



To Our beloved son
Patrick Leyton
Priest of the Congregation of Holy Cross



We have been pleased, beloved son, to learn of the encouraging spiritual results that have come from your cooperation with Our Venerable Brothers of the Episcopate, not only in the United States but also in distant lands, in the Crusade of the Family Rosary.

Among the apostolic tasks that have confronted Us in Our pontificate, of great significance and of constant concern to Us has been that of the integral preservation of the Christian Family, which is being tried so severely by the stress of our times and threatened on all sides by the harmful repercussions of current erroneous doctrines.

As the building depends for its soundness on the foundation, so does civil society on its primary and essential cell - the Family, which draws, in turn, from the illuminated norms of Christianity, not only its greatest strength but also its highest sanction and perfection. To the end, therefore, of re-enforcing the sacred unity of the domestic circle and of sanctifying the individual members through communal prayer and the fostering of a fervent love for the Blessed Mother of God, we have, on the occasion of the Marian Year, drawn upon the treasury of the Church to enrich with further Indulgences the pious Catholic practice of the Family recitation of the Holy Rosary.

Consoling indeed, has been the response, throughout the Catholic world, to Our appeal for the ever wider extension of this devotion, so particularly adapted to serve as an antidote to the secularistic spirit of the present day. We renew Our words of paternal encouragement to the Ordinaries who are lending their zealous support to this most praiseworthy effort and, in like manner, to you, beloved son, in your

collaboration, when called upon by the Episcopal Shepherds of the Flock
of Christ, to assist them in the conduct of the Family Rosary Crusade.
In pledge of abundant celestial favours, We cordially impart to you
Our Apostolic Blessing.

From the Vatican, November 2, 1955

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