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Dear Patti,

Ad Jesum per Mariam! With all my heart, I thank Our Lord for His graces and blessings. My visit to the seminaries on Tuesday, May 10, was really grace-filled. I felt so encouraged by the Rectors: each of them granted me his permission as soon as I told him about the Living Rosary, my desire to talk to the seminarians about it and to get them enrolled as members.

Saint Bernard's Seminary, Nchatancha, Enugu, is known to you already through Father Michael Okata! He is one of the spiritual directors there. His generous presence and practical sense meant so much for the facilitation of the enrolment. Indeed, after I had given the reflection, the seminarians enrolled with joy and enthusiasm. We also gave them Sacramentals and spiritual booklets which they received with remarkable gratitude. Our Lady of the Rosary was clearly at work there! From here, Fr. Michael and I drove to Bigard Memorial Seminary, Enugu. The two seminaries are not so far from each other; they are in the same city. We joined the community for the Evening Prayer with Benediction (what an amazing experience to once again participate in the beautiful hymn to the Holy Spirit sung by more than 600 young seminarians!!! It was part of the Novena for the Pentecost). After the prayers, the Rector asked me to address the community on the Living Rosary. With the help of Fr Michael, the enrolment and sharing of the Sacramentals went smoothly and even systematically! All the completed lists will be posted to you tomorrow.

One of the seminarians asked me: "**Father, is there a film on Saint Philomena?**" I was touched! I told him I have no idea. They loved her story so much and would like to know more. Another seminarian asked me for the statue of Saint Philomena. Of course, I told him to keep asking that of HER with love and trust! One day, such statues, even very small ones, will surely arrive. My joy is to see future priests in love with Our Lady of the Holy Rosary and enthusiastic about the true Faith!

This is too long a letter, Patti! Forgive me for taking up your precious time. God bless you and all those who work with you for the propagation of the Faith! Pray for me please.

Yours in the Immaculate Heart of Mary,

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