## **Our Speakers**



## **Peter Cruz**

Peter Cruz is a parishioner of St. Anthony of Padua Church in Kailua, Oahu, where he is currently a commissioned catechist and co-leader of the parish's monthly First Saturday Rosary Devotion. He views himself as just an ordinary guy... but somehow blessed with an extraordinary ability to engage people with fascinating stories about our spiritual heroes the Saints.

Since first being introduced to the life of St. Bernadette of Lourdes over 30 years ago, Peter's devotion and passion for Our Lady, the Rosary, and our Saints has only grown throughout his life. He eventually began a one-man ministry in 2010, dedicated to helping his fellow Catholics become more informed about the Church's rich teaching and tradition on the Communion of Saints... and also spreading the powerfully affirming message that our Blessed Mother and the lives of the Saints have to offer us.

Delving into his extensive knowledge in hagiography, Peter has publicly faith-shared at various Oahu parishes, schools, and in private homes. A distinct feature of his speaking presentations is that he utilizes many rare 1st and 2nd class relics, that he's gathered under his ministry's custody, providing his audiences with the opportunity to make unique personal "connections" with the Saints he shares about; to also seek the comfort of their intercession for their various needs. Hence, he has sometimes been referred to as the island's local "relic man".

Peter's presentation aims to introduce the audience to the Church's Sainthood Process and the relevance of Saints and Relics in Catholic faith-life... with special emphasis being given to modern Saints who, through their holy example, embodied the Lord's face of Love and His hands of service to all humanity.

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