Glory to Jesus Christ!

Dear Friends,

The Redemptorists in Canada recently communicated they are beginning their journey toward the solemn celebration of the 150th Anniversary of the handing over to the Redemptorists the Icon of Our Mother of Perpetual Help by Pope Pius IX. The entire history of this devotion throughout the world has been a profound and ongoing experience of the maternal love of Mary, who accompanies us with her serene gaze, and who is ever ready to offer us the help that she brings in her arms, Jesus, our Savior.

This year we Sisters are celebrating the 80th Pilgrimage honoring the Theotokos under the title of Our Lady of Perpetual Help through the theme of "Theotokos, Fountain of Mercy!" This year also marks the 75th anniversary of the death of Pope Pius XI.

Pius XI was the first Pope to directly address the Christian ecumenical movement. Like Benedict XV he was interested in achieving reunion with the Eastern Orthodox- failing that, he was determined to give special attention to the Eastern Catholic Churches. In 1935, on the occasion of the visit of Bishop Basil Takach to Rome, Pope Pius XI entrusted the Bishop with a gift for the Uniontown Sisters, a beautiful icon of Our Lady of Perpetual Help. In presenting this icon, the Pope requested that the Sisters spread devotion to the Theotokos under this title. Wishing to comply with the Holy Father’s request, Mother Macrina and the Sisters initiated the Pilgrimage so that thousands of faithful would come to Mount St. Macrina to honor the Mother of God through this holy icon.

We Sisters invite you to continue this traditional journey to Mount St. Macrina for the 80th Pilgrimage honoring our Lady of Perpetual Help. We need her compassionate help to daily face the world brimming with challenges. Together we need to drink from this Fountain of Mercy.

Sincerely in the Lord Jesus,

Sister Seraphim, OSBM
Provincial
FRIDAY, AUGUST 29 & SATURDAY, AUGUST 30

**Friday, August 29**

7:15 p.m. - Office of Small Compline at Shrine Altar

**Saturday, August 30, 2014**

7:30 a.m. - 12 noon: Mystery of Reconciliation (Confessions) House of Prayer Patio

**OPENING OF PILGRIMAGE**

8:00 a.m. - MATINS at Shrine Altar

9:45 a.m. - Procession with Icon of Our Lady of Perpetual Help from House of Prayer to Shrine Altar

10:00 a.m. - DIVINE LITURGY Welcome: Sister Seraphim, O.S.B.M.

- Divine Liturgy to be followed by procession to Lourdes Grotto for the Solemn Blessing of Water; procession to return to the House of Prayer at the conclusion of the Blessing.

1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. - Mystery of Reconciliation (Confessions) House of Prayer Patio

1:00 p.m. - PARAKLIS at Shrine Altar

2:00 p.m. - CHILDREN’S PILGRIMAGE at Children’s Tent

- ORIENTATION for TEENS at Prayer Garden

- ENRICHMENT SESSION at Trinity Center

3:00 p.m. - TEEN PILGRIMAGE at Prayer Garden

**Saturday, August 30 (Continued)**

4:00 p.m. - VESPERS with DIVINE LITURGY at Shrine Altar

6:00 p.m. - ENRICHMENT SESSION at Mausoleum

7:15 p.m. - Procession from House of Prayer to Mount Macrina Cemetery

7:30 p.m. - PARASTAS at Mount Macrina Cemetery

- CANDLEDIGHT PROCESSION (Mount Macrina Cemetery to Shrine Altar)

- AKATHIST to OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP

Following Akathist:

- TEEN SOCIAL at Prayer Garden

- YOUNG ADULT SOCIAL at Trinity Center

Please note: Curfew is 1:00 a.m. for those youth participating in Chaperned Youth Activities. For all other youth, the curfew is 12 Midnight.

Although casual attire is acceptable, participants are asked to be mindful of the religious nature of the services and activities that take place and to dress accordingly to traditional Christian values and standards of modesty. Thank you!

**Sunday, August 31**

7:00 a.m. - MATINS at Shrine Altar

7:00 a.m. - DIVINE LITURGY in House of Prayer Chapel

7:30 a.m. - 12 noon - MYSTERY OF RECONCILIATION (Confessions at House of Prayer Patio)

8:30 a.m. - DIVINE LITURGY - Slavonic at Shrine Altar

10:30 a.m. - DIVINE LITURGY at Shrine Altar

11:00 a.m. - MYSTERY OF ANOINTING at Trinity Center

12:30 - 5 p.m. - MYSTERY OF RECONCILIATION

(Confessions at the House of Prayer Chapel)

1:00 p.m. - CHILDREN’S PROCESSION with Special Blessing for Youth & Young Adults - from House of Prayer to Mother of God Shrine

1:30 – 2:30 p.m. - MYSTERY OF RECONCILIATION (Confession for the infirm, sick and physically challenged at Manor Gazebo)

3:00 p.m. - CHILDREN’S PILGRIMAGE at Children’s Tent

- ENRICHMENT SESSION at Trinity Center

- TEEN PILGRIMAGE at Prayer Garden

- MYSTERY OF ANOINTING at Shrine Altar

3:45 p.m. - Procession from House of Prayer to Mother of God Shrine

4:00 p.m. - DIVINE LITURGY at Mother of God Shrine

Words of Gratitude: Sister Seraphim, O.S.B.M.

7:15 p.m. - Procession from House of Prayer to Mother of God Shrine

7:30 p.m. - CANDLEDIGHT PROCESSION (Beginning and ending at the Mother of God Shrine)

Following the Candlelight Procession:

- TEEN SOCIAL at Prayer Garden Area

- YOUNG ADULT SOCIAL at Trinity Center

Dear Sisters: 
Please pray for me and place the following intention(s) before the Icon of Our Lady of Perpetual Help:

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Your Name (OPTIONAL): ________________________________________

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We have no greater help, 
No greater hope than you, 
O most pure Virgin; 
Help us, then, for 
We hope in you, We glory in you, 
We are your servants. 
Do not abandon us.