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(Julie Lonneman)

Fr. Mike Barrett, pastor of Our Lady of Good Hope in Milwaukee, invited participants at a presentation on Mary in St. Joseph's Parish in Grafton, Wisconsin, to write their own litany to the Blessed Virgin Mary. He handed out index cards to the 125 people present, instructing them to pen another appellation, some new descriptor of Mary that came to them during the evening. He reported that the people seemed eager to undertake the exercise and did it with reflective hearts. Some 87 cards were returned that evening, including Fr. Mike's. Here is the result. Capitalized words appear as they did on the original cards.

St. Joseph Parish's Litany of The Blessed Virgin Mary

Mother of Unity — pray for us

The Father's Wise disciple

Inspirational Mother — guide us

Mary Loving Mother

Mother of Indigenous people

Mary our healer

Protector of the womb for the unborn

Mary who agreed to carry and

bear God's Son

Mary who felt a mother's fear before

finding your lost son in the Temple

Mary, who suffered throughout your Son's

arrest and crucifixion

Mary, who felt relief once your Son died,

knowing that his trial was over

Mary, Loving and devoted wife

Mary, loving teacher

Mary, Mother and Patron of our country

Mary, Queen of our hearts

Mary, full of grace

Mary, Mother of Perpetual Help

Mary, Mother of all humanity

Mary, model of our response to God's call

Mary, model of mothers

Mary, comfort for all the troubled

Mary, example of humility

Mary, model of acceptance of

responsibility

Mary, humble and strong

Mary, Comforter of broken families

Mary, patron of our friendships

Mary, Mother of the divorced

and separated

Mary, model of Understanding

Mary, example of solidarity

with all peoples

Mary, most blessed of God

Mary, example of patience

Mary, our guide to your son

Mary, mother of God

Mary, humble servant of God

Mary, protector of all families

Mary, model for all women

Hail Mary, Gentle woman

Mary, Compassionate woman

Mary, Mother of all Christians

Humble Mary

Mary, most beautiful mother

Mary, mother of intercession

Mary, God's purest lily

Mary, pathway to Christ

Mary, Mother of our guiding light

Mary, loving companion on life's journey

Mary, refuge of tranquility

Mary, help in our grief over lost loved ones

Mary, Mother of those who have

strayed from your Son

Mary, Mother of our children,
who have left the Church

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Mary, support of all those in need

Mary, loving mother of all

Mary, model of universal and

unending care

Mary, protector of children

Mary, intercessor of all our needs

Mary, example of courage

Mary, example of being visionary

Mary loving strength and comfort for all

Mary, fully human model of wisdom

and unselfish love for parents

Mary, faithful woman

Mary, at one with the lonely

Mary, humble intercessor and

promoter of God's intentions

Mary, inspiration for greater study of

God's Word

Mary, Mother of the sick and dying

Mary, Mother of the unwanted

and unloved

Mary, Mother of the motherless

Our Lady of Fatima

Our Lady of Lourdes

Our Lady of Guadalupe

Mary, mediator at Cana

Mary, Mother of our nurturing

Mother giver of strength

Mary, our conduit to Jesus

Mary, the guide to true commitment

Mary, most blessed by God

Mary, conveyor of our prayers

Mary, star for the lost

Mary, woman for all time

Mary, Mother of all God's children

Mary, guide to unity of all

Mary, Mother of the poor and

underprivileged

Mother of peaceful calm

Mary, responder to God's call

Mary, Mother of humility

Mary, God's faithful servant

Holy Mary, gentle woman

Mary, the model of our response to

God's invitation

Mary, patient mother

Mary, supportive mother

Mary, magnifier of souls

Mary, Ponderer of hearts

Champion of possibilities

Heart of God

Canticle of Grace

Intimate friend

Voice of the poor

Calm to the betrothed

Model of faith — pray for us.

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