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Dear Monicas in Christ,

We hope this letter finds you in good health and high spirits. We are writing to provide you with an update on the growth and impact of our prayer ministry, Millions of Monicas, on a national scale, as well as how we are supporting all of you who are initiating it in your communities.

Since the establishment of Millions of Monicas in 2021, our humble effort to mobilize prayer and intercession for all of our children who have fallen away from our beautiful Catholic faith, across the country, has flourished. We now are active, as well as having beginnings in 72+ parishes and in 18 states. Through various channels, including social media, regional conferences, and Diocesan partnerships, we have witnessed a significant increase in both participation and the positive effect it has had on our children, ourselves and our parish communities.

One of the key factors that has contributed to the success of Millions of Monicas has been our concerted efforts to facilitate the initiation of prayer groups and their process in full community to one another. We have developed a comprehensive resource package, including guidelines for group formation and teaching materials, to ensure that those who are passionate about leading and participating in Millions of Monicas have the necessary support and guidance. It is essential that we all adhere to the best practices and guidelines given so that all Monicas will be able to visit any community and have it be consistent in its process.

To further our reach and impact, we have also established a dedicated website for Millions of Monicas, [www.millionsofmonicas.com](http://www.millionsofmonicas.com) providing an accessible hub for resources, testimonies, and clarity for parish priests. This platform not only encourages existing Millions of Monicas communities, but also attracts newcomers who are looking for a community dedicated to prayer and intercession for their children. Moreover, with the increasing popularity of online platforms, we have begun hosting regular webinars called “Monicas in the Making” and “Monicas Moments” allowing mothers from different regions to come together virtually and share. This approach has not only facilitated clear participation for new communities about what’s expected but has also given the opportunity to connect with individuals from all around the nation and extend our ministry’s joy.

As we continue to grow and expand, we are constantly working toward simple and humble ways for the ministry to be implemented. Our desire is to ensure that the prayer ministry remains reverent, clear in its mission to being a women’s prayer community, consistent to the Catholic teachings and effective in addressing the needs and challenges faced by our children as well as ourselves in the world and our communities. We are so thankful for your “fiat” and pray that together, through the intercession of the Holy Spirit, the impact of this ministry is fully realized.

In conclusion, it is with great joy and gratitude that we share this update on the growth and impact of Millions of Monicas. We are excited for the future of this ministry and the powerful impact it can have on our children as more individuals and communities embrace the call to prayer and intercession for them. Please do not hesitate to reach out to us if you have any questions or if there is any way we can collaborate more closely. We believe that together we can make a significant difference in our communities through the power of prayer. Thank you for your continued support and partnership. May God bless you abundantly as you lead and serve in this ministry.

Sincerely,

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