



September, 2020

Dear Friends of St. Joseph By the Sea:

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and our Lord Jesus Christ. I give thanks to my God always on your account for the grace of God bestowed on you in Christ Jesus. (1Cor.1:3-4)

As always, we pause and reflect with much gratitude and joy on how God has blessed us in so many ways in the midst of the pandemic, while we all navigate much uncertainty these days.

We have had breathless, fearsome and tragic moments during COVID-19. During these times, the Master continues to invite us to make our whole life a pilgrimage of loving transformation and hope.

Today, especially during these difficult times, our doors continue to be open for hundreds of people who are seeking God, spiritual growth and guidance.

Whether giving financial, or giving time or blessing us with your prayers, talents, and loving friendship, we the Religious Teachers Filippini, are always blessed by your desire to help. This year we begin our 2021 Appeal. The cost to maintain and repair our retreat house and property grounds, as the needs arise, has been significant, especially during COVID-19. We receive each person as Christ, especially those with special needs, and our repairs, replacements and renovations have allowed us to be more accommodating for those who come.

For these and more reasons, we ask you, if possible, to help us in our efforts to continue our ministry here at St. Joseph By the Sea. We are most grateful for your generosity and kindness, which throughout the years has helped us in restoring our *Holy Ground*. Perhaps you would like to make a donation in memory of a loved one or in honor of a loved one. For donations of \$500 or more, the names will be inscribed on our Recognition Plaque located in the foyer. Regardless of the amount, we sincerely appreciate the spirit of the gift.

Please consider a donation and make checks payable to *St. Joseph By the Sea*. A donation of \$250 or more is tax deductible and the proper form will be sent to you upon receipt of your gift.

Be assured that we will continue to remember you and your loved ones in our prayers and in return ask for yours. Thank you for your friendship, support and generosity. May God's blessings be yours in abundance today and always.

With much gratitude, blessings and peace,

Sister Brunilda Ramos, M.P.F.

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Director

Detach and mail to: St. Joseph By the Sea Retreat House
400 Route 35 North
South Mantoloking, NJ 08738

Name: _____ **Enclosed is my donation:**
Address: _____ \$250 ___ \$150 ___ \$100 ___ \$50 ___ Other ___

Phone: _____

On the reverse side, please list the names of your loved ones, living and deceased, whom you wish us to pray for at our retreat house liturgies.