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GLORY BE TO JESUS CHRIST!

Dear Apostles and Benefactors of the Living Rosary,

Thank you very much for your care and support. The Center of the Living Rosary in the East is growing and we are so very grateful to you. This year, through your encouragement and kindness, our 2016 Calendar is being printed. It features Our Lady of Fatima and Her requests to bring about the Conversion and Consecration of Russia to Her Immaculate Heart. The renovation of the Church is going very well and my bishop is content with our progress. Without your big help, such a huge project would not have been possible. Still, while construction is underway, we have only a tent in which to offer the Holy Mass. When Winter comes, I do not know what we will do. Yet, we have total confidence that the Holy Mother of God will provide for our needs.

Sanctity can only be acquired by diligent use of the graces offered by God, combined with great personal effort. The finest Sermon ever preached was delivered by God as He sat on the mountain slope over 2000 years ago and presented the Beatitudes to the faithful. Speaking to a group of ordinary, illiterate country folks, He told them their vocation in life was to aspire after the holiness of God Himself. "Be ye perfect as your Heavenly Father is perfect ... Make your first care to find the Kingdom of God." Christ lived and taught on earth to sanctify souls. It was for this reason that He founded the Church. He desired for all men to be saints. Every Christian is bound to seek after holiness. In our own Age, the call to sanctity is more imperative than ever, as our race seems to be drifting further and further from God. The Blessed Virgin appeared at Fatima to appeal for Reparation. God has raised up St. Thérèse of Lisieux to recruit an army of victim souls. The Popes have called all members of the Church to participate with heroic zeal in the lay apostolate!

The Mystical Body of Christ is starving because so few of its members are nourished with the Holy Eucharist. The Mother of that Body is filled with anguish at the contemplation of her Babe thus suffering. The Holy Rosary can provide the Church with a heart of prayer. Intensity of purpose, unrelaxed effort, unquenchable love, steady discipline, undaunted courage and unflagging perseverance come only from a true spirit of faith. The mark of the Cross is our sign of Hope! The Love of God is the very heart of our sanctity. The Living Rosary is Mary's Army, engaged today in the deadly battle being waged for the salvation of souls throughout the whole world.

Each and every day, we remember you and your families at the Holy Altar of God. We beg God's Mercy, Protection and Strength for you in the days to come.



I impart to all of you, my priestly blessing:

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

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