



OPENING REMARKS

BY DANIEL T. DEMPSEY, BARBARA'S HUSBAND

Good afternoon and welcome,

I am Barbara's husband Dan, and I want to thank all of you for being here today to celebrate and remember Barbara Ann Seneca, a truly remarkable person who departed this life exactly one year ago today. As we think about Barbara today, I am sure she would prefer us to smile, and tell those closest to us that we love them. Her legacy continues in the innumerable people she touched and influenced with her kindness, generosity, compassion, and courage. Barbara loved life, and she had tremendous faith, hope, and love, which she did not talk much about, but she lived it every day. She was always real, never phony. She was quietly very devoted to St. Rita. Shortly we will hear about Barbara from some family and friends who knew her very well. Unfortunately, we cannot let all of you who might want to speak today do so, or we would be here a very long time. But we truly value everyone's comments and remembrances of Barbara, and encourage you all to place these in the chat to all which will be recorded along with the entire zoom call. We will subsequently send this link. To start us off I would like to read a passage from the Book of Wisdom. In the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.





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A Reading from the Book of Wisdom (3:1-9)

The souls of the righteous are in the hands of God, and no torment will ever touch them. In the eyes of the foolish they seemed to have died, and their departure was thought to be a disaster, and their going from us to be their destruction; but they are at peace. For though in the sight of others they were punished, their hope is full of immortality. Having been disciplined a little, they will receive great good, because God tested them and found them worthy of himself; like gold in the furnace he tried them, and like a sacrificial burnt offering he accepted them. In the time of their visitation they will shine forth, and will run like sparks through the stubble. They will govern nations and rule over peoples, and the Lord will reign over them forever. Those who trust in him will understand truth, and the faithful will abide with him in love, because grace and mercy are upon his holy ones, and he watches over his elect. **This is the Word of the Lord.**

Now we will hear some remembrances of Barbara and I want to thank all who contributed these and also to thank my colleague Jason Davis and my son Patrick who helped us organize this presentation.

I am very hopeful that we will see Barbara again. In the meantime, may her memory be a blessing for us all.

