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### Peace to you!

As we move further into the month of May, the Church continues to invite us to turn our hearts in a special way to the Blessed Virgin Mary. This beautiful tradition of honoring the Mother of God throughout May reminds us of just how close to us as a Mother she is. Mary accompanies us by perfectly modeling the virtues of faith, hope, and love. She also does so by leading us to her Son through her sure intercession before Him.

This Sunday, we also celebrate Mother's Day. It is a fitting moment and opportunity to give thanks for the gift of our mothers and the nurturing role they have played throughout our lives. We thank God for their love, their sacrifices, and the countless ways they reflect the care of God toward us. We remember our mothers with reverence today, whether they are still with us or have gone before us to the Lord. Likewise, doing what we do best as Christians, we pray for them, entrusting their lives to the care and intercession of Mary, our heavenly Mother, asking that they be strengthened and given the peace that only her Son Jesus can grant.

Last weekend, we marked the beginning of May with our traditional parish May Crowning. Two crowning ceremonies took place: one at the 9:00 a.m. and one at the 1:00 p.m. Mass. At our school Mass this past Thursday, our school community also celebrated Mary by likewise crowning her. This tradition is uniquely beautiful and meaningful because, in Crowning Mary, we honor her as our Queen and Mother, and we also renew our desire to imitate her profound faith. After all, she is the one who said "Yes" to God without reservation. She is the one who remained calm and faithful at the foot of the Cross. At the same site of the crucifixion, she is likewise the one who accepted us all as her children, a motherly role she forever exercises from Heaven.

As we continue through this Easter Season and the month dedicated to Mary, let us continue to be close to her through the praying of Marian Catholic devotions. In the Rosary, for example, we consecrate our time to Christ through her. Every Friday in May, our school community will be gathering in church at 2:15 p.m. to pray the Rosary together. Likewise, in the recitation of the various Marian Litanies, such as the Litany of Loreto, prayed every Saturday after our 8:30 a.m. Mass, we remember all the many ways she intercedes for the Church.

*Welcome to Deacon Charley Shallcross! Deacon Charley is starting his diaconal ministry at St. Elizabeth of the Trinity this weekend. We are very excited to welcome him and his wife, Veronica, to our community. Deacon Charley is joining his son, Tom Shallcross and his family at our parish. Welcome Deacon Charley!*

Finally, a note of gratitude as well for the wonderful support of our Mother's Day raffle. The drawing will take place next Sunday, May 17<sup>th</sup>, during the hospitality offered following the 1:00 p.m. Mass. Thank you to all who participated and supported our parish ministries through this effort!

May Mary, our Mother, pray for us. May God bless our mothers today and always.

In Christ,

- Fr Leo

