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Dear Friend of Our Lady,

By now you may have received from Father Gruner (if not it will be coming soon) the notice of our upcoming mini-conference/workshop session entitled, ["Our Lady's Army of Advocates"](#) to be held in New Jersey on May 30 - June 1, 2014.

The conference is directed toward our apostolate volunteers as well as other apostolate supporters whom we hope will join our volunteers in becoming more active in helping to spread Our Lady's Fatima Message.

In addition to the talks scheduled to be given by Father Gruner, John Vennari, John Salza and Christopher Ferrara at the mini-conference, there will also be 4 different workshops held twice on Saturday and again on Sunday in order to give attendees a chance to attend them all.

Besides the obvious which is the importance of spreading the Fatima Message, the focus will be to help our volunteers and others who want to promote the Message on how to cope with and handle some of the difficult situations often encountered when doing Our Lady's work.

The four workshops are as follows:

Catechism by John Vennari – in order for us to be saved we must be Catholic and we must live Catholic lives. In order to live a Catholic life we must know the Catholic Faith.

Over the years, with the many phone calls, letters and emails the

apostolate has received, it has become very clear that many Catholics do not know the Catholic Faith. Yet Catholic teaching is that ignorance is not an excuse. As Sacred Scripture tells us: "My people perish for lack of knowledge." We are held accountable before God for knowing the Faith.

How to Make Rosaries – Angela Dega – a long-time volunteer Rosary maker for the Fatima Center from Toronto, Ontario, Canada, will teach those interested, how to make cord Rosaries.

Making Rosaries is one of the many things our apostolate volunteers do. Currently we are looking for experienced Rosary makers or new ones who have learned how to make them.

We hope to have DVDs available for those who attend this workshop to take home with them so they can continue to practice at home and once comfortable, begin making Rosaries for us.

How to Approach Parish Priests – Joe DiZillo, a long-time volunteer in New Hampshire, will conduct a workshop on approaching parish priests and obtaining their permission: to speak on and promote the Fatima Message in parish churches and schools, and to distribute Fatima Center literature.

Know Your Weapons – I will be discussing and have available Fatima Center literature you can use as a reference and education tool to defend and refute the wrong information many have and wrongly believe pertaining to the Fatima Message. We will discuss some of the specific problem areas our volunteers have encountered over the years when trying to promote Our Lady's Message.

We are very excited about this mini-conference. The invitations are being sent (or were sent already) to apostolate supporters within a reasonable driving distance of the conference location. However, we are sending invitations to all of our apostolate volunteers in North America.

The letter of invitation from Father Gruner includes a brochure which has the package costs for meals plus the conference talks and workshops and some variations depending on preference.

For those who need a hotel room there is information on where to call to make a reservation. The apostolate has obtained good rates for hotel rooms. Those reserving a room just need to let the hotel know they are attending the conference in order to obtain the special rate.

There is also a cost for attending the conference only.

If you and I have never met in person before, I sure would like to do so now if Providence provides the opportunity. If you are at all able to make this mini-conference please do so, and please make sure you come up and introduce yourself to me as one of our volunteers.

If you are unable to make this mini-conference because of long distance, there may be another opportunity. Father Gruner would like to host at least one more of these conferences in another location elsewhere in North America later this year.

Do You Know?

Do you know that we have a leaflet entitled, *Do You Know?* It is a leaflet that the apostolate has distributed for over thirty years and therefore has reprinted many times.

It is a simple pocket/purse-sized leaflet and gives a very concise overview of the Fatima Message. It also is a very quick and handy reminder of what Our Lady of Fatima asked of each of us.

It is something lightweight, easy to carry and distribute, and small enough that most won't mind reading it.

Do You Know? is available in English, Spanish and Portuguese.

We have enclosed a copy of this leaflet for you. If you would like more copies to distribute, please call us at 1-800-845-3047.

The Fatima Crusader, Emergency Issue

Undoubtedly you have seen the most recent issue of *The Fatima Crusader*, [Issue 108](#) (Spring 2014). I don't believe our phones have ever in the past rung as much for a particular issue of *The Fatima Crusader*, as they did for this issue.

Nor have we ever run out of one of the issues of *The Fatima Crusader* as quickly as we did this one. In fact, we have had to print another 50,000 copies of the magazine in order to fill the requests for it, and to be able to finish mailing it in other parts of the world.

We had to use some of the magazines that were slated to be used to mail to priests and supporters in other countries to fill the demand from our volunteers and other supporters in North America.

If you haven't read it yet, you might want to take a look at it and find out why there has been such a large demand. And if you would like more copies to distribute, please call us at 1-800-845-3047.

In the Sacred and Immaculate Hearts,

Joanna Swords

P.S. Be sure to check the mail for your invite to our upcoming [mini-conference/workshop](#) if you haven't already received it.