

Recap of The Second Book Session Sept. 24, 2026

We handed out a printout of the First Book Session. (This is also on the Website under the ministries: St. Monica Prayer Group.) I have paper copies if you want one. Let me know). We talked about Bishop Fulton Sheen's Canonization as Blessed today. Handed out 'Quotes of Bishop Sheen' for people to have. Very intriguing, blessed man. A man ahead of his time!

We said a prayer to St. Monica and added to that prayer "I am not in charge; I am here to love & cooperate with God's will." (Repeat) and I said again, "I am not in charge; I am here to love & cooperate with God's will." (Repeat) The point was well taken! 😊

We listened to Jeff Cavins, 9/24/26 on Hallow the Daily Reflection was "Becoming a Perplexing Christian!" Some points were very relevant to our times.

One being that a young Polish-American Man named Joe was at a Jesus Expo in 1972 at Dallas, Texas. He was so moved by the workings of God that he introduced the concepts of the Expo to Roman Catholic officials in Poland. A cardinal in Poland was heavily influenced regarding evangelistic efforts by the testimony of Joe Losiac. Joe was the seed for the idea of World Youth Day started by Pope John Paul II.

Another point made was 60% of the Expo attendees went into ministry. If you can, listen to it... well worth your time.

We went through the St. Monica Book and Session 2 in the study guide.

1. Pg 25-26 How can we give guidance to our children?

Pray for them. Let them know what you are doing... like going to Mass, activities at Church or other churches. Prayers each day.

2. Do we have supportive friends? Yes, Saints are our friends.

How can the Saints walk with us? They can and will intercede for us and help send someone into our prodigals life to help them.

How can we implore the help of our Child's Guardian Angel?

Ask our Guardian Angel to go to our Child's Guardian Angel and help. Some people brought up that Padre Pio used to do this with his Guardian Angel.

3. Pg. 27-30 What is one way we can keep inviting our children in?

Ask them, invite them to things going on. Let them know what you are doing each time they ask. Talk about the things you are doing with the church. The pain of the Church losses we are going through.

4. How can we trust the Holy Spirit to give us the right words to say?

I read Pg 28, the middle of the page: "The Holy Spirit will teach you in that very hour what you ought to say" (Luke 12:12). All three persons of the Trinity are involved in seeking the salvation of each soul: the Holy Spirit, hoping to awaken the soul's deepest desire; Christ, offering Himself as a sacrament; and the Father, seeking to welcome each soul home with all that He has. If we need a model of how we are to act, speak, and love when encountering a prodigal in our lives, it is the Blessed Trinity. (All on page 28.)

He will guide us and we get the whole Trinity with the Holy Spirit so the ammunition is powerful. Let the Holy Spirit use me to say the right thing!!! (Side note shared: "Help me say what you want me to say, my words get me in trouble.") 😊

5. How can we develop deeper spiritual roots? PRAY!!!!

Pg 29 Again well said in the book.... "Kneeling before the crucifix, look at the wounds of Christ. Peer into the openings holding the nails. One family member is the nail on the left, and the other

on the right, both connected by the body and the blood of Jesus and both entrenched, refusing to budge. (Side note: Help me to budge... I am one of those held by a nail.) Read that page to the end again. Very well said.

6. Pg. 31-32 What is one way we can witness to our faith in our children presence?

Pg 31 Like faith without works, prayer without works is dead. We can't be mere petitioners of God, asking, asking and asking. We must be participators in the working out of our salvation.

Continue to pray at meals. Let them see you pray.

Learn more about each of their afflictions or troubles by helping others with those same things.

Every joy and every suffering is an invitation to fall more deeply in love with God, if only we recognize the opportunity.

7. Pg. 33-47 How do we meet our children where they are?

Pg. 33 What did the blind man ask of Jesus? "I want to see!"

I recently heard this:

"Jesus, show me Your Heart"

"Jesus, show me Who You Are"

"I want to see you more clearly!"

I added Make my Heart like Yours, Help me to Find who You want me to be!"

Listen, do not judge. Find answers to questions they have. Study more so you know more.

Ask them to take a walk together. Begin talking about the beauty of creation.

There is a lot in the book to gather more ideas.

Continue to use new methods of prayer. Focus on your learning.

Open the Bible and Read it today!!

REPEAT: I am not in charge. I am here to love and cooperate with God's Will. REPEAT

Join us at the next session on October 15, 2026 at 5 p.m. or 6:30 p.m.