



To Our Beloved Son
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After years of laborious preparation and un-
daunted perseverance, always sustained by your
whole-souled devotion to Mary, Mother of God, you
have completed, beloved son, the fifteen *Maring*
Pictures that tell the story of the fifteen mysteries
of the Rosary. It was indeed a massive undertaking
that has been achieved with distinction.

Those films have an apostolic character and
value quite beyond their technical and artistic per-
fection. They open up the book of God's revelation to
man; they turn the pages of a divine love-story for

those to read who will, and reading to understand the infinite yearning of God for the creature of His omnipotence. Nazareth, Bethlehem, the towns of the Jordan Valley and dear, unhappy Jerusalem, all play their part in portraying the successive phases of the redemptive work of the Incarnate Son of God. As the scenes of that life pass before the eyes, contemplation becomes more fervent, love glows more ardently, allegiance is firmer. And who will follow the tragic sequence of Christ's passion, enacted so vividly, with such blind fury and without due reverence, and not weep for his sins?

Blessed will the faithful be who have the good fortune, let us rather say the precious grace to see these films. We sincerely hope their number will be legion.

As a token of Our gratitude We are pleased
to impart to you, beloved son, and to all who have
been associated with you in this work of love and
zeal, with paternal affection Our Apostolic Benediction.

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