

Missionaries of the Sacred Hearts of Jesus and Mary

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Mary, Untier of Knots - Pray for Us

Dear Friend of the Sacred Hearts,

Most of us had never really heard of the devotion to Mary, Untier of Knots, until we welcomed the arrival of Pope Francis. As a Jesuit priest studying in Germany, he found the image of Mary holding a cord filled with knots in a church in the Bavarian city of Augsburg. He was immediately drawn to its message that Mary could untie the knots of human suffering through her obedience to the will of God and powerful advocacy with her beloved Son.

It is an image that draws one to recognize their own tangle of “knots” that life may have brought them; family problems, uncertainty in marriage, anger among loved ones or friends, loneliness and illness that bring fear and hopelessness. We struggle to find a way to smooth out the tangles, indeed, “untie the knots.”

As we look around us at the world, it is clear we are all so interconnected now. And surely that line of connection has some “knots” of its own. As blessed as we are to be in America and enjoy its freedoms, we are touched by those who struggle every day just to care for their families and live in peace.

In our mission communities around the world, a tangled knot of problems upon problems face the faithful; poverty and a lack of religious freedom, education opportunities for their children, basic health care and peace in their lands.

Our brother missionaries are deeply devoted to Mary, our mother and patroness of our congregation. I welcome this unique image of our Lady to sustain and help us to work with those we serve in order to smooth the struggles they face each day.

As we approach the holy season of Advent, we have a special opportunity to honor the Blessed Mother as we celebrate the Feast of the Immaculate Conception on December 8. We will offer a Triduum of Masses December 6, 7 and 8 during which we will thank her for her unending care and offer our love.

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Dear Father John, I join you in honoring Mary, our mother, in the Feast of the Immaculate Conception. My gift of \$_____ is enclosed to help support your missionaries as they share the message of Mary's unending care.



Thank you and God Bless

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I invite you to join us in person in our Chapel or in spirit as we ask her to “untie the many knots” in families and homes where strife, discord and fear reside. Please take a moment now to write your own personal prayer petitions on the enclosed form and return it to me so I can be sure to include them in the offering of these special Masses.

The gift that you send with your petitions is most especially needed as we face the end of a year that was filled with more challenges for our Missionaries. In our schools in India and Nigeria, our priests are faced with increased costs as enrollment grows and no one is turned away.

Catholic education is the key to a better life, tolerance and a committed faith. Please help us help them with your special gift. We are deeply grateful.

In the beautiful prayer that I have enclosed for you, our Holy Father asks Mary to “put in order and make more clear the ties that link us to the Lord.” Although the way forward may look clouded, crooked and frightening, we know that we always have Mary as our advocate. She walks with us and leads us to Jesus, who is the only one to follow.

I will be remembering you as I offer my own prayer of honor and love to our mother, Mary, on the Feast of the Immaculate Conception. You, and those you pray for, will be placed in her care with our trust in her powerful intercession and ability to help us to untie the knots of our lives.

In the love of Jesus and Mary,



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

P.S. Your prayer petitions will be remembered in the Triduum of Masses honoring our Lady’s Immaculate Conception December 6, 7 and 8 and will remain in our Chapel throughout Advent.



Please remember the individuals or families listed below in your Masses honoring Our Lady.

Also, please remember me and my special Intentions.

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