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A reply to a mother whose son had recently joined the Venerable's novitiate to devote himself to apostolic labor.

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*A mother shares in the sacrifice of her son as Mary shared in that of Jesus.*

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Dear Mrs. Perchais:

I thank you from the bottom of my heart for the sentiments you have expressed in your letter of the fifth of this month. I shall pray to God for you with all earnestness. It is my hope that Divine Goodness will reward you for the sacrifice you have made to Him of what, in this world, is dearest to the heart of a mother.

Unite your heart to the most Holy Heart of Mary, who sacrificed her own beloved Son and thus helped to bring salvation to the entire world. What zeal, generosity, and love her Heart put in that sacrifice! In spite of the inestimable price it cost her, she made that offering with a love and a zeal that is beyond our comprehension.

You will not share in the salvation of the entire world, as Mary did, but you will have a share in the salvation of the souls which Divine Mercy will commit to your son. You see, then, what glory is already given to the most loving Heart of Mary; you see how many souls Our Lord saves through her prayer and petitions. Why? Because Mary participated in the sacrifice of Jesus and this called for a share in the salvation of the world and a share in the glory which Jesus won through His sorrowful sacrifice. All this should

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serve to encourage you, dear Madam, and make you realize how great God's mercy is toward you and your son, to whom He has given an apostolic vocation. Rejoice then. Love, praise, and bless the Lord of goodness for the heavenly favor He grants you. Give thanks to Mary.

Your most humble servant,

FATHER FRANCIS LIBERMANN