

Dear Apostles of the Immaculate Heart of Mary,

Our hearts are filled with overwhelming gratitude for your generous gifts which enable us to provide beautiful and life-giving Sacramentals to souls throughout the whole world. Each leaflet, holy card and Rosary speaks to them of the Love of the Mother of God and Her promise to be with them always. May God reward and bless you and your family most abundantly!

As God's overflowing Love is so intimately bound up with all that is earthly, we shall never entirely grasp how close that union, willed by Him, can be. To accomplish it, He took Mary, the whole woman, body and soul, pure in spirit, that garden enclosed, and sought Her consent. The descent of the Word into the virgin's womb was the perfect flowering of Divine Life in a human being. Christ came to earth for all men. All are called.

The householder bade his servants to invite his wealthy friends, men of esteem who had many possessions, to the great Wedding Feast. Many refused to come. Then, he told the servants to go into the streets and invite the cripples, lame and the blind. Still there were empty seats. They went to the highways and byways to compel more to come in. He provided for each one the wedding garment. Some refused to wear his spotless wedding garment. The garment represents Grace and those attending had to put off their soiled work clothes and renounce sin, in order to be clothed with the incorruptible life of immortality, the Supper he had prepared for them.

In this penitential Season of Advent, there is no better or more effective form of mortification, than to cease judging others. Judgement, as we pass it a hundred times a day, is not the result of reflection but the outcome of our bias.

Correct judgment of oneself and others, is impossible to our fallen nature. Do not judge others, or you yourself will be judged. To act the judge is to set ourselves above Him Who saw good in all men and helped all! We must keep our hearts open to receive Grace which heals and sanctifies. If we could but realize the value of interior silence, the essential condition of union with God! Only a mind free of judging is free to receive God. Let us, like Christ, be about our Father's business, concentrating all our attention and love upon it. Only then, we will overflow with good-will for all men, never jealous, never blaming others.

Our prayers are with you both day and night.



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Let us pray for one another.



**O Mary, you are the Mother of
The Mystical Body of Christ,
help me to be ever ready
to render loving assistance
to all other members!**