I AM THE NEW YEAR

"And the Lord thy God doth always visit it, and his eyes are on it from the beginning of the year unto the end thereof." (Deuteronomy 11:12)

I will help you to say goodbye to the previous year filled with "yesterdays" and comprised of: Disappointments and surprises; Losses and gains; Failures and Successes; Defeats and victories.

A year which may be remembered by recalling: Fleeting moments; Delightful memories and good times; The sobering reality of missed opportunity; The insight gained from daily living; The unexpected surprise of reconnecting with old friends; The joy of sins forgiven and the fruit of obedience in living according to the commandments of God.

To speak a word in due time, is like apples of gold on beds of silver (Proverbs 25:11)

Yes, the old year is a time in which we can recall with gratitude: Blessings, protection, and rewards from the Providential hand of God; Grace that was sufficient for our every need; Mercy received when justice would have just as easily been fitting for us; And realizing that even bad things that happened could have been worse – much worse.

May your past productively transition to the future as you experience: The warm daylight of lessons hard learned, and the fading sunset of the pain that was long endured while living through them; The priceless value found in genuine friends, and the sober understanding of the shackles of superficial people who merely use us.

The glorious journey of: The unmatched wealth in reading and studying the Bible, and the doctrines and dogmas of the Infallible, One, Holy, Catholic, and Apostolic Church; The unparalleled stability of having the Almighty, all-powerful God as my friend as long as I remain in the state of sanctifying grace; The unrivaled enjoyment of knowing, loving, and serving the Lord my God living within my soul when I am in the state of sanctifying grace; Understanding more and more the immense love of Almighty God who has already loved me perfectly longer than I can ever comprehend. This eternal loving God has already given me His own Mother Mary to be my Mother together with my own special guardian angel!

And as you experience the wise departure from: The comfortable enticement of procrastination; The deceptive decoy of excuses; The childish pleasure of pettiness; And the dull applause of mediocrity.

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I am: The challenge of new goals; The desire for spiritual growth; The continual burden for lost souls; The anticipation of answered prayer; And the eager expectation of Christ's protection and return for His Bride, the Catholic Church.

I am the New Year, I may only be lived one moment at a time.

I am replete with the unknown and rife with: Opportunities to trust; Unexpected moments of blessing and delight; Satisfaction for spiritual truth and hunger; Motivations to give of your time and effort to people and projects; And the joy and privilege of knowing, loving, and serving God in the ways and for the reasons which He created me.

Yes, I am the New Year for all and I will be the last year millions of people live on this earth – will you be one of them? Are you ready to meet your Creator and have your Particular Judgment at which time your eternal destiny will be settled forever?

You cannot go back and change what you have done from the beginning of your life until this time today, but you can start now at this time today to change your life so that you have a never ending happiness from the time your eternity begins the moment you die.

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