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FROM BISHOP DOLAN

My dear Friends,

I last wrote to you in August. How quickly does summer slide into autumn! It is past time to send you again our news and photos, to beg like a mendicant for some support for our work, and to offer with our prayers here some spiritual thoughts in return.

I had occasion in August to spend some time in New Mexico, where we hope to revive a small mission named in honor of that state's saint, and our own, St. Gertrude the Great. This mission will serve souls, and also be a link in a path between Phoenix, Arizona (where Father Palma devotes himself at Our Lady of the Sun, along with the sisters of St. Thomas Aquinas) and El Paso, Texas, whose little congregation is looked after by the devoted Father Roberto Mardones.

Know that over the years you have helped me for all of these missions, and thus have proven yourselves true lay missionaries. I pray for you especially on Mission Sunday this month. You may have forgotten your good works. It is better so. But God remembers them.

You assisted me in going out to Phoenix in September, 2006, for the funeral of Father Francis LeBlanc, the first step which led to such a worthy successor for him in Father Palma. Indeed, you enabled me to go to Argentina for Father's ordination at Molinari on December 8, 2006. For that matter, you have helped me more than once visit Father Mardones and to bring to his brave congregation the graces of Confirmation, so need in that battle torn corridor of Ciudad Juarez and the frontier, besieged today by the drug wars.

As I write, you are helping Father Ercoli (another fine Argentinian priest, whom I ordained in Italy in 1997,) to make his second missionary visit to Africa. He will visit not only Nigeria with its four fine little groups or chapels, but also one or two faithful souls in South Africa, the legacy of our Father Leslie, a confes-



Following the annual Rosary Sunday Procession at St. Gertrude the Great Church, Bishop Dolan along with clergy, servers, and congregation made a consecration to the Immaculate Heart of Mary at the October Our Lady of the Rosary Shrine which graces the sanctuary.

sor of the faith, "non una cum," and a martyr of charity.

Thank you. I thought it would be good, this month of the missions, to remind you of your past charity, and to encourage your self-sacrificing zeal, which helps bishops and priests in turn. Let us work together for the pure uncompromised Faith, and the *Oblatio Munda*, the true Mass in the true Church. Let us sacrifice ourselves together then for the cause of Christ our King.

May Mary Our Queen be your encouragement and comfort now, and lead you home to Heaven, to the King. Remember, no one goes to Heaven alone.

Yours in Jesus and Mary,

–The Most Reverend Daniel L. Dolan



This year "Angel Sunday" at St. Gertrude the Great Church fell on Sunday, September twenty-sixth, the Feast of the North American Martyrs. Each year on the last Sunday of September our children are blessed and receive a Guardian Angel sacramental which has been blessed for the occasion.



Even our resident ground hog, Senex, attended the Rosary Sunday Procession. But instead of processing with the rest of the congregation and clergy, he chose to view the proceedings from the safety of the outdoor Pieta shrine.



(Above) The clergy and faithful process around the grounds of St. Gertrude the Great Church on Rosary Sunday. (Below) Father Carlos Ercoli gave an inspiring talk on his path to the priesthood following the annual Rosary Sunday Breakfast. (Left) Father Ercoli blesses red, white, and golden yellow roses following Mass on Rosary Sunday.

ALL SOULS' DAY REMEMBRANCE

Remember your dear departed loved ones on **ALL SOULS' DAY**, and *throughout the entire month of November* (which is dedicated to the Holy Souls), at all the Masses and devotions held at St. Gertrude the Great Church, by filling out and returning the enclosed envelope to us any time during November.

