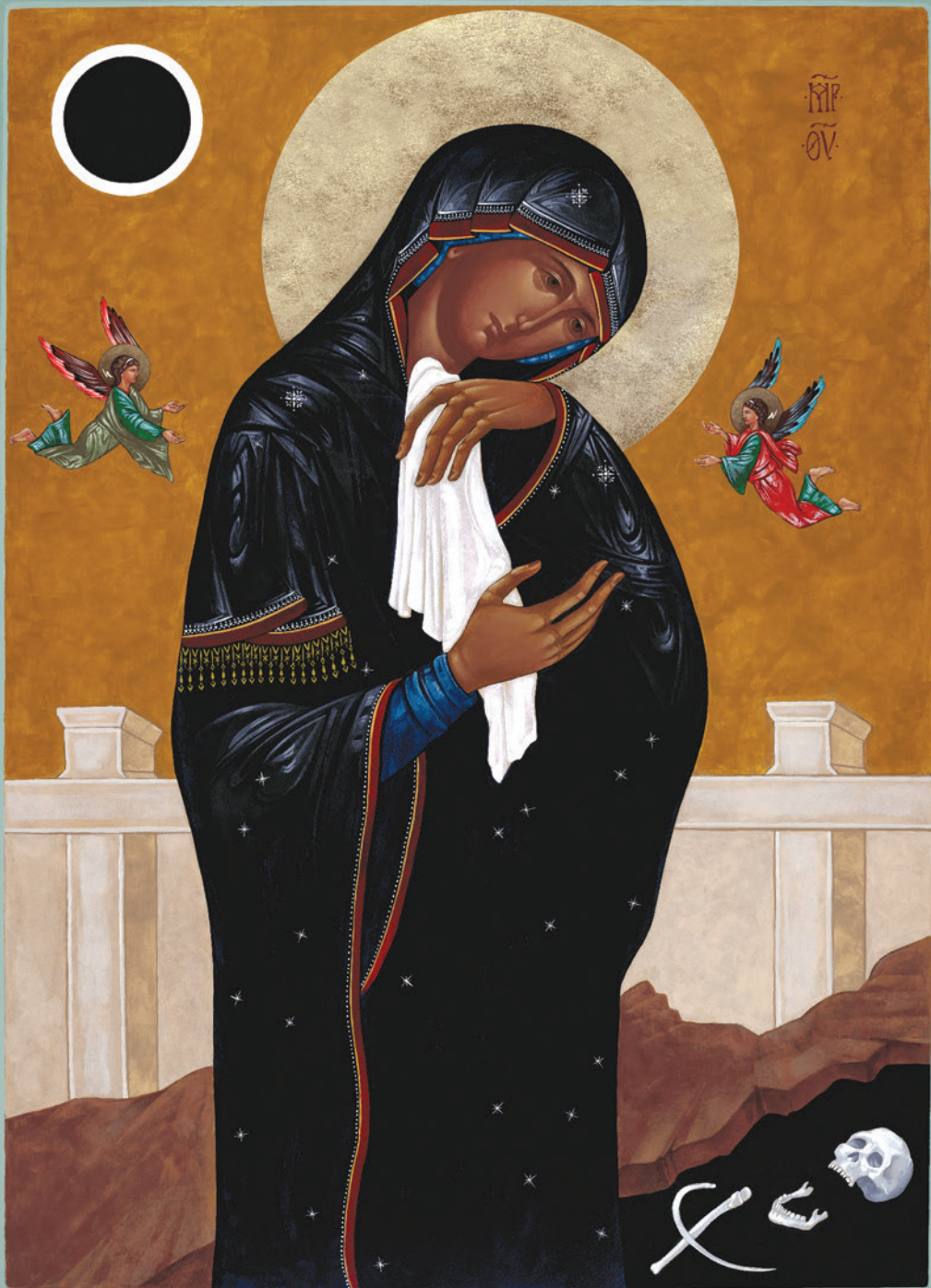




Litany of Sorrow for Colorado

Leader: Lord Jesus Christ, Son of the Living God, as you wept over Jerusalem, we implore you to look with pity upon the State of Colorado and receive this offering of sorrow and reparation.

Response: Have mercy on us, O Lord.

Leader: For the sin of abortion, and the lives lost in silence.

Response: Have mercy on us, O Lord.

For the public funding of abortion, the use of our tax dollars to destroy life, *R.*

For the loss of life from the sins of euthanasia and assisted suicide, R.

For the lies of gender ideology and the confusion it sows in the hearts of the young, R.

For the denial of your having created us male and female, R.

For the harm caused to the institution of marriage, R.

For the mutilation of minors through drugs and medical procedures, *R.*

For the loss of parental rights and the breakdown of family authority and autonomy, *R.*

For the legalization of drugs and the culture of escape and despair it breeds, *R.*

For the suffering of the homeless, and for the failure to offer them real care, *R.*

For policies that burden civic resources and strain the bonds of justice and charity, *R.*

For the rejection of God in laws and public institutions, *R.*

For the suppression of truth in education, medicine, and media, *R.*

For the wounds caused by sins of lust, promiscuity, and disordered love, *R.*

For the sins and scandals of the Church, and for harm done to the innocent, *R.*

For our neglect of the poor, the elderly, the disabled, and the immigrant, *R.*

For our own sins of silence, cowardice, and compromise, *R.*

For our complacency toward the moral decay of our state, *R.*

For our failure to be leaven for society, *R.*

For our failure to be salt and light in this land, *R.*

Leader: Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world,

Response: Spare us, O Lord.

Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world,

Graciously hear us, O Lord.

Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world,

Have mercy on us.

Jesus, meek and humble of heart,

Transform our hearts to be more like yours.

Immaculate Heart of Mary, refuge of sinners,

Pray for us.

Our Lady at the Foot of the Cross,

Pray that we will be steadfast amid the sins of Colorado.

Sacred Heart of Jesus, burning with love for Colorado,

Have mercy on us and make us holy. Amen.

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