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Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Each of us longs to know that we are loved, that we belong, and that our lives matter. For our elderly brothers and sisters living in senior care facilities, loneliness can obscure these truths. As a Church, we are called to draw near to them, reminding them through our presence that they are cherished by God and remain an essential part of our family of faith.

Since its founding in 2019, The Rosary Team has responded to this call with a simple and beautiful ministry. Pairs of volunteers visit senior care facilities for one hour each week to pray the Rosary with residents. Through prayer, friendship, and faithful companionship, they bring the love of Jesus Christ to people who may otherwise feel forgotten. A modest gift of time can make a profound difference in someone's life.

The fruits of this apostolate are encouraging: comfort for those experiencing sadness and anxiety, renewed connections with parish life, and the peace that comes from praying together. As more care facilities request visits, the need for volunteers continues to grow. There is a real opportunity here to encounter Christ in our elderly neighbors and to discover what they, too, have to share with us.

I wholeheartedly endorse The Rosary Team and am grateful for its loving service. I invite you to prayerfully consider whether the Lord may be calling you to participate in this ministry. His words, "The harvest is abundant but the laborers are few," speak directly to this invitation. Your willingness to be present, to listen, and to pray can help someone experience the tenderness of God and the maternal care of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

Let us ask the Holy Spirit to open our hearts to those who need companionship. May we become a Church in which our elderly brothers and sisters know that they are remembered, valued, and loved.

May our Lord Jesus Christ bless you and all those you serve.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

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