The year 2016 saw many accomplishments for the apostolate. The year 2017 will witness many more, if you are with us!

When we look back on the past year, we at Our Lady’s Apostolate are amazed at all we were able to do, with Our Lady’s grace and your generous support. And we have so much planned for the year that is unfolding now – the centennial year of the Fatima apparitions that Father Gruner said would mark a crucial phase in the fulfillment of the Fatima prophecies.

In 2016, we held three Our Lady’s Army of Advocates conferences: one in Boston, one in St. Louis and the last – and biggest – in Chicago. The response was wonderful. Those of you who attended know how uplifting these events were: we came together as a Catholic family, united in our Faith, in our love for Our Lord and Our Lady, and in our love for one another. (See the testimonials on page 10.)

We have more events planned for 2017, which we will tell you about shortly. But first we want to review more of what we did, with your help, in 2016.

We were able to produce and distribute a beautiful calendar that commemorates the many events in the life of Father Gruner and in the history of the apostolate. So many were pleased to receive this that we would like to make this a yearly project.

We also printed some wonderful aids to education and sanctification – two of our goals for “Triumph: 2017!”. We printed and distributed the The Revelations of the Holy Face of Jesus booklet. This powerful devotion is too little known, for it brings with it tremendous graces and promises.

We also distributed a Meditation manual to help bring the mysteries of our Faith to life in our minds and hearts. Too often we tend to pray mechanically, without sufficient reflection. The more we meditate, the better we will pray and the more graces our prayer will unlock, for ourselves and others.
We also printed and distributed one of Father Gruner’s most powerful talks, *Jacinta’s Tears*. This beautiful talk reminds us both of the devotion of Father Gruner to Our Lady of Fatima and the need to make the Fatima Message central to our spiritual lives.

As part of our “Triumph: 2017!” push, we also distributed the *Sanctification Pledge*. Father Gruner believed that we all have it in our power to hasten Our Lady’s triumph through our personal sanctification.

As we near the 100-year anniversary of Our Lady’s appearances at Fatima, Our Lady’s Apostolate will be very busy indeed! We are planning a billboard campaign in Rome! This will take place from April 15 until October 15. We will make Rome *Fatima conscious*!

We will also have boots on the ground in Portugal from May 13 through October 13 – the six months during which the Fatima apparitions took place. Our staff and volunteers will be handing out literature in and around Fatima, reminding pilgrims to the shrine just what Our Lady asked to be done and the fact that Her requests have yet to be honored.

We have already published the *Catholic Catechism* and have received many thanks from those who have received it. Many people do not know basic dogma because they were never taught. And the Fatima Message cannot be fully understood by one who does not understand the fundamentals of the Faith.

We have also planned two Our Lady’s Army of Advocates conferences: Cleveland in May and California in September. Please see our advertisement and reservation information on page 12. We have a wonderful lineup of speakers who will address many timely topics. And, of course, there will be the wonderful camaraderie which is a special feature of these gatherings.

We are also planning a weekend Marian retreat to help deepen our spiritual lives and our commitment to Our Lady’s Message. We have been blessed with so many good priests who have been helping us at our conferences and at The Fatima Center. On June 13, 1917, Our Lady told Lucia, “Jesus wishes to make use of you in order to make me known and loved.” The purpose of this “Triumph 2017!” Marian Retreat is to help faithful Catholics know and love the most Holy Mother of God more. In order to accomplish this, the specific focus of this Retreat will be on St. Louis de Montfort’s Perfect Consecration to Mary, and to Jesus through Mary.

We hope you will be able to join us for one of our events this year. You can always participate by prayer and sacrifice for the success of our undertakings and by contributing to Our Lady’s Apostolate. Our heartfelt thanks goes out to all of our generous supporters. This is really *our* apostolate. It belongs to all who help to make its many works possible. God bless all of you.
2016 CONFERENCES
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Faithful Catholics are living under battle conditions in the modern world, where government, media and, alas, even some Church officials are advancing the cause of a secular culture that has turned its back on Our Lord and Our Lady. And in the confusion of battle, one often has to look around to find the flag, which is a rallying point for the troops. That is one reason why Our Lady’s Apostolate holds major conferences, as we did 3 times in 2016.

Our first conference was held in Boston in May. It was while preparing to leave for the planned Boston conference in 2015 that Father Gruner collapsed and we lost our founder and leader. The conference had to be canceled. So we thought it fitting, and certainly in line with what Father would have wanted, that we go through with the conference on the one-year anniversary of his death. And we are very glad we did.

Those who attended heard a lineup of wonderful speakers, including the good priests who support our work and offer us counsel as we go forward with the work of the apostolate. The attendees were enthusiastic and we received many words of appreciation and pledges of loyalty. Most importantly, we were able to reassure our friends that the work Father began is continuing and the apostolate is in capable and dedicated hands.

In July, we went to St. Louis, where we marked the 99th anniversary of the crucial July 1917 apparition of Our Lady at Fatima, when the children were shown a vision of hell and asked to offer prayer and reparation for the conversion of sinners. Here, in the heartland, we came together as a Catholic family and explored how we can face the demonic forces that appear to be closing in on the world. And we took heart from one another, from the love of Our Lady that enveloped all who attended this conference.

Finally, we held a conference in Chicago in October. This was our biggest of the year. We were amazed at the number of people who came and at their
level of enthusiasm. Father Albert, O.P., Father Phillipson and Father Rodriguez were there, along with our other talented speakers and dedicated staff. The atmosphere was full of hope and a sense of camaraderie. Everyone fortunate enough to attend came away with a renewed confidence in Our Lady’s Triumph and a determination to work toward that wonderful day.

We hope you will be able to join us in 2017. We have two conferences, a Marian retreat, and a pilgrimage to Portugal planned so far. But if you cannot be at any of these events, you can participate by praying for their success and contributing to the work of the apostolate as generously as you are able. Each member of our Fatima family who does what he or she is able shares in the blessings of this work.
CONFERENCE COMMENTS

Run very well. Loved the Mass & Rosaries. Very organized and professional. Learned a lot (forgot a lot) had a lovely weekend. Prices are excellent. Hotel rooms were excellent. Conference rooms were acceptable. Food was great – many options. More workshops – somehow? Thank you for everything. God Bless.

Very good – 1st time. Only 2nd year going to Roman Rite Mass. Impressed seeing the priest showing up. I will try to bring literature to my group(s) and Church.

This was our first conference. We met a lot of really nice people. The speakers were phenomenal! I learned a lot. Food and accommodations were excellent. And we got a lot of good advice. We are so glad we came.

It helped to encourage me to continue to seek the truth and be active in my surroundings in proclaiming this to family and friends. Keep doing the great work!
All the subjects were relevant and we greatly appreciated all the subjects. It seems to me there is no need to change anything as the conference was excellent. I would like to attend a Fatima conference every month; and so I want to beg for another conference as soon as possible.

Thank you.

Very informative to the history of Our Lady of Fatima and how it presently relates to what is being realized in the Church today.

I really like the Blessing of Religious Articles. You had some of the best speakers/priests I’ve ever heard at a single conference. Loved it! Thank you for all your work. I learned a lot and met some great people. I enjoyed listening to all the speakers and learned a lot from them. I would be interested in hearing a talk or workshop on Catholic prophecy. I wonder if anyone else would be interested in it?

I learned about Fatima last October 2015 by listening to a Malachi Martin interview on the Art Bell radio show on youtube – I looked up Fatima and was lead to your site. I’ve learned so much – now I go to Latin Mass and believe I am finally learning the truth!

Thank you!

I loved all the speakers and there were tons of information and books available to further my understanding of the Fatima Message and the Church in general. Father Gruner was one of the reasons for my return to the Catholic Faith.
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RAPID RESPONSE
To Defend Our Lady’s Honor
And To Make Reparation

We never know where satan will strike in this final battle for souls he is waging against Our Lady. Sister Lucy told us this battle is under way. We cannot avoid it. To do nothing is to surrender to the enemy, to become silent accomplices in the outrages perpetrated against all that is holy and good.

Our Lady’s Apostolate is ready to engage the enemy wherever and whenever he insults the dignity of Our Blessed Mother and Her Divine Son. We have a team of dedicated workers prepared to travel near or far on short notice. We have friends throughout the world we can rally to our aid. We are on a war footing and will remain so until the enemy is vanquished and Our Lady’s promised triumph is realized.

It was announced in the media that on August 15, 2016 – the Feast of the Assumption – The church of ahriman, a group of satan worshipers, would perform a black mass at the civic center in Oklahoma City. The satanic ceremony would feature an act of blasphemy against Our Lady.

Many lamented this outrage. But many defended it as an act of “free speech” – as though insult to the Mother of God was protected by the Constitution and could not be interfered with. City officials who granted permission for satanic use of the civic center made this argument. One wonders what insanity will be justified next in the name of “Liberty”, which is placed above Our Lord and Our Lady, whose dignity and rights must be sacrificed on the altar of this false god.

But we would not stand for it! We mobilized immediately! Joining the SSPX in Oklahoma City, we made an act of public reparation for this public outrage!

Our Rapid Response Team was on the ground in front of the civic center on the day the black mass took place. We brought the statue of the Pilgrim Virgin with us and processed with it outside the building, where we prayed the Rosary. Mass was offered publicly in reparation, on the lawn of the civic center.
Brian McCall, a good friend of The Fatima Center who has spoken at our conferences, was also there. An attorney, Brian offered an eloquent explanation to the media of why we were there – why we had to be there! He explained that a public insult to Our Lady must be answered with a public act of reparation. Nothing less would do.

But the Oklahoma City outrage was soon followed by another. It was announced that on Oct. 31, the Pope would attend an ecumenical service honoring Martin Luther in Sweden! Perhaps no man has ever done more to wound the Catholic Church than this arch-heretic responsible for the destruction of Christendom known as the Reformation – which has been a radical deformation of the true Faith.

Yet, the head of the Roman Catholic Church – the Church founded by Our Lord and hated and blasphemed by Luther – was traveling to Lund Cathedral, now in Protestant hands, to take part in a joint Lutheran-Catholic service intended to celebrate the 500th anniversary of Luther’s revolt against the true Church!

We could not allow this to pass! We organized our Rapid Response Team! With the help of our talented writers and researchers, we put together a pamphlet explaining why Luther’s lies and Catholic truth cannot be reconciled. We worked with Michal Semin, founder of the St. Joseph Foundation in Prague, Czech Republic, who joined us in Sweden. We received assistance from the Society of St. Pius X who joined us in making reparation and assisted us in trying to educate Catholics regarding the heretical errors of Luther and why no Catholic can join or embrace this false belief system.

We went to Lund and hit the ground running!

We distributed our pamphlets outside a Catholic Church, outside Lund Cathedral, and at every venue we visited. The police were called – by a Catholic pastor! But we were not breaking the law, and the police ended by protecting us! This continued as we processed with Our Lady’s statue through the streets of Lund and, later, in the nearby town of Malmo, where an ecumenical gathering was attended by the Pope. At one point, we were so close to Francis that he was able to see and read our signs asking that the Truth be honored.

What lies ahead for our Rapid Response Team? We cannot know. We only know that we are ready to carry the fight to the enemy wherever and whenever he attacks. But we can only do this with your continued help. Our ability to mobilize, to move our team around, to provide it with materials – all of this is possible only with your generous support. We provide the frontline troops – you provide the logistical support. Together we will fight, with hearts full of Faith and Love and Confidence. Our victory is assured, but we must have unfailing courage. We need your prayers and your generosity. The battle will continue.
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Before Father Gruner left this world, he told us how important the year 2017 was going to be. This year will mark the 100th anniversary of the Fatima apparitions. Father believed, based on what Our Lord and Our Lady told Sister Lucy, that this anniversary would see the fulfillment of crucial events relating to the Fatima prophecies.

Because of this belief, Father set in motion our “Triumph: 2017!” campaign with its three goals of EDUCATION, SANCTIFICATION, CONSECRATION. People cannot obey Our Lady unless they know what She asked us to do, so education about the Fatima Message is the first step. Then, personal sanctification must follow.

Our sanctification is not only vital to our eternal salvation, it is the key to unlocking Heaven’s graces so that the Pope and the bishops will at long last consecrate Russia to the Immaculate Heart of Mary. Once this is done, Our Lady told us Russia will be converted and peace will come to the world.

Many of you have received the Sanctification Pledge Form and let us know you have signed your pledge to Our Lady. Many thanks. Some of you may be hesitating, wondering whether you will be able to do the five things Our Lady of Fatima asked of all Catholics, that are mentioned in the Pledge. We ask you, please, do not let this concern keep you from making the Pledge. Sign the pledge and ask Our Lady for the graces to be faithful. Our Lady wants your heart. Once you give Her your love, in whatever way you can, the grace to do more will follow.

If you haven’t received the Sanctification Pledge and want one, please let us know. If you want more copies for your family members and friends, we will gladly provide them.

Our Lady offers us so much in return for so little. Let’s accept Her generosity with love and gratitude. Let’s all make the Pledge.
Let’s ALL Make the Pledge!

SANCTIFICATION PLEDGE

Whereas the most Holy Virgin Mary, Mother of God, was sent by Her Divine Son to give a message of unprecedented proportions to mankind — one of hope and warning critical for the salvation of souls;

Whereas the Blessed Virgin Mary warned at Fátima in 1917 that mankind must stop offending God and amend their lives because more souls are going to hell especially for sins of the flesh;

Whereas contained within that message the Blessed Mother in Her love for Her children requested that all Her children do five very specific things so that they may be saved, and may assist with the salvation of their families, friends, loved ones and the souls of poor sinners;

Whereas the Blessed Virgin verified the authenticity of that message and its importance by giving a miracle of unprecedented proportions — referred to as the Miracle of the Sun;

Whereas the authenticity of that message was further verified by Our Lady foretelling the day, time and place of the miracle three months in advance — making it unique in salvation history;

Whereby the authenticity of the Fátima Message was further verified by no less than 70,000 witnesses to the Miracle of the Sun;

Whereas the message delivered was public and prophetic, thereby obligating all Catholics to believe in the Fátima Apparitions and heed Our Lady’s requests;

Whereas in return for heeding the requests made by the Blessed Virgin Mary, the world will be given the gift and graces of world peace and become a truly Catholic world;

Whereby establishing that the apparitions and message of Our Lady of Fátima hold a unique and significant place in Church and world history;

Whereas, having understood the above, I hereby pledge to work toward my sanctification as a Catholic by heeding the requests made by Our Lady of Fátima as follows:

1. I pledge to pray at least one set of mysteries (5 decades) of the Rosary daily.
2. I pledge to offer up the sacrifices of my daily duty — offering all my daily required activities and duties as a sacrifice to God, and offering extra sacrifices for the conversion of poor sinners.
3. I pledge to amend my life, to live a truly Catholic life, by going to Confession, studying the Catholic Faith, dressing modestly, and doing all that Our Lady of Fátima has requested.
4. I pledge to wear the Brown Scapular of Our Lady of Mount Carmel faithfully and without interruption.
5. I pledge to make the Five First Saturdays Communion of Reparation to the Immaculate Heart of Mary.

This is my agreement with, and pledge to, my Heavenly Mother — the Mother of God — to work toward my sanctification by heeding Her requests made at Fátima, and striving to fulfill the will of God by spreading devotion to Our Lady’s Immaculate Heart. I know that She will be there with me every step of the way to help and guide me in this pledge and to assist me with my sanctification and eternal salvation just as She told Lucia at Fátima: “My Immaculate Heart will be your refuge and the way that will lead you to God”.

This is your personal agreement with Our Lady — keep this pledge document as a reminder. This pledge is not a vow and does not bind under pain of sin. Nevertheless it is a pledge — your word given to your Heavenly Mother.

Signature ____________________________ Date ____________________________

Let us know today if have signed your pledge to Our Lady. Call 1-800-263-8160.
ORPHANAGE UPDATE FROM INDIA

The Children Are Doing Well

The children at our orphanage in India are all doing very well and are busy studying for their examinations in late February. The students take their studies very seriously and are grateful that they are receiving an education that poverty denies to many other children in India. Following the completion of examinations, the children will enjoy the much awaited school holidays from mid-March until mid-May.

During this time, some children spend time with relatives who are able to provide for them during the holiday. Others may receive a visit from relatives who can spend the day at the orphanage with them. In any event, there is always the special treat of holiday ice cream to look forward to.
Grandparents Day Celebrations
CHRISTMAS GREETINGS FROM THE CHILDREN AT THE ORPHANAGE
The Society of the Child Jesus saves lives and cares for needy children and families through corporal works of mercy and self-help programs that feed both the body and spirit of the poorest of the poor. We also reach out to children and young people around the world with Our Lady’s Fatima Message of hope and peace, promoting piety, purity and faith through devotion to the Immaculate Heart of Mary and encouraging them to follow the example of our patrons, Blessed Jacinta and Blessed Francisco of Fatima.

FEED THEM OR FORGET THEM – THE CHOICE IS YOURS.

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APOSTOLATE ACCOMPLISHMENTS
2016 A Great Year

- Our Lady’s Army of Advocates conferences were held in Boston, MA, St Louis, MO, and Deerfield, IL.
- Our Rapid Response Team traveled to Oklahoma City and Sweden to defend both Our Lady and the Faith.
- The Miraculous Statue of Our Lady of Fatima attended several Fatima events hosted by other Catholic organizations.
- 134,638 Rosaries said for intentions of Our Lady’s Apostolate in addition to those prayed daily by our dedicated workers.
- 109 bishops and priests worldwide have promised to say over 5,000 Masses for the intentions and endeavors of Our Lady’s Apostolate.
- 68,336 additional prayers have been offered for various intentions of Our Lady’s Apostolate.
- Mailed 201,292 information packages to Cardinals, bishops, and priests worldwide.
- Mailed 153,954 copies of *The True Story of Fatima* to new names with an additional 81,079 copies mailed to current supporters.
- We continue to help priests and bishops all over the world by providing free Sacramentals (Rosaries, Brown and Green Scapulars), prayer cards, and literature to all who request it.
- We installed the Father Nicholas Gruner Memorial Plaque at our head office in Canada which, to date, contains the names of 2,907 benefactors.
- We published 4 issues of *The Fatima Crusader*, mailing over 670,000 copies to our supporters, priests and bishops.
- The Fatima Center volunteers have requested over 2,066,500 pieces of literature
and sacramentals for free distribution, helping to spread the Fatima Message.

- The Revelation of *The Holy Face of Jesus* booklet was completed and mailed to over 102,660 souls.
- We have sent 15 mass emails in 2016 - each reaching approximately 100,000 email addresses.
- The Apostolate created, printed and mailed 3,155,661 educational packages in 2016.
- We published and mailed our first Calendar featuring beautiful photos of Our Lady’s Miraculous Statue.
- We have received notification that 100’s of people have signed the Sanctification Pledge form, pledging to do what Our Lady asked of us at Fatima.
A number of priests have been involved in helping Our Lady’s Apostolate since Father Gruner’s death, providing us with counsel and sometimes visiting the Fatima Center and offering Mass and the sacraments. We are grateful for their support and have decided to form The Fatima Center’s Advisory Council of Priests. Council members will help review material, listen to project proposals, visit on-site to offer Mass, hear confessions, offer spiritual advice and much more.

Below are brief introductions to the priests who have so far agreed to be members of the council. We are confident that more will respond to our invitation and will let you know who they are after we receive their formal acceptance. We know that no one can take Father Gruner’s place, but these good priests have come forward to support the continuation of Father’s work and to provide us with their expertise in areas where we can use their wise counsel.

**Father David Phillipson** was born in 1957 in Middletown, CT, one of three brothers. His Catholic faith was only nominal and he abandoned it in high school and sought spirituality in the Far East, where he traveled and studied. Upon his return to the West, Providence led him back to the Catholic Church but this time with a “living faith.” He studied Philosophy and Theology at the graduate level at Fordham University, was a Campus Minister and a High School teacher before entering the seminary, in 1999, at Mount St. Mary’s in Emmitsburg, MD for the Archdiocese of Sante Fe. After three years a priest, in 2006, he learned the Traditional Mass and has said it exclusively since then in chapels throughout the country. Father Phillipson has attended conferences since Niagara Falls in 2013, including several of our
Advocates conferences and the Washington, D.C conference. Father Phillipson gave a talk on the Catechism at the Advocates conference in St. Louis and a talk titled “Promises Backed by Heaven, Beads You Can Trust” in Chicago. He is a favorite of conference attendees and we are blessed to have his support.

**Msgr. Patrick Perez** has been a good friend to Father Gruner and Our Lady’s Apostolate for more than 20 years. Professor of Theology and Liturgy with a profound knowledge about the history and development of the Roman Rite of Mass. Fluent in five languages, he is an expert on the modern errors against the Catholic Faith. Msgr. Perez holds his degree in Theology from the Seminary of the Institute of Christ the King, Sovereign Priest, in Italy. He served as Rector of the seminary for a year before undertaking pastoral work in the United States. Msgr. Perez has attended and spoken at many Fatima Center conferences and events. He has also held events at his parish in California which drew large crowds for Our Lady’s statue and Father Gruner. He has written many articles for *The Fatima Crusader*, contributed financially, distributed our material and celebrated Apostolate Masses. We are happy to have him on our council and will rely on his wise guidance as we go forward.

**Fr. Albert Kallio, O.P.,** is a traditional Dominican. Originally from Canada, Father studied in Italy and France and was ordained in 1994. Since then he has traveled around the world, preaching and teaching, as well as writing for several publications. Since late 2013, he has been the superior of the traditional Dominicans in Steffeshausen, Belgium. He met Father Gruner in 1979, when he drove from Toronto to Ottawa to seek advice because he was completely dissatisfied with the seminary he was attending. Father Albert followed Father’s advice and kept in touch over the years. He credits Father with helping him make the right decision and agreed to be part of our Advisory Council of Priests, saying “Yes, I would be willing to be on this council, to honor Our Lady of Fatima and also repay the debt of gratitude I owe Father Gruner”. Father Albert spoke at many CFN conferences and most recently gave a talk at our Chicago Advocates conference in October
2016 titled “Mental Prayer and the Five First Saturdays.” He has done Q&A for Fatima TV. We are grateful to have him join us as we continue Father’s work.

Father Paul McDonald, Diocese St. Catharines, Ontario, currently in Chippewa, Ontario. Father McDonald was a very good friend to Father Gruner and Our Lady’s Apostolate for many years. Father has been to The Fatima Center to offer Holy Mass many times since Father Gruner’s death. He was a regular visitor at The Fatima Center over the last 20 years. Father McDonald wrote an article published in The Fatima Crusader Issue 114 titled “Christ the King and the Fatima Message”. Father McDonald has been saying the Traditional Latin Mass for many years. At times, he traveled to offer Mass in areas where people had no access to the Tridentine Rite. We are pleased that he will continue to support Our Lady’s Apostolate as a member of our council.

Fr. Michael E. Rodríguez was born in 1970, in the border city of El Paso, TX. He is the third in a family of six children and was raised in a devout Catholic home. He entered the seminary for the Diocese of El Paso, attended major seminary at the Pontifical North American College in Rome, and completed his theological studies at the Pontifical Gregorian University. Father Rodríguez was ordained a priest in 1996, and early in his priesthood he served as the Vocation Director for the Diocese of El Paso. He has served in numerous parishes, both urban and rural, throughout the diocese. In 2005, Father Rodríguez began to offer the Traditional Latin Mass, and since 2011, he has been offering the Traditional Latin Mass exclusively. Father Rodríguez speaks fluent English and Spanish, and is proficient in German and Italian. Father Rodríguez attended the Niagara Falls conference in 2013 and attended all three of our Advocates conferences in 2016. He gave a talk in St. Louis titled “The Message of Fatima: Turn Away from Sin and Turn to God!” and a talk in Chicago titled “At the Foot of the Cross: Fatima, Sacrifice, and Reparation”. Father Rodríguez will be the priest conducting the Marian Retreat in Lewiston, NY on March 31, April 1, 2, 2017. He will be the spiritual guide at our pilgrimage to Fatima in July 12-22, 2017. We are grateful for all he has done and welcome his counsel in the future.
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My uncle, Father Gruner, always told me that we all have much we can contribute to the apostolate, and that Our Lady’s grace, and the friends of the apostolate, would always be there to help in the face of any difficulty.

I trust in his judgment, now more than ever, and I am doing my best. If ever I get discouraged, I have only to look to the kindness and friendship I have received from so many of Father’s friends and supporters and my spirit is strengthened and renewed.

I am still opening and reading Christmas cards and letters. I received so many! I am overwhelmed at times with all of the heartfelt expressions of appreciation and support. I feel as though I am floating on an ocean of love. But it is love for Our Lady and for the apostolate, not for me personally. Whatever I am able to do comes through grace.

As we begin 2017, we have many things planned. Our schedule is ambitious and demanding. I promise you I will do all in my power to keep up. And because we have the prayers and good will of so many people and the talents of so many dedicated workers at the Fatima Center, I look at the future with great confidence.

With Our Lady’s grace, with your continued support, with all the love and encouragement that comes our way, I know that 2017 will be a wonderful year.

May God Bless You and Your Family,

Miriam Gruner