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## MASS INTENTIONS – INFORMATION AND INSTRUCTIONS

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- ❖ All requests for Masses are made in writing and are not accepted by telephone or e-mail. To submit requests please include: name of the person for whom the Mass is to be offered; whether the person is living or deceased; number of Masses requested; preferred date(s); amount of the donation; and your name and address. Intentions and dates can be arranged and requested for no more than a year in advance. Send intentions to the Dominican House of Studies at the address above and please mark the envelope - ATTN: MASS INTENTIONS

Intentions, including Gregorian Series and Novenas, are usually celebrated in the order that they are received. **Note:** *All intentions accepted must be celebrated within twelve months and because of the number of intentions received by the House it is approximately 2 months before the Mass is said.*

Masses requested for specific dates: Dates can be requested for single Masses only and not for Novenas or Gregorian Series. Due to the number of intentions that may need to be said on a particular day, if it is not possible to accommodate the request for the specified date, then it will be scheduled for a day close to the requested date.

- ❖ The customary donation is:     **\$10** for each individual Mass  
  **\$120** for a Novena  
  **\$500** for a Gregorian Series

*The increase for the customary donation for Novenas and Gregorian Series is in consideration of the strict requirements the House must fulfill to ensure that the Masses are celebrated on consecutive days.*

Please make checks payable to: DOMINICAN HOUSE OF STUDIES. The donations help support the Dominican Community.

- ❖ All intentions are “unannounced.” The daily Mass at the House is concelebrated and each priest has an intention. It is not always possible for the intention to be said in the main Chapel as priests from the Community also celebrate Mass with intentions from the House for nearby religious communities and parishes.
- ❖ Mass cards can be requested at the time when the Masses for the specific intentions are arranged. Blank Mass cards for future use are not provided in order to ensure the intention is received by the House.
- ❖ Perpetual Mass Enrollments are available from:     Dominican Friars Guilds  
  141 East 65<sup>th</sup> Street  
  New York, New York 10065  
  (212) 744-2410
- ❖ Gregorian Series of Masses - *see the information below*

**GREGORIAN SERIES OF MASSES** – A series of thirty (30) Masses said on consecutive days for a deceased person to obtain deliverance of that soul from Purgatory through the benevolent dispensation of God’s mercy. This practice originates in a private revelation made to Pope St. Gregory the Great, who began the practice. Throughout the centuries the Church has affirmed this pious custom and has regulated it in various ways. It is required the Masses be said on thirty consecutive days, but do not need to be said on the same altar or by the same priest. All Masses for the dead are certainly salutary and any fixed number of Masses should also be regarded with this understanding.

- Arrangements for these Masses are accepted by the House only after the death of the person.

Prearrangements for Gregorian Series are no longer accepted by the Dominican Community because of difficulties that have occurred in receiving notification of the death of the person. For individuals desiring to have a Gregorian Series celebrated for the repose of their soul after their death, it is suggested that instructions using the information given below be included in your will for the executor of your estate or in funeral pre-planning with the person handling your details to arrange for the Series to be celebrated.

The House will fulfill all Gregorian Series currently held in trust upon receiving notification of the death of the individual.

- The series must be said solely for a deceased individual and not for any other intention.
- All requests for Gregorian Series are made in writing and are not accepted by telephone or e-mail. To submit requests please include: name of the person for whom the series of Masses is to be offered, and your name and address. Send intentions with the donation to the Dominican House of Studies at the address above and please mark the envelope - ATTN: MASS INTENTIONS.
- The customary donation for a Gregorian Series is **\$500**. Please make checks payable to: DOMINICAN HOUSE OF STUDIES. The donation helps support the Dominican Community.
- Gregorian Series are celebrated in the order that they are received. It is not possible to request specific dates because of the number of series accepted by the House as well as the strict requirements that must be fulfilled to ensure that the Masses are celebrated on 30 consecutive days.
- More than one series for a deceased person can be arranged. However, it is not permitted to celebrate simultaneously multiple series for an individual.
- All intentions are “unannounced.”
- Mass cards for Gregorian Series are available and can be requested at the time when the Masses for the specific intention are arranged with the House.