

March 25, 2014

Dear Friends of Blessed Margaret,

God's blessing upon you on this great solemnity of the Annunciation! In addition to the Archangel's greeting to Mary announcing the day on which Christ was conceived in Our Lady's womb, March 25<sup>th</sup> has also been identified in tradition as the day of the creation of the world, the day Adam and Eve fell, the day Abraham was willing to sacrifice his son Isaac, the day the Israelites were set free from Egypt, and the day of the Crucifixion. It is a day that celebrates salvation history, which continues providentially through the saints closest to Our Lord's Crucifixion. Our dear Little Margaret was a woman who knew well the type of sufferings Christ endured, dying at the age of 33, but entering into a life in communion with all the saints who intervene for our salvation.

Bl. Margaret is herself an angel inasmuch as she is a messenger of God's great love and mercy! I am privileged to hear of so many miracles at her intercession, that it is with confidence in saintly Margaret that I include your intentions in the special nine-day Novena of Masses that begins on April 5 and concludes on her feast day, April 13. Please find the enclosed request form and return envelope if you wish to add your specific intentions to be placed in her Shrine before our relic of her precious and incorrupt heart.

Please join your prayers with ours as I ask you once again to please pray for Blessed Margaret's canonization. It was the insistence of the people of the Città di Castello at her funeral that God acknowledged her holiness by the miraculous healing of a young crippled girl. May the Lord hear our fervent requests for Blessed Margaret's recognition and grant a miracle that meets all the conditions necessary for her canonization. I mentioned in my last letter of a promising miraculous healing, however we have yet to convince all parties involved in the original accident to permit the release of the medical documents for examination. Certainly God works in His own providential timing, but He also hears the prayers of his sons and daughters - so please pray!

Finally, I would like to thank you for your prayers and support for the work of the Guild and Shrine of Blessed Margaret of Castello. Please know of my prayers and those of all the Dominican Friars as we journey through Lent and prepare to celebrate the paschal mysteries this Easter.

In our Lord, our Lady, and Little Margaret,



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