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Dear Children,

As we start a new school year, we have been talking about our school theme of Jesus' words: "I have called you friends"(Jn. 15:15). Jesus is constantly showering us with gifts of His love, and one of His greatest gifts to us is His giving us Mary, His mother and ours. In 1916, Mary appeared to three children: Lucia, Francisco, and Jacinta, and she shared a message of peace through praying the rosary. Then, and now, she begs us to pray for peace, peace in our own hearts, peace in our homes, peace in our school, and peace in our world. Like Lucia, Francisco, and Jacinta, Our Lady is now also calling you to be her apostle as she has a special mission for you.

Several years ago, a large group of children met in Fatima, Portugal. They decided they would carry a statue of Our Lady of Fatima through Europe and end in Russia. The statue was called the Pilgrim Virgin because she would travel like a pilgrim from place to place. Many people and countries received special graces and favors when this statue of Mary visited them.

St. Vincent de Paul Catholic School has three similar Pilgrim Virgin statues, and you can have the privilege of having the statue visit you and your family for an entire week. Remember, when the Pilgrim Virgin visits your home, she wants you and your family to pray the rosary, especially for peace. As we celebrate the World Meeting of Families this month, let us also pray for our families in a special way.

If you would like to have the Pilgrim Virgin visit your home for a week, please talk to your mom and dad, and have one of them complete the form below, then return the form to your teacher.

I know that our Mother Mary delights in the idea of spending this special time with you and your family. And that through all of our prayers, there will be greater peace in each of our hearts, each of our homes, our school, and in our world.

May God bless you and Our Lady keep you.

In Christ,

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