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To IJPAG President Leo Nevada
From Celia Michel-Garcia

Dear Leo,

It's too bad I didn't see you at the Little Infant's 9-hour Novena, but I found out you went to the Philippines.

You recall I mentioned to you that I was coughing and blowing my nose and you had said in your letter if we were sick not to attend. Well, I was devastated because I look forward to this yearly event.

My next appointment with the doctor was not until February. I called the doctor's office and told her I could not wait and she said that there was not a single opening in January. This is when I started praying with all my heart telling the Little Infant that He had to do something for me...that he knew how much this meant to me.

The girl at the front desk called and told me there was an opening on January 24, well that was impossible because by the time I took the medicine, I would not be well by January 28. Again, I told the Little Infant to please do something for me, that I could not miss His novena. Lo and behold, she called me to tell me there was an opening January 16. I was happy beyond words! The Little Infant had come to my rescue... He knows how much I love Him!

I went to CVS to get my medication and everything worked perfectly: no cough, no sniffles, no blowing my nose. Another miracle was that I was able to kneel.... Something I do not do at church because I have trouble with my left knee.

I became acquainted with the Little Infant of Prague through my Puerto Rican friend. Remember when years ago you could put objects on the dashboard of the car? Well, her husband had a little statue of the Little Infant on the dashboard. On this particular night, her husband had worked late here in Sun Valley and his home is in South Gate (quite a distance). He was tired and kind of dozing off and as he was going to get on the freeway, he saw a little child running in front of him. He was startled! It was the Little Infant...I have never forgotten that story and I always tell it.

There is so much I can tell you but I want you to know that when my name was called at the church and was asked to come up, I was surprised when I was given a little box with a pink ribbon around it. I opened it up and saw the most beautiful little chaplet rosary, handmade by Marylu and (forgive me for not remembering the other nice lady's name).

It's absolutely beautiful!!!

Cordially,
Celia