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## TO OUR READERS.

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We have to congratulate our agents and our subscribers in general for renewing their subscriptions early in the year as we requested of them. To induce them so to do, we promised them a novena of masses beginning on the 31st of January. The number that complied was really astonishing and our mail was daily more numerous till a charitable lady profered her assistance. The heaviest of our correspondence is over now and with a few exceptions we were able to answer without delay. But our great pleasure was to see the faith of our subscribers in hastening to avail themselves of the novena of masses. Scarcely did we ever say mass with more piety and consolation as during these nine days. The thought that we were offering up the unspotted victim to beg of the Almighty to grant a happy death to all our subscribers, and especially to those who labor so faithfully to assist our good work, was really a consolation to us and led us fervently to ask for such graces which may prepare the way for the greatest of all blessings. At the same time we requested of Heaven the special favors that so many of our subscribers and agents were anxious to obtain. These intentions we continue to recommend to God in our daily mass and more especially in the monthly which is said for the same intentions. We trust our subscribers will unite with us in their daily prayers. Would they not be faithful to say three "Hail Marys" daily for the same intentions and occasionally to offer up a communion for the same ends. Who would refuse to pray for a happy death for ourselves and hundreds of others? When a child's heart burdened with affliction asks you to say three "Hail Marys" for his departed paren