#### **Notifications**

Every last Monday of a month prayer meetings will be held in Germany. The holy Mass will be celebrated for the living and deceased sisters and brothers of the Marian Blessing Circle. Father Aniceth Mosha also includes all daily in the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass.

Please inform us of any change of address and of members who have died. Thank you very much!

#### Dear brothers and sisters in the MBC,

we celebrate the 50 days from Easter to Pentecost, which also lead us through the month of MARY in May. So we want to take MARY, who is full of joy about the resurrection of her SON, by the hand and bless with her several times a day all people in all their spiritual and physical need, their searching, their loneliness and insecurities, their misunderstandings, their responsibilities for church and world. She never leaves us alone and shows us the goodness and love of GOD.

Dear Mary with the Child, give your blessing to all people. Amen.

Prayerfully united with Marian greetings

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### **Newsletter**

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### The Aaronic Blessing

#### Dear members of the Marian Blessing Circle!

The Aaronic Blessing (Numbers 6:22–27) is called that way, because Moses is told by God to tell Aaron and his sons how to bless as priests.

May the LORD bless you and keep you.

May the LORD make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you.

May the LORD lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace.



Saint Veronika by Hans Memling (ca. 1433–1494)

I think about how beautiful sign it is that the Church has this blessing

text read in its liturgy on the first day of each New Year. It wants to place the entire New Year under GoD's blessing. And it is good to know that I am also accompanied by GoD's blessing in the new year.

#### May the LORD bless you and keep you.

When this blessing is read on the feast of MARY (on January 1), it also means that JESUS CHRIST is the blessing par excellence. He protects me, He is merciful, He gives me His peace. MARY is "blessed among women" because she carries the blessing within her, because she gave birth to the blessing, because she accompanied CHRIST to the cross.

# May the LORD make His face to shine upon you and be gracious to you.

We wish ourselves a blessed New Year or a blessed day. This is important because it is how we ask God to take away all evil and corruption. Only the good shall have room. Only Christ shall have room – every day of the year and especially today.

Then in the Book Numbers it says: "So shall they put my name upon the people of Israel, and I will bless them". I imagine this figuratively: The name of the LORD, that is, GOD Himself, is placed on us, on me. GOD is like a protective mantle, like an umbrella over me. I am sheltered. I am protected."

# May the LORD lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace.

Our Marian Blessing Circle encourages us to bless others out loud or silently. When I bless, I think positively. I want to promise something good to the other person. I wish him happiness and joy. I wish him security and peace.

When I have a prejudice, when I resent the other person in my heart, when I feel offended, I think evil. Our relationship is shaky or can go to pieces. But the blessing I think or pronounce cleanses my mind. I can approach her and him more openly. My inner obstacles to the encounter are no longer decisive. I bless because GoD wants to bless.

When I bless, I turn my face toward the other. I look at him and her. And so I allow God to turn His face to the fellow human being. Don't we live from face to face encounters? It is important and beautiful to look into each other's eyes. Eyes are the mirror of the soul, they say. To look at, to see at, to perceive the other with his worries and needs. And bless him and her. With the blessing I hold out the face of God to the other person.

May the Almighty God, the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, through the intercession of Our Lady, bless and keep you! Amen.

Your priest Monsignor Michael Haupt

#### Let us pray!

JESUS CHRIST, You, face of the FATHER, You, Son of the Virgin MARY, in You we see the love and peace of God. Be turned towards us. Be merciful to us. Show us the goodness of God. Help us to turn to our neighbor. Let our faces reflect Your face. Help us to be blessings to others. *Amen*.

#### The Pope's prayer intentions

May 2022: We pray for all young people, called to live life to the fullest; may they see in Mary's life the way to listen, the depth of discernment, the courage that faith generates, and the dedication to service.

**June 2022:** We pray for Christian families around the world; may they embody and experience unconditional love and advance in holiness in their daily lives.

*July 2022:* We pray for the elderly, who represent the roots and memory of a people; may their experience and wisdom help young people to look towards the future with hope and responsibility.

**August 2022:** We pray for small and medium sized businesses; in the midst of economic and social crisis, may they find ways to continue operating, and serving their communities.

**September 2022:** We pray that the death penalty, which attacks the dignity of the human person, may be legally abolished in every country.

**October 2022:** We pray for the Church; ever faithful to, and courageous in preaching the Gospel, may the Church be a community of solidarity, fraternity and welcome, always living in an atmosphere of synodality.