

***Prayers for Addicted Persons and Their Loved Ones***

**Guest House & NCCA: Lake Orion, MI.**

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This little booklet of prayers and readings is a wonderful complement to Morning Prayer, recitation of the Breviary, recollection through the examen of conscience, or Eucharistic thanksgiving. Its small size makes it easily transportable and it is loaded with devotional prayers and reflective readings.

The booklet is framed, beginning and end, with brief histories and the Credo of Guest House and NCCA (National Catholic Council on Alcoholism and Drug Related Problems). It contains a number of excerpts and prayers from the Big Book of Alcoholics Anonymous (2001). The texts of several traditional Catholic prayers, such as the Prayer of St. Francis, Prayer to St. Anthony, Prayer of St. Francis de Sales, as well as the *Magnificat* and Hail Mary, are included.

Of particular interest to those Catholics in recovery are some surprises:

- ✠ The full text of the Serenity Prayer;
- ✠ A brief account of the history behind recovery tokens or medallions, rooted in the pastoral practice of Sr. Mary Ignatia Galvin, often called “the angel of Alcoholics Anonymous;”
- ✠ Several brief and inspiring testimonials about the contributions made to recovery history and ministry by such Catholic “friends” as Fr. Edward Dowling S.J., Sr. Therese Golden, O.P., Dr. Austin Ripley, founder of Guest House, and Mrs. Patricia Pfau Worrell, niece of Fr. Ralph Pfau, one of the first Catholic priests to recover through Alcoholics Anonymous and a co-founder of NCCA.

All in all, this little booklet is well worth having and using as part of the recovering person’s spiritual toolbox. Anyone may procure copies by contacting the Guest House Institute.