

Dear Apostle of the Immaculate Heart of Mary,

Thank you for very kind donation for the work of the Living Rosary in the world today. With great sorrow, we watch the earthquake in Taiwan. Every disaster is a special call from God to come closer to His Sacred Heart.

In our day, men are arrogant and think that they are able to manage their lives without God's help or His Grace. How we deceive ourselves! Without Him, we have no light, no strength, no virtue nor the necessary talent to conduct our affairs with any success.

Mary is our Model, faithful always to the inspirations of the Holy Spirit: attentive, docile and obedient to His impulses. Mary had a degree of Grace far superior to the greatest Saints. She lived in a state of perfect union with God, which is our ideal and the goal of all our efforts. Mary teaches us that the great secret of quickly reaching union with God is entire detachment from creatures, especially that creature we love so dearly, **OURSELVES!**

Mary lived only for God. Studying Her life, we see that only one thing motivated Her: the Glory of God and the interests of Jesus, and of souls. In Her humble, hidden life, in Her work, in Her poverty and in all the privations and sufferings She had to undergo, She was always ready to advance, totally oblivious of Her suffering, wholly given to the fulfilling of the Divine Will. It was the Holy Ghost Who guided Her, urged Her, and sustained Her; and Her secret was to let herself be ruled and moved by Him in everything.



Just as the Blessed Virgin conceived the Son of God by the operation of the Holy Ghost, so all Her actions were begun by His inspirations. This is just how our lives should be lived. We must imitate Mary and eliminate from our lives everything that is the fruit of our egoism, self-love or pride and do only the things that are inspired by Grace under the impulse of the Holy Spirit.

Our prayers are with you both day and night.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Patti Melvin". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

**PATTI MELVIN, Director – ULRA**

Let us pray for one another.

**MARY, BE MY MODEL,  
BE MY GUIDE!**