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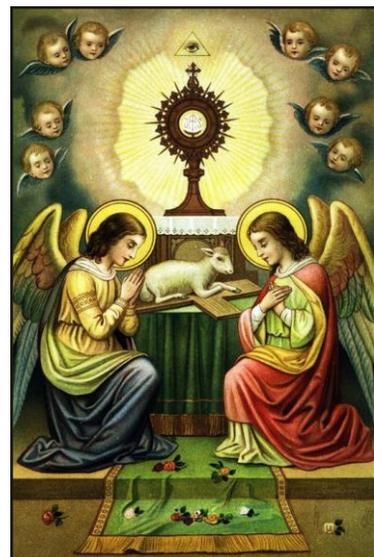
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GLORY BE TO JESUS CHRIST!

Dear Apostles and Benefactors of the Living Rosary,

We reach out in love and prayer to all of you who are kind enough to support our labors in Ukraine and throughout the East for the Triumph of the Immaculate Heart of Mary.

Our journey to sanctity is something close to us, simple and possible for us all. Our Daily Bread is the Divine Grace which God gives. God does not demand perfection from us all at once. Grace is dispensed to us gradually, according to the needs and disposition of our soul. God merely asks our faithful correspondence to the Grace of every moment as it is imparted to us. We must be attentive to the voice of God and not deny Him anything, but give generously to Him all that He asks. We must place our confidence in Him making every day and every moment of the day our gift to Him. Self-love makes us incapable of any good; it separates us from God and closes to us the door to happiness. If we wish to be happy, we must die to ourselves. Only the Love of God can make us happy. If we wish to be happy, let us seek not happiness, but Love! There is nothing sadder to a thoughtful man than the riotous feasting and merry making of worldly pleasures. Joy itself is divine, sadness is satanic. Joy in man is the daughter of sanctity, sadness the daughter of sin.



True Christian joy is holy joy, perfect joy, true joy and its source is God Himself. Suffering is a stumbling block and seems to many as irreconcilable with an all-good and loving God. The mystery of suffering is contained in the Heart of God Who permits such evils in order to bring about greater good and for the manifestation of His Glory. To them that love God, all things work together unto good. Christ died on the Cross and sanctified suffering. He infused divinity into it and made of it a kind of sacrament by which the Graces of Heaven descend upon earth. This is the economy of suffering; through it, all things are restored. Suffering is the great agent of our purification. Suffering is the father of love, provided we suffer as Christians and in union with the Spirit of Christ. Christian Suffering sanctifies all things and Divine Love sanctifies all suffering. Humility is the greatest shield against all the evils of the world. We are not asked to embrace suffering, but the Will of God which is manifested in suffering. The best way to suffer is in silence and alone with God. Suffering is a divine instrument for our sanctification. Do tranquilly whatever is within your power and leave the rest confidently in the Hands of God. Only victims are redeemers. Do not ask God to relieve you of your cross, but to give you the strength to bear it.

We keep you and your loved ones, every day, in our Sacred Masses, Holy Hours and Novenas of Prayer. Prayer is the Foundation of Peace. Let us establish in our lives a rich spiritual habit of **DAILY PRAYER**.

I impart to all of you, my priestly blessing:

✠ ***In the Name of the Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.***

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