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Eternal Rest Grant unto them, O Lord!

Dear Members, Benefactors and Apostles of the Living Rosary,

During the month of November, the Sacred Bouquet of Requiem Masses is being offered for the departed members of each family enrolled. It is very necessary and good to help these Poor Souls in order to release them from the bondage of Purgatory and help them quickly to reach the very Heart of God.

I am organizing a Rosary Retreat at the High School this month and we have many parents pleading with us for their instruction in purity and prayer. They want to have special Masses to be arranged so that their children will find good wives and husbands, and live a married life faithful to God and to one another.



One of the chief virtues of a Child of God must be gratitude to His Father! What have we that we have not received? It is not enough to make, from time to time, a formal act of thanksgiving. Our whole life should be one of gratitude! It is by Faith we know what benefits God has showered upon us. The stronger our faith, the deeper our gratitude will be. God's gifts to us are as varied as they are innumerable: the Sacraments, the Liturgy, His watchful Providence, His Patience and Mercy! How can we thank Him? We can do this by uniting ourselves as closely as possible with the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass, Christ's **THANK-OFFERING** to His Father. Our lives are one series of graces sent to us by God: We exist by the power of our Creator. He has given us an immortal soul, a body endowed with marvelous faculties, His Life and Death, the Church and the Sacraments. All of these are free gifts of God's infinite goodness to us. Thanksgiving consists in three things: knowledge of the benefit received, gratitude for them, and right use of them according to the Will of God. The Heart of Jesus is perpetually pleading for us: "**Father, forgive them for they know not what they do.**" Daily on our Altars, Jesus is pleading for us and everyday nourishing us with His own Flesh and Blood. Yet, we are so cold and so dead, even before the Blessed Sacrament. If others neglect Him, have contempt for Him, disdain and profane Him, let us at least give Him our heartfelt Gratitude: visit the Blessed Sacrament frequently, receive Holy Communion and hear Holy Mass with great devotion.

This is good instruction for the young and the old. I continue to struggle to build the church. Please help me. I am ready to do all that you ask. Winter is upon us and our little tent will be very cold. We thank you for the great work done by the Living Rosary and assure you of our blessing and prayers.

I impart to all of you, my priestly blessing:

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

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Fr. Ivan Kolodiy".

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