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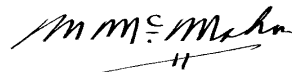
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Dear Friend of La Salette,

This month's sole appeal: an exhortation to one and all to make every possible effort to specially consecrate this month to the Mother of God, Queen of Heaven, Virgin of Virgins, the Immaculate Mary! Below I give you a Sonnet composed by a sophomore at the Academy for your enjoyment and edification. Let us make our own these inspiring words of St. Maximilian Kolbe: "*We shall give ourselves no rest until we have placed the entire world at the feet of our Queen.*"

In Christ the King,



Father Michael McMahon

A SONNET TO OUR LADY

*O MORNING STAR! COME, BRING AN END TO NIGHT!
THY BEAMS CAST ON THE SNARES WE CANNOT SEE,
AND LET THY MORNING BRING THE DAYSTAR'S LIGHT
TO USHER IN A BRIGHT ETERNITY.
O GATE OF HEAVEN! BID US PASS THROUGH THEE
WHEN WE SHALL REACH AT LAST THY STARRY HEIGHT!
DO NOT FORSAKE US, WHOM THOU HAST SET FREE
FROM SLAVERY TO SIN'S ETERNAL NIGHT.
O HOUSE OF GOLD! BE THOU OUR FINAL REST
WHILE WE FOREVER CONTEMPLATE OUR GOD!
CONSIDER EACH OF US THY FILIAL GUEST,
AND KEEP OUR SOULS, THOUGH BODIES LIE IN SOD.
BUT IN THIS LIFE, O BRIGHT STAR OF THE SEAS,
DO GIVE US STRENGTH AGAINST THINE ENEMIES.*