



A Message from the Spirit !

As Our Catholic Tour group traveled to churches, museums, and city attractions, we were so fortunate to share this time with a unique group of people. Kathleen, a gentle spirit, who lived her religion with every breath, handed me a special chocolate café card that she just purchased. She said, "I think you will like this." I was just a stranger to her, but it made me feel positive and accepted. I wondered what inspired her to extend this hand of friendship. Lucille again and again showed me perseverance in achieving goals as she watched her diet so carefully. Letty opened my eyes sharing her culture and its importance in one's life. Dennis hurt his back and his wife Barbara was there with him as his supporter and cheerleader. What a great relationship! Angela always had a smile and was the first one to notice if someone needed that extra butter or roll. It was like a breath of sunshine. These were all little things. but they made the trip extra special.

And then there was Charlie. It was on the trip that I realized his role for us was a guider. Attending a Mass one morning, Charlie appeared, wearing priest's vestments. When I saw him standing there in the church giving his sermon, I knew, as with all things, everything happens for a reason. As he spoke that morning, I remembered each of his three

guiding points. In a spirit of sharing and caring we are part of a community. He challenged us to remember.

1. Use your resources; learn from each other. We are given what we need.
2. Have a vision; a clear direction; know where you are going.
3. Always have hope – it will be there. Look up; hold on even when there are challenges.

Father Charles from the Church of the Guardian Angel, was speaking to our souls and giving us the blueprint, the final piece to put the Pope's message into action. We share these with you in the spirit of Listening, Loving, Learning.

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