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Our Lady of the Rosary

His Holiness

Pope Francis

Vatican City, 00120

Holy Father,

With great sadness for the events that encircle the Church and your Pontificate, we again make contact with Your Holiness to make you aware - with humility - of our great respect and profound solidarity at this moment when some Catholics question your actions and turn their backs on you.

Receive our thanksgiving especially, Holy Father, for your enormous task as father and priest, which has wisely guided us closer to God, to our neighbor and to the Church through your untiring work helping us to better know your original message and also your concerns so that in the hand of your Holiness” ...to love and to serve in everything.”

Today it has been exactly four years since we sent you a letter and a prayer in which we communicated to you - based on the spirituality of our Father and Founder, Father Joseph Kentenich, his love and fidelity for the Church, and the Covenant of Love sealed on 18 October 1914, with the Blessed Mother - and later sealed throughout history, on the five continents by thousands of people - we dared to seal another Covenant of Love with your Holiness, perhaps sensing that very difficult times were coming for the Church and world, and also, undoubtedly, because we felt very responsible for these first words of yours as Pope of the Church “pray for me.” One Pope does not build the Church alone, we all build the Church, and we are all responsible for her transformation.

We do not want to start to judge the wrongdoings of the Church, which undoubtedly, have been dragged along from the beginning –each century has its own. Neither do we want to enter into the controversial writings and ferocious criticisms being made against your person and pontificate. We want you to receive this act of support in solidarity from the Church of the saints and from those who strive to be saints. Your love for the most unfortunate, your intentions to end the political and economic power within and without the Church that are strong sources of so many injustices and profound pain for the sins of abuses of all kinds which at times drag along...they are enough for us to be close to your Holiness and offer you our love and support.

Yes, Holy Father. With concrete acts, your Holiness took us through moments to which, undoubtedly, you intended to experience in the first century of our history, among those first Christian communities. That is what we desire, although the way be narrow and the horizon dark.

Do not get discouraged, Holy Father, because among Catholics, there are many who support you, pray for you, hope in you and need your Holiness. With the power of Him whom you represent, with the help of the Blessed Mother and the prayer and commitment of many among whose we are, the plans of God will be fulfilled and Evil will be conquered. Your battle for truth is worthwhile, your great sorrows and your walk with the scepter in your hand and the simple Cross on your breast.

Accept, Pope Francis, this letter of affection and solidarity as a gesture of respect and fidelity in this love which our Founder, Father Joseph Kntenich, demonstrated from Dachau concentration camp and from his fourteen years of exile in Milwaukee. We need you.

Your faithful covenant partners and children in the faith,

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