

Jacksonville, Ill. 4/17 (O-488)

"I read the article about gardens made in honor of Our Lady and was so much impressed by it that I want to "go and do likewise".

New Orleans, La. 4/21 (I-62)

"I have become very much interested in this project. So much so, that Mary's Garden here . . . has already been started. I do not know the details of this beautiful and inspiring devotion and ask you to kindly send me as soon as possible all information material regarding it. When this has been done, you may add another Garden for Mary to your already numerous list. May this devotion to Our Lady <sup>be</sup> spread the Whole World over."

Worthington, Ohio 4/19 (C)

". . . here's wishing Mary Gardens may always grow and flower!"

Philadelphia, Pa. 4/20 (C)

"My child concept of Heaven was a sort of enlarged garden such as that at the end of our street, high green board fence behind the flowering bushes and all. My great enthusiasm for roller-skating . . . led me to incorporate down the middle of the greensward a wide golden pathway. The years have only eliminated the resplendant highway. Thank you for your inspiration in reviving the freshness of my heart's garden. Sincerely yours in Christ the Gardener" (See entire letter)

Atchison, Kansas 4/22 (C)

"I especially like the medieval flavor and spirit which the "Flowers of Our Lady" suggest."

Chicago, Ill. 4/22 (O-500)

"Just heard about your lovely idea and wish to delay my planting until I receive these seeds."

Kokomo, Ind. 4/22 (O-504)

"Hope I can enlist some more gardeners for you and Mary and maybe even a convent or so who would go for the rosary garden idea. I like it. Keep it up. Have been working on a shrine idea for the back-yards of our city homes and the front lawns of some of our rural places. The garden idea fits in fine. Some day we may get a happy combination."

Canton, Ohio 4/23 (I-57)

"We came upon (the story of Mary's Gardens) and were immediately intrigued for we have just recently organized a Junior Garden Club among our Girl Scout Troops at the school. . . . Thank you so much for the inspiring idea which came at just the opportune time to fill a void in my planning program."

Richmond Hill, N. Y. 4/23 (O-506)

"Please send as soon as possible as we would like variety and names of flowers for ideas for decorating a booth. . . ."

Fitchburg, Mass. 4/22 (O-525)

"I intend to use them in window boxes for decoration in our class room near Our Lady's statue."

Harrison, N. J. 4/17 (O-529)

"I hope to be in Cape Cod in September and will try to see the original garden at Woods Hole. . . . I shall pass the idea on to a few more. Although this is only a small factory town, it is almost 90% Catholic and has quite a few flower growers. Thank you."

Chicago, Ill. 4/24 (I-79)

"I think it is a very unique idea to make Mary real."

Philadelphia, Pa. 4/24 (C)

"I read your unusual article concerning the garden you have established. . . . We would like to feature an interview with you regarding your 'Mary's Gardens' in the May issue of our school paper."

St. Louis, Mo. 4/25 (O-550)

"If my garden turns out nice, I will tell all of my friends."

Charleston, Wash. 4/25 (I-91)

"We here in our school have a Junior Catholic Citizen Club and are very much interested in the flowers."

Bordentown, N. J. 4/27 (I-95)

"The literature accompanying the seeds is beautiful and inspiring. . . . May God reward you."

Canton Ohio 4/29 (O-562)

"We are definitely going to spread this marvelous work and are happy to be able to do so. Thank you so very much."

New Harmony, Ind. 4/29 (O-576)

"I read an article on Mary's Gardens just the other day. For a long time I have been waiting for the opportunity to work with flowers; now the time has arrived. . . . The parish to which I have been assigned is a very small mission. . . ."



Allison Park, Pa. 4/26 (I-112)

"Since purchasing our home five years ago we have had a portion of our grounds dedicated to our Blessed Mother. A statue of Our Lady of Fatima stands in a grotto of native stone. We have planned new landscaping . . . but after reading about Mary's Gardens will wait until I intend to pass the information on to everyone I know who will carry on this devotion to Our Lady."

Sudbury, Mass. 4/30 (O-578)

"Many many thanks for letting us read about such a lovely thing you started."

Wellesley Hills, Mass 4/30 (C)

"The names are certainly colorful and charming little tributes to Our Lady. . . I'm sure your Mary's Gardens idea will go far and no one who orders them will be disappointed."

Worcester, Mass. 5/2 (C)

"I hope your project will have continuing success."

West Allis, Wis. 4/30 (I-116)

"We have seven children, the oldest is in the convent and the second oldest intends to enter this fall. The children begged us to make a grotto in honor of our Blessed Mother. We have a nice rock garden ready but no flowers so when I read about your Mary's Gardens we thought how wonderful it would be for our rock garden grotto. For this May we have a little statue borrowed from the children and the house plants. We have block rosary every week, when it is our turn next week we hope to have it outdoors by our grotto. We think you are doing something wonderful . . . May God bless you and help you to continue in this project."

San Antonio, Tex. 5/3 (I-117)

"The theme of Mary's Gardens is such a beautiful tribute to Our Lady in the form of Our Garden Prays. I like that very much. . . . I am just a beginner and know very little but I'm willing to learn and tho I don't have too much time, my spare time I'd like to devote to gardening, especially beautiful flowers. Thank you."

Racine, Wis. 5/3 (I-126)

"Though I am not a successful gardener and we have sandy soil, I would love to try and dedicate a garden and my efforts to Our Blessed Lady."

Cincinnati, Ohio 5/3 (O-582)

"As our May project in school we are going to plant a Mary Garden . . . I have a special place in my prayers for 'Mary's men'. I am very glad that you put thought into action in launching another Mary project."



Antigo, Wis 5/5 (0-590)

"Have you the seed for a plant called Mary's Rosary?"

San Antonio, Tex. 5/8 (0-598)

". . . seeing you've studied so much on the names and all pertaining to the glory of Our Lady."

Brooklyn, N. Y. 4/21 (0-526)

"As a member of the "Mary Mores", an association of Queens, L. I., women who are trying to make Mary MORE LOVED (hence their name) Mrs. \_\_\_\_\_ is going to propose a Mary's Garden theme for the exhibit which the Mary Mores are preparing for a Catholic War Veterans 'Home Exposition' . . . the possibilities of Mary's Gardens as a prayerful home activity worth publicising. . . . Some of the sisters here are glad to tell their families about Mary's Gardens. . . May Our Lady, she who is the 'hortus conclusus' of the Canticle, smile upon your lovely enterprise, and bless it with great success!"

Jamaica, N.Y. 5/7 (C)

"I have just received my anxiously awaited Mary's Garden envelope. . . . A group of women dedicated to spread the Fatima message and 'do more for Mary', hope to make known your Gardening for Our Lady idea in this section of New York. At this time we are to have a booth at the annual Home Exhibit sponsored by the Catholic War Veterans . . . We plan to prepare window boxes containing potted plants - Mary's plants - . . . Each group of flowering plants will bear markers giving the prevailing name and the Mary name - as found in your booklet. . . All good wishes for your success in the work you have undertaken for Our Lady. "

Hartford, Conn. 5/6 (C)

"On our next visit to Cape Cod we hope to have the pleasure of visiting the garden in Woods Hole. May we extend our best wishes for the success of your project."

Phila., Pa. St. Paschel, (C)

"Our Mary Garden is being watched like the proverbial kettle. By way of encouragement, a freshman who turned up at the convent on Saturday dug up some of our already blooming Mary's Tears, that have been for long in the corner of the convent yard, and sneaked them up to the school. Mum was the word, and the youngsters on Monday marvelled to see what had come up over the weekend. A small glazed statue of Our Lady stands on a rod knee-high in the midst of the garden, waiting for the little tendrils of Our Lady's Mantle to wrap themselves around it. . . . Each girl is responsible for the little patch she planted. There are bound to be loads of mistakes in the culture, but that is all part of the learning. Remember - I am a sheer beginner! Daniel Foley's 'Garden Flowers in Color' is a big help . . . My interest is primarily in the



religious education value of the project, but it offers many lesser values as well. It integrates the various school disciplines beautifully. From things visible, I want them to rise to things invisible - but they need a far greater knowledge of the things visible in nature to start with. 'Is an herb an animal?' a freshman asked me when we were discussing the Paschal supper before Easter. If the supernatural is to be built on the natural, then their knowledge of nature must be much more intimate, particularly in the urban ares. Their recoiling from worms, for instance, and wanting to rid the plot of them was indication that the earthworm has nothing but nuisance value in their thinking. When the more enlightened explained to the less what good worms are, they really learned something. From that flowed easily the parable that the seemingly nasty things in life - like homework and washing the supper dishes - are of tremendous value to us in cultivated our souls. It is a delight to see their minds moving. . . . The password to our garden patch is MUM A RARE YAC. That in Tut language is - MARY. I know because a freshman whispered it into my ear. . . . I'll try to be a good root and further your project by prayer. . . . the whole idea with the combined prayers, etc. is ~~very~~ charming & well suited to the contemplative life. . . . I am glad to report that yesterday the first shoots started through the soil . . ."

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Sacramento, Cal. 5/7 (0-6120)

"May your plan develop and prosper until the world is blanketed with flowers honoring Our Lady".

Milwaukee, Wis. 5/1 (0-605)

"God love you; Mary bless you!"

Newburgh, N. Y. 5/10 (0)

"I am going to ask for a special place in the garden for these flowers. Our Lady has blessed your work with success, as She always does. S . . . We have a very beautiful place and it all belongs to Mary. God bless you both. Gratefully yours."

Mammouth, Pa. 5/12 (0-612)

"Received the flower seeds that I ordered a few weeks ago, and was very pleased, so I am ordering some of the different flowers that I don't have as yet. . . God bless you."

Detroit, Mich. 5/12 (0-614)

"Gardening is not my line but anything having to do with our Blessed Lady, I want to be included in the venture, so will you kindly help me out. This is a secret around here (home) until I succeed in getting results (flowers)."

Milwaukee, Wis. 5/13 (0-619)

"I lost a beautiful daughter Ruth with polio last Aug. and would like to have this garden in memory of this dear soul . . . I'm much interested in promoting this idea."

San Rafael, Cal. 5/16 (0-631)

"Please may we have several copies of the literature covering this project. We would be pleased to distribute it amongst our students in order that they would also become interested."

Valatie, N. Y. 5/7 (0-634)

"Praised be God, His Blessed Mother and St. Joseph! . . . May the Mother of God watch over you. Sincerely in Jesus, Mary and Joseph."

Memphis, Tenn. 5/22 (0-645)

"Thank you in advance and for such a wonderful idea you are promoting".

Dubuque, Ia. 5/28 (0-651)

"Received my Mary's Garden today and am so happy with it. It's a beautiful thought and I'm going to have my 6 children plant and care for it."

Hartford, Conn. 6/4 (0-662)

"My dear Father, . . . This is a splendid idea and we shall be so glad to have a 'Mary's Garden'. (We enjoy your magazine very much and pray that God will continue to bless you in your work for His glory.) Thank you for giving us this opportunity and asking for a remembrance in your prayers."

Halifax, Nova Scotia 5/11 (0-668)

"I think your project is wonderful and Our Blessed Mother must be very pleased with the work you are doing in Her Name. We have a small shrine of Our Lady in our convent garden and although I have planted many flowers there during the past three years, yet after reading Father Galvin's article I decided I must have your seed selections of all Mary Flowers."

La Salle, Ill. 5/10 (0-671)

"We are having a summer carnival and our group is selling plants. My idea was to sell (seeds for Our Lady's Flowers)".

Wynnewood, Pa. 5/8 (0-594)

"I was so pleased when my sister-in-law sent me seeds to begin a Mary's Garden for my little Mary who is only a few months old, that I wanted to write to congratulate you on this very good idea, and ask if I might send ten seed packets each to four of my friends."



LaSalle, Ill. 6/10 (O-671)

"We are having a summer carnival and our group is selling plants. My idea was to sell so many seeds -- perhaps 2 or 3 packets --- or maybe only 1 to a customer."

Bellerose, N.Y. 6/23 (O-684A)

"I am very anxious to send some of the leaflets to members of my family in Ireland and England and also to friends in Phillipines and Inida. With all good wishes for your success in securing clients for our Lady through the medium of Mary Gardens, I am . . ."

Tampa, Fla. 7/9 (O-695)

"We have a new church in Christ, Our King parish, and the Garden Club of the Parish is landscaping the grounds."

Chester, Pa. 8/5 (O-701)

"Kindly send me information, leaflets and plan in starting Mary's Gardens through our school pupils next year."

Louisville, Ky. 9/14 (O-710)

"Begging God to bless your work, I am,"

Saginaw, Mich 3/20 (I-16)

"We would like to propose such a project at our next Sodality meeting."

Erie, Pa. 5/27 (I-215)

"Would you kindly send me a duplicate package. I have a family relations and child study class and should like to introduce Mary's Gardens to them."

Parma, O. 5/28 (I-216)

"May your beautiful apostate of raising hearts to our heavenly queen be blessed a hundredfold by her Divine Son."

Southgate, Calif 5/23 (I-22)

"This is the first time I have read about Mary's Gardens and have never heard anything about such a wonderful project. I have a kitchen window that needs such a view. I have been wanting something planted that would be pleasant to see, might even get a statue of the Blessed Virgin, if our finances take an upper turn."

Detroit, Mich. 5/24 (I-228)

"God bless you."

Woodstock, Ill. 5/28 (I-228)

"It would be especially fun to grow flowers that the name of our Lady and were as fair as she is. I have always wanted flowers like Mary but I did not have any place to plant them until now. Yesterday my father told me that he was going to dig out some trees by the house and that I could have my flower garden there, but I would have to take care of it."

Dedham, Mass. 6/7 (I-234)

"It has been my intention for quite some time to have a Mary Garden; but it has been filed away in my mind under 'things I am going to do some day' because I don't know what flowers to plant. The only ones that I know are Marigold and Lady's Slipper."

Detroit, Mich. 10/6 (I-240)

"Thank you and God bless you."

Staten Island? N.Y. 3/14 (I-258)

"We have a small shrine in honor of our Lady of Lourdes on the school grounds and would like to have some flowers for it. Right now it is practically bare. The Mary's garden seems to be the answer. Thank you."

Omaha, Nebr. 5/7 (I-260)

"We plan to make a little grotto in our yard and have flowers growing about it --- also would like to have some growing on our infant son's grave. So would greatly appreciate your time and effort if you could do these things for me and my family. We have three other lovely children, so by having pretty flowers for the baby's grave and our grotto in which we will have a shrine of Our Lady, we feel it will have a great spiritual effect in our children's lives. I am now looking forward to having another child in September or this fall, so hope and pray all will be well this time. Be God's will whatever it be, and we will accept it and thus far he has been very good to us, and we'd love to start our Mary's garden around our shrine as soon as we possibly can."

Chester, Pa. 10/15 (I-262)

"Early in the spring we were buying flower seeds at school. Many of us planted those seeds and grew a flower garden at home. We were told that when we came back to school in the fall, we would have a flower show. Well, the time came for the flower show, and it was a very pretty one. Everyone brought some flowers in a vase which they had planted. We tried to give them all Mary names. We felt that it was a bit too late for a flower show, but we wanted to have it during the month of the Rosary. We invited some of the other grades to see our flower show, and now they are following



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