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NOTRE DAME DE LA SALETTE ACADEMY  
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### **The Sentinel's Creed**

**My dedication to this sacred duty is total and whole-hearted.  
In the responsibility bestowed on me never will I falter.  
And with dignity and perseverance my standard will remain perfection.  
Through the years of diligence and praise and the discomfort of the elements,  
I will walk my tour in humble reverence to the best of my ability.  
It is he who commands the respect I protect, his bravery that made us so proud.  
Surrounded by well meaning crowds by day, alone in the thoughtful peace of night,  
this soldier will in honored glory rest under my eternal vigilance.**

May 1, 2017

Dear Friend of La Salette,

Each May, we honor those soldiers who risked all, some giving all, in the noble duty and defense of our country. Memorial Day is for remembering and honoring that admirable service. In the Arlington National Cemetery rest the remains of the Unknowns, guarded by the most unique, committed and highly trained Honor Guard in the world. These dedicated sentinels are meticulously trained, and then diligently watch before those tombs which contain the bones of men who gave their all, even their identity; and who more vastly symbolize the many others who did so as well. How praiseworthy and honorable is this task - to stand watch as the sentinel of Duty, Honor, Sacrifice. Glorious words, the greatest of words, so full of meaning! We honor those, who honor them.

As consecrated souls through our baptism, as anointed soldiers by our confirmation, we too have a noble and even higher duty as sentinels – sentinels of the truth and witnesses to Our Lord's life, death and resurrection. The soldier of Christ symbolically stands guard at an empty tomb, empty of the Lord and Savior who conquered death through His bloody passion and glorious resurrection in order that we might live.

My very dear friends let us never forget our sacred duty as the faithful of Christ and adopted sons of God. Let the beautiful creed of the Unknowns' Sentinels printed above remind us of and exhort us to an ever more profound dedication to our Christian duty and responsibility. May the Mother of God, Queen of Heaven and Mediatrix of all graces obtain this for us, now and forever.

*NB: Only 7 tickets remaining for you! In addition to your normal generous monthly donation, would you please purchase these remaining tickets?  
Thank You.*

Sincerely in Christ the King,

Father Michael McMahon