

This Is My Story: Angelo Paul Ramunni

I grew up on Long Island, New York in the 1950s and 60s, attending Catholic church and Catholic schools. Graduating from Fairfield University with a bachelor's degree in Economics, I then earned a Masters Degree in Economics from Fordham University and a Masters Degree in Accounting from Long Island University. I married during college, and became a CPA in 1978.

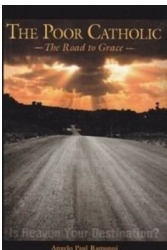
After moving from the hustle and bustle of metro New York City to the quaint countryside of Litchfield County, my wife and I began to raise a family. In 1982, I launched a new CPA firm in Canaan. In those early years, my new CPA firm flourished; however, when the recession took hold in the late 80s, I became disillusioned with the status quo. In early 1990, my life changed dramatically when my personal faith in Jesus Christ came alive through a fascinating little book, *In His Steps*, by Charles Sheldon. "What Would Jesus Do?" became my mantra.

Soon afterwards, I found myself counseling more and more hurting clients on how they could better manage their assets in ways that pleased God. I returned to church and became active in several para-church ministries, including the Fellowship of Companies for Christ International (FCCI). I facilitated many Bible studies, Christian business owner groups, and seminars concerning the Godly use of money.

Over the years, I also became an instructor at the University of Connecticut in the areas of accounting and financial literacy, and sold my CPA practice. I currently serve on the Board of Directors of The Connecticut Mutual Holding Company.



Angelo Paul Ramunni, CPA



I wrote *The Poor Catholic; The Road to Grace* to explain what it means to be a poor Catholic—which is someone who is missing the most important thing in life, a close personal friendship with Jesus. I consider myself to be the original "poor Catholic" because I purposely kept a distance between myself and God for 41 years of my life. I played religion, but had no genuine faith in Christ.

Left Turn, Right Turn, U-Turn shares how important it is for older folks, including aging Boomers, to turn their lives around and head in a new direction toward God. Many people know they're on the wrong road, and they are setting bad examples for younger generations.



As part of my ongoing ministry, I quietly hand out stone pocket crosses. When I meet people, I find that many are willing to tell me the real and near impossible challenges they deal with every day. I give them something tangible that helps them to connect with Christ on a personal level. Thus far, I've given away over 3,500 crosses. The resulting stories of marvelous healings, reversals of near tragic events, and renewed feelings of hope and peace have convinced me that Jesus does pay personal attention to the details of our lives!



Tiny crosses add up to miracles
Angelo Paul Ramunni displays some of the stone crosses he gives away to comfort people in their times of trouble.

As an accountant during hard economic times, Angelo Paul Ramunni has heard his share of sad stories; he also has had to deliver some financially dire news to his former, job or family.

"They just got it and said, 'What an I gotta do now?' Because of Connecticut who teaches accounting at the University of Connecticut Waterbury branch, said, "I normally avoid anything because it was getting to me."

The vision he had—a little cross made of stone—had ended up working miracles.

"I started getting stories back, to start by the middle of a Stop & Shop nearby and they remember that cross you give me 'you're not going to believe what happened.' People have credited the way from with saying that they've been able to get their lives back.

"The first I saw was a 14-year-old kid with a head of rock, she made a connection with the cross."

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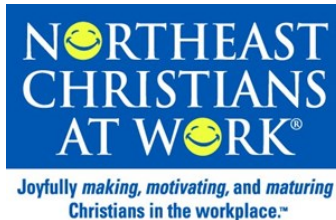
For example, he said, there's the woman named Sarah who was traveling to her father's funeral and she was diagnosed with stage four cancer. She was given six to eight weeks to live.

She accepted the cross with her own eyes and heart. He also told the story of a woman who was at her mother's funeral, with a daughter who had a heart attack. In the weeks later, while making her daughter's bed, the cross tumbled to the floor. When she picked it up, she found it in her pocket to hand to those who think could use a little hope and faith, but doesn't have them or people at one time to suddenly cross, he said.

"I don't hand them out indiscriminately or in case quantities," he said. "I generally talk to the person, first and I'll be happy to give them a stone cross if they're dedicated to an issue. You can reach me at www.crossinthe-pocket.com."

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