



An Open Letter

To Eucharistic Love Community and our Benefactors,

Greetings in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ!

Last month, we encountered trials and tragedies which have strengthened our faith in God, and draw us closer to Him. Even though great wrath devastated our place, still we are able to glorify and thank God for He spared our lives from the havoc of typhoon Haiyan or Yolanda.

We would like to express our heartfelt thanks to all of you - our benefactors who never hesitated to help us financially, emotionally, and spiritually to start all over again. God is indeed good all the time for He has touched all of your hearts. Although we do not know most of you personally, yet you helped with open arms.

Lastly, let me share this act of gratitude lines to all of you:

We are grateful to all of you that you made us happy. All of you are the charming gardeners who made our souls blossom. Our gratitude unlocks the fullness of our lives. It turns what we have into enough and more. It can turn a meal into a feast. A house into a home. And a stranger into a friend.

May God bless you and your family!

Lots of love,

Padilla and Tupas Families

GOD'S PROVISIONS ...

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celebration of the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God. There is no better way to welcome the New Year than to give honor to the Blessed Virgin Mary who holds a vital role in God's plan of salvation. Let us bear in mind that through the obedience and courage of Mary, the earth is blessed with the life, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ, our Savior and King.

Pope Francis said that we all share in Mary's journey of faith. It is so true because as Mary was called for God's purpose, we too are called to recognize His will and purpose in our existence. As the year progresses, we should pray that God will reveal our purpose in His plan of salvation; and in the fulfillment of His divine will – for his greater glory in Christ Jesus.

On January 1, 2014 in Vatican, Pope Francis' homily for the solemnity of Mary, Mother of God emphasized Mary's path of faith and hope as an example for all Christians. In the first reading we find the ancient prayer of blessing which God gave to Moses to hand on to Aaron and his sons: "The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make his face to shine upon you, and be gracious to you. The Lord lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace" (Num 6:24-25). There is no more meaningful time than the beginning of a new year to hear these words of blessing: they will accompany our journey through the year opening up before us. They are words of strength, courage and hope. Not an illusory hope, based on frail human promises, or a naïve hope which presumes that the future will be better simply because it is the future. Rather, it is a hope that has its foundation precisely in God's blessing, a blessing which contains the greatest message of good wishes there can be; and this is the message which the Church brings to each of us, filled with the Lord's loving care and providential help.

The message of hope contained in this blessing was fully realized in a woman, Mary, who was destined to

become the Mother of God, and it was fulfilled in her before all creatures.

The Mother of God. This is the first and most important title of Our Lady. It refers to a quality, a role which the faith of the Christian people, in its tender and genuine devotion to our heavenly Mother, has understood from the beginning.

We recall that great moment in the history of the ancient Church, the Council of Ephesus, in which the divine motherhood of the Virgin Mary was authoritatively defined. The truth of her divine maternity found an echo in Rome where, a little later, the Basilica of Saint Mary Major was built, the first Marian shrine in Rome and in the entire West, in which the image of the Mother of God – the Theotokos – is venerated under the title of Salus Populi Romani. It is said that the residents of Ephesus used to gather at the gates of the basilica where the bishops were meeting and shout, "Mother of God!". The faithful, by asking them to officially define this title of Our Lady, showed that they acknowledged her divine motherhood. Theirs was the spontaneous and sincere reaction of children who know their Mother well, for they love her with immense tenderness. But it is more: it is the **sensus fidei** (sense of the faith) of the holy People of God which, in its unity, never errs.

Mary has always been present in the hearts, the piety and above all the pilgrimage of faith of the Christian people. "The Church journeys through time... and on this journey she proceeds along the path already trodden by the Virgin Mary" (Redemptoris Mater, 2). *Our journey of faith is the same as that of Mary, and so we feel that she is particularly close to us.* As far as faith, the hinge of the Christian life, is concerned, the Mother of God shared our condition. She had to take the same path as ourselves, a path which is sometimes difficult

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Servant's Prayer

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holy will and incline our ear to your living word.

Jesus, present and alive in the Sacrament of Love, you said to your apostles; the kingdom of heaven is at hand. Cure the sick, raise the dead, cleanse the lepers, drive out demons and strengthen the weak. Without cost you have received; without cost you are to give.

You are my hands, my heart, my voice and my feet.

Go forth and become fishers of men.

Offer your time, talent and treasure to those in need.

Spread my word and proclaim my Eucharistic Kingdom.

Abide in my love and remain in my word so you will have eternal life ...

Here we are O Lord, ready to do your will. Amen.



Healing Prayers

God, to fully know you is beyond my capability. What helps me to know you is my daily experience of you. Each morning as I wake up with life flowing through my entire body, you my Father is revealed in the life you gift me with for you are the creator of everything I see and could not see. Each morning when love is expressed and shared by those in my life, you my brother Jesus is revealed to me. Moved by your great love, you mysteriously became human like me to save me from my sin and death revealing your true nature - a God of love. Each day when I am empowered to be generous, caring, loving, humble and compassionate, you Holy Spirit reveal yourself to

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Prayer Requests

"Come to me, all you who labor and are burdened and I will give you rest." (Matt 11:28)

Lord, we lift up to you all prayer intentions of our brothers and sisters who need your healing love and presence, especially those petitions we received through <http://EucharisticLove.org>, <http://2000HailMarys.org> and individual forms submitted during our community services.

**Dear Lord,
we thank you
for all
the blessings
you showered
upon us
and all
answered prayers.**

HEALING THROUGH THE HOLY EUCHARIST COMMUNITY CALENDAR

ACTIVITY	WHEN	VENUE
Healing Service with Eucharistic Celebration	Every First Monday of the month 8:00 PM	Resurrection Parish - St. Bridget Church
Healing Service with Eucharistic Adoration	All other Mondays of the month 8:00 PM	Resurrection Parish - St. Bridget Church
2000 Hail Mary's with Eucharistic Celebration	Frequently Scheduled (Please check website)	Resurrection Parish - St. Bridget Church
Holy Hour of Eucharistic Adoration	Every second Saturday of the month 9:00 AM Every Monday before 2000 Hail Mary's 8:30 PM	Resurrection Parish - St. Bridget Church
Catholicism Study Group	Every second Saturday of the month 11:00 AM	Resurrection Parish - St. Bridget Church

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