

## EXTRAORDINARY EVENT ON SEPTEMBER 30, 2009

On Wednesday, September 30, 2009 I was invited by one François Vautour to his Summer Villa by the Grand Lake which is not very far from Minto, NB. where Holy Rosary Parish can be found. En route, his brother, who drove with me to the Villa, made me aware of the fact that François was to undergo a major surgery on Monday October 5, 2009 and that he was not in good shape and needed to be prayed over and anointed. This was a request that François himself had made.

Upon arrival, I was accorded a warm welcome and later invited to a hall where François shared with me his life story, the pain he was going through and the surgery he was to undergo. He expressed concern that the surgery was going to be a major one and that he might end up paralyzed.

I asked him to remain silent and meditative while I prayed over him. I anointed him after the prayers and assured him that by the grace of God he was going to be o.k. and so he should not be afraid. We both agreed that it was important to deepen one's faith in the living God in the face of adversity and challenging moments.


We had some tea time with some friends of his who were visiting at that time and his brother. After some light moments, I got back to the Rectory with his brother.

On Thursday, October 1, 2009, his brother came back to me and disclosed to me that François was doing much better and was ecstatic over what had happened to him in the night. He could walk properly and could jump around in joy. François exclaimed: "Fr. Paul, I think a miracle has occurred to me. I am o.k. I have no pains and can now walk properly!!" I suggested to him to see the Doctors who were going to operate on him and find out what to do next.

I was informed some days later that the Doctors had confirmed that he was cured and that there was no need of undergoing any form of surgery.

I am overwhelmed with the miracle God had done for François and made him aware that it is the Almighty God who had cured him. I remain a simple priest of the Lord with all my human failings, but nonetheless used by the Lord to effect the cure that we are all witnessing to this day.

May the Lord be praised at all times!! This extraordinary event has fortified my faith in God and the healing ministry of the Church of which I remain its ordained minister and servant to her beloved sons and daughters ( The People of God ). I have every reason and joy to continue with my ministry of the priesthood and pray that the Lord will continue to use me to touch the lives of the people He has called me to serve.

Humbly submitted: 

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