



**“I have loved
Jesus Christ
More than all the Earth,
And for the Love of Him
I have loved more than
Myself, all those who are
In travail and pain.”**

Ven. Pauline-Marie Jaricot

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Dear Apostle of the Immaculate Heart of Mary,

It is an article of faith that every Christian in a state of grace shares in the good done by another member of Christ's Body. **Each for all and all for each!** Sons of the same Father and one in Christ, we must love and help each other like brothers.

In the moral order, solidarity implies a voluntary co-operation of activity and talent with a view to securing a common end. We must be constantly alert and continually active in our vigilance and solicitude for others. All these characteristics are intensified in our spiritual solidarity, binding in a palpable manner the members of our association together, one to the other and each to all. It is for each of us a mutual responsibility.

Being bound together in love for the Holy Rosary and St. Philomena in the solidarity of association implies that the body in question must be whole and entire. It must not be broken or divided. With this end in view, its various members must learn to fuse themselves, to live as members of the same body, renouncing innovation and independent personal ideas. There must be unity, not individualism. We are engaged in a common task, not an individual one. All must work together, inspired by the same ideal, all striving to effect one and the same result, pooling our respective abilities and resources. Each has something to give and all are united in their zeal for souls through these holy devotions. There can never be any element of conflict, no cliques, no power struggle, never any jealousy between the members or leaders or Centers.

Solidarity involves the observance of particular duties. The greater one's knowledge, the greater one's ability, the greater one's duty, and the greater one's utility. Everything must be done with modesty and self-effacement. Nothing can be considered as one's own personal property. No one can claim exclusive rights as the author of the work. It makes no difference who is the author so long as you are successful in reaching souls who are languishing for these devotions which, in truth, belong to Holy Mother the Church, and **GOD ALONE!** Be disinterested! Disinterestedness is liberation from oneself and a great source of peace.

From time to time, you may have the feeling that you are being made the object of hostility on the part of others. Sadly, humanity is not entirely beautiful. You may have definite proof that an attempt is being made to destroy you. How are you to behave under this type of attack? Be cement-like in your charity and your solidarity! Does the loosening of one stone justify your loosening another? **NEVER!** Don't give way. Be worthy of yourselves, be humble. Let all of you be broad-minded, conciliatory, indulgent and kind hearted. Never let there arise among you the faintest suspicion of rivalry.

There must be willing fraternal co-operation, the pooling of material goods, the equal and impartial use of whatever is placed at the disposal of all, and fair distribution whenever necessary. You must give and lend willingly all that you have. **Our rule is Charity.**

Individualism, the desire to have a monopoly of the benefits accruing from one's acts, efforts, skills or position, will destroy the work which will then begin to waste away. Vanity which demands that I should be **'someone'** and that this **'someone'** should make his mark, is destructive. The spirit of criticism is death. You have come to sooth and to heal. Jealousy is the fruit of vanity and selfishness. It is a poison which is in the highest degree corrosive; it has eaten away the foundations of many an edifice. If a house be divided against itself, that house cannot stand.

**"When someone is suffering, we do not ask the sufferer
What nationality or what religion is his. He suffers -
That is all we need to know. He belongs to God
And we will give him relief!"** Louis Pasteur

We must learn to co-operate, to collaborate and to combine our efforts; our life and our mission will then be much more effective and pleasing in God's Eyes. We must love very deeply our duty and understand the absolute value of this work done under the Eye of the Everlasting God. Keep your spirits raised up on the highest level. Let your generous, compassionate hearts be ever the mainspring of your Catholic life. Bear always in your minds your first ideal: to be saviors, both of the body and the soul. It is He alone whom you serve in His suffering members. For Him alone, there can never be enough devotion, sacrifice or renunciation as these are only a means of expressing our love for Christ, and Him Crucified!

Solidarity, charity and fraternity are the marks of Christ's disciples. **BE YE ONE!** This year promises to be one of great challenge, sacrifice and suffering. We must be united always in prayer, in heart, in spirit and in this precious work to bring all souls to the Immaculate Heart of Mary through our **Daily Decade** in the Living Rosary. May Saint Philomena, our Patroness and Protectress who art the Guardian Angel of our Association be always at your side! Call upon her, she will not fail you. Pray for one another without ceasing and seize every possible opportunity to share with all souls this precious, powerful and most needed devotion. **BON COURAGE!**

One with you in the Pure Heart of Mary,



PATTI MELVIN, ULRA Director

Please pray for me!



Words of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Go for the Triumph!

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