Cardinal Wright's Letter

Mariological Society of America
JUBILEE GREETINGS

The 1974 meeting of the Mariological Society will have special significance because it will mark the Silver Jubilee of the Society. I wrote in response to the gracious invitation of Bishop McLaughlin, episcopal host to the Saint Petersburg gathering, regretting that I could not possibly be present for the meeting and expressing gratitude for his cordial invitation.

It is now several years that I have not been able to attend the annual meetings and I am therefore the more appreciative of the fact that I have been kept on the list of membership in the honorary relationship to the Society that was my privilege almost from its very beginning.

It was my happiness in the only formal paper I ever prepared for a convention of the Society to write on the doctrine of Cardinal Newman concerning the Blessed Mother as the New Eve. In these days when so much attention is focused on the teaching of Cardinal Newman on so many points, it seemed timely to take out my old notes and re-read them when Bishop McLaughlin's invitation arrived. I hasten to add that nothing in my composition of the paper was especially inspiring, but the magnificent concepts of Newman concerning Mary were more relevant than ever in the light of current theological interests and the "majestic calm" (to use one of his phrases) of his style made most agreeable reading.

I welcome this opportunity to send affectionate congratulations, the pledge of prayer and a plea for the same from all fellow-members of the Mariological Society. God grant that its work may be blessed and its influence may be constant, constructive and Christocentric because intent on the Mother of Christ and devoted to knowledge and piety in her regard.

Faithfully in Christ,

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