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FROM BISHOP DOLAN

My dear Friends,

I send you this September report just after Our Lady's month has ended, and that of the angels has opened. You see, for fullness of her feasts, September must outrank May or October as *the* Marian month, honoring both her birth and her mystic death, her sevenfold sorrows. Mary's name, and its meaning and innumerable triumphs, is celebrated, as is her mercy, for she still is rescuing her Mohammedan enslaved children, paying their ransom by her prayers and tears.

We were able to celebrate these feasts with special solemnity this year, as her two principal days fell on a Sunday. The Fathers celebrated Solemn Mass for her Nativity (and our deacon, Rev. Mr. Bede Nkamuke, preached his first sermon) followed by a procession to the Lourdes Grotto and the traditional blessing of seeds and seedlings, with a birthday party to conclude.

A week later Mary's venerated cradle gave way to her sword-pierced heart. The sick were blessed under her protection. Our customary Triduum and shrine to Our (prophetic) Lady of La Salette, of tears and of reconciliation, were lovingly observed. Her month closed on the timely feast "of Ransom" on September 24th, as the Mohammedans continued their cruel attacks everywhere against Christians. Consider, and spare a prayer: Pakistan, Kenya, Egypt, Syria, and Nigeria.

The month of the Angels begins with Michaelmas, in honor of their prince and our protector. The Sunday enabled us to gather our forces and organize a Pontifical High Mass for St. Michael and his angels. How much we need his protection today! But God will arise, as the Psalmist says, and His enemies will be scattered by the protection of St. Michael, first champion of the Kingship of Christ.

The month of the angels runs concurrently with that of the Rosary and concludes with the feast of St. Raphael, the angel of healing, even as it honors the Guardian Angels soon after St. Michael.

I must mention as well the other great feast days which open October, especially our own dear St. Therese, true thau-maturge, and St. Francis. Our Lord told St. Francis to rebuild His Church. One has the impression that the false Francis was told by Michael's adversary and our own: "destroy the Church." How much he has done in six months!

This man attempts to drag us back 50 years to the confusion and changes of Vatican II, the temporary victory of



Bishop Dolan invokes St. Michael the Archangel as he imposes and blesses incense at the Offertory of the pontifical high Mass on Michaelmas. The revolutionaries of the '60s saw fit to remove this beautiful prayer from their "reformed" liturgy.

Modernism before "God arose, and His enemies were scattered" in the heroic person of priests and prelates and faithful. These *truly* faithful Catholics would not give up their Faith, nor succumb to the numbing confusion of the Modernists' mumbo-jumbo. Let us look lively, and strive to be their worthy successors.

So it was then, so it is now. Stand with us as we sound a certain trumpet against this diabolic attack which seeks to shame the very name of Catholic, which it drags through the mud in the media.

This year, in a spirit of deep faith, we dedicated the 2014 Calendar to the Holy Angels and Saints. We offer you as well the little remembrance envelopes for your own beloved dead for All Souls Day and all of November. We have powerful intercessors in the Church Suffering.

Visit our St. Gertrude Resources page on the Internet (SGGResources.org). Help our work. Arm yourself with the truth by hearing good sermons at sgg.org as well as the timely presentations on Restoration Radio.

With the Angelic Psalter, the Holy Rosary, victory will be ours! May St. Michael protect us.

– Most Rev. Daniel L. Dolan



(Above) Prior to his return to Most Holy Trinity Seminary, Rev. Mr. Bede Nkamuke preached his first sermon at St. Gertrude the Great Church on the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary. (Below) Following the solemn high Mass that marked Our Lady's birth, the traditional blessing of seedlings and seeds took place at our Lourdes Grotto.



Father McGuire blesses and then dedicates our children to their Guardian Angels on the Angel Sunday observance at St. Gertrude the Great Church. This popular devotional custom is held annually on the last Sunday of September which, happily this year, was the great feast of St. Michael the Archangel.



(Above) Father McGuire administers First Holy Communion on the Feast of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary at St. Clare Chapel in Chillicothe, OH. (Below) After the Mass the First Communicants are enrolled in the Brown Scapular of Mount Carmel. A beautiful way to honor the Mother of God on her birthday!



All Souls Remembrance

The Catholic Church sets aside November 2nd, All Souls Day, to remember in a special way all the faithful departed. Remember your loved ones on this day by filling out and returning the enclosed special All Souls Remembrance envelope. In addition to remembrance on that day, the names of all those sent to us will remain on the altar for the entire month of November.

