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and the Holy Angels
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With Love and Prayer

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Dearest Family,

I bring you greetings from Savior of the world children. I pray this newsletter meets you in good health, and we also pray that our most high Lord, with the intercessions of our mother Mary, will make everything fall in place where ever we face a difficult situation. We at Savior of the world children we thank God for his mercies upon our lives, and we thank God for all the goodness he has given us through you all, and for that, we want to say thank you all as we heartedly appreciate all your blessings upon our lives. Your diverse support has taken us this far. If not, our lives would have been in chaos.

I had wanted to discuss

with you something about school fees.

Schools reopened in July to allow kids to take their promotional exams and complete the academic year. For this coming academic year 2020-2021, schools will reopen in September as usual.

However, since the kids only use the shoes, uniforms, backpack, book, and other items for a few weeks before the break, we will reuse them for the 2020-2021 academic year. As I told you the last time, we sold the chickens and kept the money for a favorable time to start again, so I took from that money 7millions Leones to deposit for Foday, Ramatu, and Emma who are moving from Elementary to junior school and from Junior school to high school.



Foday Manner

Nevertheless, we still have a problem with school fees for the rest of the children we will need up to \$6000. We still have a remaining 7000 Leones for the farm, and are hoping to start with a decidedly smaller scale of 200 chicks soon.

Foday asks me to extend a special message to you all. "I am

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Foday Manner, a total orphan, and an abandoned child, I was brought here by my Aunt, Aunt Christiana, who was working for Savior of the World, but she eventually died. This is my 8th year, and thank you is not just enough for what you have done for my brother and me. You have been the family I know, and I have nowhere to go. May

God continue to see you through in whatever you do. You are a true definition of Love, thank you, and God bless you all."

Foday has a brother named Ibrahim manner; at one point in time, Ibrahim manner was withdrawn from the home by their aunt, and the aunt also died, so we have to take Ibrahim back into the home; they are some of the children that we did not know a relative

of them that is alive. However, as he rightly said, thank you for your support is not just enough, but yet we cannot pay you back, so we are asking God to bless you and your entire family. In Jesus name amen

With love and prayer,

Louisa & children

Mary's Sorrow and the Great Gift

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Dear Brothers and Sisters of the Savior of the World Family,

Dearest friends, today I would like to speak with you of the feast of Our Lady of Sorrows. It is a day when we gaze with our Mother Mary on the open wounds of our Redeemer who is our God... and with Mary we ponder the precious blood trickling forth from those wounds.

Like Mary, we too have a memory. We accept Mary's invitation to cradle ourselves in her Pure Heart as we remember with her the moments when she gave Jesus his body and his blood – we ponder with her the beginnings of our Re-

deemer's humanity in her womb on the day of the Annunciation. So that we may share her memory about the conception of Jesus, God has given us the gift of empathy. This means that even though we were not present with Mary on the day of the Annunciation, we have the ability to allow Mary to cradle us in her memory so that we can draw forth from the love of that eventful moment when she said, "Yes," the ability to recognize her baby as our Way, our Truth and our Life. Just as every child is precious from the moment of conception, we recognize in our heart that Jesus is precious – within

Mary's body, heart and soul Jesus has taken his place as the Son of Man. At the same time he remains the eternal Son of God.

With Mary we know that the process does not come to a halt on Christmas day when Jesus, our Savior, is born: just as every mother does, Mary continues after the birth to give growth to the body and life to the blood of her Son, Jesus, as she cuddles him peacefully at her breast. Mary more than anyone knows that the one whom she cuddles is the Prince of Peace.

Our Lady's sorrows, however, seem far away from

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the silence and the peace of the night of Christ's birth. The precious flesh and precious blood of Jesus Christ on the cross shine forth with a very dark radiance – the somber shadow of the sun in eclipse, the uneasy quiet of those who turn away their faces from someone who – in spite of all the miracles he worked and the wise, heart-piercing words he uttered, in spite of all the joy he poured forth into the hearts of repentant sinners and the compassion with which he blanketed and dissolved the regrets and the sorrows of those who had been reduced to a cold and loveless existence, in spite of the love capable of refreshing each and every human being – was now dying in a cloak of filth, sweat, tears and spoiled, useless blood. Jesus was dying on a vertical deathbed that pulled out of him every modicum of the feeling of peace.

Mary accepted every precious drop of her Son's blood, no matter how lifeless it seemed, and passed it on to the infant Church as her Son's Eucharistic gift. Mary was not and is not a priest. Yet it is certainly true to say that she is the one who receives the

gift of her Son's Body and Blood and then passes it on to the Church as a gift to be given precisely by those who are priests.

She gave the gift of her own body and blood to Jesus at the beginning so that God may take to himself a human nature. Now Jesus was filling the chalice of her heart with Eucharistic love, the precious body and the precious blood that she had given him, so that she may now give it to the beloved disciple, in other words, the Church in her infant form.

This is the meaning of the words that Jesus speaks to Mary from his dying lips: Woman, behold, your son. Just as she has given Jesus his human body and his human blood, now she must accept his beloved disciple, the Church, to be her new infant to whom she must give nourishment. The nourishment she must give to the beloved Church is the life-giving Body and Blood of her crucified and risen Son. By the grace of the redemptive love that enkindles in the heart of Jesus the desire to die precisely in this manner – in complete communion with the forsaken, the humiliated, the isolated and

the rejected – Jesus chooses to join Mary to himself in the act of giving to the Church the authority to ordain priests and to distribute his Body and Blood as a gift of love. Together with Jesus and at his command – “Behold, your son” – Mary entrusts the Eucharistic Body and Blood of Jesus to John the Apostle, to every other bishop and priest, and – through them – to everyone ready to receive the gift.

Our Lady of Sorrows is a woman who is “crucified” with her Son Jesus. Indeed there is a specific word for Mary's co-suffering with Jesus: this word is “transfixion”. In her pierced heart, Mary is lying vertically on an upright bed of pain where she cradles the precious flesh and precious blood of her crucified Son. In the words that Pope St. John Paul II proclaimed, from that same pierced heart of Mary, there is a river of compassion unleashed that refreshes us all and opens us to the certain promise, uttered by Jesus, of a resurrection and an eternity within the communion of saints.

You may ask: is all this believable in a country plagued by the uncertainty

of the Corona virus and the confusing, often contradictory explanations of what it does, who has it, how dangerous is it, how does one treat it...? Is Jesus really present in a country tortured by what seem to be lies coming from all directions in the political and social media? Is Jesus really present in a country where families, individuals, and apparently great masses of people have chosen not to trust each other, have chosen not to live a morality that finds its source in God, have chosen not to have hope for the future, and have chosen not to live in a daily atmosphere of patient, self-sacrificing peace? Is Jesus really present as the Prince of Peace? Is Jesus really present in America?

The answers to these questions is: yes. The issue is: are you really present with Jesus? Have you been praying every day, several times a day? For those who are Catholic, have you been going regularly to confession? Have you been going to the Holy Mass as often as possible in those churches where it is available? Your life depends on your answers to these questions.

Fr. umuhozanimana

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