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Telegram

Thank you. Delighted. Please rush more gardens.

Glenville, W.Va. 1/3 C-24

I have an article from the Charleston Gazette dated March 1, 1953 about your organization and it is most interesting. In March I have been asked to discuss Prayed Gardens at our garden club. Do you have any material that would be available to me? My material is limited. Since I am a Catholic I want to do a good job.

Rockford, Ill. 1/4 C-25

I was very happy to read the article written on the seeds you sell for Gardens of Mary. This being the Marian year it is most suitable that we plant a garden to Mary around a shrine we have completed on the grounds of St. Thomas High School in Rockford. It was possible through the efforts of the boys at the school and a friend. It was hard work but we loved doing it. Enclosed please find a picture.

Hamilton, O. 1/10 C-35

I am a sixth grade student and the garden will be one of my projects for the Marian year. I read about your good work in Columbia magazine and I think it very fine.

Trenton, N.J. 1/19 C-38

Thank you, especially for your beautiful idea.

Fremont, O. 1/18 - C-39

Enclosed you will find \$1 for which kindly send us six assorted seed packets to honor Mary which could also be used on the altar for Holy Mass and Benediction during the summer months. My students who are members of the Fatima Club are anxious to start a Mary Garden. Kindly also enclose directions for gardening. Sincerely yours, in Christ.

Hamilton Beach, Ont. 12/27 C-43

Would it be possible for you to give me a list of the names of flowers dedicated to Our Lady with their botanical names? I am already a gardener. In one of the reprints which you enclosed you mentioned Our Lady's cushion. As you gave its botanical name I recognized it as a plant I already grew and call "Thrift". Such a list would help me in planning a garden of flowers in honor of Our Lady.--- I am sure other gardeners would find it useful too. (One twenty-four) All in all Mary's Gardens is a very beautiful idea. God bless you for propagating it.

Bellmore, N.Y. 1/25 C-46

If the seeds will grow, we will take a picture of the garden later on in the summer and send it to you.

Victoria, B.C. 1/25 O-48

I enjoyed the reprint on Mary's Gardens by Robert Ostermann in the Irish Ecc. Record very much and would appreciate having another copy to pass on to my garden loving friends.

Chelsea, Mass. 1/31 O-56

I want to start a Mary's Garden for my niece.

E. Rochester, NY 2/2 O-74

I am President of our Sodality of our Parish and would be very much interested in any literature you may have from time to time. Would appreciate very much if you could send me your monthly bulletins and sample pamphlets. I thank you very much.

Sauk Center, Minn. 2/3 O-92

I have never heard of the Mary Flower names so I am anxious to see what they look like. Please send them at once, as I want to built a shrine too.

S. Boston, Va. 2/8 O-102

I am going to let my children plant and care for the seeds. Then later on I shall order again if I am able to put my children into a Catholic school. So that their classrooms can use your seeds too.

Washington, D.C. 2/9 O-124

We read with great interest the article on Gardens for Mary which appeared in the May 1953 issue of the Catholic Mind. Congratulation on your efforts to spread the devotion to Our Lady in this unusual way. . . . Thank you and God bless you.

Narberth, Pa. 2/10 O-128

Sometime ago I read in the Catholic Mind of Gardens for Mary. . . . I have quite a few of the flowers mentioned, in my garden, and feel the Marian year would be a very appropriate time to start my garden for Mary.

Detroit, Mich. 2/15 O-139

If possible I would like seeds for low growing flowers. I have only a little space for a garden.

Richmond Hill, NY 2/15 O-140

Two years ago through the Mary Mores, in Jamaica, quite a few members have sent for seeds and planted the same. It was in May and late for some of the seeds to make really a showing then. As one of the projects for the Home Show, we duplicated some of the flowers by buying them and exhibiting them with the Lady of Fatima booth and gave out your pamphlets. I have a picture showing the boxes of flowers, however as the main project was giving out leaflets for the Catholic War Veterans, the picture was taken when the

boxes were placed against the wall, but the crowds walked around the inside of the booth. Last year, we were not given an entire booth, only give out the leaflets. Quite a few of the members have taken up the idea for the Marian year and would like to order some seeds and send them to Brother - - - of the - - - Noviate. My son had just entered their the past month and the place was only just starting to show progress, as the novices have been given the property as wild forest land and had to do the work themselves. . . Yours in the Marian year.

Milton, Mass, 2/17 O-177

We are Major Seminarists of - - - and would like to have a catalogue of the flowers of a Mary Garden and a pack of seeds, or whatever you have made up for the spring. We read of your enterprise in the Catholic Mind, and hope you are still supplying seeds of Mary's flowers.

Elmwood Park, Ill. 2/17 O-181

I intend to give a birthday party for my twelve-year old daughter ... we were wondering if you could make up twenty-four packets including the information and prayer for each packet so we could give them as gifts for each little girl.

Geddies, S. D. 2/19 O-207

I grow flowers for our church altar every year --- so I am interested in a Mary garden for the Marian year.

Dunmore, Pa. 3/24 O-225

I know it will make a grand birthday gift.

Pittsburgh, Pa. 2/25 O-258

The enclosed clipping from the March, Extension, reminded me that Mary's Garden was also written up in the Catholic Digest--- March, 1953. I am in charge of a group of boys who are helping to beautify our Orphanage grounds, so this year we will make a Mary Garden.

Falls City, Neb. 2/20 O-261

I am interested in receiving any reprints of articles regarding Mary Gardens to use in the library.

Brooklyn, NY 3/1 O-264

I have read about your work in a recent issue of the Catholic Digest. When I decided to write to you I couldn't find the book. Fortunately I came across your ad in the Sign, and I think you have an excellent idea and I am glad that you are advertising it. That is our main trouble (Catholic) --- we just don't advertise enough.

Rumson, N.J. 2/23 O-268

I enjoyed planting the garden last year and although, due to poor planting, my garden was not as should be, I am anxious to start again

this year.

Lexington, Ky 3/1 O-302

My class wishes to spread the information. Will you please send us one hundred leaflets for this purpose.

Chicago, Ill. 2/27 O-304

Also send any advice about cultivating and making the seeds grow as I do not have a particularly green thumb.

Saginaw, Mich. 3/3 O-312

I have been wanting to purchase a rosary plant and would like to know if they are available to purchase at Mary's Gardens.

New Orleans, La. 2/26 O-314

I am very much interested in getting our Mary Garden started so please rush.

Oak Park, Ill. 3/1 O-325

We enjoyed honoring Our Lady last year by posting the original names of her flowers and wanted to do so again in this, her Marian year.

Creve Coeur, Missouri, 3/1
O-328

I have a very large elm tree that is partly hollow, in which I would like to build a Mary's shrine. Any suggestion you can give me about this would be appreciated. Also can you tell me what kind of flowers I can plant around the tree?

Halifax, N.S. 3/1 O-344

May Our Blessed Mother bless you and your work in her honor.

Sandston, Minn. 3/5 O-355

I am very much interested in Mary's Garden. We are a retired couple with a very old home on a beautiful lake. We were guided to this beautiful home by the Infant Jesus, where all our children and grandchildren can come and so we would like to plant a Mary's garden for them. This Catholic Digest is a year old and the price of seeds may have gone up.

LeMons, Iowa 3/3 O-376

I have had an outdoor Mary shrine for the past two years and am quite interested in promoting flowers named to honor Mary.

Orono, Maine 3/10 O-430

We have in the past year erected a shrine of Fatima in honor of the Blessed Virgin Mary, and we are much interested in a flower

garden for same.

Lafayette, La. 3/15 O-489

I am very interested in having a Mary 's Garden. I want one set for myself and one to give to a friend. I had read about this in a Mary's magazine about a year ago.

Des Moines, Iowa 3/14 O-494

I see this and that I would send for the seeds. I would love to put them in honor of Our Dear Mother and God. I also see about it in St. Isadore. I hope I can get them next week as the feastday novena is on this time.

Seacliff, L.I. 3/15 O-507

I am active in the Parish Mother clubs. Perhaps extra literature on Mary's gardens would interest the members. Could you spare some?

Chicago, Ill. 3/17 O-521

My daughter goes to an Academy for girls (parochial) and each year at this time, they have a flower garden at school and the children plant seeds. I thought this would make her class much happier to be able to plant a Mary's garden in a Marian year. Please rush this order so the seeds can be distributed to the children so they can work the garden the first day the weather permits. Each year I try to make this donation so the children can have all the species of the different flowers and too so they have cut flowers in the rooms and chapel when needed.

Great Falls, Mont. 3/16 O-526

We are planning a flower booth for our spring festival and thought perhaps we could use plants and seeds that would honor Mary.

Technye, Ill. 3/3 O-533

Would you please send me my order as soon as you can, as I would like to plant it right away for this Marian year. I take care of the Lourdes grotto here on the grounds of St. Anne's Home.

Rochester, NY 3/18 O-542

Wishing you a flowering Easter, and hoping the Mary Garden is nice for August.

Stillwater, Okla. 3/22 O-587

I am most anxious to try out some of the seeds that are named after Mary. I don't have a large place for a flower garden but would like to learn all about the flowers, etc.

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Beaverton, Ore. 3/29
O-704

Thank you for your kindness, and may God bless you!

Very truly yours,

The Seventh & Eighth Grade Civics
Club.

Winthrop, Mass. 3/30
O-712

A student at --- College, Boston, I am very much interested in Mary Gardens. The Dean has consented to planting a Mary Garden on the school grounds, and we hope to interest the students in it.

Jasper, Ind. 3/30 O-720

Would like to have it for an Easter gift if possible.

Granger, Iowa 4/1 O-733

We are anxious to get started! Our parish and school has just finished a "shrine for Mary in every home," project with 43 families participating. Most of them are in the country or rural areas and we are sure the garden for Mary will have interest for them.

Pittsburgh, Pa. 4/2 O-734

We are going to plant them in front of Our Lady's shrine.

Chicago, Ill. 4/2 O-738

Asking God to bless you and your noble work.

Stratford, Conn. 4/1 O-747

If you would leave out marigolds seeds I would appreciate a substitute, because we have lots of marigold seeds we saved from last summer.

Spokane, Wash. 4/1 O-756

Send us as a rush order as we want to get started on our grotto as soon as the ground is warm enough.

Yakima, Wash. 3/31 O-768

I have a few plants of Madonna lilies and also balsam or lady's slipper as some call it, but would be very glad to have other kinds also as I would like to have a small shrine. I have a Blessed Virgin of Immaculate Conception ten inches high and have a lovely spot in the middle of an arbor to put it. . . . Any shrine information I could get would be very glad to have as I have been thinking about this a long time and this year more than ever. . . I belong to a garden club also.

Lexington, Ky. 3/29 C-798

This is for a num friend of mine and I would like to have same as soon as possible, so she can get the garden planted at once.

McAlester, Okla. 4/4 C-800

I see your ads in Our Sunday Visitor. So Honor Mary by Growing. Sure I am by writing to her sprritual ally. Also my beloved wife was she death by now. On Feb. 6 this year she went to Blessed Mother for ever and ever, so I will plant this six assorted seeds on her grave. She's Our Mother and Mistress.

Thiensville, Wis. 3/24 C-6010

I hope we are successful in our attempt of a flower garden and perhaps can offer some flowers to the Church.

Bridgeport, Conn. 3/25 C -605

I purchased some last year for our new home and they arrived in time for last summer. Wish I made a copy of the comments! Had excellent luck!!

Bridgewater, Mass. 3/24 C-608

I am enclosing a letter which is self-explanatory. I finally located you from the Denver Register . . . (Enclosed letter: An article on the Mary Garden at Woodshole published last August in the Boston has just come to my attention, and your interest in this is especially mentioned. I have just the right sunny spot for such a garden and this being the Marian year, it seems a fitting time to start. . . . I am sure your project has given you both much joy. I am deeply grateful for your part in helping me say Thank you to Mary who has been so very kind to me.

Cleveland, O. 3/26 C-615

We would appreciate your sending in the seeds as soon as possible as we are planning to use them in a class room project.

Lutz, Fla. 3/24 C-622

(The items listed in your ad) sound like a lot for a dollar in 1954. But I wonder if you have any information as to which of your seeds are adapted, or best adapted for spring and summer in Florida? --- for we do not grow everything that grows, in the north --- Chambers of Commerce notwithstanding.

Waterbury, Conn. 3/22 C-630

We had Mary Gardens last year and all were most enthusiastic over them. This year, Marian year, we are happy to make them again.

Alton, Ill. 3/27 C-635

The boys will try their hand at their own Mary Garden and I am

sure that your selection will delight them.

New Dorp, S.I., NY 3/28 O-633

The 7th and 8th Grade of - - - Academy have decided to grow a Marian year garden.

Punta Gorda, Fla. 3/28 O-673

My boy, 7 years, and I are planning to have a Mary Garden.

Mystic, Conn. 3/30 O-686

Please send me seeds for a Mary's Garden which will stand full sweep of wind when it blows down the river from the north.

Chicago, Ill. 3/31 O-700

Please send one of your six seed packets. We hope to get a Mary Garden started in the biology lab in the highschool here.

Waukesha, Wis. 4/5 O-813

I am sure I will enjoy this fine extra hobby, especially because I am doing it for Mary!! . . . May God bless you!

New York, NY 4/1 O-817

I am writing as President of my class at St. --- School.

Jacksonville Beach, Fla. 4/7 O-82

We are planting a miniature Mary Garden as our exhibit in the flower show here early in May. Our 4th grade class asks that you give us the promptest possible service. Sincerely in Jesus through Mary.

Saguney, Que, 4/6 O-830

We hope there will be no inconvenience as to our receiving (the seeds) due to the fact that we are "across the border".

Jacksonville, Fla. 4/5 O-841

Will appreciate your prompt attention to this matter so that I may use it for church discussion.

Shafter, Calif. 4/2 O-843

I am anxious to learn more about how to honor Mary . . . would like packets of Our Lady's Earrings, Our Lady's Pincushion and others that have titles that would bring about discussion.

Kouts, Ind. 4/7 O-846

I would like information on placing a larger order --- perhaps a few hundred --- of the one dollar offers. I am in charge of the rural life exhibit at the diocesan convention of ---. National Council of Catholic Women and would like to have these seeds,

booklets, etc. on display for sale as part of my exhibit. What kind of arrangement could we make about it? Would you consider sending out the requested amount on consignment?

Sweeney, Tex. 4/7 C-849

I especially want the list of names. Could you furnish me with all the names, even though you do not handle their seeds? I wrote you a week ago about our group of women. I forget to tell you we were the Catholic Women's club. Can hardly wait for my seeds and borchure to arrive.

Dorchester, Mass. 4/8 C-852

Last summer in one of the Boston Sunday newspapers they printed a very interesting story on Mary's Garden at Woods Hole. I have been to Woods Hole several times, but never went to the Garden; but I am anxious to see it in bloom this year and also to try my own luck. I am not much of a gardener, but this being Mary's own garden I am sure it will bloom well. The Pastor at St. Joseph's gave me your address.

Old Town, Me., 4/7 C-857

Please rush the seeds so that we can get our Mary's garden started.

Little Rock, Ark., 4/8 C-867

I lost your address and had to write to the Catholic Digest and St. Paul for same --- causing a week's delay and as time is of the essence now for planting, I am enclosing self addressed and stamped envelope, for a prompt rely.

Sidney, Mont., 4/8 C-878

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Duluth, Minn. 4/9 C-890

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Milwaukee, Wisc. 4/8 C-894

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Aurora, Ill. 411-0903

This is a gift for our Superior for Easter.

Belen, N. Mex. 410-0910

I have been planning on having a garden with flowers with the name of Mary. I have tried to find here in our greenhouses, but haven't found none, only marigolds but have heard of plants with names as this --- Mary's slipper, Mary's tears, Mary's breath, Madonna lily, Crown of Thorns, another one with a Spanish name -- called El Bouquet de lila Virgin. In English this would be The Virgin's Bouquet.

Vancouver, B.C. 47-0915

I hope to advertise your project during this Marian Year among my pupils. God bless your work. Yours in J.M.J.

New York, N.Y. 45-0952

This is a nice idea -- just another way to warm the heart --- we saw about this in Father Ross' Marianist Affiliation Service Bulletin. We are distributing the Marian Year Autoplates mentioned beneath your notice.

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Norwood, Mass. 49-0958

You are engaged in a beautiful avocation. I feel certain that you have already accomplished marvels. May your successes be repeated in countless degree.

Jenkintown, Pa. 47-0960

I would love to have these to plant Easter Sunday. Sincerely in Carmel.

Ockley, Ind. 412-0966

Your advertisement in the Denver Register attracted my attention after reading of your flowers in the March 1953 Columbia. I am particularly anxious to secure the information as I am Rural Life Chairman of the National Council of Catholic Women and wish to include the address in my year's plan of work if it passes the national editorship. It would seem to be a popular activity of devotion especially this year. Our diocesan editor of Our Sunday Visitor (Lafayette, Ind.) Rev. James E. Quinn, has tried to create interest in the garden, but I believe something on the Woman's Page will be read more than on the editorial page.

Adams, Mass. 2-17-0976

At this time I would like to know whether there is any deal on above, whereby a Girl Scout Troop could gain a little financial profit by selling above

Marcellus, Mich. 413-0979

I would like about \$2.50 copies of the Article "Gardening For Our Lady". I would like to pass them out to my parishioners. Sincerely yours in Christ.

Columbus, Ohio 414-01027

Have become quite interested in starting a Mary Garden and after reading the article in my daughter's "Catholic Miss", have decided that you can help us. I am enclosing a sketch of the size of our plot. Would you be so kind as to suggest a plan and then we can figure how much more we need in the way of plants or seeds and where to put them. One other thing, I have always wanted was some sort of shrine or plaque of Our Lady to use on the wall of this Mary Garden. Can you think of anything I can use or secure to fill this need?

Flint, Mich. 413-0-1029

Please send one Mary's Garden. I was so excited to read that I too could have a small garden, and especially that it would be dedicated to Our Blessed Mother, that I could hardly wait to go home to send you my check for the order. All we have is a small back porch upstairs and we do not know the first thing about

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gardening. Is it at all possible to advise us how to go about it?
We would both appreciate any information you could enclose. I only hope it is not too late to plant our garden, and am most anxious to get it started. God love you!

St. Louis, Mo. 470-1039

I have recently heard of your idea for promoting Mary's Gardens. As our diocesan chairman of organization and development (Council of Catholic Women), I am most anxious to display your material as a suggestion to the 2,500 women who will attend our annual convention in St. Louis on April 25th - 26th. Please send me by return mail any explanatory and display material which I may use. I am anxious to have this as soon as possible so I may include it in my plans.

Fort Wayne, Ind. 415-01041

I'may "garden clubber" and our whole club is going to be anxious to see my Mary Garden. We choose a project for ourselves each year and this will be mine --- and our three children's adoration to Mary for this the Marian Year.

Sandy Hook, Conn. 415-01042

I am enclosing \$2 for a package of seeds which was spoken of in Our Lady of Perpetual Help Magazine in the February 1953 issue. I have a little place of my own now and want to start a Mary Garden.

Diablo Hgts. Canal Zone 416-01051

Being most anxious to use your Mary's Garden seed packet for a booth in our annual bazaar the first week of May, I humbly ask you to send 25 packets to me airmail post haste..... I would appreciate any pictures and literature for gardening instructions, names and so forth as in ad sent me. Almost simultaneously last week I found an old copy of the K. of C. magazine Columbia, telling about gardens. It would certainly have given you more time, if I had found this before.... I am wondering about Mary's gardens, not only for my own garden but to make some money for our mission rectory and church roof repair bills.

Delphas, Ohio 416-01058

We do have an outdoor shrine and I am trying to make permanent garden for it. We do have evergreens planted, tulips, peonies and a few others. The children made the shrines as a 4-H project. Our youngest daughter also took flower gardening in 4-H. Last fall she entered the --- Order of Nuns. So you see why we are interested in this Mary Garden.

Kensington, Md. 420 01084

Send as soon as possible, as a little one is anxious to get her Mary Shrine started.

Hartford, Wis. 47 01088