Most Holy Mother of Charity,
who came to us as a messenger of peace across
the sea, you are the Mother of all.
To you we come, Most Holy Mother of God,
to honor you with love as your children.
To your motherly heart we entrust our desires
and hopes, our work and our prayers.
We pray for our countries, that we may be able to build
nations based on peace and unity.
We pray for our families, that they may live
in fidelity and love.
We pray for our children, that they may grow strong
in spirit and in body.
We pray for our young people, that their faith may
increase, as well as their attachment to the truth.
We pray for the sick, the homeless, the lonely,
the exiled, and for all suffering souls.
We pray for the Catholic Church, for its mission,
for its clergy, religious and laity, and especially
for our Holy Father Pope Benedict XVI.
Mother of Charity!
We place ourselves under your mantle of protection!
Blessed are you among women and blessed is
the fruit of your womb, Jesus!
To Him be the glory and the power, now and forever.
Amen.