Memo

Date: November 12, 2018

To: Priests, Deacons, Parish and Chancery Staff

From: Patricia DeJarnett, Associate Director, Office for Divine Worship

Re: Novena for Our Church

The Office for Divine Worship, in conjunction with the bishops and Chancery staff, will sponsor a Novena to pray for the healing of victims of abuse, restoring the hope of laity, and fostering the transparency and accountability of church leadership.

The Novena is scheduled from November 30, the Feast of St. Andrew the Apostle, until December 8, the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

Click <u>here</u> to receive the prayer via email each day at 9:00 a.m. during the Novena. It will also be available online at <u>archatl.com</u>.

Prayer cards for the Novena (available in English and Spanish) will be sent to parishes within the next few weeks. They are also attached for print distribution.

For more information, please email <u>pdejarnett@archatl.com</u> or call 404-920-7339.

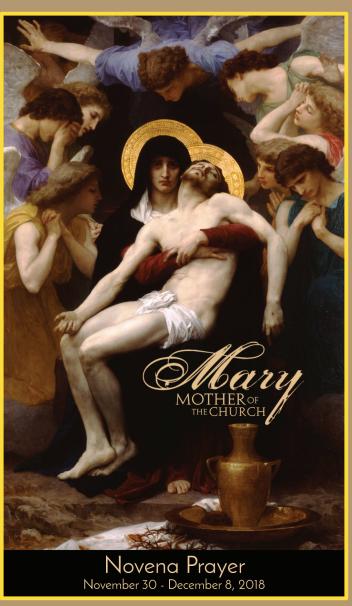






























Novena Prayer

November 30, Feast of St. Andrew through December 8, Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Mary, Mother of the Church,
We stand before you
shaken by the scandal and division
in the Church we love.
We pray for the victims of abuse,
whose trust was betrayed
and whose innocence was shattered
by members of the clergy.
We pray for those whose suffering
was ignored
and for those who were silenced
or disbelieved.

We pray for Church leaders,
that by putting the needs of the vulnerable first,
by acting with transparency,
and by always holding themselves
accountable to God
and to the People of God
they may regain the trust
that has been broken.

We pray for ourselves,
that the darkness and confusion we feel
may give way to light.
May we find the way to justice,
unity, healing, and hope,
through your Son, Jesus, our Lord. Amen.

Mary, refuge of sinners, pray for us. Mary, comfort of the troubled, pray for us. Mary, Mother of the Church, pray for us.

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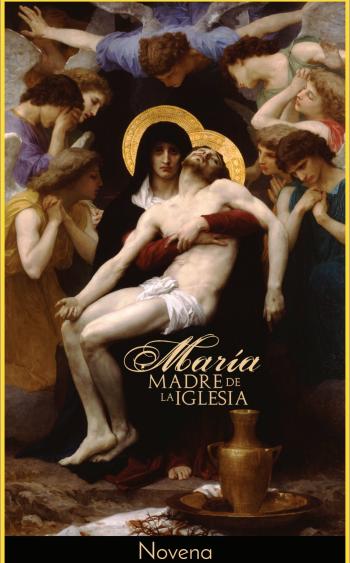












Noviembre 30 - Diciembre 8, 2018

Novena

Noviembre 30, Fiesta de San Andrés hasta el 8 de diciembre, Solemnidad de la Inmaculada Concepción de la Santísima Virgen María

María, Madre de la Iglesia,
nos postramos ante ti
conmovidos por el escándalo y la división
en la Iglesia que amamos.
Oramos por las víctimas de abuso,
cuya confianza fue traicionada
y cuya inocencia fue destrozada
por miembros del clero.
Oramos por aquellos cuyo sufrimiento
fue ignorado
y por quienes fueron silenciados
o a quienes no se les creyó.

Oramos por los líderes de la Iglesia, para que poniendo primero las necesidades de los vulnerables, actuando con transparencia y permaneciendo fieles a Dios y a Su Pueblo puedan recuperar la confianza que se rompió.

Oramos por nosotros mismos, para que la oscuridad y la confusión que sentimos puede dar paso a la luz. Para que encontremos el camino a la justicia, la unidad, la sanación y la esperanza a través de tu Hijo, Jesús, nuestro Señor. Amén.

María, refugio de los pecadores, ruega por nosotros. María, consuelo de los perturbados, ruega por nosotros. María, Madre de la Iglesia, ruega por nosotros.

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