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Dear Father,

Bless Father

Greetings from the North American Council Fellowship of St. John the Divine. As part of the NAC Fellowship's commitment to our focus area of "Spiritual Renewal" last year we introduced the "*Saints Alive*" book series. The program was met with a positive response so we have compiled a second series for this year.

Our 2009 Saints Alive Book Series is entitled "*Missionaries, Monks, & Martyrs.*" With the assistance of Eighth Day Books owner Warren Farha, we have chosen six books. The series begins with a book of the same title as our theme. This compilation of stories highlights missionaries, monks and martyrs from the early church to the 20th century. The remaining five books offer the lives of contemporary holy people, including our beloved St. Raphael of Brooklyn.

We understand the time constraints of our beloved clergy, especially during the Lenten season, so we have tailored the program to require a minimum time commitment from you. Here is how it works:

1. Appoint one capable church member to read and present the books in the series,
2. Set and advertise dates and locations for each presentation,
3. Attend and guide each gathering, observing the impact of these holy lives on participants.

The flyer is provided for you to use as a tool to promote "Saints Alive" in your parish. The books for this series may be acquired through Eighth Day Books (316-683-9446, www.eighthdaybooks.com) ask for the Fellowship's Saints Alive Book Series. A brief description of each book is included with this letter. This information will also be posted on the Fellowship of St. John the Divine page of the Archdiocese website.

If you have any questions, please contact me by phone or e-mail listed on this letterhead. Your suggestions for future series or how to improve this program are most welcome. It is our prayer that this book series is of assistance to you and your ministry.

In Christ,

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