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Dear Friend of the Bethlehem Hermitage,

Happy is he who lives and dies under the protection of the Blessed Virgin.

St. John Vianney

With the summer months upon us, we find ourselves busy welcoming retreatants to our desert wilderness. We are extremely grateful for the desire of many of you to spend some quiet time with the Lord at our peaceful and blessed Hermitage. We are also preparing for the *Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary*. Our Novena of Masses will begin on July 14th culminating 31 days later on our Mother's Feast Day, August 15th. During those Masses, we will be taking your prayers and needs - to our Lord's altar, and to His Blessed Mother. It will truly be a glorious Feast Day!

Contemplating Mary in heavenly glory, we are reminded that this earth is not the definitive homeland for us either. As faithful servants, we remain steadfast in our belief that one day we too will share in this same glory. We may be sure that from on high Mary follows our footsteps with gentle concern, dispels the gloom in moments of darkness and reassures us with Her motherly hand and heart.

During our Novena we will also be bringing the needs of the Hermitage to the Lord and His Mother. As Hermits, our sources of revenue are very limited. We are dependent upon friends like you and your generosity to enable us to continue to live our life of unceasing prayer, silence, solitude and penance. Your kindness will literally keep a roof over our heads, lights on during storms, and hopefully, our tractor able to work the Hermitage property. We also ask that you continue to pray for us that we be ever faithful in our desire to give our lives to God. Our gratitude will be expressed in our promise to always include you and your loved ones in our daily prayer life and specifically at the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass during our upcoming Novena.

We wish you a joyful, prayerful summer. We thank you for always being a friend of the Bethlehem Hermitage. Without you, our ability to lead the life God has called us to would not be possible.

You are eternally in our grateful hearts and, always in our prayers.
In the Heart of Jesus,

The Hermits of Bethlehem

The Hermits of Bethlehem in the Heart of Jesus

