



IN HIS NAME • SECOND QUARTER, 2020

— *From our officers* —

A LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT



Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Praised be Jesus! I hope you and your families have been staying well during these challenging times. The pandemic and civil unrest we are facing is like nothing we have seen in our lifetimes. It has taken us from lock downs to curfews. From closed Churches to boarded storefronts. And it is taking our country in a direction that is deeply concerning. But our help remains in the Name of the Lord, who made heaven and earth.

We need to recognize the signs of our times, and approach it with faith and confidence. Never before have our prayers and sacrifices been so necessary. A firm commitment to our daily obligations can have a powerful effect, when practiced in community, and offered for the conversion of souls. We then entrust these prayers into the hands of Our Lady, who uses them to dispense grace.

At Fatima, Our Lady asked everyone to pray the Rosary daily,

promising that war would end and there would be peace. Since that is already one of our daily obligations, let's pray it from our hearts in a new way. She also asked for the observance of five First Saturdays to obtain grace for the world. I encourage those who don't already participate in this devotion to begin next month, along with the First Friday Devotion to the Sacred Heart, and offer it for our country's elections in November. It's interesting to note that First Saturday in July falls on the 4th. Another request from Our Lady is penance. Please consider fasting on Fridays. If you're unable to fast on bread and water, due to health or age, then fast from foods you like. Fasting is considered a game changer by many.

Prayer and penance can change our world.

In every era there has been turmoil. But that's when God's glory shines the brightest. He raises up Saints to be a light in the darkness and to proclaim His Name. *Perhaps you were born for such a time as this* – Esther 4:14.

May God bless and protect you,
Denise.

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President.

