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A Gift from Our Mother

It is a double image attached to a single piece of green cloth and suspended from a cord and it was entrusted to Sister Justine Bisqueyburu, a Daughter of Charity of St. Vincent de Paul.

Our Blessed Mother told the young novice that the Green Scapular could be blessed by any priest, carried or worn on the person, or left in one's room. The particular power of this Scapular is that of conversion, to bring Her Son into the hearts of men. The prayer is: "Immaculate Heart of Mary, pray for us now and at the hour of our death."

Apostles of the Green Scapular

Members of the Apostles of the Green Scapular have a special commitment to glorify Our Lady by working towards converting and saving souls through this precious gift. The Green Scapular Workshop has volunteers producing thousands of Scapulars but their goal is to distribute millions.

You can help increase the conversions and cures worked through the Green Scapular by joining the Apostles of the Green Scapular (1-800-263-8160). This is a great way of thanking Our Mother for Her gift. †



Father Gruner presents the Scapular while visiting New York City's Ground Zero late last year.

The Hail Mary - Blessings

by St. Louis de Montfort

This Heavenly Salutation draws down upon us the blessings of Jesus and Mary in abundance, for it is an infallible truth that Jesus and Mary reward in a marvelous way those who glorify them. They repay us a hundredfold for the praises that we give them. "I love them that love Me ... that I may enrich them that love Me and fill their treasures." Jesus and Mary have always said: "We love those who love Us; We enrich them and fill their

treasuries to overflowing." "He who soweth in blessings, shall also reap blessings."

Now, if we say the Hail Mary properly, is not this a way to love, bless and glorify Jesus and Mary?

In each Hail Mary we bless both Jesus and Mary: "Blessed art Thou among women, and blessed is the fruit of Thy womb, Jesus."

By each Hail Mary we give Our Lady the same honor that God gave Her when He sent the Archangel Gabriel to greet Her for Him. How could anyone possibly think that Jesus and Mary, who often do good to those that curse Them, could ever curse those that bless and honor Them by the Hail Mary?

Both Saint Bernard and Saint Bonaventure say that the Queen of Heaven is certainly no less grateful and

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Watch of the Angel

There was no sound in the hospital
Save the din of machines:
The respirators and stomach pumps
And other medical things;

The patients lay tethered to monitors
Tubes in their arms or throats;
The nurses sat with coffee cups
Writing their copious notes.

In a cold grey room of the ICU,
A woman suffered alone,
Abandoned by her friends who had
Brought candy and gone home.

Unseen by man, the angel stood
Clothed in resplendent light;
He gazed at her who lay so still,
She who would die that night.

Awake, dear child, he said to
her,
(For she was not old to him)
Contemplate the truth I speak
Before thy faculties dim:

I was sent by Almighty God
To guide thee here below
In what thou must believe and do
For the salvation of thy soul;

Throughout thy life I've been with thee
And never left thy side;
Yet over all these seventy years
I could not pierce thy pride.

God has granted thee long life;
But this hour is the last
For thee to embrace His Sacred Heart,
Beg pardon for thy past;

That thou shouldst gain Eternal Life
St. Peter's Barque waits nigh,
Our Lord invites thee, Enter now;
He calls thee from on high.

The angel spoke, the woman groaned,
he raised her weary head,
Why do you say such things to me?
I'm going to Heaven, she said.

All paths lead to God, you know,
No one road is true,
Salvation takes many forms;
You do what's right for you.

The woman turned, she closed her eyes,
She did not wish to speak,
Nor would she condescend to hear
The truth she did not seek.

The angel sighed, he bowed his head,
He called her patron saint,
Who came at once to join him as
The woman's pulse grew faint.

The Beata knelt by the bed,
She cried to Heaven above:
O, Jesus Christ, O Holy God,
Save this one I love!

By Thy Most Sacred Wounds, O Lord,
Touch this stubborn heart,
Give her true hope and Catholic
Faith
Before her soul departs;

Lest she perish evermore,
Lost in Gehenna's flame,
Grant her humble penitence
And the grace to call Thy Name.

The doctor telephoned her son:
There's nothing we can do;
But soft and low, the angel heard
One sweet sound: *Jesu*.

The woman struggled then to pray,
Tears filled her eyes:
Forgive me, Lord, I caused those Wounds;
I didn't realize ...

A moment more, her soul had flown
To meet the Crucified,
She left the room, the town, the earth,
The angel at her side.

— Susan Claire Potts



Terrorism

During the Crusades, Christian soldiers were introduced to a word they didn't want to know or understand, *assassin*. No one was safe from these killers, regardless of the security measures taken. Even heads of state, who protected themselves with armed guards, lived in constant fear for their wellbeing.

Today we live in fear of another type of killer, and once again there is no practical defense. Out of fanatical beliefs based on false religion, irrational hatred for a perceived enemy, or financial rewards, these men thrive on taking innocent lives. The name *terrorist* is very appropriate.

We have fought in wars, both at home and overseas. We have lost loved ones during these armed conflicts. We have honored those who paid the ultimate price for our freedom.

Once again we mourn for our loved ones who have paid the ultimate price, only this time they weren't aware that they were "at war" while working at the World Trade Center in New York. Why were they targeted? We do not yet know for certain. Who is the enemy? No one has yet stepped forward and made that declaration but the US Government claims to have enough evidence to declare war on Osama bin Laden and the men he has trained to attack and kill the innocent.

Terrorists willingly forfeited their lives, all they wanted was to take many others with them. It didn't matter that their victims were indiscriminately chosen. Or maybe it did. It could be that they wanted us to know we are not immune to the fanatical hatred we see on our TV screens as man's inhumanity to man is unfolded daily on the evening news. It may be that when we go to bed at night they want us to wonder if, tomorrow, it could be us, or a loved one, under a pile of smoldering rubble.

As we wait for more news of bombing missions and talks of negotiations, we want to know if it could have been prevented. Or, why weren't we warned?

Some of us already know the answers. Yes, it could have been prevented. And yes, we were warned. Yet we choose to ignore Our Lady of Fatima and Her Message.

We have been given the Miracle of the Sun and a night illumined by an unknown light, and still we stumble around in the dark. Our Lord and Our Lady have promised us peace, but we have to earn it. We do not have to send our young men into battle, we do not have to produce mass weapons of destruction, we do not have to kill our fellow man.

Our Lord wants us to "make it known" to His ministers that they have to consecrate Russia to the

Immaculate Heart of Mary. The Blessed Virgin wants Her Third Secret revealed. They want to give us peace. We want to go to sleep at night knowing there is, truly, peace in the world. †

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conscientious than gracious and well-mannered people of this world. Just as She excels in all other perfections, She surpasses us all in the virtue of gratitude; so She would never let us honor Her with love and respect without repaying us one hundredfold. Saint Bonaventure says that Mary will greet us with grace if we greet Her with the Hail Mary.

Who could possibly understand the graces and blessings which the greeting and tender regard of Our Lady effect in us? From the very first instant that Saint Elizabeth heard the greeting that the Mother of God gave her, she was filled with the Holy Spirit and the child in her womb leaped for joy. If we make ourselves worthy of the greeting and blessings of Our Lady we shall certainly be filled with graces and a flood of spiritual consolations will come down into our souls. †

News from the Apostolate

Rosary Rallies

Yet another successful Rosary Rally took place in Los Angeles, California. About 500 were enrolled in the Brown Scapular — Our Lady's protection against danger. This year, about 5,000 have been enrolled in the Brown Scapular at Rosary Rallies all over the United States and in Canada. Our Lady's promise in 1251 stated "whosoever dies wearing this Scapular shall not suffer eternal fire."

In a heartwarming talk beforehand, Father Gruner outlined the many miracles of the Brown Scapular, encouraging all to heed its importance. The inspiring talk left all participants in the room spiritually enriched as they recognized the profound importance of the Brown Scapular.

Pilgrimage

Our pilgrims coming back from Mexico returned from the journey of a lifetime spiritually renewed. It was here in Mexico City where Juan Diego was crossing the Hill of Tepeyac when he met with the extraordinary vision of Our Lady. Our pilgrims walked in the footsteps of blessed Juan Diego and fortified their faith.

If you are interested in going on pilgrimage with Our Lady's Apostolate, please call or write to us at the address on page 4 of this Newsletter for more information. †

CRUSADERS of MARY Reader Mail



Dear Father Gruner,

Many thanks for the letters and enclosures I have received from you in recent months.

I have been absent from home for a few months, having spent a wonderful time visiting family and friends.

I have finally caught up on my stack of mail awaiting me.

Rest assured, Father, that I am not neglecting to pray for you each and every day — and will continue to do so as long as I live.

I'm sure each day presents new challenges and anxieties for you to cope with. I pray that your health will not suffer too much as a result.

I have already read *A Law for One Man* and am completely overwhelmed by the endless persecution you have endured over the years.

Now, incredibly, plans are underway to do the ultimate — to “excommunicate” you. I feel so helpless to help you, but can only increase my prayers for you.

So, dear Father, I pray that you remain steadfast and true to your apostolate, and I feel sure that in the end you will be rewarded in seeing Our Lady’s promises fulfilled.

Your friend always,

Elizabeth C., Victoria, BC

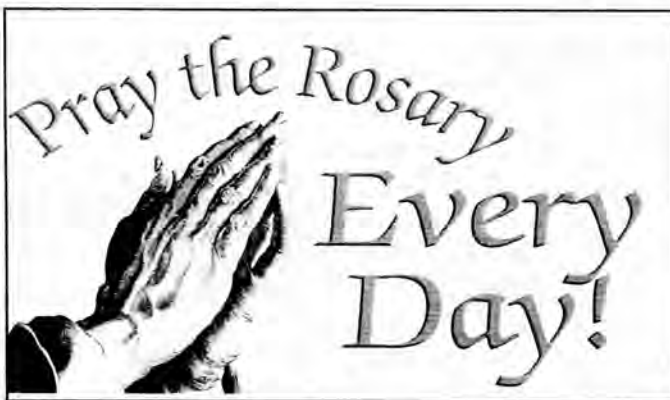
Dear Father Gruner:

Thank you for the special gift of the blessed Green Scapular and the opportunity to give Mary to my brother-in-law who is recovering from open heart surgery.

My brother-in-law’s faith is weak as is my sister’s and I thought it would be impossible to give him the Green Scapular.

But asking God in faith through the intercession of Our Lady for an opportunity to do so, a miracle happened.

In conversation, my brother-in-law’s showed me a



blessed crucifix of Our Lord that his neighbor gave him and that gave me a lead-in to present the Green Scapular to him. I told him it was not meant for me to keep, but to give away this Christmas. I gave him Mary and he had the Son. So now he has the Mother and Son looking after him. What a great combination.

Tom accepted the Scapular with gratitude and this experience has changed him forever. He is home now and doing great, after many complications. I thought you should know. Best regards,
With Jesus and Mary,

Nancy, Sterling Hts., MI

Dear Father Gruner,

I am truly sorry that you are going through so much suffering and abuse to keep you from getting the Messages out.

Please know that I truly believe in you and your work, and trust you so much. I know you are doing a fantastic job, or the bureaucrats wouldn’t care to fight you.

Please do not give up hope. We are praying that Our Lady will protect you and keep you safe to do Her requests and we here are praying for you and say the Rosary for you to have strength to carry on.

It is a “truly good” priest like you, Father Gruner, who cares to tell the whole truth about Fatima to everyone. That gives us much hope for the future. I know you can and will succeed Father. We know there is so much more to the

third Secret. What they did tell us about Fatima is so phony, and I’m happy Father, that you are doing so much for so long to get the truth out ...

God Bless you Father and keep you safe and blessings to all your good workers. Sincerely,

Leonarda S., Lancaster, NY

We’d Like to Hear From **YOU!**

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