

that the Lord has formed so that those who follow Him can find brothers and sisters who love the Lord Jesus and who are dedicated to carrying on His work. In the Church, we find that support and stability that we need.

The Lord teaches us that those who show hospitality will not be unrewarded for their efforts. Of course, there is an eternal reward for this. There is also an immediate effect as well. It is important that the Church should be warm and friendly, where we can make a kind of home. It means that when we show kindness and compassion to one another, we create the kind of environment in which we can follow Christ and so can others, with the support that we need. When we fail to show kindness and compassion, following Christ becomes more difficult.

We gain new brothers and sisters in the Church, and of course we gain a spiritual mother in the Church too. That is why it is important for our families to have a true devotion to the Mother of God and to praying the Rosary. If our spiritual lives only include Mass, we are only reminded of the Mother of God a few times a year. If we take the faith home, then we can know our spiritual mother better. If we pray the Rosary at home, then the Lord will bless our homes and families.

When the Mother of God is part of our homes and part of our lives, we have a spiritual home as well. We have in her a friend and someone to whom we can confide. We can rely upon her to help us and support us. We know that she will not turn us away when we pray for her help. We know that she sees things as the Lord Jesus does, and she is just as concerned for our spiritual welfare and the spiritual welfare of those whom we love.

As we approach the altar, we ask the Blessed Virgin to pray that God will bless our homes and our families. We ask the Lord to not let anything in our lives stand in the way of His work. Yes, the standards are high, but with God all things are possible. We ask the Lord to help us make the Church a spiritual home where people will find the comfort and strength they need, especially those who feel lost in this world. We remember that when we show kindness to others, it is the Lord Jesus to whom we show our kindness.