

TITANS of Teal



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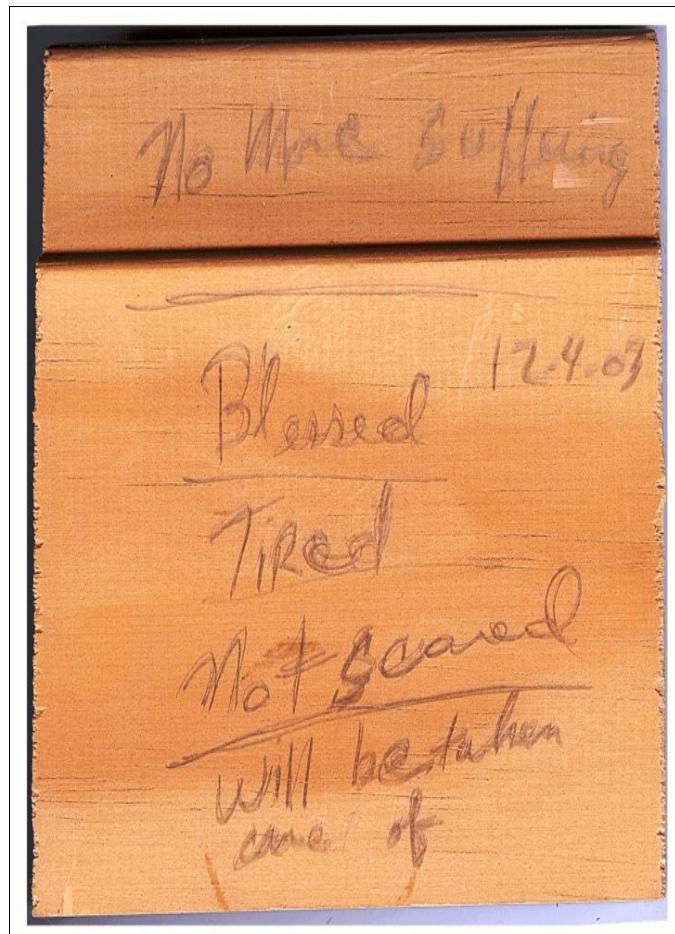
My name is Tony Pacini. To be brief I lost my sister, Jean (Pacini) Miller to OC in 2004. A series of my own health setbacks this past year made me come to grips with the true depths of angst, anger, sorrow, pain and joy that Jean experienced as she battled her illness. As a result, I have decided to dedicate my 2011 bicycle racing season to my sister's original mission of raising awareness of OC. It was not one of those "lightbulb" moments while I was recovering in a hospital patient room but more of a subtle, organic nurturing of the feeling to do something to honour all that Jean attempted to do while she was with us. The result is Mission1Racing.

Mission1Racing is truly an awareness-based initiative - we seek no donations or contributions. We plan to race at various bike race events in Florida, Illinois, Indiana, Missouri and Wisconsin with the sole purpose of raising awareness of ovarian cancer. Mission1Racing would be honoured to be associated with this cause and it would be great for our team morale as well. And as the Feel Teal Club aptly stated on their web-page, the key is making as many people aware of this disease as possible.



Jean (Pacini) Miller

On December 4th, 2003 Jean phoned me to update me on her recent life choice. When she phoned I was in the middle of hanging wooden wall base in my recently-remodelled kitchen. As she spoke and shared her thoughts with me I instinctively grabbed my carpenter's pencil and scribbled them on this small scrap of wooden wall base.



It reads:
No more suffering
Blessed 12-4-03
Tired
Not scared
Will be taken care of

Our mission at Mission1Racing is to prevent this type of conversation between just one woman and her brother...or husband, or father, or mother, or son, or daughter.



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