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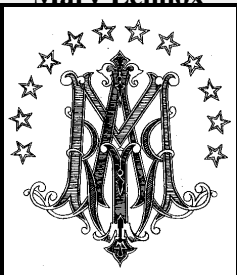
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Dear friend of Our Lady,

First of all, let us thank God for a great event of the Holy Year of Jubilee: the consecration of the Church and the world to the Immaculate Heart of Mary by our Holy Father, Pope John Paul II, in union with the bishops of the world on October 8th, 2000. As the Vatican web site announced on October 3rd 2000, the Holy Father lead the Act of Consecration and the bishops recited it at the same time, along with him. The preceding day, feast of Our Lady of the Rosary, the Pope will recite the Holy Rosary via satellite broadcast throughout the world. Sister Lucia and the Carmelite nuns of Coimbra will pray the fifth mystery of the worldwide Rosary. In a communiqué, the Central Committee of the Great Jubilee states: "The act of consecration to Mary, to take place on Sunday, Oct. 8th according to the jubilee calendar, will thus have an especially significant character, almost as a coronation of the Great Jubilee." The communiqué makes this statement having announced that the original statue of Our Lady of Fatima would be in Rome for the Bishops' jubilee which takes place from Oct. 6-8th. The statue will arrive on Oct. 6th and be placed in the Holy Father's private chapel. From there it will be taken to St. Peter's Basilica for the Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary (Oct 7th), where the Rosary will be recited by the Pope and Bishops, in St. Peter's Square. That night the statue will be moved to the Mater Ecclesiae cloistered convent inside the Vatican. The crowning event of the visit of the statue took place the next day at the end of the Holy Father's Mass when in union with the bishops of the world he made the Act of Consecration to Our Lady's Immaculate Heart. Again, let us thank God for this wonderful gesture on the part of the Holy Father and the

