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Sisters of the Immaculate Heart of Mary Newsletter

Summer 2017

Dear Friends of Our Lady,

For years, since my first pilgrimage to Fatima, Portugal in 1981, I have had many occasions to tell the story of Our Lady of Fatima and her apparitions to the three shepherd children in 1917. Upon my return from Fatima, my friends and family were naturally curious to hear the story and learn its message. At first, what fascinates and attracts many to the Fatima story is the supernatural phenomena of visions, particularly the vision of hell, the three secrets and the miracle of the sun. Also inspiring is the courage, conviction and heroic virtue of the three shepherd children only 7, 9, and 10 years old, who were entrusted by Our Lady with a mission to spread the message of peace and salvation of God throughout the world. Five Popes have made pilgrimage to Fatima to pray to Our Lady for peace and the conversion of the world. This past month, on May 13, Pope Francis traveled to Fatima bringing worldwide attention to the Message of Fatima, and canonized Jacinta and Francisco, who heroically fulfilled Our Lady's requests to pray and make sacrifices for the conversion of sinners. Shortly before he passed away, Saint Pope John Paul the Great said, "Fatima is more relevant today than it was in 1917."



Throughout the 20th century we saw fulfilled Our Lady's warnings of war, persecution of the Church and the Holy Father. Today, especially we see the errors of Russia, specifically atheism and the rejection of God throughout the world. She asked the children: "Are you willing to sacrifice yourselves and bear all the sufferings He wills to send you, as an act of reparation for the sins by which He is offended, and for the conversion of sinners?" Some marvel, that 100 years have passed and we have yet to fulfill all the requests of Our Lady of Fatima. For many of us, perhaps the message got lost in the marvelous details of the story. I learned the story, the prayers taught to the children, the details of each month's apparition, and the sufferings of the children who remained faithful even when threatened to be boiled in oil. But there is more to the story, in fact we are all part of the story, and it is up to us to determine how it will end. Our Lady exhorts all her children to work for the salvation of souls. By offering up every day the sacrifices demanded by our daily duty, praying the daily rosary for the conversion of sinners, and making the Five First Saturdays we will have world peace. Mary promised at Fatima, "In the end, my Immaculate Heart will triumph." By cooperating with her requests, including the Five First Saturdays, we will hasten her triumph.

The message of Fatima today is one of great hope. The sons and daughters of Mary are on the march. In fact, a virtual army of Marian saints, well over 1000 people, came to our Shrine of Our Lady of Fatima here at our motherhouse property on May 7, to pray before the International Pilgrim Virgin Statue. A week later, for the semi-annual procession on the 13th of May, well over 500 people came to gain their plenary indulgence and place their prayer intentions at the feet of Our Lady. In this Centennial year of Our Lady of Fatima, there is great cause for hope as we heed the message of Fatima and live a life of personal conversion, Marian consecration, sacrifice and prayer for the conversion of sinners and world peace. May Mary's Heart Immaculate be forever praised!

Each day for 88 years, Sister Lucia lived the Fatima Message. This year as the Church commemorates the 100th Anniversary of the apparitions at Fatima, we, too are called to seriously consider heeding Our Lady's requests, the consequences if we don't, and engaging in the very means by which to heed her warnings, and the decision to pray and sacrifice for the salvation of souls.

In Mary's Immaculate Heart

Mother Mary Magdalene, IHM

Mother Mary Magdalene O'Halloran, IHM
General Superior

Our Lady's Peace Plan from Heaven

Our Lady exhorted all her children to become fervent in working for the salvation of souls. Our penances and prayers for others are central to our Lady's message because she identified the conversion of sinners as the key to peace in the world. Her message is one of hope as she promised: "In the end, my Immaculate Heart will triumph."

ESSENTIAL REQUESTS

1. Offer daily the sufferings that God permits in your life for the conversion of sinners

"Sacrifice yourselves for sinners, and say many times, especially whenever you make some sacrifice: O Jesus, it is for love of You, for the conversion of sinners, and in reparation for the sins committed against the Immaculate Heart of Mary." (July 13th apparition)

2. Pray the rosary every day

"Pray the Rosary every day in honor of Our Lady of the Rosary...because only she can help you." (July 13th)

3. Consecrate yourself to the Immaculate Heart of Mary and wear the Brown Scapular

"You have seen Hell where the souls of poor sinners go. To save them, God wishes to establish in the world devotion to my Immaculate Heart." (July 13th)

4. Practice the First Saturdays Communion of Reparation

On the first Saturday of five consecutive months:

1. Go to confession (up to 8 days before or after)
2. Receive Communion
3. Recite the 5-decade Rosary
4. Meditate for 15 additional minutes on the Mysteries of the Rosary

Perform this devotion with the intention of making reparation for the five offenses against Mary's Immaculate Heart:

1. Against her Immaculate Conception
2. Against her perpetual virginity
3. Against her divine maternity at the same time refusing to recognize her as Mother of all men
4. Of those who openly seek to foster in the hearts of children indifference or contempt and even hatred for this Immaculate Mother
5. Of those who directly outrage her in her sacred images
(December 10, 1925 apparition)



Fatima 100th Anniversary Indulgence

For the 100th anniversary of the apparitions of Our Lady of Fatima in Portugal, Pope Francis has decided to grant a plenary indulgence opportunity throughout the entire anniversary year, which began Nov. 27, 2016, and will end Nov. 26, 2017.

The Executive Secretary of the Rectory of the Fatima Shrine in Portugal, André Pereira, stated that the plenary indulgence can be obtained during the entire Jubilee Year. There are three ways of obtaining the indulgence.

To obtain the plenary indulgence, the faithful must also fulfill the ordinary conditions: go to Confession and Communion, be interiorly detached from sin, and pray for the intentions of the Holy Father.

THREE WAYS TO OBTAIN

1. Make a Pilgrimage to the Shrine

- Make a pilgrimage to the Fatima Shrine in Portugal and participate in a celebration or prayer dedicated to the Virgin. In addition, the faithful must pray the Our Father, recite the Creed, and invoke the Mother of God.

2. Pray Before Any Statue of Our Lady of Fatima

- Visit with devotion a statue of Our Lady of Fatima solemnly exposed for public veneration in any church, oratory or proper place during the days of the anniversary of the apparitions, the 13th of any month from May to October (2017), and there devoutly participate in some celebration or prayer in honor of the Virgin Mary.
- The visit to the statue of the Virgin does not necessarily have to be only at Fatima or exclusively in Portugal, but can be done anywhere in the world.
- Those seeking an indulgence must also pray an Our Father, recite the Creed and invoke Our Lady of Fatima.

3. The Elderly and Infirm

- The third way to obtain a plenary indulgence applies to people who, because of age, illness or other serious cause, are unable to get around.
- These individuals can pray in front of a statue of Our Lady of Fatima and must spiritually unite themselves to the jubilee celebrations on the days of the apparitions, the 13th of any month, between May and October 2017.
- They also must offer to God with confidence, through Mary, their prayers and sufferings or the sacrifices they make in their own lives.



Mary's Requests and Atheistic Communism

When Mary first appeared in Fatima, the thought of Russia as a major power and Communism as a deadly political theory had never entered the minds of most people. As a result, our Blessed Mother's request for the consecration of Russia to Her Immaculate Heart and that Communions be made in reparation for sins on the First Saturday of every month might not have seemed terribly important. In July Mary said, "If my requests are heeded, Russia will be converted, and there will be peace; if not, she will spread her errors throughout the world, causing wars and persecutions of the Church. The good will be martyred, the Holy Father will have much to suffer, various nations will be annihilated. In the end, my Immaculate Heart will triumph."

Time to respond was very short. During the same year as Mary's apparitions in Fatima, the Bolshevik Party took control of Russia and began its attempt to spread her atheistic errors throughout the world. In the 1920's the doctrines of Marx and Lenin were quickly disseminated throughout the world. Atheistic, revolutionary politicians were introducing Communistic ideas into legislation and education. In 1931 Spain, the errors of Communism were evident when a prominent government leader, Manuel Azana declared in a public speech, "that Spain had ceased to be Catholic." A majority of Spanish Catholics no longer lived their Catholic faith, Mass attendance became virtually nonexistent. Communist propaganda painted the clergy as wealthy servants of the rich and powerful, unconcerned with the needs of the poor. In the midst of these turbulent and revolutionary times many people, especially the middle classes, believed the propaganda. It was left to the faithful few, and priests and religious to keep the faith in Russia, Spain and Mexico.

Church property was seized,

vandalized and destroyed. Bishops, priests and religious were attacked and forced out of their rectories, convents and monasteries. Catholics encouraged them to seek shelter in private homes or seek safety by leaving the area where they were known. Most refused to leave; consequently, many suffered physical abuse and death. Laity who tried to defend the Church were beaten, imprisoned, and many were martyred. They suffered death in hatred of the faith and in hatred of the Church. Mexico too, a devout Catholic country, underwent this same form of sadistic, atheistic attacks on the Church in an attempt to destroy belief in God and the Catholic Church. The third part of Mary's secret told to Lucia, Francisco and Jacinta on 13 July 1917 was realized in both Spain and Mexico. The children's description of their vision said,

".... and we saw in an immense light that is God...a Bishop dressed in white 'we had the impression that it was the Holy Father'. Other Bishops, Priests, men and women Religious going up a steep mountain, at the top of which there was a big Cross of rough-hewn trunks as a cork-tree with the bark; before reaching there the Holy Father passed through a big city half in ruins and half trembling with halting step, afflicted with pain and sorrow, he prayed for the souls of the corpses he met on his way; having reached the top of the mountain, on his knees at the foot of the big Cross he was killed by a group of soldiers who fired bullets and arrows at him, and in the same way there died one after another the other Bishops, Priests, men and women Religious, and various lay people of different ranks and positions. Beneath the two arms of the Cross there were two Angels [who] gathered up the blood of the Martyrs and

with it sprinkled the souls that were making their way to God."

In response to this atheistic attack on the Church, Pope Pius XI wrote

"We raised a solemn protest against the persecutions unleashed in Russia, in Mexico and now in Spain. ... In fact, the most persistent enemies of the Church, who from Moscow are directing the struggle against Christian civilization, themselves bear witness, by their unceasing attacks in word and act, that even to this hour the Papacy has continued faithfully to protect the sanctuary of the Christian religion, and that it has called public attention to the perils of Communism more frequently and more effectively than any other public authority on earth." (On Atheistic Communism, 5)

He went on to point out that this was accomplished, in some part, due to the silence on the part of the media which refused to report on the "horrors perpetrated in Russia, in Mexico and even in part of Spain." The bishops, priests, religious and laity throughout the world were called on to recognize the evil of atheistic communism and to strongly combat it.

In Mexico, the Cristero movement went into action defending the Church as their bishops were sent into exile for "inciting rebellion". They formed poorly equipped armies to fight for the freedom of their country against the atheistic communism that had replaced Catholicism. In the few years following, the government killed 250,000 to 300,000 people. While the Catholics lost their rights, they kept their faith and in the 1980's began to regain some of the rights lost to atheistic thought and government. In Spain, the Nationalists who defended the freedom of the Catholic Church, eventually won

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the Spanish Civil War, which lasted between 1936 and 1939.

It was only in the 1980's with the consecration of Russia and the world to Our Lady of Fatima, and Pope St. John Paul II's call for everyone to fulfill Mary's Fatima request for the first Saturday devotion that communism began to suffer a defeat. The Soviet Union was dissolved, Mexico began to return the rights to Catholics, and the martyrs of the Spanish Civil War and the Mexican Revolution were recognized as witnesses for the world. Yet the battle is not over. Atheism exists throughout the world, many of our young adults leave home and leave the Faith at the same time, and the media remains silent about the constant attacks on the Church and the persecution of Christians. The need is great for us to spread devotion to the Immaculate Heart of Mary, to participate in First Saturday devotions and to make reparation for the sins of the world. We must believe that through our fulfillment of Mary's requests, Mary's Immaculate Heart will triumph and peace will be given to the world.

Quotes from Pope Pius XI's encyclical *Divini Redemptoris (On Atheistic Communism)*, March 19, 1937

The sorry effects of [atheistic] propaganda are before our eyes. Where Communism has been able to assert its power - and here we are thinking with special affection of the people of Russia and Mexico - it has striven by every possible means, as its champions openly boast, to destroy Christian civilization and the Christian religion by banishing every remembrance of them from the hearts of men, especially of the young. Bishops and priests were exiled, condemned to forced labor, shot and put to death in inhuman fashion; laymen suspected of defending their religion were vexed, persecuted, dragged off to trial and thrown into prison.

Even where the scourge of Communism has not yet had time enough to exercise to the full its logical effects, as witness Our beloved Spain, it has, alas, found compensation in the fiercer violence of its attack. Not only this or that church or isolated monastery was sacked, but as far as possible every church and every monastery was destroyed. Every vestige of the Christian religion was eradicated ... The fury of Communism has not confined itself to the indiscriminate slaughter of Bishops, of thousands of priests and religious; it searches out above all those who have been devoting their lives to the welfare of the working classes and the poor. But the majority of its victims have been laymen of all conditions and classes. Even up to the present moment [1937], masses of them are slain almost daily for no other offense than the fact that they are good Christians or at least opposed to atheistic Communism. And this fearful destruction has been carried out with a hatred and a savage barbarity one would not have believed possible in our age. No man of good sense, nor any statesman conscious of his responsibility can fail to shudder at the thought that what is happening today [1937] in Spain may perhaps be repeated tomorrow in other civilized countries.

Tear the very idea of God from the hearts of men, and they are necessarily urged by their passions to the most atrocious barbarity ... This, unfortunately, is what we now behold. For the first time in history we are witnessing a struggle, cold-blooded in purpose and mapped out to the least detail, between man and "all that is called God."

*Thank you so very much!
Please keep praying!*

3,016,753 Memorares
for Our Lady
to Date

The Family: The Battlefield in a Great Spiritual War

Part 2: Open and frequent communication helps to win the battle

I recently asked my students how many of them have had the experience of being terrified because of a nightmare and only feeling better after they had told mom or dad about it. Every single hand went up... including mine! Haven't we all witnessed a hurt child who will accept comfort from no one else but mom or dad? Indeed, even if oftentimes mom or dad cannot take the pain away, the love of a parent somehow makes the pain more bearable. This relationship is among God's greatest gifts to us.

There are times, however, when the child will not seek out mom or dad for help. Why is this? As Saint John Paul II reminded us, Adam and Eve have a lot to teach us about ourselves. Immediately after eating the forbidden fruit they felt the negative effects. They lost their happiness and they hid out of fear and shame. There is a big difference between guilt and shame. A healthy guilt moves us to restore what has been broken. Shame, however, cripples and consumes us, making us believe that our damage is irrevocable. Shame is a powerful tool of the devil, and he has been using it regularly since the beginning of the human race. Doubt and sin are initial victories, but shame can utterly crush us.

What does God do when Adam and Eve hide from Him? He seeks them out. What a beautiful act of love and mercy! Restoration from sin is beyond Adam and Eve's power. Their healing can only begin when they expose their sin to the One who can redeem. Our Lord asks probing questions until Adam and Eve come clean with a full confession. Then God continues their restoration with a reparative consequence and the promise of a Savior.

A couple of weeks ago a friend told me her "mom radar" was going off, telling her something wasn't right with her son. Sure enough, after observing him carefully and asking some good questions, she found out what was wrong and was able to help him. This is exactly what our children need! One particularly effective tool that leads children to withdraw from parents is the use of media and technology. Privacy online is a key component that many apps and accounts use to attract children and teens. This opens up a gamut of possibilities for the user, and many of them are not good or are even downright evil. This is where ongoing, open conversations are especially crucial.

I'm sure we all remember being questioned if we were out of the house without our parents. Upon returning home, we'd have to answer, "How was it? Did you have a good time? Who did you see?" If we showed by our attitude or answers that anything was amiss, the question became

more probing as mom or dad sought to hear the whole story. The same conversation should happen when our children are online. Instead of being physically in the outside world, the outside world has entered our homes through an electronic device. Every time your child is online or watching TV, he or she is in actuality "out of your house." Do you remember the regular reminders, "It's 10:00. Do you know where your children are?"



Pope Francis wrote "This does not mean preventing children from playing with electronic devices, but rather finding ways to help them develop their critical abilities" (Amoris Laetitia, 275). He goes on to state various ways parents are key players in assisting our children to resist the negative influences technology can have on real-life relationships.

The beautiful news is that these conversations not only serve to protect and form the child, but strengthen the parent-child relationship. "Our loved ones merit our complete attention. Jesus is our model in this, for whenever people approached to speak with Him, He would meet their gaze directly and lovingly (cf. Mk 10:21). No one felt overlooked in His presence, since His words and gestures conveyed the question: 'What do you want me to do for you?' (Mk 10:51). This is what we experience in the daily life of the family" (Amoris Laetitia, 323).

As Lucia reminded us, Our Lady of Fatima said, "My Immaculate Heart will be your refuge and the way that will lead you to God." She also said, "In the end my Immaculate Heart will triumph." Let's all pray to her for guidance, protection and inspiration. She surely is a refuge and a way to lead our families to God. She will help us to be docile in seeking and finding opportunities for loving conversations that strengthen our families and lead our children along the faith of deeper love, trust and faith.

Our Lady of the Rosary of Fatima, pray for us!

Let's Be Saints Together!

Saints Francisco and Jacinta of Fatima

On May 13th, 2017 Francisco and Jacinta Marto were declared the youngest non-martyr saints in the entire history of the Catholic Church. While there are many blessings and qualities that these two children had that are not imitable have such as receiving our First Communion from an angel or becoming shepherds in Portugal, there are many lessons that we can take from their lives and apply them to our own to help us grow in sanctity.

Francisco and Jacinta are not saints because they were visited by an angel or the Blessed Virgin, but because they put the messages they received into practice. The angel and our Lady taught them the importance of having a prayer life that included Eucharistic Adoration, praying the Rosary daily, making reparation for offenses committed against our Lord and our Lady, and offering sacrifices for the conversion of sinners. As young children of seven and six (they were this old when they first saw the angel), they learned to use their daily suffering that God sends each of us as a supernatural means of salvation. They also deliberately looked for ways to offer optional choices such as giving up comforts and taking on bodily mortifications to console our Lord, make reparation for sins, and for the conversion of sinners.

We too can put the Fatima message into practice and become saints. Francisco and Jacinta died when they were 10 and 9 years old—only a few years after they received and began living the Fatima message. Living the Fatima message has consequences not only for ourselves but also for the world. If you would like to find out more about the Fatima apparitions and message, please come to our novena, June 13-21 at 7p.m.



International Pilgrim Virgin Statue



- 1:** Preparations for the Queen's visit
- 2:** A private moment with the Pilgrim Statue in our Chapel
- 3:** IHMs receive and greet the Statue
- 4:** The crowd begins to gather to venerate the Pilgrim Statue
- 5:** Three talks were given in the shed
- 6:** Opening Mass with Bishop Kemme.

May 13, 2017



1: Mary, surrounded by beautiful flowers, is ready to receive her hundreds of visitors. More than 500 hundred friends of Mary attended on the 100th anniversary of the first apparition of Our Lady of Fatima, also marking the fifth anniversary of our Fatima Shrine.

2: The procession to the Shrine begins with the Knights of Columbus honor guard leading the way.

3: The procession stretched twice as far as previous years

4: Mary arrives at the Shrine ... and the people are still coming!



Remember the Church

CATHOLIC CONSISTENCY

BY BRONWEN LEWIS

In this article, I would like to tell you a bit more about the Sisters, to inform you about their educational expense which is a matter of great concern. I'd also like to suggest a win-win way to make a charitable gift that would help the Sisters with these educational expenses.

For the last month or so, I have been reflecting on last fall's letter from Mother Mary Magdalene about vocations to the religious life and her concern about the educational expenses for the young women who are entering the Sisters of the Immaculate of Mary of Wichita. In the letter, she stated, "In the days of old, most teaching Sisters had their own colleges which absorbed the education costs, but, alas, times have changed and we must now pay tuition and fees for our Novices, Postulants and Sisters...just like any other family and student. These costs are not small, in fact, they consume a large portion of our yearly budget. But they are extremely important and necessary...critical, if you will, to our teaching apostolate."

The Sisters currently have six Postulants and Novices and five professed Sisters receiving such an education.

Mother Mary Magdalen further explained, "Oftentimes, young women do not fully realize their vocation until mid-stream in their college career, or even after graduating from college. Student loans weigh heavy on the hearts of the young women interested in pursuing a religious vocation, often impeding their ability to do so. Unfortunately, there are less than a handful of Catholic organizations that offer educational debt relief for young women and scholarships for religious communities is practically unheard of. This is not only the case for the Sisters of the Immaculate Heart of Mary of Wichita that this issue affects. Around the country, religious vocations are being thwarted by the necessity of young women to pay off their student

loans before they can join a religious community such as ours. CARA, the Center for Applied Research in the Apostolate, and NRVC, the National Religious Vocation Conference, report the following alarming trend:

[Educational debt prevents men and women from pursuing a vocation. Every third person who inquires about religious life has an average student loan of \$28,000. We are losing vocations because of this issue. Seven out of 10 communities have turned some inquirers away within the last ten years because of educational debt. One third of communities say that some serious inquirers do not pursue an application because of their debt, while another one third does not complete their application because of their student loans.]

"Most public and private colleges and universities have scholarships and financial aid for students. Most dioceses have seminarian burses and endowments for the young men attending seminary. The Church today needs religious sisters in its schools – Sisters who embody the teachings of the Catholic Church, as we do. We teach the children to be fully aware of the presence of God," wrote Mother Mary Magdalene.

Currently, the Sisters pay for all their educational expenses from their general funds. What if we created an "education fund" and/or a series of "endowment scholarships" for such a purpose? It is a simple thing to do. You could begin by establishing a scholarship or endowed fund specifically for this purpose. Funding these types of scholarships either annually or through your estate would provide a legacy that will have a permanent and positive impact on Catholic education and the Church. Donors feel a sense of accomplishment, a sense of furthering the mission of the Church to help our deserving Sisters engage in their teaching apostolate. Such gifts provide a beautiful assurance for Religious communities who have

an active apostolate to teach in Catholic Schools.

The record high stock market may be affording us a great way to provide this support in a win-win type of way. Let me explain. Giving appreciated securities, mutual funds or bonds dedicated to the creation of an educational fund or scholarship would be a win-win situation for you and the Sisters. Here is how it would work.

You donate appreciated securities to the Sisters, receiving two tax savings in the process – 1) by avoiding capital gains tax; and 2) receiving a charitable income tax deduction. At the same time, your gift makes a huge difference to the Sisters of the Immaculate Heart of Mary of Wichita.

Typically, if you have owned the securities long enough to qualify for long-term capital gains treatment, you could be entitled to claim a charitable deduction for Federal Income Tax purposes equal to the fair market value of the securities on the date of the gift, subject to a limitation of 30% of your contribution base (adjusted gross income computed without regard to any net operating loss carryback). You may carry forward any unused deduction in excess of the limitation for a maximum of five ensuing years. State laws concerning deductibility of charitable gifts vary, and you should consult your own tax advisors to determine the effect of state law in your case.

Some donors give appreciated securities and then purchase similar securities with the cash they would otherwise have used to make the gift. In this manner, donors are able to make a significant gift, receive a charitable deduction for the full value of the securities transferred and obtain a new, higher basis for the purchased securities.

Donors are encouraged to consult

Novena to the Immaculate Heart of Mary

Our novena to the Immaculate Heart of Mary will be June 13 - 22, 2017. During this centennial year of the apparitions of Our Lady of Fatima the topics for the talks will be focused on the different aspects of Our Lady's message:

- June 13: The Historical Context and the Message of Fatima
- June 14: The 1916 Apparitions of the Angel and the Prayers Taught to the Children
- June 15: The Story of Fatima
- June 16: The Personal Holiness of Saints Francisco and Jacinta
- June 17: The Mission of Lucia
- June 18: The First Secret and Mary's Request for the Prayer for the Conversion of Sinners
- June 19: The Second Secret
- June 20: The Third Secret and Divine Mercy
- June 21: The Last Two Visions

Please join us every night, any night, or, simply, in prayer. The evening starts at 7:00pm with a Sister's presentation, followed by light refreshments and then a Eucharistic Holy Hour with the praying of the novena prayer. Most evenings Confessions will be available.

with their own advisors to make certain the securities selected for a gift will be of the win-win type described above. For example, in most cases it would not be advisable to donate securities that are worth less than their original cost. In this case, it would usually be more advantageous to sell the securities, deduct the loss, and make a gift out of the sales proceeds. Also, in some circumstances, gifts of appreciated securities can give rise to Alternative Minimum Tax (AMT) treatment because the untaxed appreciation is a "tax preference item" for purposes of calculating AMT – your advisor can help you with this analysis also. In most cases, AMT will not be an issue, but donors are encouraged to consult with their own advisors.

I know you share my enthusiasm and love for the good works of the Sisters of the Immaculate Heart of Mary of Wichita, and for the incredible teaching they provide to our children and grandchildren. The number of priestly and religious life vocations from the schools in which they teach speak volumes. I invite you to continue to be active, or to become active, in the support of their ongoing efforts to form souls to love and trust in God and to be a beacon for young women to become brides of Christ as Sisters of the Immaculate Heart of Mary of Wichita. Your gift will do just that!

Do great things...pray the rosary, and support the Sisters of the Immaculate Heart of Mary of Wichita. Thank you for your goodness!

Novena Prayer

O Sorrowful and Immaculate Heart of Mary, ever Virgin!
O Heart most pure, most noble,
most perfect image of the adorable Heart of Jesus!

We humbly entreat you to intercede for us
and to obtain for us the favors we petition for in this novena,
if it be the holy will of God to grant them,
and if not, to ask for us whatever graces we most need.

(Pause for private intentions said in silence.)

We desire by this novena, which we offer in your honor,
that you will always be, after the Heart of Jesus,
the object of our love and devotion.

Through your Immaculate Heart we offer to your divine Son
all our thoughts, words and actions of this day and all our days.

We pray for _____, our pope, for our bishops,
for our priests and for the conversion of all sinners.
We beg your powerful intercession for an increase of vocations
to the priesthood and religious life.

Through your maternal Heart,
we ask God's blessings upon our families,
upon all who have been good to us for the Lord's sake,
for all the living and the dead who are dear to us
and for all for whom we have been asked to pray.

Hail Mary... Holy Mary ...
Immaculate Heart of Mary, pray for us.
Refuge of Sinners, pray for us.
O Mary conceived without sin,
pray for us who have recourse to you.
May Mary's Heart Immaculate,
be forever praised.

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