Something extraordinary happened on January 6th 2001, on the very day That Pope John Paul 2nd closed the Holy Year Door, he issued a brand new document entitled; Tertio Millennio Ineunte; “As we enter the Third Millennium “ In this magnificent apostolic letter, The Holy Father gave his pastoral plan for the whole Church in the new millennium; and this emphasized 7 Pastoral priorities for every Catholic, for each and every Catholic
around the world today and, the 8th pastoral priority came on the 16th October 2002 when he issued another apostolic letter on the Rosary, so there are 8 Pastoral priorities, that came from him as Pope and it was the first time in recorded history that any Holy Father has done this.

I have personally been blessed to go to two, Holy Years The first in 1975 with my wife Susan and my son Chris who was only just over two years old. My wife Susan was diagnosed with cancer in 1972 and Chris was only six months old when this happened, Susan was not expected to live
And it was her illness that brought me back to my faith, and a prayerful life, and the reason we went in 1975 was to celebrate and thank God that she was still alive. We went in the year 2000 together again as a family to celebrate and thank God again that she had been cured, these two Holy Years are very Blessed dates in our lives (My wife Susan is alive today 43 years after being diagnosed with cancer because of the power of daily prayer).
This is the only picture we have of Susan, Chris, and myself, taken before April 1974 because just after this we had his hair cut; he was about 14 months old before going to Spain in April 1974 we went to “Holy Year” in April 1975.

The Concept of A Holy Year Jubilee is; The St Peters Door --- The Holy door or “Porta Sancta” is only opened during a Holy Year Jubilee which occur every 25 years.

Pope John Paul 2\textsuperscript{nd} opens the Holy Door in the year 2000.

The promises for Catholics who pass through the door in a, “Holy year” is the remission of all your sins and universal pardon and the mercy of God would be manifest in you, it is an amazing privilege for me and my family to have been to two
“Holy Years”, for me and all my family to have passed through the Holy Door. The Picture below of My Wife Susan and my son Chris in Rome for the “Holy Year” 2000. We, went again as a family to celebrate and to thank God that my wife Susan had been cured from her cancer she had in the 1970’s. I have, often written and spoken about the power of daily prayer, and that all prayers are answered, and my wife Susan is living proof of the power of daily prayer and a prayerful life and that prayers are answered.

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Updating, this talk in March, 2015 I am reflecting on the major
Health issues facing my wife Susan in Late Dec 2007 when she was getting out of breath very easy, and after many tests she was found to have a damaged Aorta Valve in her heart and would need a replacement aorta valve. It was discovered by her consultant that her Aorta Valve was damaged by the months Radiation treatment she received on her neck and chest in 1972 that had cured her cancer then. Susan had this major Heart surgery in June 2008, And I thought that I had lost her.

But again the power of prayer was at play, there was massive prayer word wide being offered up for Susan, Heaven was bombarded by many for her return to good health and again our prayers were answered. Susan is on warfarin, for the rest of her life and she has a mechanical aorta valve in the heart which ticks, but she is alive and well. My son, Chris had major health problems in 2011 with a disease called Dystonia which can make his whole body shake, this starts with his head and then affects his whole body. He has not worked since early 2011 This has affected his confidence, and at 42 we Pray that he will be restored back to good health, and that he will find his true
vocation in life. **Prayer is our strength!**

**Believe In The Power Of Prayer**

**More tears are shed over answered prayers than unanswered ones.**
John Paul 2\textsuperscript{nd} Pastoral Plan and priorities for the New Millennium.
This new pastoral priorities of them instituted by Pope John Paul 2\textsuperscript{nd} are to be found in the gospel and are centred in Christ Himself, who is to be known, loved and imitated so that in Him we may live the life of the Trinity and with Him transform history until its fulfilment in the heavenly Jerusalem.

His 8 Pastoral priorities are:

1) Sincerely striving to be more Holy — Holiness.
2) To engage in a more prayerful conversation with God — Prayer.
3) Centring our lives upon the Eucharist.
4) Participating in frequent Confession.
5) To live by Grace and listen to the Inspirations, of the Holy Spirit.
6) Meditating on the Scriptures and the New Catechism.
7) To bring the Gospel of Truth and Life to a dark and broken world, The New Evangelisation.

8) Frequent recitation of The Holy Rosary.

Mr Mark Mallett, an American, wrote a wonderful song for Our Holy Father – John Paul 2nd called \ Song for Karol and sang it for him at the Vatican; You can see this on youtube; also on this video you see the Pope opening; The Holy Door; please view this; click on this link below.

https://m.youtube.com/watch?v=VJ7eF_cn8wM

contact Mark Mallett at www.markmallett.com his writings, and blog are very good and he has a great following.

These 8 pastoral priorities given us by Saint John Paul 2nd do not change with time, these 8 priorities are for all times. These also remind me of The 5 stones Our Blessed Lady has given us at Medjugorje. These 5 stones and 8 pastoral priorities are Vital in keeping us all close to God and we become lights to all in this dark
and broken world, we become another Jesus, we become His hands, His eyes, His lips, His feet, His very body, we become His apostles of Truth, of Love, and Of action, we become participants in John Paul 2nd NEW EVANGELISATION to bring Christ to every person, into our offices, our homes, our working environments, our sport, our Life, and our world, we become my friends proclaimer’s in word and deed that Christ is Risen, Lives, and Reigns, through us.

The Holy Father; Is asking the whole Church to renew the Liturgy of the Mass to make it more present, personal, and powerful in the lives of the faithful, so they will be filled with the very Love Of Christ, for The Father, and for each other, He reminds us all that the Eucharistic Christ is a man for others, therefore we who
receive Him become men and women for others, for God the Church and especially the poor. He issued on Holy Thursday April 7th 2003 his 14th Encyclical on the Eucharist; “Ecclesia de Eucharistia” He said that the Church draws her very life from the Eucharist, The Eucharist is the very heart of the Church and is the deepest fulfilment of Our Lords Promise “Behold, I am with you always” The Eucharist contains the Churches entire Spiritual wealth, It is the summit of Catholic devotion, and so necessary for all of us in this dark and broken world. We see how Vital, it is for us all to take part in Eucharistic devotion, it is how we the faithful relive the experience of the two disciples on the road to Emmaus “Their eyes were opened and they recognised Him” (Lk 24:31).
These two Great Pope’s were Canonized on the same Day in Rome April 27th 2014

Pope John 23rd – Now Saint John 23rd will always be known as the Pope who started the Second Vatican Council 1962 – 1965 In his opening address to the council on October 11th 1962 He stressed that there should be a “renewed, serene, and tranquil adherence to all the teachings of the Church in their entirety and preciseness, as they still shine forth in the acts of the Council of Trent and the First Vatican Council.
What occurred in the aftermath of this Council; Can, only be described as a Massive Storm this storm manifested itself during the Council and in the years after it. The Upheaval which followed Vatican 2 would have seemed unthinkable for many Catholics, The sacred teachings and practices of The Faith came under fire. Core beliefs such as the existence of hell, purgatory, angels, Original sin, and even the Real Presence of Christ in the Eucharist were challenged, along with the need for confession, attempts were made to suppress devotion to the Blessed Virgin Mary, and the Prayer to St Michael the Archangel which used to be said at the end of every Mass was stopped.
The practice, of receiving Holy Communion in the Hand, first began to spread in the early 1960’s but Pope Paul 6th took a survey of the world’s Bishops to ascertain their opinions on this subject in May 1969. The congregation for Divine worship issued; **Memorale Domini** which concluded that by far the greater number of Bishops feel that the present discipline i.e, Holy Communion on the tongue should not be changed at all, and indeed if it were changed this would be offensive to the sensibility and spiritual appreciation of these Bishops and of most of the faithful. Pope Paul 6th Judged that the long received manner of ministering Holy communion, to the Faithful, **On The Tongue** should not be changed, and strongly Urged Bishops, priests, to zealously observe this law out of common good for the Church. Despite this vote in 1969 Pope Paul 6th decided to strike a compromise with his disobedient Bishops given the “Gravity of this Matter” the Pope would **Not authorise Communion in the Hand** he was however open to bestowing an **Indult** – an exception to the law – under certain conditions; One wonders if this **Indult** and its conditions have ever been met, because communion
in the hand is everywhere today! So what, happened to the regulations set by Pope Paul 6th regulations that could result in the loss of the Indult??
It is interesting that The Vatican does not allow communion in the Hand.

St Thomas Aquinas reminds us with respect to communion in the hand; That reverence demands that only they that have been consecrated should touch the Blessed Sacrament.
Why kneel, why, have they taken away our communion rails? Many Catholics ask this very same question today.

Jesus Giving communion at the Last supper
Pope Benedict 16th has noted that kneeling is, “an expression of Christian culture” In his book The Spirit of the Liturgy he speaks of sayings from the Desert Fathers to which the Devil was compelled by God to show himself to a certain Abba Apollo. He looked Black and Ugly, with frightening limbs but most strikingly he had no knees, the inability to kneel is seen as the very essence of the Diabolical.
Mother Teresa said; wherever I go in the world, the thing that makes me the saddest is watching people receive holy communion in the hand. Pope John Paul said there is an apostolic letter on the existence of a special valid permission for this communion in the hand, but I tell you I am not in favour of this practice, Nor do I recommend it, Communion on the Tongue he said helps to foster a proper sense of reverence and piety. To step up to a communion rail and kneel and receive on the tongue is an act of, Unabashed Humility. It demands a sense of, the sacred just like Peter, James, and John, before our transfigured Lord, it challenges us to kneel before wonder, and it asks us to be mindful of what “Eucharist“ really means THANKSGIVING!

Pope John 23rd had called for “Reform” for
which the Council had been convened, a bringing Up to date is what he wanted. Pope Paul 6th his predecessor preferred to speak of “Renewal” a renewal within the Church, what we ended up with was groups within the Church, Traditionalists, Conservatives, and Modernists, all fighting for there own agenda’s, this dangerously delayed all different programs for decades and the Church remained in a state of siege, with the forces for renewal marginalized for over half a century, and when reform came it came in the form of Conciliar documents, this was greeted by many in the Church with bewilderment, there are many Catholics who believe, The upheaval that occurred after the Council was not so much due to the Council itself, but due to these groups all with their own agenda’s who took advantage of the general nature of these Conciliar Documents, To Intrepret them in their own way. As a result when the Conciliar message did get through to the Catholic community it seemed not to speak to, or felt the concerns, or expectations of increasing numbers of Catholic laity, it only achieved confusion, misunderstanding, and distress.
In 1995 Our Late Great Pope Saint John Paul 2nd Through his new encyclical “Ut unum sint” asked Bishops to engage with him in dialogue to “Reform The Papacy” A study on the reform of the papacy said there were two great problems; 1) centralisation, 2) The need to reform the Roman Curia.

There is NOT the slightest chance or possibility that The Roman Curia will reform itself to the extent of surrendering its control and rendering itself accountable. We can see how this great TASK is for any Pope, in trying to run this Catholic Church, we can all see clearly the effect it had on John Paul’s health in his latter years, and on his successor Benedict 16th how this affected his health
And, his decision to retire and let some younger and fitter Pope take over this great work.

Pope Francis 1st  Our present and wonderful Pope; But we also here reports of his own health issues and that he may only continue for a few more years; The Great responsibility in being Pope cannot be overstated, and in dealing with this Powerful Roman Curia, would be very demanding for anyone but for men of their age it must be very stressful. The central control and the control of the Roman Curia which has contributed to crisis with the Catholic Church, it is essential they are reformed Not as an instrument of governance within the Church, but only as a service of administration. We all need to Pray for Pope Francis and for Benedict 16th in his retirement for there protection and well being and good health.
Mary the Mother of God

Historians, especially Catholic historians point to the 1960’s as one of the most, if not the most infamous decades in modern times. It was in the 1960’s that the sexual revolution was born, it was a time of protest, a time of revolt against convention, and of every kind of authority; parental, governmental, military, civil, and religious, this religious revolt was aimed at Devotion to the Blessed Virgin Mary, and the Saints by ministers eliminating any sacred image of the Mother of God and Saints, and removing these images from their Churches, these blessed images and in some case miraculous images, which have aroused so much spiritually and so much love in souls over the century’s was in my view a massive error on the part of these ministers, some of whom also removed the Tabernacle from the centre of the alter to the side of the Church, out of
view of the congregation, and we wonder why so many have lost their faith today and why the Church has no vocations today, all of the problems we now face have their origins from this religious revolt of the 1960’s. The concept of Ecumenism was prominent at the second Vatican Council, and priests from countries with large Protestant populations were especially keen on a “Conciliar Decree” that would foster greater “Dialogue“ with non-Catholic Christians; in order to do this the importance of Our Blessed Lady had to be DE-EMPHASIZED! There are priests within the Church who abhor anything savouring devotion to Mary and to private revelation, they and others like them, in my view have forsaken The Divine Faith of Catholicism of which Mary the Mother of God is an integral part.
All of the Church recognized appearances of the Blessed Virgin in the first half of the twentieth century were timed to historical events. Our Lady appeared at Fatima in 1917 during World War 1 (1914-18) and she said that the war would end soon, but if mankind, did not amend its ways, a second and worse one would come, and that Russia would spread its errors throughout the world. Our Lady’s appearance at Fatima occurred one month before the outbreak of the Bolshevik Revolution in Russia (Nov 1917) which gave birth to one of the greatest scourges in human history: Atheistic Communism.

Our Lady of Mount Carmel with the infant Jesus and the Brown Scapular, at Garabandal: 1961 – 1965  The Blessed Virgin’s appearances at Garabandal also
coincided with The Second Vatican Council; ( 1962 – 1965)
Coincidence I don’t think so !  God had anticipated all that was going to happen from the Second Vatican Council, and gave us His remedy to His Church. Through the apparitions at Garabandal The Messages Mary gave through these apparitions, gave us the answers to all the problems that had began to beset the Church. God through Mary His Messenger was telling all of us To maintain our traditional belief and devotional practices in regard to ; The Holy Eucharist, Original sin, Confession, Hell, Purgatory, Angels, Marian Devotion, The Real presence of Christ in the Eucharist, Ecumenism, The Rosary and scapular. So Let us review these;

The Holy Eucharist
Without a healthy devotion to The Blessed Sacrament, the very heart of Catholicism the Church cannot thrive, for over 5 decades we have all witnessed the
systematic dismantling of Eucharist Devotion. In Her second Message of Garabandal on June 18th 1965 warned us all of what was coming when She said; Less and Less importance is being given to the Eucharist. For some people priests who may still not believe in the Real Presence remained in the Hosts after Mass, Our Lady at Garabandal, left little room for doubt when in the 1st Message of June 1961 she said we must “visit the Blessed Sacrament frequently”

Once the visionaries, ecstasies began the Virgin would always lead them to the village Church where they would kneel and pray before the tabernacle, when they were asked why they went to the Church so often, they replied that Our Lady said she liked to be near Her Son.

They would always leave the Church walking backwards as a sign of profound respect they never turned their backs to the tabernacle.

The visionaries always received the Eucharist Kneeling and always on the tongue, never in the hand.
Hell and Purgatory

While Hell or Purgatory is seldom preached today in the majority of Catholic Churches the Blessed Virgin did not hesitate to make reference to it at Garabandal. In Her second message to the world on June 18th 1965 delivered by St Michael The Archangel on her behalf Our Lady Said; Many Cardinals, Bishops, and priests are on the road to Perdition and are taking many souls with them. If there is any doubt that perdition refers to Hell, Collins Universal Dictionary states 1) Perdition a state of final spiritual ruin; loss of the soul, damnation. 2) The future state of the wicked. 3) Hell

In the same message, Our Lady again alluded to Hell, when she said, “You are now receiving the last warnings, I love you very much and do not want your condemnation “ another reference to hell and purgatory was made on January 1st
1965 during an apparition at the Pines Our lady told Conchita, That Catholic Christians do not think enough about life after death, about purgatory, Heaven and Hell.

The Sacrament of Confession, At Garabandal, The Blessed Virgin reinforced the importance of personal Confession she did say that there are people who want to do away with it! she said it is VERY IMPORTANT On September 8th 1961 Canon Julio Porro Cardenoso, asked the Virgin through the visionaries what she urged the Spanish people to do above all to amend their lives The answer was; Let them go to Confession and receive Communion.

Our Lady at Garabandal, responded to those who attempt to minimize her importance by proclaiming her right to
Universal Motherhood. In the second formal message her words were “I Your Mother, ask you to amend your lives” and at her final appearance to Conchita, she said “Talk to me about My Children, I hold them all beneath my mantel“

The two principal Marian devotions of the Rosary and scapular were very prominent in Garabandal, she appeared as Our Lady of Mount Carmel with the scapular on her right wrist and told the visionaries of its importance. During almost every apparition she commanded the visionaries to say the Holy Rosary, she taught them the mysteries and how to say the prayers slowly thinking about the words and who they are addressing in this prayer God.

THE HOLY ROSARY still today remains one of our greatest weapons from Heaven to
Defeat Satan and all his evil --- Our Mother keeps telling us that the Rosary is a sign to Satan that you belong to me.

And she says with the Rosary in hand go forward, with confidence and defeat him.

I WANT to show you all today my friends THE WAY OUT of all of our problems, temptations, suffering, and all the crisis we all of us face in our Daily lives, it dose not matter what the crisis is health problems, work, money.

IF I CAN show you all the WAY OUT! THEN YOU would be MAD not to TAKE IT

THE WAY OUT is DAILY PRAYER and a prayerful life
We must all of us in daily prayer ask God for all the graces necessary to Cope and ask God to help us. God is everywhere, He knows everything, He see everything, He knows us better that we know ourselves, lay open to God the Father in your prayers, all your cares, all your concerns, all your needs, Tell Him how much you love Him, I am Your prodigal
Child Father, running back to You, into Your waiting arms, please hold me tightly to Your Heart Father and never let me go. Help me Father to be a worthy Son or Daughter, protect me Father wherever I may be, have Mercy on Me Father; let this prayer come from the bottom of your heart. And you will find the WAY OUT of every situation that has NO WAY OUT!

PLEASE all who may READ THIS! make these 8 pastoral priorities and the 5 stones Our Blessed Lady gives us YOUR WAY AHEAD! In this way you will be doing everything to keep close to Jesus and His Blessed Mother and in reality although you will have done very little --- YOU WILL HAVE DONE EVERYTHING!

Our Lady’s Five stones are; 1) Prayer, the Rosary  2) Eucharist, 3) Reading Holy Bible  4) Fasting  5) Monthly Confession.

My Friends there is one place of safety for us all, THE ARC OF OUR LADY’S IMMACULATE HEART ----- she wants us all to ENTER by acts of consecration to Her Heart.
The Immaculate Heart of Mary

Our Mother tells us; If as Mother I am at the side of each one of My children, at the Hour of their death; I am particularly beside you who with your daily Consecration and Rosary, have always lived within the Secure Refuge of My Immaculate Heart; She says How many times as you have recited the Rosary; have you repeated to Me this prayer; Holy Mary Mother of God, pray for us sinners now and at the hour of my death;

At your death Mary says; I welcome Your soul into My motherly Arms and bear them before My Son Jesus, for His particular Judgement; How Joyful must be this meeting with Jesus, for those souls who come to Him, presented by His very own Mother, My Beloved ones and children
consecrated to My Immaculate Heart, I invite You today to enter into great intimacy with Me, during Your entire Life.

DO NOT miss the daily Rosary and Consecration to the Immaculate Heart of Mary.

Philip Illsley.

Susan and Philip Illsley new year in Tenerife Jan 2008 – In June 2008 Sue had her Major Heart operation and I thought I had lost her But God had different Ideas and she came through and on April 18th 2015 we celebrate our 43rd Wedding Anniversary. The promises for all Catholics who pass through, the “Holy Door” in
A Holy Year is the remission of all your sins and universal pardon and the Mercy of God would be manifest in You. The Mercy of God has certainly been manifest in me all my life, He saved my wife Susan, for her to be with me through my life, and for all the support she has given me over the years, to do His work on earth, because without Susan at my side, I would not have coped. My Divine Mercy Prayer Groups in Cardiff in St Albans and St Peters are 24 years old this April and we have been celebrating Divine Mercy Sunday in Cardiff for 24 years this April.

St Albans Divine Mercy Prayer Group.
DON’T MISS DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY this April 12th 2015 we all as Catholic receive the greatest indulgence that the Church can offer on this Day if we go to confession and communion, we receive the forgiveness of all our sins, and any punishment those sins may have incurred.
OVER the last few months I have been renewing many of the TALKS I have given over the years and putting them into a PDF and sending them out; I wondered WHY I did this Talk and this morning I found out because Pope Francis 1st announced Friday March 13th The Celebration of an “Extraordinary Holy Year “ This “Jubilee of Mercy” will commence with the opening of the Holy Door in St peters on the Solemnity of The Immaculate Conception 2015 and will conclude on November 20th 2016 . The Opening on the 8th December 2015 The Solemnity of The Immaculate Conception and will conclude on the Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ King of the Universe on November 20th 2016 . NOW I KNOW Why I had the Urge to do this talk which I started 3 weeks go! I also urge you all to make this HOLY YEAR ! This Opening of the next Jubilee will take place on the 50th anniversary of the closing of the Second Vatican Council in 1965 this is of Great significance in my view. THIS IS A TIME OF MERCY – Take advantage of this time of Mercy . If anyone is interested in joining the welsh pilgrimage to this Holy year, I don’t have any dates or prices but please ring 01443 203 305 ----- Philip Illsley