

## Dear Marian Devotees, Friends, Benefactors and Supporters of the Rosary Hour, Praised be Jesus Christ!

The beautiful month of May is upon us - "the month of Mary". The Church presents to us the best mother, Mary - the Immaculate Mother of Jesus Christ and our Mother.

The month of May invites our hearts to open ourselves in a special way to Mary. "It is a month in which, from churches and private homes, Christians offer the Virgin Mother more fervent and loving acts of homage and veneration coming straight from the heart. It is also the month in which the most generous and abundant gifts of Divine Mercy flow to us from her throne." (Paul VI)

Dear friends, following the example of St. Gabriel Possenti of the Sorrowful Mother the Franciscans encourage everyone to Love Mary! ... She is loveable, faithful, constant... If you are in danger, she will rush to save

you. If you are in trouble, she will console you. If you are sick, she will bring you relief. If you are in need, she will help you. She does not look to see what kind of person you have been. She simply comes to a heart that wants to love her. She comes quickly and opens her merciful heart to you, embraces you, consoles and serves you. She will even be very close to accompany you on your journey to eternity.

We know that Mary is the Mediatrix of all graces. Before Mary, spiritually united together, let us open our hearts in prayer.

In May, we celebrate **Mother's Day**. Let us thank God for our beloved mothers, for those who are alive and those who have already passed away to eternity. Let us express our love and gratitude. Let us also consecrate ourselves to Mary and trust her powerful intercession.

We strongly encourage you to join our 9-day Novena to the Mother of God, which will begin on Mother's Day. During the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass and devotions, the Franciscans spiritually united with the entire *Rosary Hour Family* and the *Companions of St. Anthony* will extol the Virgin Mary using many titles, begging that she would be for us, earth's wanderers, the best Mother. Through the intercession of the Mother of God, they will commend to God all Mothers and all the special intentions entrusted by you.

On the enclosed reply form, please write the name of your Mother and include the intentions that are very important to you. Offer prayer and nine Holy Masses. Please send the card with your intentions together with the monetary gift. Today, without your help, it would be very difficult to preach the Good News about Jesus by the Franciscans.

May the Merciful God bless you for the generosity of your heart.

May the Mother of God, our most loving Mother, intercede for you to God. With prayer and gratitude,

## Br. Daniel, OFM Conv.

Br Daniel Geary with the Fr Justin Rosary Hour community and the Companions of St. Anthony



PS – If you would like to receive a brochure with a powerful Litany of the Blessed Virgin Mary write to us or mark it on the return card. At your request, we would be happy to send it to you. REMEMBER to write YOUR NAME and ADDRESS.

