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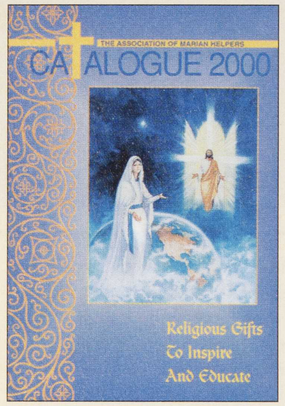

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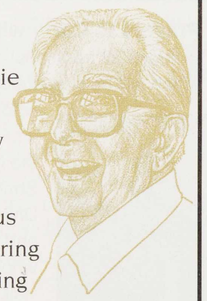

Our dear Br. Alphie has gone to his heavenly reward.

Please join us in remembering him by sending savings stamps to help pay for ongoing Shrine renovations.

Please send your stamps to:
The Br. Alphie Memorial Stamp Room
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Stockbridge, MA 01262

Gift Notes

Mercy in every home

Leo, a Marian Helper who is retired and lives in a Midwestern town with a population of 300, isn't idle. He's a man with a mission.

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His goal is for every home (of any religious tradition) in his town to display an image of Jesus, The Divine Mercy.

Honoring Jesus

When someone moves to town, Leo sends them a letter welcoming them to the community and asking them to accept the image and give it a place of honor in their home.

"When someone sees the image of The Divine Mercy," explains Leo, "he or she doesn't necessarily understand much at first. What is reflected through the eyes into the mind and heart, however, is there forever."

Spreading mercy

Leo got involved in his ministry about 15 years ago after supplying the image to a local CCD program, so it could be displayed in classrooms. He then noticed how pleased some of his friends were to receive the images.

Now every person who comes to his home receives an image. He estimates that he has now given images and information on the Divine Mercy message and devotion to more than 1,000 people.

One of the great joys for Leo is seeing how the message touches so many lives. He says that he's seen people's prayer life deepen when they recite the Divine Mercy Chaplet. He's also seen people get involved in spreading the message by distributing printed materials, or by trying to establish Mercy Sunday celebrations in their parishes.

Helping the Church

Leo recognizes that people have a "thirst for holiness." "We are all an extended family through the Church," he says. "Each of us has a responsibility to help pass our faith on, especially to young people."

Leo told me about his ministry when he called recently to arrange a gift to help the Marians. Since he is committed to spreading the message of mercy through the printed word and the image, Leo was eager to help with the new press and our print shop expansion here in Stockbridge.

He also decided to direct part of his gift toward building the new Marian novitiate in Ukraine, where the thirst for God and His mercy is so strong after decades of atheistic oppression.

If you would like to discuss your own ideas on how to support the work of the Marians or ways to arrange a gift, I would be pleased to hear from you.

Mrs. Ellen Volkman is Fr. Joseph's Assistant for Gift Planning. You may write her c/o Association of Marian Helpers, Stockbridge, MA 01263, or call her toll free at 1-800-462-7426.

Appreciation 2000

We thank the Lord for our generous benefactors who have made entering the Jubilee Year 2000 an exciting and hopeful time. Your memorial and tribute gifts have helped us to build our candle shrines, and now your gifts are helping us to move forward with needed improvements to our publishing apostolate.

We send our deepest thanks to those listed below who have made memorial or tribute gifts recently — either to our Candle Shrines or our press and facilities expansion. *If your name does not appear below, please look for it in a future issue of the BULLETIN.*

Artist Bill Murray adds a mosaic border to Our Lady of Mercy Memorial Plaque. Benefactors who make a memorial or tribute gift of $100 or more to the Candle Shrine will have the opportunity to have the name they choose inscribed on the plaque.

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