



## Novena to the Blessed Virgin Mary

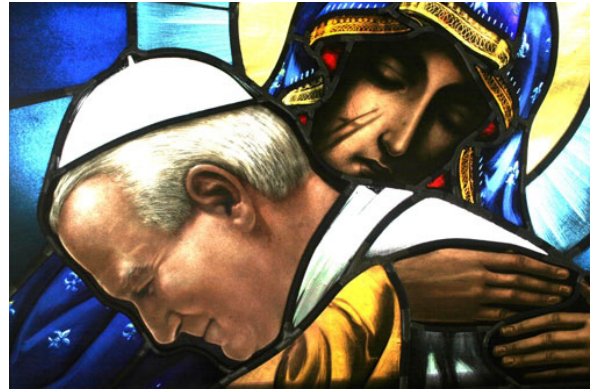
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**Dear Friends of the Rosary Hour and Devotees of the Virgin Mary,  
Praised be Jesus Christ!**

May, the month of Mary is drawing near. We enjoyed the information about the announcement of the beatification of our Holy Father John Paul II. The date of May 1st is very appropriately chosen considering the Holy Father's pontificate. As we know, this is Mercy Sunday, a month of Mary, and the Holy Father's birthday. This date reminds us that our Pope was the whole "Totus Tuus" - his heraldic coat of arms captioned "Entirely Yours" also which indicate that he was all for Christ, all for Mary.

You cannot separate the Pope and Mary. She was not less present in his "hidden" life than she was present in the time he devoted himself as a global Church leader. It is impossible to understand the pontificate, without the presence and action of the Mother of God from the birth of a boy - Karol Wojtyla. Loss of his beloved mother leads him into the arms of the Mother of God and all the people. Daily, his attention was given to the image of Our Lady of Perpetual Help. Young Karol's father takes him to various Marian shrines. He always wear a scapular around his neck. After the death of his father, clerics reveal vast horizons of grace that help him to understand that as an orphan, he was taken by Mary. In his parish he belongs to the "Living Rosary" Association, which will become for him the school of life with Jesus and Mary. Throughout World War II, Mary upholds his spirits. Day and night he meditates on what it means to be a great son of Mary. He considers it



something completely natural to entrust his life to the Mother of God and choses to be Her servant. In 1946, he offers up himself, with his priestly heart, to Mary. His love for the Blessed Virgin continues to grow. When he becomes bishop, he "officially" takes Mary as the Mother of his priesthood. His coat of arms symbolizes both his past and future, and a double axis of his life which has become a cross. Under one arm of the cross the first letter of the name Mary is visible. The Motto of shield is: "I am all yours, and all that is mine is yours. I accept you in everything that is mine". More than ever, the presence of Mary is now a part of his life. All that he accomplishes for his Lord, is aided by Mary.



**John Paul II is an example for us to entrust ourselves to the leadership of Mary. Mary is our Mother. Who else to better understand their children than one's mother? We can completely trust in her.** Let us honor Mary during the month of May. May our hearts find moments of inner silence, hearts desiring to be raised to the thoughts of the Mother of God. In the hands of Mary, God has all the treasures of his grace, which She generously gives to His earthly children.

**I strongly encourage you to take part in our NOVENA TO THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY, which begins on Mothers' Day, ending on May 16. During Holy Masses and devotions, we honor the Mother of God with her many different titles, asking that she be for us, the best mother. Through her intercession, we commend to God all Mothers, and all your various intentions. Included with this letter is an intentions card on which you can include your mother and any other intentions which may be important to you. Send the card along with your offering, joining with us in nine days of prayer and Masses, to help support the Rosary Hour, which cares for Polonia like a mother.**

*Fervently, in the Blessed Virgin Mary*

O. Marcel with the Rosary Hour Community

PS. A Prayer Card commemorating the Beatification of John Paul II is included with this letter.