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NOTRE DAME DE LA SALETTE BOYS ACADEMY

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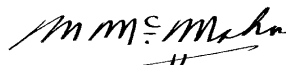
December 1, 2009

Dear Friend of La Salette,

With the preparatory season of Advent upon us, December daily ushers in greater anticipation of that most joyful of feasts: *Christmas*. As we prepare our hearts and minds to commemorate the Christ Child born in Bethlehem, the Church celebrates early in the month the providential means by which the world received its Savior and continues to receive His Grace – *the Blessed Virgin Mary*. From all eternity, Almighty God lovingly laid His plans for the Immaculate Conception of the new Eve with whom the new Adam would make all things new! This Immaculate Mother, clothed with the sun and a diadem of twelve stars had an all pervasive role in the work of the redemption and consequently – if we truly wish to imitate the ways of God – must also have a correspondingly intimate and important place in our own spiritual lives. *To Jesus through Mary* is not merely pious sentiment, but the most fundamentally sound of God's revealed truth.

At the Academy, we have declared a Marian year from December 8, 2009 to December 8, 2010. During this time, we will seek with special emphasis to profoundly deepen our knowledge, love and imitation of Mary Most Holy, Virgin and Mother! These valiant attempts to properly honor the Mother of God will be symbolized on the Academy's coat-of-arms: the noble and courageous Lion – symbol of Our Lord – will bear over His Heart the **M** of Mary. Those Sacred Hearts will be united on our crest as they were so intimately during that very first advent over 2,000 years ago! As always, dear friends, be assured of our daily prayers for your intentions. May God bless and Our Lady guide you always.

In Christ the King,



Father Michael McMahon

PLEASE HELP KEEP US WARM !

Winter is here and heat is needed. Even keeping our thermostat at 62° our average monthly bill for December-March is \$5,000.00! With the new building this will surely rise. We need generous souls to help underwrite the cost of this most basic necessity. In honor of St. Nicholas, Our Lady and the Christ Child, *please be generous!!*

Mark these special checks: *heating bill*

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