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# Blessed Alvaro and my wedding expenses

I recently received a favor from Don Alvaro. I am a land surveyor by profession and I do my own private jobs – “freelancing’ is what it is called nowadays.

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In 2017 I undertook some assignments which unfortunately were not paid on time while others have not been paid to date. So

despite having done good mark-up jobs I found myself cash strapped. My girlfriend and I had planned our wedding for January 2018 but by end of November, a client who owed me a substantial amount had not yet paid. The amount could comfortably handle our wedding and honeymoon expenses. I had pursued the payment from April 2017 when the task had been completed but to no avail. It was a difficult year for business people in Kenya given the tense political climate and the prolonged campaign period. In general, many payments to contractors had been frozen.

I decided to force this particular client to pay up, not by the barrel of a gun but by prayer. I armed myself with a prayercard of Don Alvaro and did a novena with it for the intention of this client paying up ASAP. I said to myself, "Don Alvaro doesn't care about external factors like intense

political climates, if he got up when he was bedridden to find money to pay workers at Villa Tevere, these political shenanigans are just child's play."

Three weeks after the novena I got a call from the client. The money was ready. It came in the nick of time. We had started making payments to vendors for our big day from the little savings and contributions we had. We had a modest but colorful celebration to mark the sacrament of marriage in mid-January. I thanked Don Alvaro profusely and our Lord as well for agreeing to be arm-twisted by the Civil Engineer. Am sure our Lady and St. Joseph had a hand in it too, those numerous decades of the Rosary could not have disappeared into thin air.

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