

Dear Friends of CIH,

Happy Feast of the Immaculate Heart! On this our special patron's feast, CIH wishes to especially invite you to celebrate the work we have done together in her name. So crack open whatever drink you like and read on!

The heart of CIH is the Immaculate Heart – at least, we aspire not only to *serve trafficking survivors*, but to serve them *with the Heart of Mary*. This means that our staff and supporters (yes, you included) must stake our hearts in this game. Our hearts must either become purified like Mary's, or we have missed the point of collaborating as her children.

Unfortunately, this purification is with fire and sword. You may have heard of the recent tragedies among some of CIH's closest friends. Many of our clients have also suffered tragedies that we cannot easily imagine. There are many more tragic trafficking victims out there, whose hearts are filled to the brim with bitter anguish.

In the bible, Job's story stands as our gateway to the wisdom books. Visited upon with tragedies after tragedies, Job's utter anguish tightens the central questions of this drama: what is Job's heart like? Is Job telling the truth when he says he had never done wrong? That God's tragedies were not punishments for his hidden sins? Or are his accusers right, when they say that no one is pure in God's sight, and Job's tragedies are God's just punishment?

Half a bible later, Simeon's prophecy for Mary applies here. "Thy own soul a sword shall pierce, that, out of many hearts, thoughts may be revealed" (Luke 2:35). Oftentimes, by tragedies we find out what people's hearts are made of. Job's 'friends' turn out to be foolish accusers, hard and cold of heart, who really had no idea what was in Job's heart. It takes God's own testimony to prove that Job's heart was pure and blameless. Without the tragedies,

without the trial and false accusations, Satan and his cronies can never find out the true mettle of Job's heart.

Job teaches us Wisdom: tragedies happen – not randomly, not outside of God's control, not his plan B, but it is all within his Divine Providence.



## CHILDREN OF THE IMMACULATE HEART

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Satan's malicious attacks on Job serves God's purpose: to manifest Job's innocence of heart. Half a bible earlier, Joseph's observation also applies. "You thought evil against me: but God turned it into good, that he might exalt me" (Gen 50:20).

God is not the heartless prosecutor, setting up legal traps for us to fall into – that is Satan's job. Against this ruthless persecutor, our mere human hearts have no retort. As God tells Job, "[Can you] scatter the proud in thy indignation, and behold every arrogant man, and humble him? Look on all that are proud, and confound them, and crush the wicked in their place? Hide them in the dust together, and plunge their faces into the pit?" (Job 40:6-8).

Pietro Gagliardi (1809-1890), *Madonne et l'enfant*. 50.5 x 41 cm, oil on oval canvas. Private collection.

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God would never let tragedies happen, except that he also offers to fight with us, to draw better things out of them. This is when you and I come in. "Mary kept all these words, pondering them in her heart" (Luke 2:19). If our hearts are filled with the words of Wisdom like Mary's Immaculate Heart, we can indeed combat evil effectively. Our clients can indeed reverse the evil done, and by God's grace draw out greater things. This is St Bakhita's story, and this can be CIH's story too.

What our hearts are made of – that is the central question of our drama.

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THE REFUGE  
HOME MAINTENANCE DAY

August 20th

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