

I would like to start a garden in honor of Mary.

Dunkirk, NY 419 1093

I would appreciate receiving these seeds as soon as possible, as I anxious to get a Marian Year garden started.

Albany NY 421 01101

You will find others sending in for orders. I told them to contact you direct. Thank you for your prompt delivery on my last order.

New York, NY 421 01102

I am looking forward to starting my Mary's Garden. Sincerely in Our Lady.

Elyria, Ohio 420 01104

From reading your article in the 1953 Catholic Digest, stirred me up to order some seeds this year for a Mary's Garden. I think you are doing a swell thing in promoting this. Keep up the good work. Would you please send me three orders?

Pewamo, Mich 421 -01114

Last year I ordered seeds, some of them perennials. The perennials are well started, and I am waiting anxiously to see the flowers this summer. Some of the ones I planted, like St. Joseph's Staff, were very pretty in the different shades. Our Lady's Delight and the Thistle also bloomed. I have an Outdoor Shrine of which I sent you a picture last year. I want to add more flowers this year, named after Mary. I would like the following

Braintree, Mass 421 01127

Planting a Mary Garden, especially for the Marian Year, is such a wonderful idea and I know our Lady is so pleased. I had read about the start of this idea and how the project had grown and then in the April Sacred Messenger I saw the ad and felt it was time for me to order some packets to send to my friends and relatives. I hope to build a shrine soon and want to honor Our Lady with Mary flowers as well as her statue.

New Orleans, 421 01130

I have just received my garden for my home and now my friend, Miss -- wishes to plant a garden. Thank you.

Middleboro, Mass 419 01143

I read an article some time ago in the K of C. Magazine which was about the history of this type of garden. I will gladly introduce your offer to others as soon as I receive your material.. Have you any picture of a garden which has been planned? Do they have little statues appropriate to this type of garden? Anything in the way of suggestions or ideas which you have free, I would most appreciate.

Cincinnati Ohio 423 01150

In your December issue of Horticulture you mentioned Birdsfoot treefoil
Is this the same as the birdsfoot violet?

Neptune Beach, Fla 421 01153

I was very much interested in your reprint booklet "Mary's Gardens".
Would you kindly send me 25 copies to distribute to the school children.

Staunton, Ill 424 01155

I want one of these sets for my son. He has eight children and gave me
this address as he isn't able to send himself. I sure hope I am not too
late. He forgot this address a month ago when He wrote me.

Minneapolis, Minn. 422 01161

I would like to have this sent to my Mother who is very fond of flowers.

Denellen, NJ 424 -1162

Just by accident I found your article in my daughter's magazine, Catholic
Miss and I was so glad. I had looked for your address after reading
the way you started this idea and had no luck in finding it until today.
....We will do our best to spread your idea among our family and friends.
We do think it is a wonderful way to show devotion to our Queen of Flowers

Mundelein, Ill 423 0 1169

I am interested in getting two other people interested in your work.

Swanton, Ohio 423 0 1175

I want to build a grotto in my front yard and want to plant these
flowers around it.

Almeida, Calif. 425 0 1180

My thirteenth birthday is next Monday. We were all wondering what kind
of party I could have when my Mother happened to read an article about
your Mary's Gardens in the Catholic Miss of America. When that
happened we all decided to have a garden planting party in which the
girls could drop in the Saturday or Sunday following my birthday (to give
the letter time to arrive that gives the directions that contains the
seed packet) to plant the garden, make the little shrine, and join in
the other party activities.

Wilmette, Ill. 427 0 1300

May God Bless you in your work! Yours in Christ.

Ossyneke, Mich. 425 0 1171A

Please send my little daughter your Mary Flower garden offer.

Detroit, Mich. 426 0 1177A

This will be a window box garden, as I live in a basement.

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Rochester, NY 426 O 1186 A

I have a lovely shrine in my rose garden and am anxious to plant more flowers in honor of Our Lady.

Phoenix, Ariz. 424 O 1193A

Please send at once since southern part of state had Arbor Day Feb. 14th and it is getting warm now. My mother said to call zinnias Mary flowers. She learned that name in Hungary. Out here the cactus have blossoms like lillies.

Latrobe, Pa. 428 O 1206

Last year I read an article in the Columbia about this and thought it a wonderful idea --- Keep up the good work.

Kitchener, Ont. 428 O 1207

We are building a shrine.

Netalene Falls, Wash 429 O 1244

We want to plant a garden for the Marian Year in honor of Our Lady.

New York, NY 53 O 1284

Please rush this order because I am anxious to plant a Mary Garden.

Round Lake, Ill 51 O 1295

Our 9 year old daughter has a little shrine in the yard this year.--- so you can imagine how exciting it was to read about what you are doing. May Our Lady bless your wonderful work.

Mt. Carmel, Pa. 54 - O 1502

We are a new foundation and wish to dedicate to Our Lady a little piece of ground we have. Wish we could get all the collection of seeds named after Our Lady but at this time we cannot afford it.

Chicago, Ill. 53 O 1305

I wanted to tell you the flowers you sent me last year were beautiful. Everyone complimented me on my beautiful little garden. I hope my garden is as nice as it was last year.

Niagara Univ. NY 53 O 1319

We have just completed an outdoor shrine to the Cure of Ars, patron of parish priests, and when I saw your article about a Mary Garden, I thought maybe we could start one near our shrineSincerely yours in Our Lady

Cherokee, Iowa 53 O 1320

Your address through Marionist Affiliation Service. Am very much interested in a Mary Garden.

Littleton, Colo. 53 01327

I am especially interested in any information or directions you have on making a small outdoor home shrine.

Syracuse, NY 528 01394

Last season I tried a Mary's Garden. Now I plan another, a perennial garden with exception of Our Lady's Mantle which I want to use to enclose a quiet nook, which I hope our Priest will be able to enjoy occasionally for his office. May your work prosper.

Friday Harbor, Wash. 55 01401

I read about the Virgin gardens last year in the Catholic Digest. Do not send me any morning glory as it is a pest here or pansies or fushias, wild violets or blue bells of Scotland. Those I have in abundance. I would like forget-me-nots, cowslips, periwinkles, balsam, snowdrops, honeysuckle or any such as come in seeds. Don't send columbine as my yard is full of them; marigolds, too..... But send the regular packet to my aunt, Mrs. ---. She and I both have very poor health ---and would like to plant a garden for Our Lady May God bless you for starting such a program.

Montreal, Quebec 510 01414

This could be big business for you as I live in a Catholic district; I should say I used to live as I am just going home for a week to put in my Mother's garden. This garden, which will be planted perfectly, could mean big business.

New York, NY 510 01423

Your seeds and literature were very much appreciated. You might be interested to know the first shoots are already showing. In your \$1 packets there were too much for my needs, so I divided them into three lots, labeled them, and enclosed your literature and sent them to two young friends of mine. You will be glad to hear that they have written me that they have got their fathers to help them in starting Marion gardens. I would appreciate it if you would send a \$1 collection suitable for planting in late May or early June to Sister --- Convent of Mercy, ----, England. Their garden is on the roof of a hotel on the east end of London and was started by my sister some years ago with clay the children bought in bags from the bombed out sections of London With best wishes for your continued success.

Dallas, Pa. 511 01430

I am not much of a gardener even though we moved out here from town two years ago, but I read about your project, twice I believe, and am very much interested.

Lachine, Montreal 56 01439

My heartiest congratulations over your inspirational and devotional idea of "Mary's Garden" in which every flower is named after Our Lady. May Our Dear Lord bless you in every way for thus honoring and leading others to honor His Immaculate Mother! Saw the article "Mary's Gardens" in Our Lady's Digest and The Catholic Digest.

I have placed the orders cards at the Grotto and I believe that as soon as we get our garden organized, you will be getting orders from some of our visitors. Bad weather and frost have held us back. Enclosed also is a copy of an article that appeared in the January 22nd 1954 Dayton - Miami Valley Edition of the Catholic Telegraph - Register.

Holyoke, Mass. 518 0 1510

I am very much interested in a Mary Garden --- having just started a shrine in our home in the woods in New Hampshire, which we call Marywood.

Shawno, Wis. 517 0 1531

I certainly hope the seeds will provide me with the kind of flower garden I have been trying to get together for several years.

Flossmoor, Ill. 519 0 1537

Never in all my life have I had such flowers from seed as I grew last year from my first Mary's Garden. This year I will try the summer and fall planting gardens as well. I have given your address to several people, but I would appreciate the time saving in asking you mail a catalogue to my sister, rather than have me send her your address, and then have her write you herself.

Watertown, S. Dak. 520 0 1556

I read about Mary's Garden seeds in Catholic Digest. I would like to join in also.

Winsted, Conn. 522 0 1558

These are the only seeds I wish as I have most of the others in my garden already. I want to obtain some information on statues or small shrines to Our Lady.

Lafayette, La. 522 0 1569

If you will notice my address and be kind enough to send us seeds of flowers that will thrive in our hot climate, or advise us as to suitable care to produce favorable results,

Japan 523 0 1586

We get the Catholic Register out here and I thought the idea of planting a Mary's Garden a wonderful gift for both our parents. I don't believe the flowers would do too good here, so much rain and bugs.

Newark, NJ 531 0 1595

Enclosed please find \$1 for garden prayer and six assorted seeds in honor of Mary, Our Mother for a lovely shrine I reset every day in honor of Our Heavenly Mother, Queen of the Universe, Heaven and Earth. I also grow lillies on my own porch, one for Our Lady's dates they bloomed, August 5th, Feast of Our Lady of the Snows, Aug. 15, Sept. 8th and I think Oct. 17th, in memory of my Mother who is now in heaven. So since it is Marian year, I'll want her other blooms. Roses I love but they just don't grow (some virtue lacking). Thanks and God bless you, and may Our Lady smile on you for all your lovely flowers you grow for her.

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Pittsburgh, Pa. 62 0 1618

Please send regardless of lateness of planting of season.

Des Moines 61 0 1619

I have read with a great deal of interest the article "A Mary Garden" by Elizabeth Coleman in April Issue of Catholic Miss Magazine. My teenage daughter, Elaine and I want to start a garden for Mary. My perennial flower border is well established and I also have a few biennials and annuals since gardening has been a hobby of mine since my high school days. I will list what I have since I do not want duplicates, unless you cannot send me anything new. In that case something like the Madonna lillies would be all right. I have the following:-

Osceola, La. 6 2 0 1623

I am a Catholic but poor --- can only send \$1 for a few packets of flower seed.

Hamilton, Ont. 6 7 0 1629

The idea is indeed charming at any time but especially during Marian year. It was quite by chance that I found a copy of Our Sunday Visitor in which you advertise this most inviting item.

Auburn, NY 4 15 0 1635

I would love to start a Mary Garden.

St. Paul, Minn 6 26 0 1654

I hope this order is not too late but I am taking a chance Please let me know and if you still have something to please Mary this year to honor her.

Watertown, Mass. 7-12 0 1669

We have been planning to build a small shrine to Our Blessed Mother in our back yard and we are going to attempt it this week, feeling very inadequate to attempt it, so you can imagine my pleasure to see your advertisement.

St. Paul, Minn. 7-25 0 1676

Mary --- told me that she buys seeds from you and I would like flowers that bloom in fall and spring or some bulbs to make a nice flower bed, whatever you think is very nice to have, as I have not so very much place for a large flower garden but would like to have something different. So kindly send me some flower seed, the ones that are nice and make a nice flower garden.

Baltimore, Md. 7-24 0 1677

Please send me the \$1 offer made through Catholic papers this spring. I meant to order at once but maybe some will grow yet. Even so I would like to have the information about the plants and flowers.

Portland, Ore. 8-3 O 1682

If I plan to plant the seeds offered in your ad for the Marian year next spring is it all right to use these seeds? I am going to a higher altitude, warmer (summer) climate and would like to take the seeds with me for planting there.

Chilton, Wis. 8-7 O 1686

If it is too late to plant them this year and you think it is okay to save the seeds until next year, send them.

Jamaica, BWI 8-13 O 1688

Of my first order of six packets, only the marigold and the morning glory germinated, and I must admit I have not before seen morning glory in the colors.

Chicago, Ill. 8-14 O 1689

I received your catalogue from my sister in Kansas City. I am pleased to note that you have articles by Mr. Daniel J. Foley, Editor, Horticulture. I am a subscriber to that wonderful magazine. The Mary Garden idea should prove most worthwhile. It may interest you to know I just registered my first Iris seedling with the American Iris Society. It is a plicata type white with blue petals, green in style arms ---a Louisiana species which has carried over three winters for me in Chicago. I named this iris "Mariannis" for Mary since Mariannus means pertaining to Marian year. It is the first Louisiana iris introduced in my area around Chicago. The titles of Mary (and using some of the foreign and Latin translations) will be used by me when I have more new beautiful iris to introduce.

Xavier, Kansas 12-2 I - 1

In response to requests from sisters teaching in elementary and secondary schools, we are preparing packets of material to enable the schools to observe the Marian year in various ways. I would like to enclose a copy of your two reprints in each of these packets, if you can send us as many as ten copies. I refer to flowers of Our Lady and Mary Gardens. Thank you for your courtesy. May Our Lady of Guadalupe love you.

Cedar Lake, Ind. 12-4 I-3

The literature on Mary's Gardens arrived yesterday. It will be very helpful in my study and recreative work, especially the pamphlet received from the Herbarist. Please accept my sincere gratitude for the material. May God bless you and your work for the increased devotion to His Blessed Mother. Sincerely in Christ and St. Francis.

New York, NY 12-1 I-4

We would like to start a little garden of this kind at our bungalow on Long Island. We read of your concern in the Catholic Digest.

St. Mary of the Woods 12-12 I-5

Dear Friends of Mary Immaculate: Greetings! You have initiated a wonderful movement to spread and intensify devotion to Our Lady. Marian

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Year is an opportune time to introduce Mary's Gardens to thousands of our school children and their friends. I am trying to do my bit, to increase --- and in many instances introduce --- devotion to Mary in houses of mission areas. Please send me full information about your supplies, plus your publication God bless you! Sincerely in Our Lady.

St. Louis, Mo. 1-3 I-18

Recently I had occasion to review the "Mary" magazine and in the July-August 1953 edition read an article entitled "Green Thumb". This being Marian Year I became vitally interested in whatever may pertain to Mary Our Mother, the garden idea became intriguing. May I ask you how I can procure some literature on Mary's Garden, Mary's flowers, and even Mary's flower seeds?

Webster, NY 1-5 I-19

I am very much interested in starting a Mary Garden. Father Stapleton was very kind in forwarding your address. This is my first attempt at trying to trying to honor Our Blessed Lady with an outdoor shrine. I would very grateful for any information you may be able to give me. I have read of Mary's Gardens in our Catholic newspaper.

North Woburn, Mass. 1-7 I-40

The article in the Catholic Digest of March, 1953 concerning Mary's Gardens found a warm spot in our hearts. Our Blessed Mother has helped us to find and buy a new home. We shall move into it in about another month. We are planning a backyard shrine in her honor and would like very much to plant a garden in grateful thanksgiving to her. Any information you can send us will be sincerely appreciated.

Akron, Ohio 1-13 I-43

An article in one of the recent Catholic publications on your good work interested me very much, and I am anxious to join the spirit of Mary in this holy year of Mary.

Silver Spring, Md. 1-12 I-44

I saved the issue of March 1953 Columbia with the article, "Gardens for Mary." My father was a gardener from France who often would give three names for each plant, the Latin, the English and the French with its old fashioned name. I never made a record, for which I am sorry, because your article gave me the idea that I wanted to put the early names of flowers on my labels. So please send me a catalogue. This being Marian year I also intend to make a scrap book with pictures of the Virgin, paintings, photos, statues, etchings, etc. found in magazines. There are some on Christmas cards, d'Itiao magazines, and I hope our Catholic magazines will reproduce some. There is an interesting article in December 1953 Family Circle.

Fair Haven, Vt. 1-18 I-47

Our school would like to plant a small Mary Garden.

Altoona, Pa. 1-29 I-65

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