

“Every holy Mass, heard with devotion,
produces in our souls marvelous effects,
abundant spiritual and material graces
which we, ourselves, do not know.”

- *Saint Padre Pio* -

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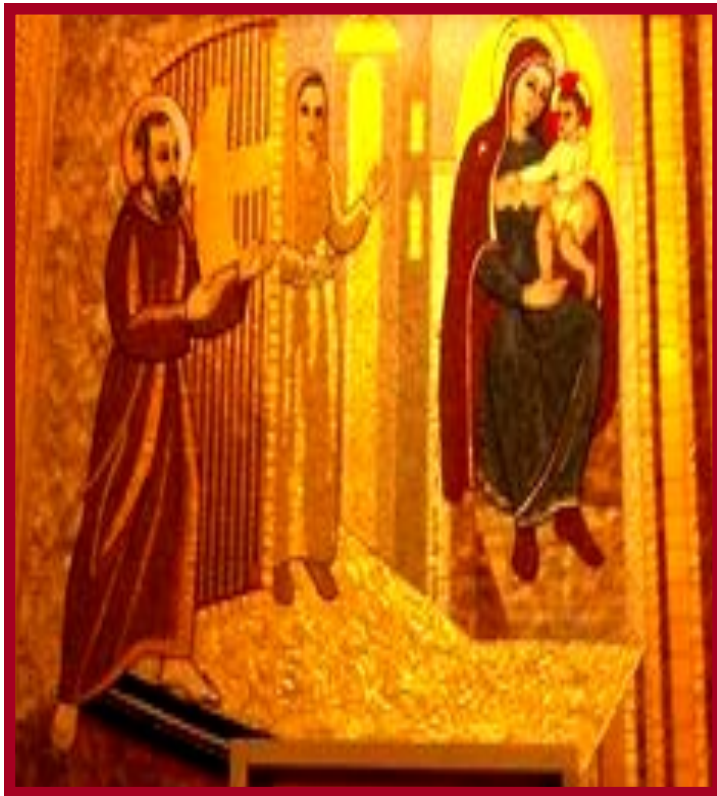


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A spiritual grace, Porto Maurizio, September 11, 1940

A gentleman from Porto Maurizio writes:

"No matter how much I say with regard to the graces received through Padre Pio, I could not say enough, for he procured me a great number, and continued to do so. When I saw Padre Pio for the first time, it seemed to me like a dream, and my heart leapt for joy.



"I assisted at the Mass he celebrated with saintly ardor. I was also fortunate enough to see him at close range, for I was kneeling at the side of the altar; large drops of tears fell from his eyes ... in that instant I repented of my sins and implored forgiveness for myself and for all mankind. At the Consecration, I was doubly wrapped in prayer, and at the Elevation of the Host I looked up with faith, and to my astonishment it appeared radiant and beautiful. I said nothing about it to anyone that day, but the following day I went to the confessional of the Padre and I said, 'Father, the Host consecrated by you does not look the same as the others.' **'What,' he said, 'is there something special about mine?'** 'Yes, I replied, 'the Host of every other priest looks ordinary, and there is a crucifix in the center, while yours appears beautiful and radiant.' he did not reply, so I continued, "Tell me Father, is this so, or is it an illusion?' Entering into a state of recollection within himself, he replied with gravity, **'What you saw in fact was true.'**