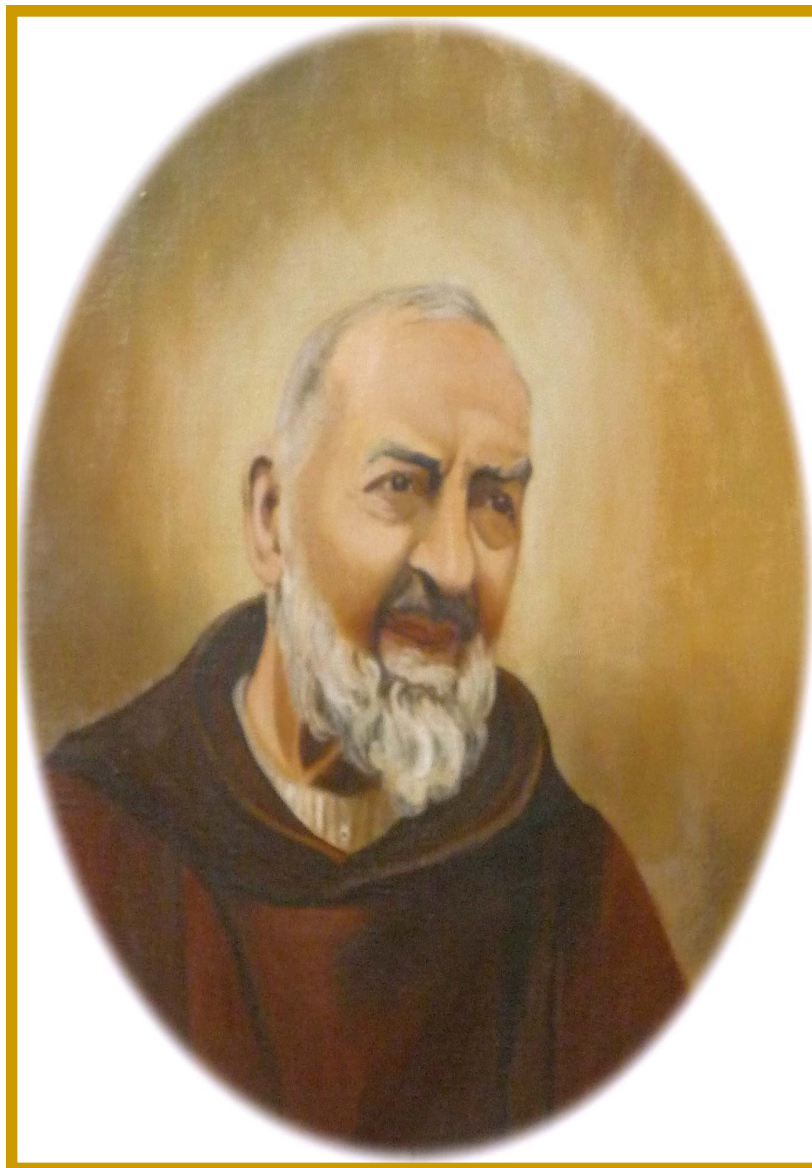


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Capuchin Brother Christopher, OFM, Cap., was one of Padre Pio's spiritual sons. On one occasion, when Brother Christopher was admitted as a patient to Sydney Hospital in Australia, he had the opportunity to witness a miraculous healing through the intercession of Padre Pio.

There in Sydney Hospital, a young man about twenty years of age occupied a bed in the same ward that Brother Christopher was in. The young man had a good job as a clerical worker at the headquarters of the Peter's Ice Cream Factory in Redfern, Sydney. Brother Christopher learned that he had been in the hospital for quite some time.

The young man's condition mystified the medical staff. His temperature used to rise to abnormal degrees, so much so that the nurses had to pack his body in ice in order to reduce his fever. He was unable to hold down any food. The young man's condition deteriorated rapidly after Brother Christopher's first ten days in the hospital.

One night around midnight, the young man's family and girlfriend were summoned to the hospital because his end was near. Since he was a Catholic, the Catholic chaplain from St. Mary's Cathedral, Father Edmund Campion, was called. After visiting the young man, Father Campion came to Brother Christopher's bedside and said to him, "Please pray for this young man who is in your ward. He is leaving us tonight. He is not expected to last until morning."

Brother Christopher promised Father Campion that he would do so. After Father Campion left, Brother Christopher remembered that he had a picture of Padre Pio with him which he had received from San Giovanni Rotondo. He had read of many accounts of miracles that had occurred when Padre Pio's picture was placed under the pillow of a sick person. He gave the picture to the young man's family and told them about the holy life of Padre Pio. They thanked Brother Christopher and said they would place the picture under his pillow.

At seven o'clock the next morning, there were startled looks on the faces of the nurses and doctors when they saw that the young man appeared to be strong and healthy. He was able to sit up in his bed and he ate all the food on his tray. He then got out of bed and came over to Brother Christopher and spoke to him for the first time. "I want to thank you for the picture of Padre Pio," he said. "I feel sure that it saved my life."

The young man was released from the hospital several days later, completely cured. Before leaving, he and his girlfriend came over to Brother Christopher's bedside to thank him once again. They promised that they would return to the hospital soon to visit him. But before they were able to do so, Brother Christopher was also released from the hospital.