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COME, LET US ADORE HIM!

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Dear Members, Benefactors and Apostles of the Living Rosary,

With great solemnity and joy, we contemplate the Birth of Christ. All those who are saved become co-redeemers with Christ. Our lives should be a combination of faithful witness from without, and loving contemplation from within: of action and prayer, of giving and possessing, of outward witness even to the shedding of blood, and of burning charity within. Christ must be our lives. How better to live the Life of Christ, than through Catholic Action whose goal is to restore all things in Christ. What is needed today is the direct approach to men in the name of Christ. Our world is very like the world at the time of Christ. Every kind of injustice and moral depravity abounded. Through the centuries, it has been the confronting of the world with Christ and Him crucified that transformed, elevated, refined and established it in law and order. Christ's Grace alone can renew and restore private and public life. We must be true apostles, enkindled with the fire of the Heart of Christ, strong in faith, steadfast in persecution and burning with zeal spreading everywhere the Kingdom of Christ. The greatest need today is not knowledge, but holiness.

Mary's consent to the announcing Angel was completed and ratified when She stood at the foot of the Cross offering Her Son for the sins of men, redeeming the world with Christ and, by Her sorrows, bringing forth the children of Grace. Mary became the Mediatrix of all Graces. Through Catholic Action, we must lead souls to God. It is a continuation of the Redemption and perpetuation of the Incarnation. Every Grace is bestowed through Mary; every soul that is led to God, is led by Mary; no new stronghold of the Kingdom of Christ is established without the active co-operation of Mary. Her universal mediation forms an essential part of the continuation of that work begun by Christ and carried out by the Mystical Body of Christ.



Christ is not priest as God but as man; yet, it is the same Person Who is God and priest. Now, if Our Lord became priest at the moment of His Incarnation, it follows that His ordination must have taken place in the womb of the Virgin Mary. What temple could be more fitting? The consent of Mary was the sign for the sacred ceremony to begin. *From an altar of ordination, Mary became an altar of sacrifice* for, from the first moment of His human existence, living in Mary, Christ offered Himself for the restoration of the divine life of men. She it was, indeed, who prepared the Divine Victim for the Eternal Sacrifice of Calvary.

The laity is inseparably connected to the priesthood of Christ through the sacramental character of Baptism and Confirmation. This reality of the mission given to us by Christ to live united to Him in Mary, through Mary and with Mary continuing the work of His priesthood, is awesome. Mary remained a virgin before the Birth of Christ, during the Birth of Christ and after the Birth of Christ. Let us remain hidden in the womb of the most holy Virgin, where we will be protected, nourished, brought up and made to grow and, from whence, we will be brought forth to eternal glory. The image which must remain constantly impressed upon our souls, is the image of a life utterly, totally, entirely and absolutely dependent upon our Mother, **THE MOTHER OF GOD!**



Strengthened through our union of prayer and action by the Dedicated Decade which binds us all, we go forth to preach the Gospel to all peoples. All of you have a special remembrance at the Sacred Altar each day during the month of December, at the Christmas Vigil and Holy Mass during this Glorious Season of great Joy. Upon you and your family, both living and departed, we ask God's blessing and infinite Mercy.

I impart to all of you, my priestly blessing:

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



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