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MASS INTENTIONS – INFORMATION AND INSTRUCTIONS

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- All requests for Masses are made in writing and are not accepted online or by telephone or email. Ecclesiastical regulations stipulate that donations for intentions be held in a separate account until the Masses are said. The administrative structure to process these requests online is not in place at this time.

  To submit requests please include: name of the person for whom the Mass is to be offered, whether the person is living or deceased, number of Masses requested, preferred date(s) [*for single Masses only, see details below*], amount of the donation, and your name and address. Intentions and dates can be arranged and requested for no more than a year in advance. Send intentions to the Dominican House of Studies at the address above and please mark the envelope - ATTN: MASS INTENTIONS.

  All intentions, including Novenas and Gregorian series, are usually scheduled in the order they are received and must be said within twelve months. Depending on the number of intentions accepted by the House, it is approximately 2-4 months for an individual Mass, 4-6 months for a Novena, and 8-10 months for a Gregorian Series.

  Masses requested for specific dates**:** Dates may be requested for single Masses only and not for Novenas or Gregorian Series. Due to the number of intentions that may need to be said on a particular day, if it is not possible to accommodate the request for the specified date, then it will be scheduled for a day close to the requested date.

  Note: The House does not accept intentions for specific dates for Holy Week and Easter, August 8 (Feast of St. Dominic), the month of November, and Christmas through January 2, due to Mass obligations for the Dominican Order and the Community schedule.

- The customary donation is: **$10** for each individual Mass

  $120 for a Novena

  $500 for a Gregorian Series

  The increase for the customary donation for Novenas and Gregorian Series is in consideration of the strict requirements the House must fulfill to ensure that the Masses are celebrated on consecutive days.

  Please make checks payable to: DOMINICAN HOUSE OF STUDIES. These donations help support the Dominican Community.

- All intentions are "unannounced." The daily Mass at the House is concelebrated and each priest has an intention. It is not always possible for the intention to be said in the House as priests from the Community also celebrate Mass with intentions from the House for nearby religious communities and parishes.

- Mass cards can be requested at the time when the Masses for the specific intentions are arranged. Blank Mass cards for future use are not provided to ensure the intention is received by the House.

- Gregorian Series of Masses – *INFORMATION BELOW*

GREGORIAN SERIES OF MASSES – A series of thirty (30) Masses said on consecutive days for a deceased person to obtain deliverance from Purgatory through the benevolent dispensation of God's mercy. This practice originates in a private revelation made to Pope St. Gregory the Great. Throughout the centuries the Church has affirmed this pious custom and has regulated it in various ways. It is required the Masses be said on thirty consecutive days, but do not need to be said on the same altar or by the same priest. All Masses for the dead are salutary, and any fixed number of Masses should also be regarded with this understanding.

- Arrangements for these Masses are accepted by the House only after the death of the person.

  Prearrangements for Gregorian Series are no longer accepted by the Dominican Community because of difficulties that have occurred in receiving notification of the death of the person. For individuals desiring to have a Gregorian Series celebrated for the repose of their soul after their death, it is suggested that instructions using the information given below be included in your will for the executor of your estate or in funeral pre-planning with the person handling your details to arrange for the Series to be celebrated.

- The series must be said solely for a deceased individual and not for any other intention.

- All requests for Gregorian Series are made in writing and are not accepted online or by telephone or e-mail. To submit requests please include: name of the person for whom the series of Masses is to be offered, the date of death, and your name and address. Send intentions with the donation to the Dominican House of Studies at the address above and please mark the envelope - ATTN: MASS INTENTIONS.

- The customary donation for a Gregorian Series is **$500**. Please make checks payable to: DOMINICAN HOUSE OF STUDIES. These donations help support the Dominican Community.

- Gregorian Series are celebrated in the order that they are received: Depending on the number of intentions accepted by the House, it is approximately 8-10 months before the Series is said. A notice with the dates will be sent to the person who made the arrangements at least two weeks before the Series is scheduled to begin.

- Specific dates may <u>not</u> be requested because of the number of intentions received by the House as well as the strict requirements that must be fulfilled to ensure that the Masses are celebrated on 30 consecutive days.

- More than one series can be arranged. Multiple series for the same person cannot be said simultaneously.

- All intentions are "unannounced."

- Mass cards for Gregorian Series are available and can be requested at the time when the Masses for the specific intention are arranged with the House.