

Missionaries of the Sacred Hearts of Jesus and Mary

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Dear Faithful Friend,

An older woman who had asked to speak to me for a few minutes after Mass began by saying, "It is so hard to be forgotten by those you love." With a look of sadness, she went on to say how busy her grown children were and how weeks or months would pass before she heard from them.

We talked, and I read her a reflection I had come across which offered comfort to parents in this same situation. The reflection reminded the parents of how busy they, too, were in their young lives, and although we may not hear from our children for a long time, the love we share is surely always in their hearts. I encouraged her to look to Our Lady who, as a mother herself, would surely pray with and for her.

After she left, I said a prayer that children everywhere, young and old, would take time to honor and show their love to their mothers for the years of unselfish love and caring they gave. How wonderful to see the joy this would bring to yearning hearts.

How wonderful, too, if all of us would make a special effort to remember our heavenly mother, Mary, who so deeply loves each of us. Her love is without condition and she intercedes on our behalf with her beloved Son whenever we go to her. But do we thank her and tell her of our love often enough?

As Missionaries of the Sacred Hearts of Jesus and Mary, our Blessed Mother holds a very special place in our hearts. Her special feast days are especially important to us. I believe that you, too, share our devotion to Mary and are eager to tell her of our love and gratitude.

The Marian feast days this summer give us an opportunity to do just that. We will be celebrating Masses on each of these days in love and honor of Mary. I know you will want to join us.

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Missionaries of the Sacred Hearts of Jesus and Mary

Dear Father John, please remember me and my petitions during all the Marian Feast Day Masses this summer. My special gift of \$_____ is enclosed to help your ministries here and around the world.



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July 16, Feast of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel

Commemorates the conferring of the brown scapular, which is the visible sign of our reliance on Mary to guide us away from sin and protect us from harm.

July 26, Feast of St. Ann and St. Joachim

Honors the parents of Mary for the loving care of Our Lady and the abiding faith they encouraged in her.

August 15, The Assumption of Mary

Reminds us of the special place God had prepared for Mary in His kingdom as the mother of our Lord.

August 22, Feast of the Queenship of Mary

Reaffirms the status God bestowed on Mary as the heavenly advocate for all her children on earth.

September 8, Birth of Mary

Surely, from her birth, Mary, conceived without original sin, was destined to play a unique role as the mother of our Savior.

The Mass in our Chapel on each of these feasts will be offered in love, thanksgiving and honor of our Blessed Mother. On the enclosed prayer petition form you will find a place to write your own heartfelt message to our Lady. Will you take a moment now to write that message along with any special need you may want to place in Mary's care? I want to place these messages on our altar to be remembered during all these Marian Masses.

The gift you include with your message and prayer petitions helps to support our work teaching and fostering the beautiful Marian devotions that are such an integral part of our faith. Our Missionaries strive to witness this love of Jesus and Mary to all they serve whether in parish apostolates, health facilities, or foreign missions, and especially to those who feel abandoned, alone or forgotten.

We are deeply grateful for each and every gift and especially thankful for your faithful friendship and prayers as we strive to reach all with the message of God's infinite love for each of us.

You are welcome to join us for our Marian Feast Day Masses, either in person or in spirit. If you cannot be there in person, be assured that your prayer petitions and special message to Mary will be placed in our Chapel to be included in each of the Masses.

May Our Lady watch over you and your loved ones and may she be honored and loved in hearts everywhere.

Sincerely in the Sacred Hearts of Jesus and Mary,



Father John, M.S.S.C.C.



Dear Blessed Mother of us all:

O Holy Mother of God, please remember my petitions and intercede for me with your Beloved Son, especially for:

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