

Translated from the Russian

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Dear sister Angela,¹

I thank you for the letter, addressed to me, concerning your request to present an icon of the Holy Mother of God to the alms-house “The House of Maria” in Ravenna.

The worship of the Mother of God historically unites the Russian Orthodox and the Roman Catholic Churches. Both Orthodox and Catholics resort to the help of “the zealous intercessor”, receiving spiritual support and comfort.

I hope that the image of the Immaculate Virgin Maria, which is presented to the alms-house under your supremacy, will become an apparent reminder of the inexhaustible love of the Mother of God for mankind.

I wish you help from God in your ministry and every good affair.

Faithfully,

/+Alexy/
Patriarch of Moscow and All Russia