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To the Priests, Deacons, Consecrated Men and Women, Teachers, Catechists, Newman ministers, leaders of Cursillo, TEC, other renewal groups and Marian confraternities of the Diocese of Peoria:

My Dear Brothers and Sisters:

I call all Catholics of our Local Church to take to the streets this October for a "March for Mary" to show the world just how much we love the great Mother of God, Mary, Most Holy.

On October 7th, the Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary, we will gather at 2 p.m. at St. Joseph Church, Peoria, and march together to the Cathedral of St. Mary for Solemn Mass at 4 p.m. concluding with a candlelight devotion.

Those who participate in this special Marian devotion gain a plenary indulgence, under the usual conditions of Sacramental Confession, Holy Communion, and prayer for the Pope. I have asked several of our curial departments to work together for this March for Mary, under the direction of Cecilia Sone.

October is Respect Life Month and the month traditionally dedicated to the Rosary. This entire year is a universal commemoration of the centenary of the apparitions of Our Lady of Fatima. Our Lady, queen of Peace, invites us to be united in prayer and reparation.

I ask pastors to organize parish representatives and to carry parish banners in the procession. Groups should register in advance with Cecilia (309-671-1550) so that seating and banner poles can be prepared.

From the time that the faith first reached the Illinois territory through the preaching of heroic French missionaries, Our Lady has blessed our local community. May she continue to wrap us in her mantle and lead us to her Son.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Daniel R. Jenky C.S.C.' with a small flourish at the end.

✠Most Reverend Daniel R. Jenky, C.S.C.  
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**Schedule for the March for Mary**

***Saturday, October 7, 2017***

***1pm Adoration and confessions available at St. Joseph Church,  
106 S. Richard Pryor Place, Peoria***

***2pm Reflection***

***2:30 pm March for Mary takes to the streets***

***4pm Solemn Mass at the Cathedral of St. Mary, 607 NE Madison Avenue***