

This did not happen by chance but full credit must be given to our earlier community at St Francis' Melbourne that promoted knowledge and devotion to St Peter Julian. No doubt Dora Bartels had come to know our Founder through the SSS ministry at St Francis'.

Personal memories recall the happiness that our Founder was included in the universal calendar of the Church. The appellation of Apostle of the Eucharist was a most fitting tribute to Eymard and his love of the Eucharist. Time has erased further personal reflections so that not even a ripple remains. One may through the work of many SSS religious such as Don Cave of recent memory.

Raphael McKenna, S.S.S.



I used to deliver papers for my Dad. I delivered the paper every day to the Bartels family home. Mrs Bartels would be in bed very ill. I would knock on the door. She would say "Come in" in a very weak voice. I would go in and see her lying on the bed. She had blue lips from the heart disease. My mother had the same illness, so I recognized the symptoms. My mother died; but Mrs Bartels lived as a result of the Australian miracle which the Vatican accepted as one of the two required for Peter Julian's canonization.

I entered the Congregation in the early fifties and went to Bowral for my novitiate. I was surprised one day to see Len McKenna showing Mrs Bartels around the novitiate. I saw Mrs Bartels running up the steps of the sunken garden. There was no sign of the blue lips or the shortness of breath which I remember from the time I delivered the papers. She was cured.



Mrs Dora Bartels, well and healthy.