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E-Mail: August 6, 2015

Dear Mrs. Patti Melvin,

I greet you very warmly and lovingly, and apologize for my silence, but you know we continue to be active with the Living Rosary propagation, thanks be to God and to His Holy Mother. On July 30, I received your box of Sacramentals and leaflets in Spanish that you sent to me.

From the picture attached, you will see our members with the St. Philomena statue which is 1 meter tall.

My heart is overflowing with joy at having our Patroness occupy a special place in our church and I had longed for it for many years. We have the privilege of being the first ones in Nicaragua to belong to the Living Rosary Association – our first 7 Rosary groups started in 1996 and we have maintained them.

The Living Rosary is recognized by our Bishop, as a lay group. Fifteen members have gone to their eternal reward and others have left their Catholic religion for different beliefs, and all of them have been replaced by new members. On the third Sunday of each month, a Holy Mass is offered for the intentions of the Living Rosary members and their families.

St. Philomena's feast is approaching and we always give out to those who attend the festivities something related to her. Last year, you sent us St. Philomena Medals and brochures about her life. The members are very grateful to you for it.

We apologize for asking you to send us the Sacramentals, prayer cards and leaflets without giving a donation but, even if we wanted, we don't know how to do it and not sure whether it would reach you safely. We would make the donation with much love, even if it is a small amount. We use to ask for **10 Córdobas (Nicaragua's currency), which is \$0.50**, but we know that, in the vineyard of the Lord, not all have jobs to give a donation.

We keep you and all who collaborate in the Association, in our prayers. May God and Mamma María protect you and St. Philomena help you! Thank you, Patti, for the attention you pay to our needs. May Our Lord bless you! I will write to you again soon to share about the feast. I am extremely happy because my husband has fallen in love with St. Philomena. Every night, he prays the novena from the leaflet you sent which has her litany composed by the Curé of Ars. Please excuse my letter for not being so neat, I am an elderly person.



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