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GLORY BE TO JESUS CHRIST!

Dear Members, Benefactors and Apostles,

We are told to cast all our cares upon God, for He cares about us. What great consolation these words should bring to our innermost souls! We need to keep them in our hearts and recall them to mind the moment they are needed. They will increase our faith, arouse our spiritual vigor and secure for us that victory which we must gain in order to possess even a small part of the peace of God in our souls. We must cast not only a part of our cares upon God, but **ALL** cares without exception! We can never know with positive certainty that the salvation of our souls will be secured. The very thought of this can make us tremble. Examining our conscience and seeing the sins of our past, we might be tempted to despair.



God's Mercy is exalted above His Justice. After making a sincere Act of Contrition and a devout Confession, we must then cast our salvation upon that Mercy which is never withheld when asked for with humility and sincerity. This should be followed with sacramental Communion. You may say, ***"I am sure to repeat these sins again."*** This is a lie of the evil one and a deceit of our own weakness.

Fidelity today, wins Grace for tomorrow! Those who speak in this negative way, yield to temptations before they come. This is a form of despair. We are commanded most sternly and positively **NEVER** to despair of our salvation at any time, in any place, nor under any circumstances. Care of our bodies, our human life in this world, with all that belongs to it, gives us great concern. Christians and Pagans think and act as if life in this world is our all and that success, honor, wealth and social position once secured here, without any thought of eternity, allows man to die in peace. When earthly goods, health, and independence are lost, many turn against God and lose their faith, simply because they did not and do not cast their cares upon the Lord. God knows what is best for us. If we are careless about our duties to God, do not obey the laws of our holy religion, follow the ways of the world and feel ashamed to acknowledge courageously that we are Catholics, then we know the world has nearly overcome us.

It is time then to be strict in our duty to pray! If we are to save our souls, we must pray! We need not make long prayers, nor do we have to offer them in church. But, we must launch out into the deep. That is, we must separate ourselves from attachments and affections of the earth. It will be most profitable if we can single out one virtue of which we stand in need, and make that special virtue the subject of our prayers, thoughts and efforts for weeks, months or years, if necessary, until we gain it. Perseverance is, after all, the test of genuine prayer! Do not mind how long you have prayed and do not weary though your progress be small, God will always reward your perseverance in prayer. Multitudes today are without God, without Christ. They will not follow Him out to the desert, will not listen to His words, or ponder upon them and will not ask for the Grace to believe and be filled with Truth. In pride, in deluded self-satisfaction, in the bustle of life, in the entanglements of passion or business, they suffer life to run on in a half-hearted way, desiring Truth but never coming to the knowledge of it. Be vigilant amid the numerous dangers and temptations by which you are surrounded! Let the light of Faith be not darkened.

As Christians, we must manifest the Faith in all its luster and might. May our Faith shine in the world as Christ shone to men! It is not we who work but Christ Who works in us. Our Holy Catholic Faith is the source of our greatest happiness even while we are upon earth.



During these days between Easter and Pentecost, we pray to the Holy Spirit with longing and expectation, asking Him to help us strive to be like Christ Who went about doing good to all He encountered. Know that you are never alone. When God seems the farthest from you, that is when He is the closest. Your sufferings and prayers are needed that our mission in the bosom of Holy Mother the Church may be strengthened and completed. We remember you, your family (living and departed), and all of your needs, spiritual, physical and material, each day at the Holy Altar.

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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