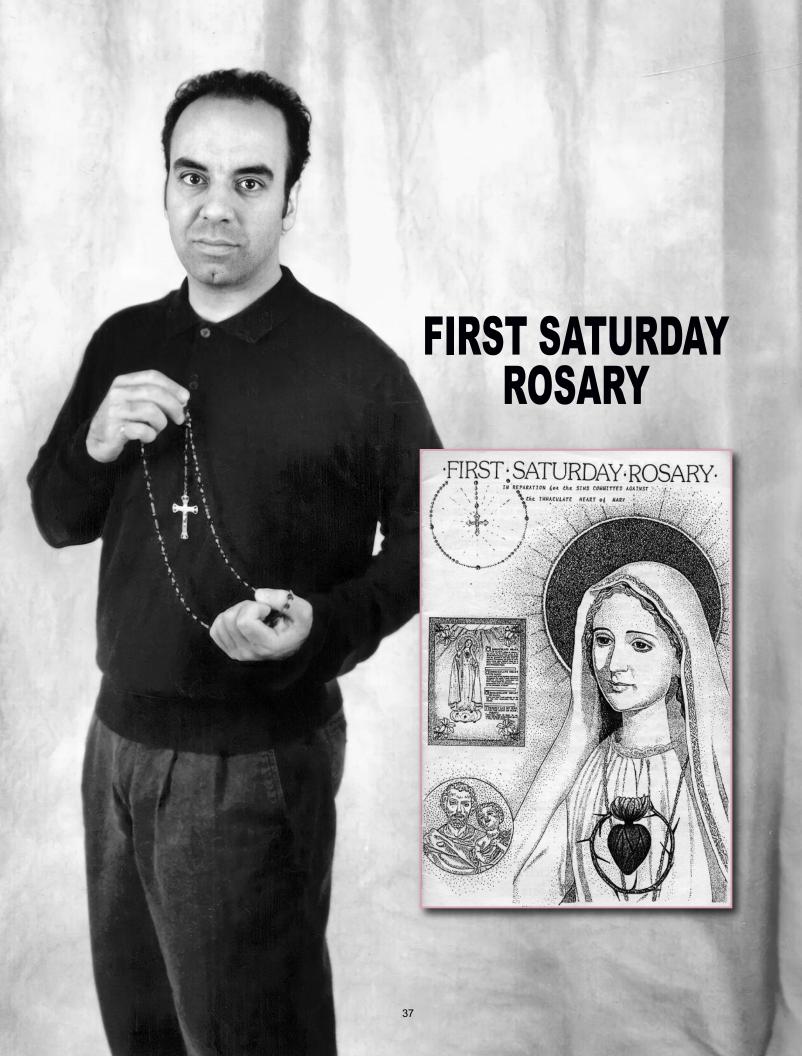




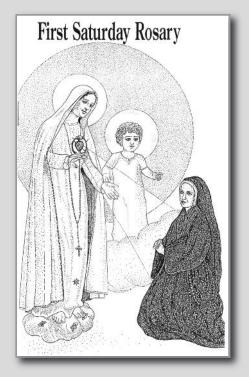




These photos were shot for the cover of the 2000 CD release of FIRST SATURDAY ROSARY. There have been so many different covers for this project over the years. Shown on the opposite page is a cover I illustrated, it's one of my favorites from 1988.

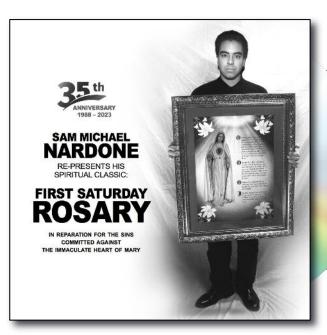


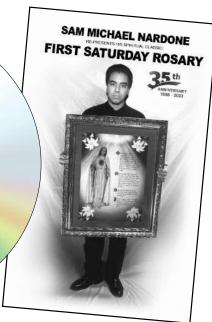
I wrote these meditations in 1988 because a friend of mine, Norma, was in a First Saturday Rosary group and they needed a booklet so I wrote this for that specific prayer group. Since then it has become our most popular CD recording and book. In fact, many individuals make copies of this project in various parts of the world.



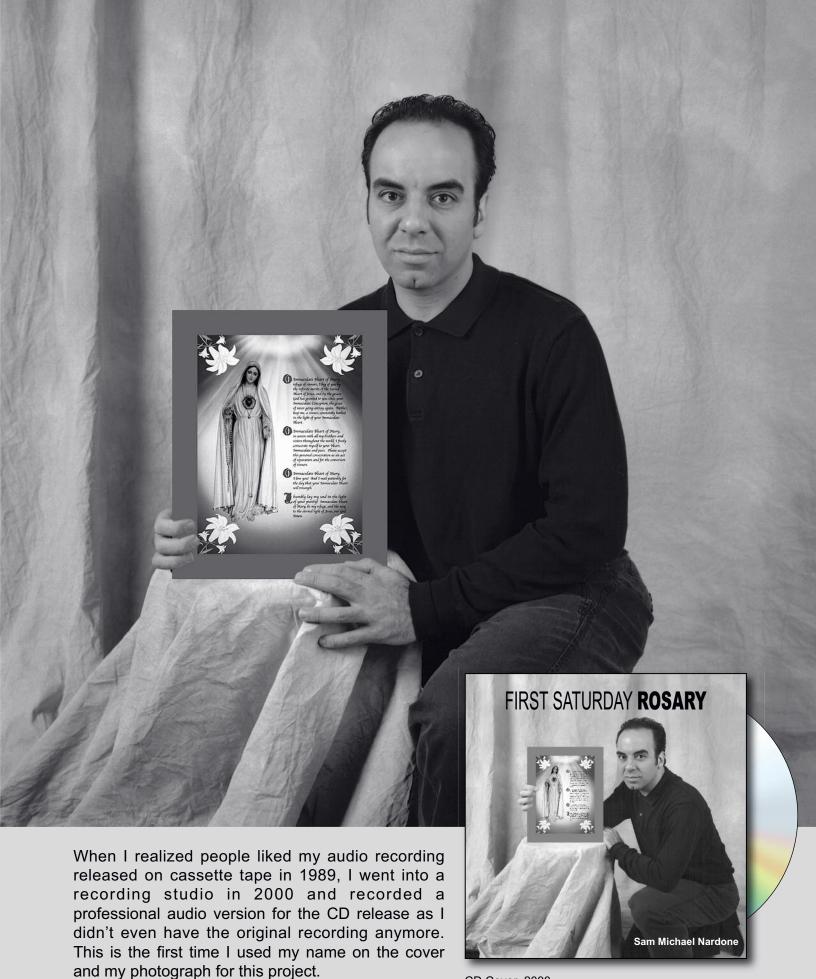


Various covers I illustrated from 1989-1991.





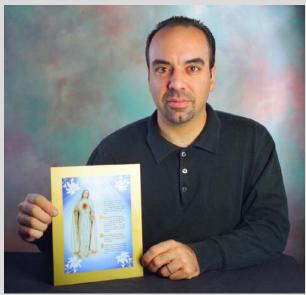
Above is shown the 35th Anniversary Edition of FIRST SATURDAY ROSARY: audio CD and illustrated booklet. I call this edition the "Retro Edition" because I went back in my files and scanned the long lost Rosary illustrations I drew back in 1988. The cover photograph is me holding The Golden Prayer, but I updated the artwork with the official statue of the Immaculate Heart of Mary. This was a limited 2023 release only.



CD Cover, 2000.

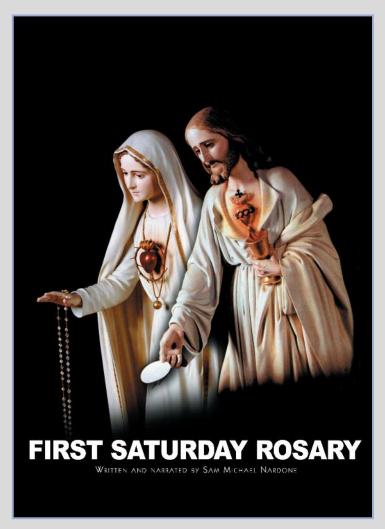


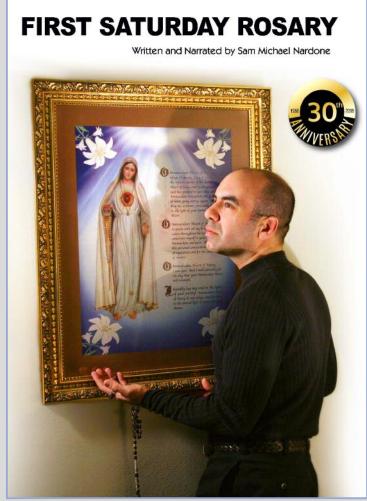






Holding THE GOLDEN PRAYER and the first color cover for FIRST SATURDAY ROSARY. These photos were to be included in the booklet but at the last minute I decided not to use them. They were shot in 2000 and seen here for the first time.





FIRST SATURDAY ROSARY BOOKLET COVER featuring the statues of the Immaculate Heart of Mary and the Sacred Heart of Jesus joined together in one image. These are the statues in the Carmelite Convent in Coimbra by José Thedim.

For the revised booklet in 2002, featuring the new Luminous Mysteries, I wanted this edition to look completely different than the ones issued from 1988, the year I originally wrote this booklet. The Carmel at Coimbra gave their permission for me to join these two statues together for the cover of the booklet shown at left.

In 2018, the 30th Anniversary, I released a deluxe 72-page color edition shown at right, which can be downloaded on our website.

Singing RAYS OF LOVE for the DVD edition of FIRST SATURDAY ROSARY in 2007.

RAYS OF LOVE

Lyrics written in 1988 by Sam Michael Nardone.

VERSE ONE:

O Immaculate Heart of Mary, help us find our way; lead us daily to your Heart. Make us love Jesus, more and more each day. As we pray your mysteries, keep us bathed in the light of your grace.

CHORUS:

Rays of love, come down from your Heart. But thorns pierce it each day. We want to console you Mother, we offer reparation today; we offer our love today.

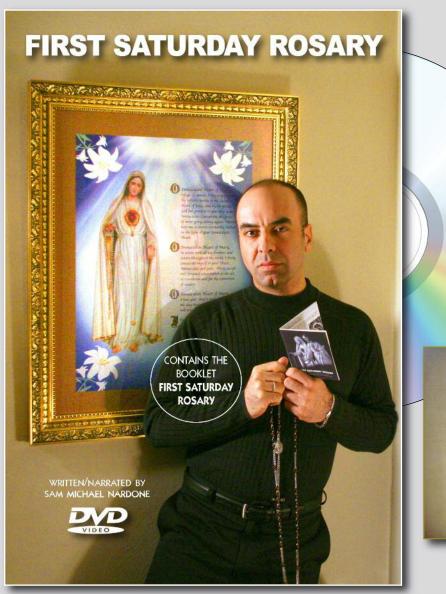
VERSE TWO:

O Immaculate Heart of Mary, on each First Saturday; we offer ourselves to your Heart. We offer reparation to you today. But as we look to your Heart, never permit, our hearts to go astray.

CHORUS:

Rays of love, come down from your Heart. But thorns pierce it each day. We want to console you Mother, we offer reparation today; we offer our love today.



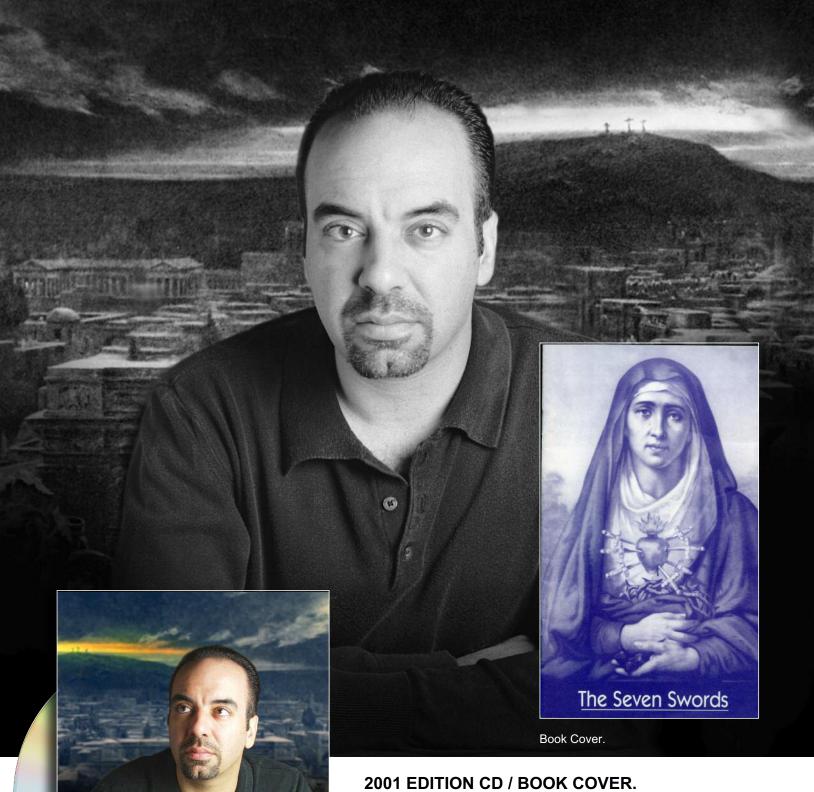




FIRST SATURDAY ROSARY DVD.

In 2007 I borrowed a video camera and filmed myself in front of the framed image of THE GOLDEN PRAYER which always hangs in my room. Since I didn't know how to really work the camera, I couldn't tell if I was doing anything right. I shot the whole program in one day with great hope that it would lead others to make reparation to the Immaculate Heart of Mary – my great desire in life. I wish it could have been better.

Above, top left, shows the DVD cover while the top right photo is a video capture of the main menu. Many people like this video because it feels like they are not alone in their homes but praying with someone.



I am in front of a detail of the famous painting which hangs in my home, THE RETURN FROM CALVARY by Herbert Gustave Schmalz. Above is the booklet cover without me adding the sorrows. The original booklet was written in 1990 after a cloistered nun gave me a large poster of this painting which I learned came from France and found its place in Quito, Ecuador. It would be several years later until I designed background images around this image of Our Lady.

The Seven Swords

OUR LADY OF SORROWS

THE SEVEN SWORDS

Rosary of Our Lady of Sorrows

"IN OCTOBER...OUR LADY OF SORROWS WILL COME..."

- WORDS OF OUR LADY AT FATIMA, SEPTEMBER 13, 1917



CD Cover.

2006 EDITION CD / BOOK COVER.

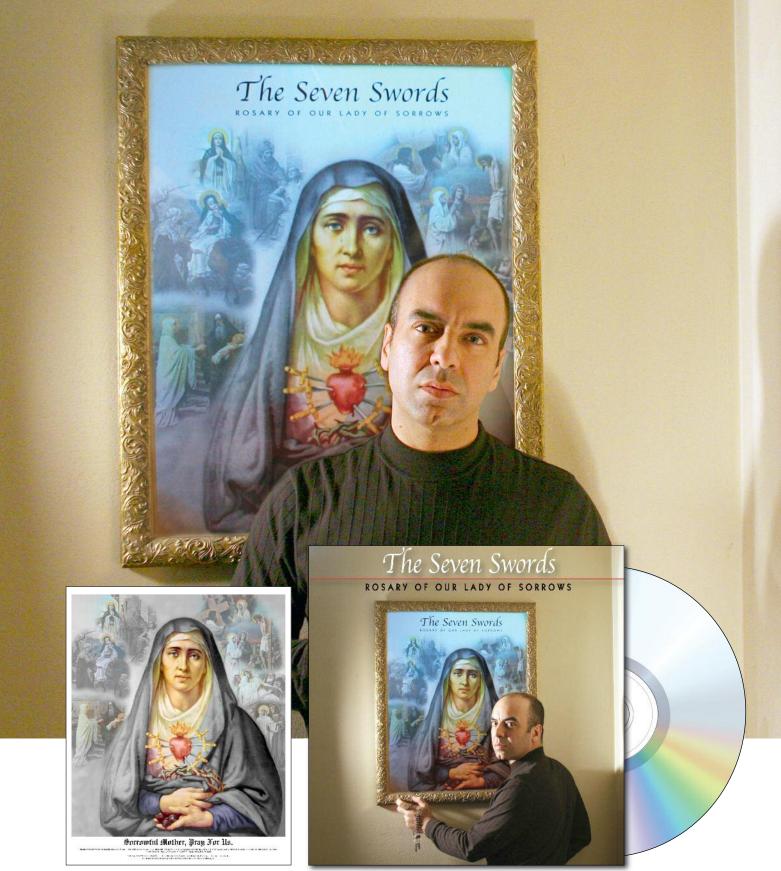
Featured is my original artwork.

Shown below right is the limited edition 2005 medal of Our Lady of Sorrows – the artwork is taken directly from my pencil drawings and etched into pewter medals. I am shown standing with two posters I drew. Below left is the cover of the play I wrote for children to perform live in Church.







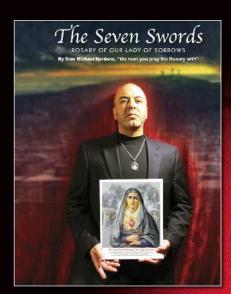


Prayer Card and Poster.

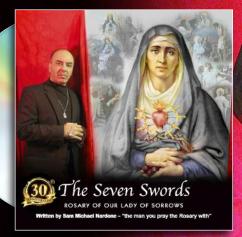
CD Cover.

2009 EDITION CD COVER.

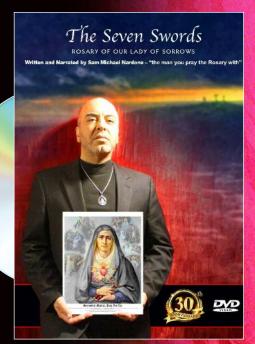
Featured is my original artwork with the collage of Our Lady of Sorrows surrounded by paintings of her sorrows. This edition was widely published. Above left is one of my favorite pieces of artwork I ever created and was released as prayer cards and posters.



Booklet - 42-page Deluxe edition.



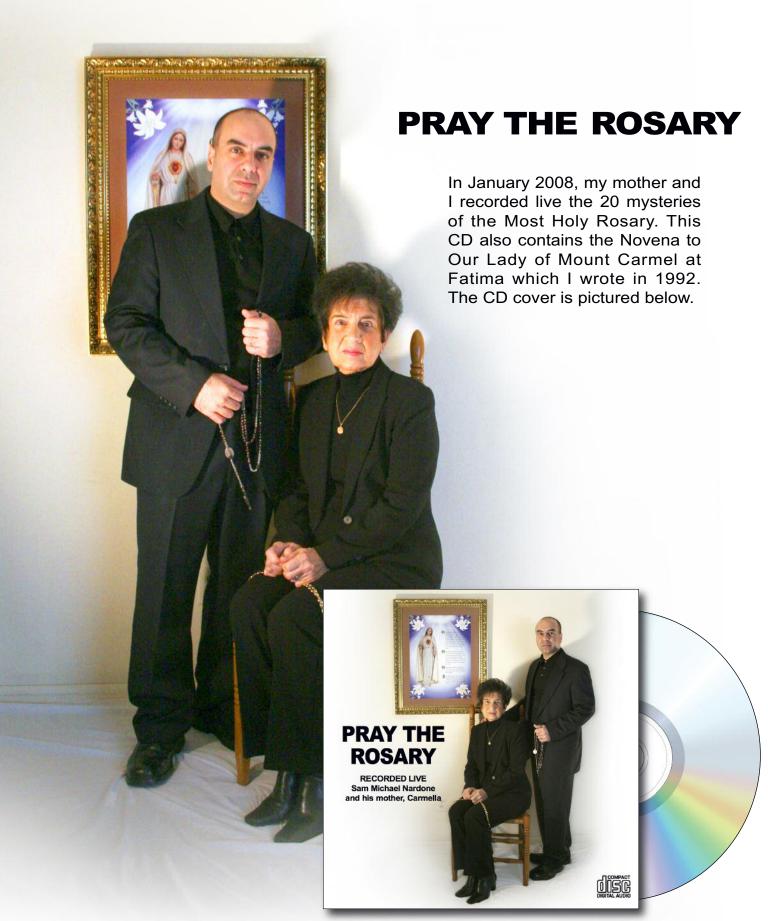
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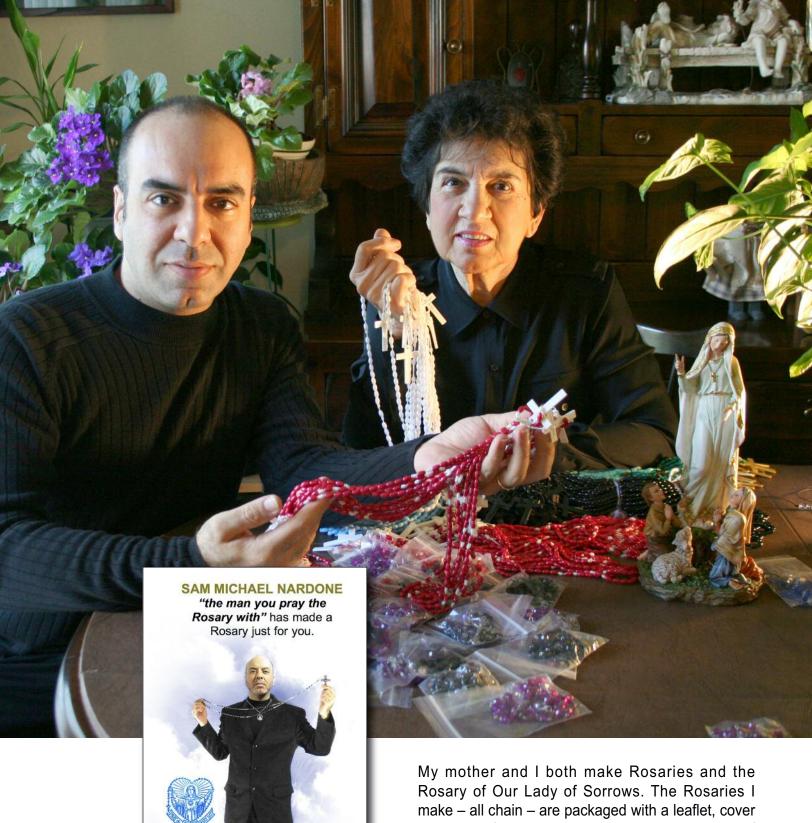




statue was purchased in 2021.



CD Cover.



shown at left, and have a gold sticker on the back of the Crucifix which says:

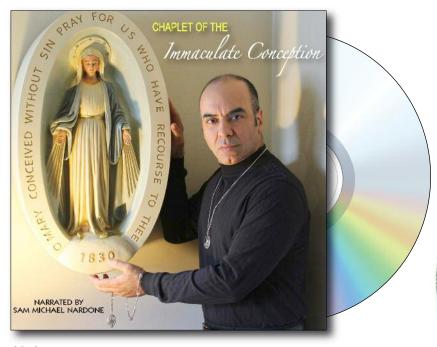
ROSARY MADE BY SAM MICHAEL NARDONE www.thegoldenprayer.org

Rosary leaflet cover.

CHAPLET OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION



On July 4, 2013, I filmed a simple video on the CHAPLET OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION, which I am very devoted to. When I was converted with the Brown Scapular, the prayers that I recited in the leaflet contained the prayer O MARY CONCEIVED WITHOUT SIN, PRAY FOR US WHO HAVE RECOURSE TO THEE and I prayed that as well without knowing where the prayer originated from. In 1983 I obtained a Miraculous Medal from the company Weston and have worn it ever since. I also make the Chaplets as well so this video and audio recording was really a work of love. This Miraculous Medal Plaque hangs in my home.

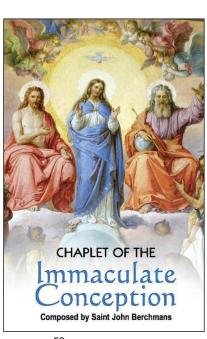


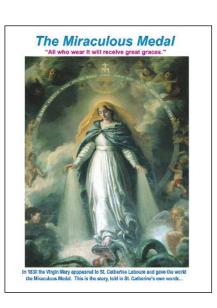
CD Cover.

This Miraculous Medal was designed by the Weston Company in the 1930's and is my favorite design. You can still find original copies on the internet and most recently another company is selling new copies but removed the name WESTON on the back of the medal.

When I distribute the Chaplets I make, I include these two leaflets I designed, shown at left. One explains the devotion and the other explains the story of the Miraculous Medal since this is the medal I use on the Chaplets. Most people do not really know the story and how powerful a medal it really is.

Painting of the Immaculate Conception is by Francesco Podesti, Vatican, Italy. The Miraculous Medal painting is by Brother Carbonnier, Paris, France.





The Miraculous Medal designed by the Weston

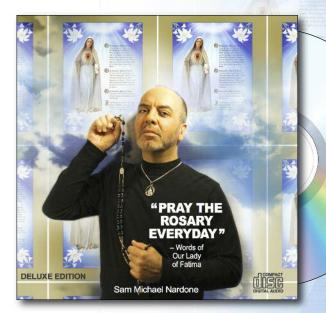
Company in the 1930's. This is the Medal I

always wear.

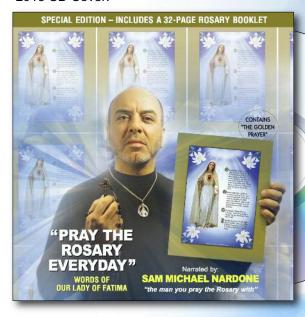
The Chaplet of the Immaculate Conception leaflet and The Miraculous Medal leaflet.

"PRAY THE ROSARY EVERYDAY"

I recorded another audio recording of the Rosary in 2018 without meditations as some wanted me to do this and I also designed several booklets and released some videos.



2018 CD Cover.



Cover for the 2022 Special Edition CD which includes a pocket-sized Rosary booklet, cover shown at right.



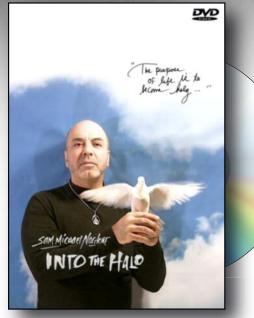




INTO THE HALO

In 2017 I released a CD collection of spiritual songs called, INTO THE HALO. Several music videos were filmed and released as well. I always wanted to make an album of my spiritual songs and I hope you love this as much as I do! There is also available a book of lyrics and photographs. By the way, that is a real dove on the cover and her name is Luminous.

At left is shown the cover of the special DVD containing a documentary and various videos.



DVD Cover.

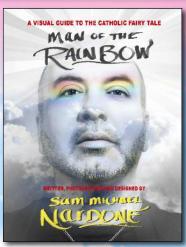
MAN OF THE RAINBOW

This is my audio book Catholic fairy tale which I wrote in 2020. This Catholic version is based on my secular work TALISMAN but changed in a dramatic way. INTO THE HALO, on page 56 is the soundtrack recording as is OPEN THE DOOR OF PRAYER on page 58.

A short film, photo book and PDF book are also available.

CDs have been issued in three different covers but the one shown below is the only cover still in print.





Above is shown the cover of the Visual Guide Photo Book Cover.



Video clips taken from the short film, MAN OF THE RAINBOW.



OPEN THE DOOR OF PRAYER

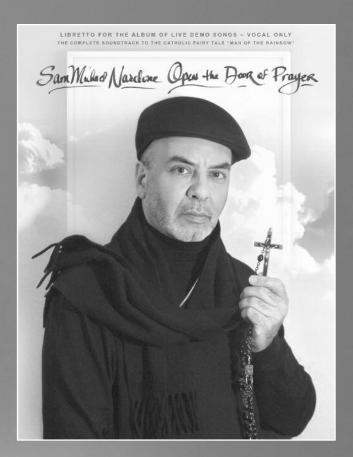
This is my favorite album of my spiritual songs. On the cover I am dressed as a guide taking you through a spiritual journey into the three doors of prayer told in sermons and songs. Two versions of this work are shown below.



CD ABRIDGED VERSION. Live Demo Recording.



MP3 CD UNABRIDGED VERSION. Live Demo Recording.



Libretto / Photo Book Cover.



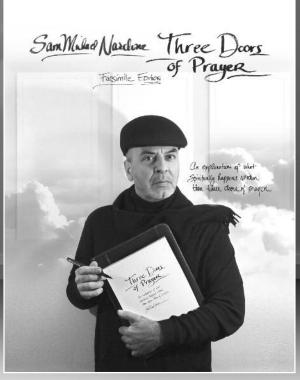
Along with the songs there is a 76-page Libretto of all the lyrics plus photographs, cover shown at left.

Also released is a short film as seen in video clips above.

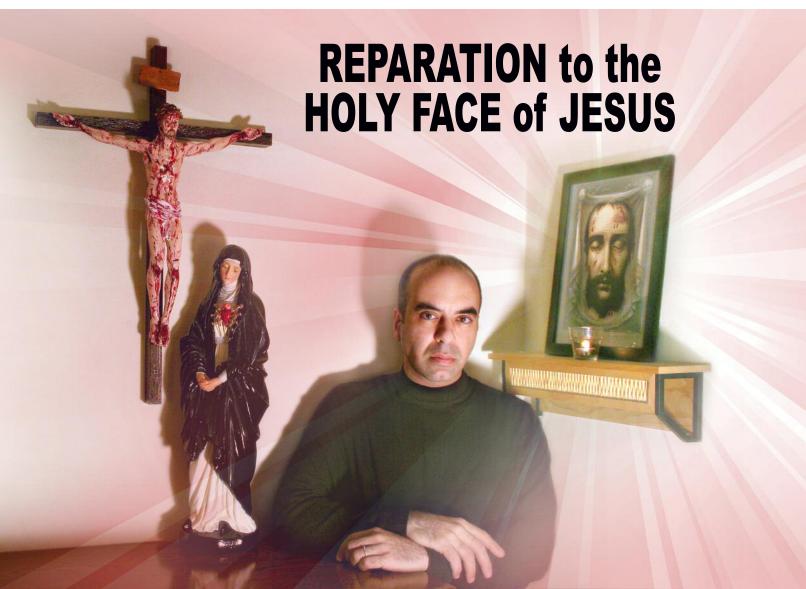
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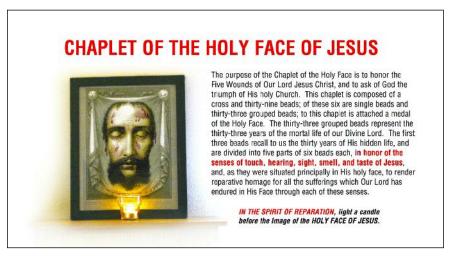
Facsimile CD Cover. An audio book which explains the three doors of prayer in three short sermons. These short sermons are also available on the album OPEN THE DOOR OF PRAYER.



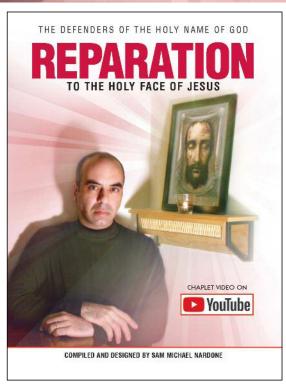
Facsimile Book Cover.



In 2006 I compiled and designed this booklet, shown at right and also made a video of the Chaplet to the Holy Face – slide shown below.



Video Slide.



Booklet Cover.

THE GREEN SCAPULAR



I began signing the back side of the Scapulars in 2019, under the Immaculate Heart of Mary in red ink, shown above.

Holding my favorite version of the Green Scapular in 2021.

GREEN IS THE COLOR OF HOPE...

The GREEN SCHPULAR

On September 8,1840, the Blessed Virgin Mary appeared in France to a Daughter of Charity, Sister Justine, and gave her the Green Scapular or the Badge of the Immaculate Heart of Marv. The apparitions were approved by the Holy Catholic Church. Those who use this Scapular with confidence would receive special graces, but these graces are in proportion to the confidence we have in the Immaculate Heart of Mary which is signified by

If these souls refuse to accept the Scapular, it could even be placed in their home or slipped into their clothing as long as the prayer found on the Scapular is said daily, either by the person who received it or by the one giving it.

the rays of different lengths issued from the hands of Our Lady who promised Sister Justine the Scapular would convert souls if used with confidence.

Keep the Green Scapular in its protective sleeve.

The enclosed Scapular has been blessed by a Catholic Priest.

GREEN SCAPULAR LEAFLET, released in 2021.



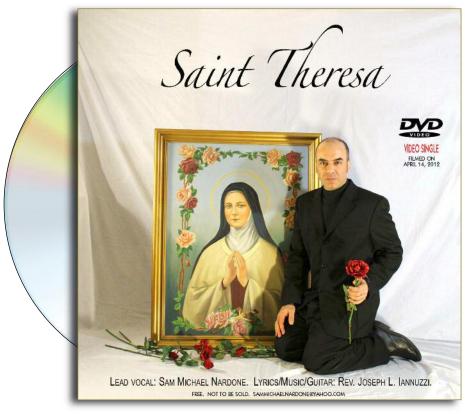


GREEN SCAPULAR IMAGES – FRONT AND BACK, released in 2015.





GREEN SCAPULAR IMAGES – FRONT AND BACK, released in 1992.

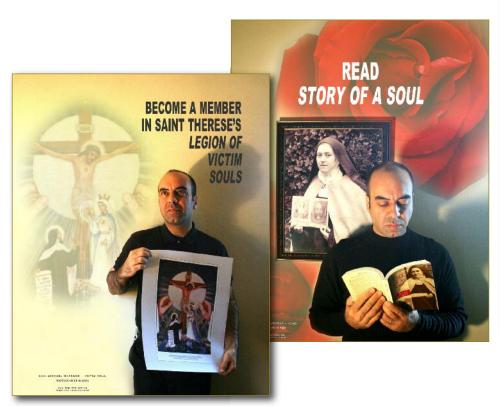


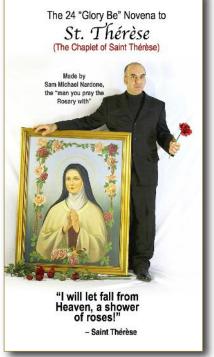
DVD Cover.

In the summer of 1982, a friend told me I should read about a great saint — Thérèse — and I fell in love at first sight. In the years that have gone by, I love her even more.

In April 2012, I made a simple music video, DVD cover pictured at left, with a song written by a friend who is a priest. The painting I posed with was given to me by Carmelite Nuns. I started to make the Chaplet of Saint Thérèse in 2018 and in 2022 I released the Chaplet as a video with restored photos of Saint Thérèse. Cover of the Chaplet leaflet shown below.

Below left are two posters I designed from 2006.





Posters.

SAINT THÉRÈSE

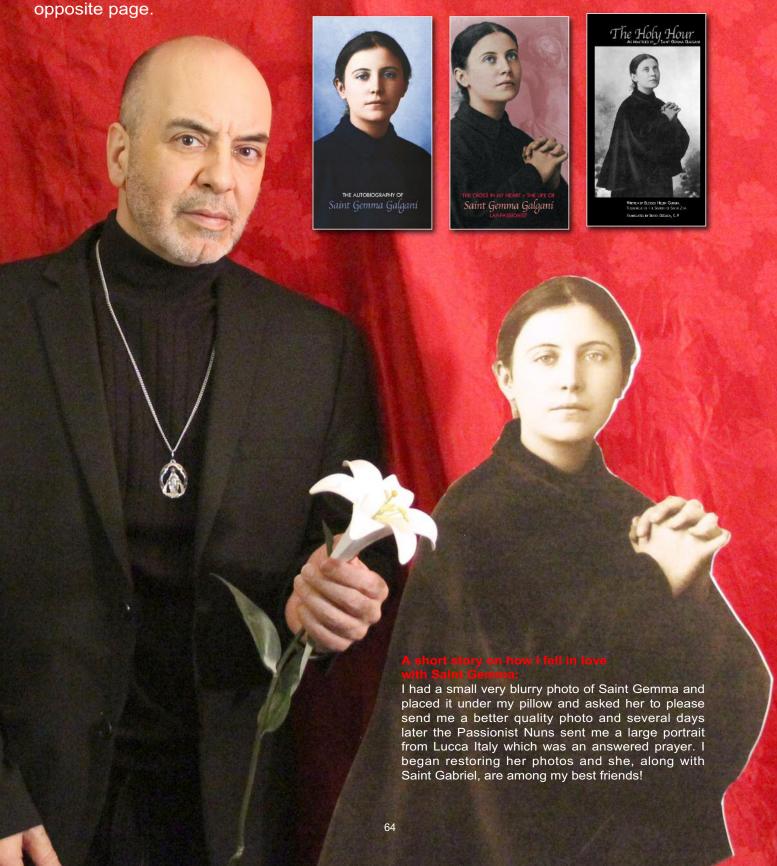


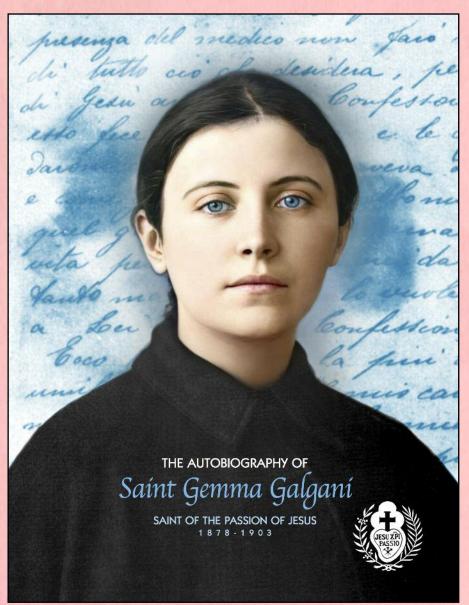
TOP LEFT – above:
"MA VOCATION E'EST L'AMOUR!" –
("My Vocation is Love!") pen and ink drawing
made in 1988. Many posters were printed
from this illustration.

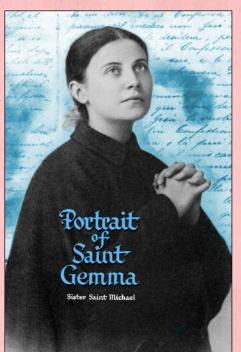
TOP LEFT – below:
"THE REAL ST. THÉRÈSE
WITH THE ROSES" –
This collage was released
as a poster in April 2012.

SAINT GEMMA GALGANI

In 2002 I designed three booklets for the Passionist Nuns on Saint Gemma Galgani, shown below. The *Autobiography* also had an email version, cover shown above on opposite page, plus various prayer cards which had a wide circulation, also shown on opposite page.





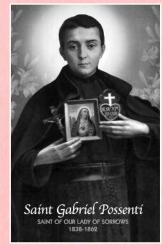


In 2010 I designed the cover for the book, Portrait of Saint Gemma, cover art shown at left, which I published privately and distributed freely.

Shown at right is the cover art for the song I wrote to Saint Gemma which also has a video that I released in 2017.

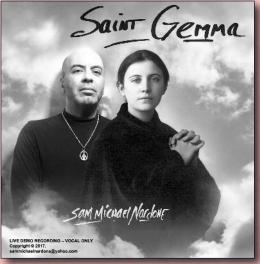
In 2022 I released a video on the 25 Glory Be Prayers in honor of Saint Gemma's life on earth, cover shown at right.

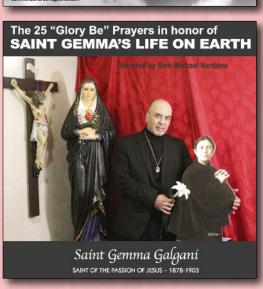




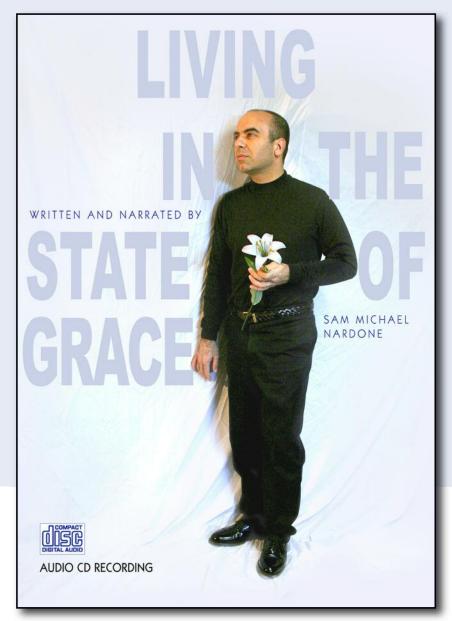


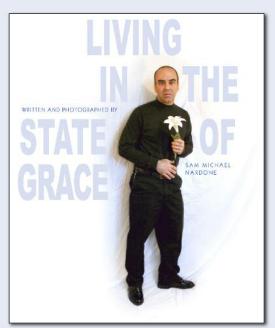






LIVING IN THE STATE OF GRACE





Book Cover.

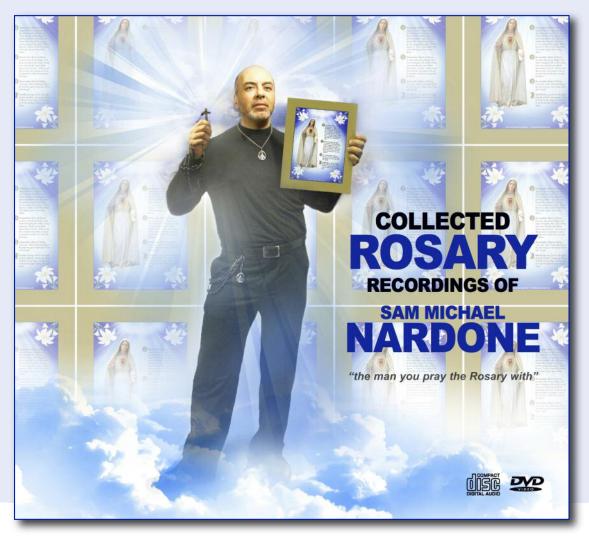


Video Clips from the film.

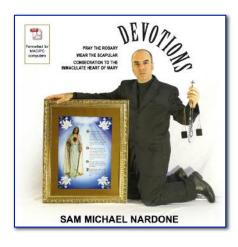
In 2000, I wrote a book of spiritual maxims on how to live in the state of grace. I made a live audio recording of this booklet in 2006. A photo book and film was also produced in 2009.

- This project has not been released as of yet.

COLLECTED ROSARY RECORDINGS

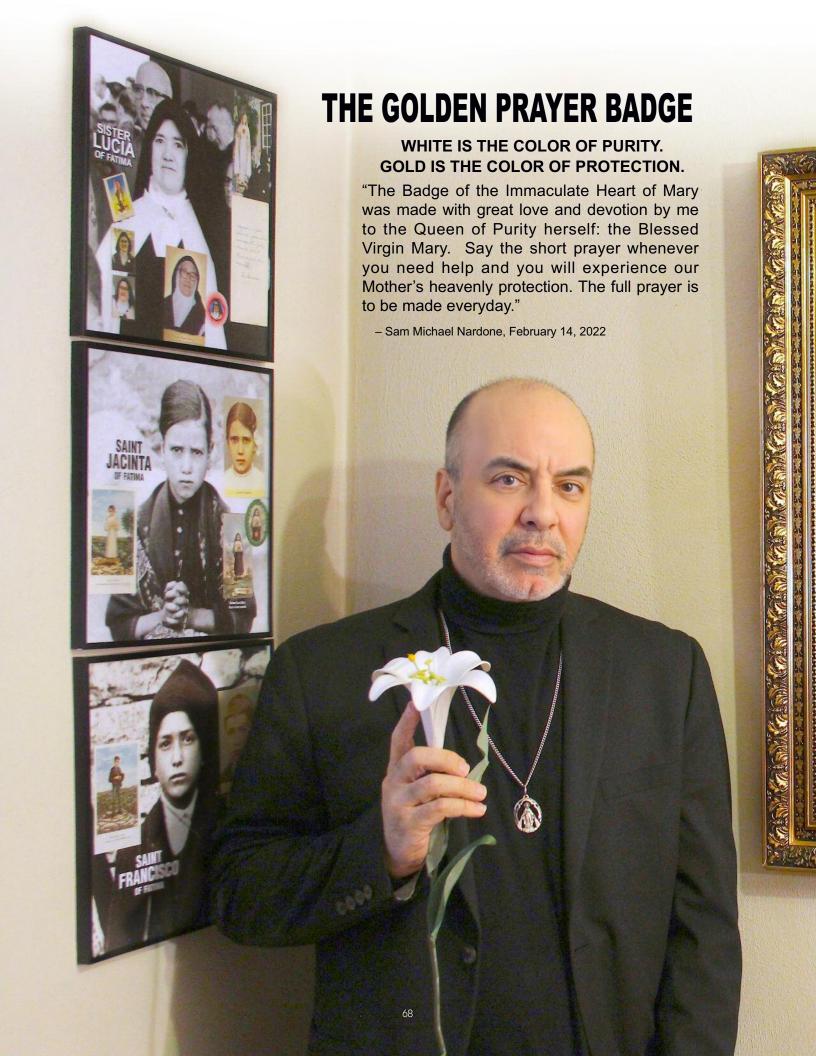


In May of 2022 a collected box set was released in limited quantities which contains all my Rosary CD and video recordings – cover shown above – plus the disc shown below.

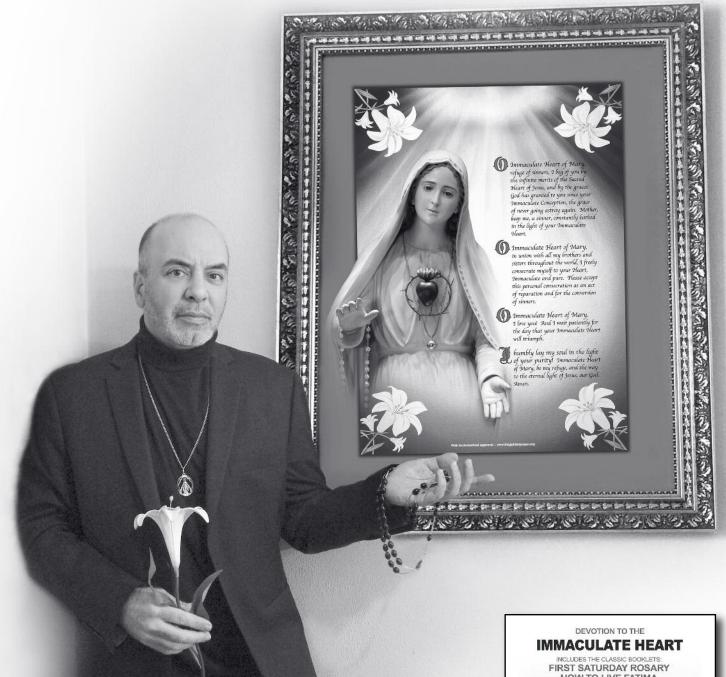


PDF FILES DISC FOR MAC/PC COMPUTERS

This disc contains my major religious works in PDF files for MAC/PC computers. Over the years there have been many individuals who print the works illustrated in this book so this disc is available to everyone who wants to print and distribute them. I encourage everyone to promote devotion to the Immaculate Heart of Mary!



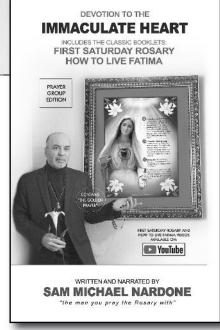


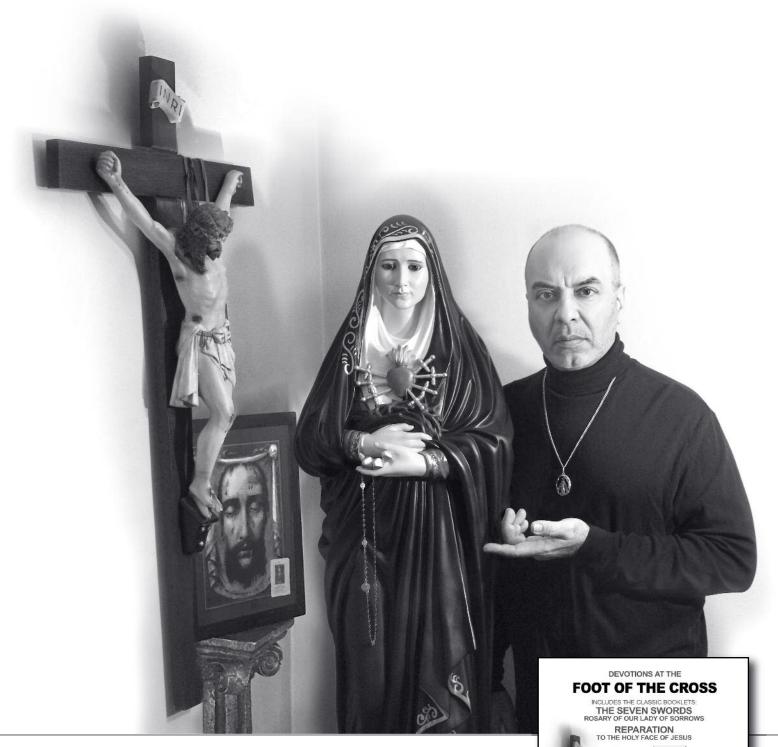


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FOOT OF THE CROSS

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