

*“O Lord and our Heavenly Mother bless our Love and make it fruitful!*

*May the day come soon when Gianna, happier than ever before, can share with me and our loved ones the holy announcement that a new life lives in her!*

*After this coming Christmas, may the next Christmases see our children in prayer before the Baby Jesus!*

*Give us the grace and the joy, O Lord, O Heavenly Mother, to bring our children before your altars and to consecrate them to You!*

*Keep us, O Lord, always eager, like the Sacred Family of Nazareth, for the holy education of our children!”*<sup>1</sup>

(From Pietro Molla’s letter to his spouse, Saint Gianna, of December 13, 1955)

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<sup>1</sup> Valentina Di Marco, *An Exemplary Couple: Saint Gianna Beretta and Pietro Molla. Their Marital Journey and Message Today*, TAN Books, Gastonia, North Carolina, United States of America, 2024, p. 103.