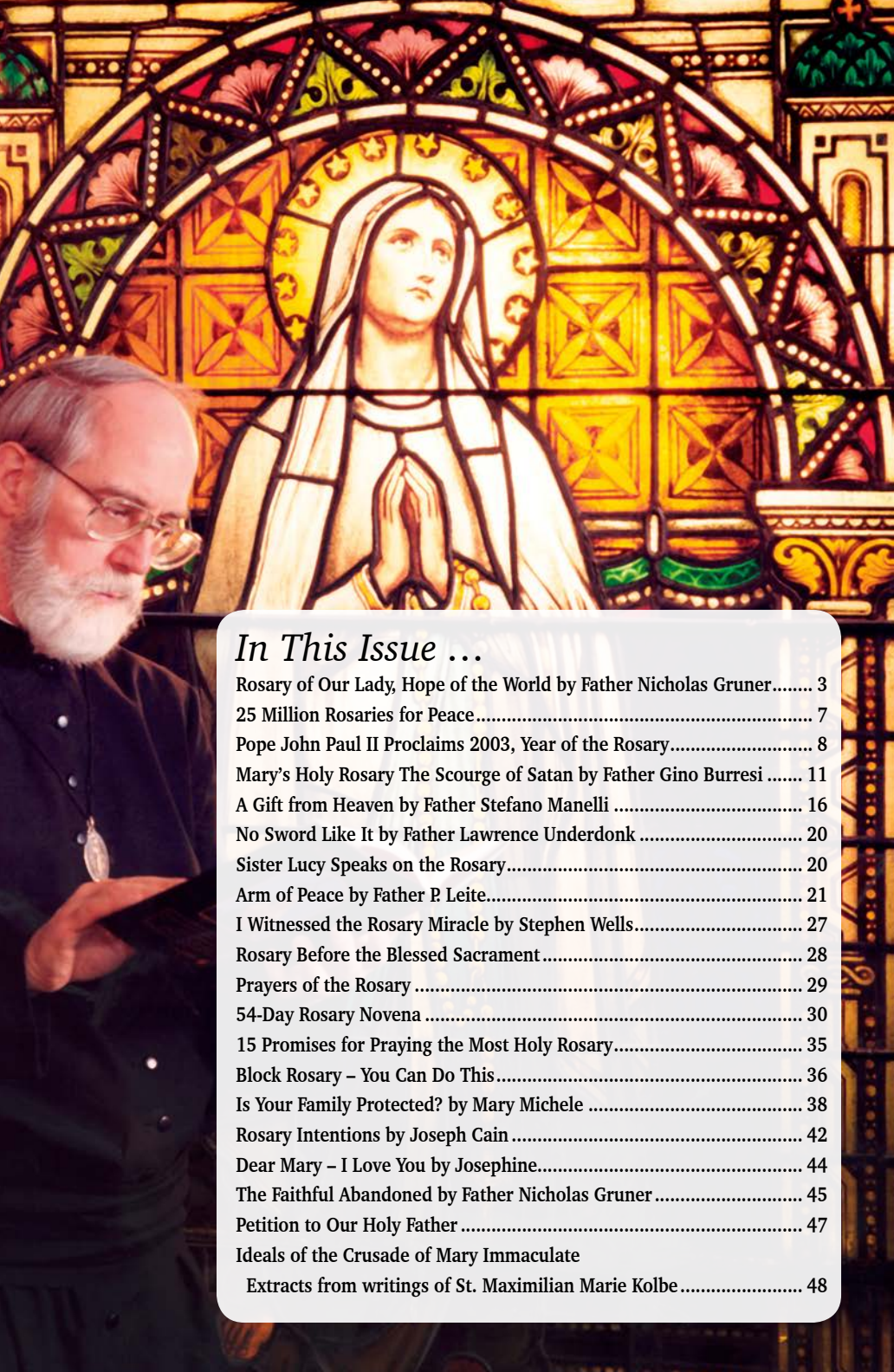


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Rosary of Our Lady, Hope of the World

By Father Nicholas Gruner, S.T.L., S.T.D. (Cand.)

"I want you to come here on the 13th of next month and to continue praying the Rosary every day in honor of Our Lady of the Rosary, in order to obtain peace for the world and the end of the war, because only She can help you."

...Our Lady of Fatima, July 13, 1917

Today, the world and the Church are in the gravest crisis in the history of mankind.

Sin has run rampant. Good is out, evil is in, even worse than the days of Noah and the chastisement of the Great Flood.

God almost always sends prophets and warnings before He chastises, but too many look upon His warning as not applying to themselves.

Then God allows some significant disaster or chastisement to happen and many still look upon this wake-up call as not their fault, as not really fair. Some might be tempted to blaspheme God by saying that He is without compassion.

They have not learned sufficiently nor thought sufficiently enough to realize that God allows this **short-term** suffering to save us from **eternal** suffering in hell.

Mankind, today, has not

learned its lesson and repeats history. God promised there would never be another world-wide flood but He foretold, through His Holy Mother at Fatima, of an even greater chastisement about to befall mankind.

It was in 1917 that Our Lady appeared at Fatima to three children with the following message:

"You have seen hell, where the souls of poor sinners go. To save them, God wishes to establish in the world devotion to My Immaculate Heart. If what I say to you is done, many souls will be saved and there will be peace ...

"When you see a night illumined by an unknown light, know that this is the great sign given you by God that He is about to punish the world for its crimes, by means of war, famine and persecutions of the Church and of the Holy Father.

"To prevent this, I shall come

to ask for the consecration of Russia to My Immaculate Heart, and the Communion of Reparation on the Five First Saturdays.

“If My requests are heeded, Russia will be converted, and there will be peace; if not, she will spread her errors throughout the world, causing wars and persecutions of the Church. The good will be martyred, the Holy Father will have much to suffer, various nations will be annihilated ...

“In the end, My Immaculate Heart will triumph. The Holy Father will consecrate Russia to Me, and she will be converted, and a period of peace will be granted to the world ...

“When you pray the Rosary, say after each mystery: O my Jesus, forgive us our sins, save us from the fires of hell. Lead all souls to Heaven, especially those most in need.”

So, not only did God warn us, He gave us a solution, a way out. We didn't have to suffer through these trying times, but we are, because His Message sent through His Holy Mother has been ignored. The simple request that the Holy Father, together with the Catholic bishops of the world, on the same day, to consecrate specifically Russia to the Immaculate Heart

of Mary, has STILL not been done. The simple request for the Communion of Reparation on the First Saturdays has not been widely heeded. (See page 6 for this simple request).

World Goes in Wrong Direction

Pope John Paul II said when he went to Fatima in 1982 that the world has gone in the opposite direction from the one indicated by Our Lady, that sin has institutionalized itself.

In 1917, when Our Lady first told us that we were in a crisis - abortion was not even yet legalized anywhere in the world, not even in Russia. It only became legal in Russia in the 1920s. And, by now, that error of Russia has spread around the world so that we now have 50 million babies murdered every year.

As St. Thomas Aquinas explains, the first fruit of error is injustice. With the error that God and God's rights are excluded from our laws and other social institutions – such as our hospitals then the false “right” of men and women is proclaimed, “my body is mine I do not owe any service to God.” Today, mothers proclaim their “right” to legally murder their own children in their womb. A real right comes from God, and

God does not give us the right to kill our fellow man.

Clearly, mankind has progressively deteriorated in morality and spirituality at an alarming pace, even after Our Lady warned of our crisis in 1917. The world has gone in the opposite direction from that which Our Lady came to show us.

Even so, Our Lady never ceases to give us hope. Jesus Himself said, "It is never too late to have recourse to Jesus and Mary."

The Rosary Cause for Great Hope

Heaven knew where the world and mankind was heading. Heaven knew Their urgent message would be ignored, distorted, silenced. So Heaven sent those of us who would listen, a coat of armor, a weapon to defend ourselves and our families, and carry us through these very hazardous days.

That Heaven-sent weapon, as you will read in this *Fatima Crusader*, is the Rosary.

The Rosary can heal our countries' problems, our personal problems, our children's problems, our fears, our frazzled nerves, *all* our troubles. Sister Lucy tells us:

"There is no problem, I tell you, no matter how difficult it is, that we cannot resolve by the

prayer of the Holy Rosary ..."

All of us have plenty of problems today; even the Church is being torn apart and attacked from within and without. But it is our Rosary prayers that will assist us in staying in the Church by our faithfulness, thus benefiting from Our Lord's promise: "Thou art Peter, and upon this rock I will build My Church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it." Matt. 16:18

Reparation for Sin is Necessary to Restore Peace

It was the Flemish mystic Pere Lamy - called "another Cure of Ars" by his bishop - who was told by God that World War I "had three causes: blasphemy, Sunday labor, and the desecration of Marriage." At Fatima, the Blessed Virgin confirms this teaching, when She tells us; "war is a punishment for sin" and announces in the great Secret: "if people do not cease offending God, another worse war will begin in the reign of Pius XI." Thus, World War II broke out.

The Fatima Message is designed to remove the cause of war, which is sin. Just before the great miracle of Oct. 13, Our Lady had said:

"People must amend their

lives and ask pardon for their sins,” and then, growing sadder: “They must not offend Our Lord any more, for He is already too much offended.”

Many years later, reflecting on these words, Sister Lucy wrote:

“Of all the words spoken at this apparition, the words most deeply engraved upon my heart are those of the request made by Our Heavenly Mother: ‘Do not offend Our Lord and God any more, for He is already so much offended!’

“How loving a complaint, how tender a request! Who will grant me to make it echo through the whole world, so that all the children of Our Mother in Heaven may hear the sound of Her Voice!”

Later on, in the Fatima apparitions, Jesus Himself came to tell us that the Immaculate Heart of Mary has been much offended.

On Dec. 10, 1925 Sister Lucy received a visit from the Virgin and the Child Jesus. The Most Holy Virgin put Her hand on Lucy’s shoulder and showed her a Heart surrounded by thorns which She held in the other hand. At that same moment, the Child said to her:

“Have compassion on the Heart of your Most Holy Mother,

surrounded with thorns with which ungrateful men pierce Her at every moment without there being anyone to make an act of reparation in order to take them away.”

Then the Most Holy Virgin said to her:

“Look My daughter, at My Heart, surrounded with thorns with which ungrateful men pierce Me at every moment by their blasphemies and ingratitude. You at least try to console Me and announce in My name that I promise to assist at the moment of death, with all the graces necessary for salvation, all those who, on the First Saturday of five consecutive months shall confess, receive Holy Communion, recite five decades of the Rosary, and keep Me company for 15 minutes while meditating on the 15 mysteries of the Rosary, with the intention of making Reparation to Me.”

We Must pray the Rosary Every Day

Our Lady continually encourages us to pray the Rosary and

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Do Your Part to Help Our Lady and the World!

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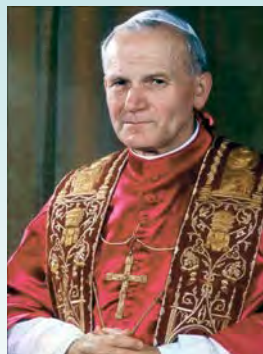
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"Through the Rosary the faithful receive abundant grace, as though from the very hands of the Mother of the Redeemer."

... Pope John Paul II



Pope Proclaims 2003 Year of the Rosary

Following are excerpts of the Holy Father's new Encyclical on the Holy Rosary.

The Rosary of the Virgin Mary, which gradually took form in the second millennium under the guidance of the Spirit of God, is a prayer loved by countless Saints and encouraged by the Magisterium. Simple yet profound, it still remains, at the dawn of this third millennium, a prayer of great significance, destined to bring forth a harvest of holiness. It blends easily into the spiritual journey of the Christian life, which, after 2,000 years, has lost none of the freshness of its beginnings and feels drawn by the Spirit of God to “set out into the deep” (*duc in altum*)! in order once more to proclaim, and even cry out, before the world that Jesus Christ is Lord and Savior, “the way, and the truth and the life” (John 14:6), “the goal of human history and the point on which the desires of history and civilization turn.”

The Rosary, though clearly Marian in character, is at the heart a Christocentric prayer. In the sobriety of its elements, it has all the depth of the Gospel

message in its entirety, of which it can be said to be a compendium. It is an echo of the prayer of Mary, Her perennial magnificat for the work of the redemptive Incarnation which began in Her virginal womb. With the Rosary, the Christian people sit at the school of Mary and are led to contemplate the beauty on the face of Christ and to experience the depths of His love. Through the Rosary the faithful receive abundant grace, as though from the very hands of the Mother of the Redeemer.

The Popes and the Rosary

Numerous predecessors of mine attributed great importance to this prayer. Worthy of special note in this regard is Pope Leo XIII who, on 1 Sept. 1883, promulgated the Encyclical *Supremi Apostolatus Officio*, a document of great worth, the first of his many statements about this prayer, in which he proposed the Rosary as an effective spiritual weapon against the evils afflicting society.



Among the more recent Popes who, from the time of the Second Vatican Council, have distinguished themselves in promoting the Rosary, I would mention Blessed John XXIII and above all Pope Paul VI, who in his Apostolic exhortation *Marialis Cultus* emphasized, in the spirit of the Second Vatican Council, the Rosary's evangelical character and Christocentric inspiration. I, myself, have often encouraged the frequent recitation of the Rosary. From

my youthful years this prayer has held an important place in my spiritual life. I was powerfully reminded of this during my recent visit to Poland, and in particular at the Shrine of Kalwaria. The Rosary has accompanied me in moments of joy and in moments of difficulty. To it, I have entrusted any number of concerns; in it, I have always found comfort. Twenty-four years ago, on 29 October 1978, scarcely two weeks after my election to the See of Peter,

I gratefully acknowledged: “The Rosary is my favourite prayer. A marvelous prayer! Marvelous in its simplicity and its depth. [...] It can be said that the Rosary is, in some sense, a prayer-commentary on the final chapter of the Vatican II Constitution *Lumen Gentium*, a chapter which discusses the wondrous presence of the Mother of God in the mystery of Christ and the Church. Against the background of the words *Ave Maria* the principal events of the life of Jesus Christ pass before the eyes of the soul. They take shape in the complete series of the joyful, sorrowful and glorious mysteries, and they put us in living communion with Jesus through – we might say – the heart of His Mother. At the same time, our heart can embrace in the decades of the Rosary all the events that make up the lives of individuals, families, nations, the Church, and all mankind; our personal concerns and those of our neighbor, especially those who are closest to us, who are dearest to us. Thus the simple prayer of the Rosary marks the rhythm of human life.

With these words, dear brothers and sisters, I set the first year of my Pontificate within the daily rhythm of the Rosary.”

Today, as I begin the 25th year of my service as the Successor of Peter, I wish to do the same. How many graces have I received in these years from the Blessed Virgin through the Rosary: *Magnificat anima mea Dominum*! I wish to lift up my thanks to the Lord in the words of His Most Holy Mother, under Whose protection I have placed my Petrine ministry: *Totus Tuus*!

The Rosary, a Contemplative Prayer

The Rosary, precisely because it starts with Mary’s own experience, is an exquisitely contemplative prayer ... By its nature the recitation of the Rosary calls for a quiet rhythm and a lingering pace, helping the individual to meditate on the mysteries of the Lord’s life as seen through the eyes of Her who was closest to the Lord. In this way the unfathomable riches of these mysteries are disclosed.”^{FC}

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Mary's Holy Rosary The Scourge of Satan

By Father Gino Burresti

Father Gino Burresti lived near Rome at San Vittorino, where Our Lady of Fatima appeared to him. She asked him to build a shrine there in Her honor. He bears in his body the five wounds of Christ, like St. Padre Pio did before him. Many miracles have taken place at San Vittorino through Our Lady of Fatima's intercession.

Our Lady is the Mother of God, our Mother, and She is the Mother of the Church. But She too has been driven away from our hearts and frequently from our churches as well, pushed out into hallways or relegated to a garden. I would never dream, I would never have the courage to take the only memento I have left of my mother, her photograph, and throw it out! And yet, devotion to Our Lady and the prayer She most strongly asked of us, the Rosary, have been undermined. And perhaps some of us who will wear the religious habit, may the Lord forgive us, have been the first to tell you that the Rosary is an outdated practice, a boring repetition of words.

But I know the one who really loves another never tires of saying to the person he cherishes, "I love you." In the Rosary we have the Bible, the Prophets, the life of Jesus and Mary, the life of the Christian, and that of the

Religious. Therefore, I would call the Rosary "the scourge of satan." Let this be our resolve: to have more love for the Sacraments, for the Pope, and for the Blessed Virgin.

If we reject even one of these cornerstones of our faith we put ourselves outside the Church of Christ.

Four Aids to Assist Us Along the Path of God

Prayer, the Sacraments of Confession and Holy Communion, penance, and the sanctification of Sundays and Holy Days are four aids to assist us along the path to God. Just as an automobile moves more efficiently with the support of four, rather than just three wheels, likewise we move more efficiently along the right path when we use the fourth wheel – Sunday, when we must go to Mass.

The sanctification of Sunday is a most reasonable act of gratitude toward God. In our

days there is no man who would work for an employer who then denies him his salary at the end of the week. He insists on his paycheck, and if it doesn't come on time or if it is not paid in full, he fights for his rights, which is totally justifiable. I wouldn't question that at all.

But we tend to forget that we have a Father in Heaven and the father of a family also has certain rights over his children. He can say to them, "You always come to me to ask for something, but you never give me anything!" We have lived another seven days. Isn't it right that on Sundays we take our hats off and say to the Lord, "Lord, I am here to give you thanks for the seven days You gave me?" Really, God is satisfied with so little!

Prayer

Our Lady, in Her great love, pointed out to us the most efficient means to become good Christians. The first is prayer: conversing with God and remaining in union with Him. Our brothers the Saints who walked the earth like us, understood its value and became great men of prayer. Just recently, a fellow who thought he was really "with it" told me quite seriously that prayer is a waste of time and that after all, everything is a prayer today. Well,

that is just a fancy excuse for not praying. And I assure you that since that day, I've been saying to our Lord, "Lord, when I bend my knee before You, remove from me any thought that I am wasting my time!"

Our Lady has insistently stressed the recitation of the Holy Rosary as a prayer. The world's situation today is so sad! Love is hard to find, and charity, goodness, and justice are all sluggish, the dignity of the human person is fading fast. Today, people talk only of rights, money, well-being; and they ignore the spiritual values.

Dear young people, what can we do to change this sad situation? Our Lady of Fatima shows us the way of salvation in Her message. The arms of violence must be met with the arms of prayer. Our Lady invites us to say the Rosary, thinking and meditating on the Mysteries, which contain the whole Gospel. We need to say the Rosary many times and we need to say it well.

Don't pay any attention to those people, even if they are priests, who tell you otherwise. Tell them instead to teach you how to say the Rosary well. Our Lady came from Heaven to warn us and to show the way to save ourselves. She appeared at Fatima to root out the Phariseism of our age.

Let's Return to the Holy Rosary

It is urgent for us to cling to the mantle of Mary, to have the Rosary in our hands once again! But if the shepherd does not take the beads in his hand, neither will the sheep.

Dear priests, I don't see the Rosary in your hands any more. And the families in your parishes don't have it either. And you see what is becoming of them. Mary's Rosary is no longer to be found in the families, but we do find divorce, separations, and discord. There is no more prayer and its absence keeps these people away from the Sacraments. People without prayer and the Sacraments lack everything, you can be sure of it. And so the family disintegrates too.

Until We Have the Rosary in Our Hands Again ...

Our age is dismaying, because we have lost God. And look, there is no way out. If we want to be saved there is only one way: Mary Most Holy and Her Immaculate Heart. But until Her blessed Rosary is in our hands, I don't see much hope; escape will be an illusion.

If the Rosary comes back, then we will think a little more seriously about our Christian life, appreciate more the Christian virtues, and so much of our wickedness will disappear as

we grow in virtue. We will have more charity, be less selfish, and detach ourselves from so many material things which only make us constantly restless. We will also keep the Commandments more scrupulously in order to follow more closely the Church founded by Jesus Christ to be the guiding light for all men, who are all our brothers.

A Quarter of an Hour for Mary: The Daily Rosary

Set aside a quarter of an hour each day for Mary's Rosary. Offer Her these 15 minutes so that you really pray the Mysteries.

In the Holy Rosary, I find the whole Bible, simplified. The four Gospels are contained in it. There I find the coming of Christ, my redemption, my Christian life, and my religious life – because in the Rosary mysteries we see humility, detachment from the things of this earth, charity in dealing with our fellow men and women. Everything is in the Rosary!

And then I begin to think. Do I behave properly? Do I act as the Gospel demands, as the Rosary teaches? Do I think of what I am really saying in the "Our Father"?

The Value of the Rosary

The prayer which the Blessed Virgin Mary particularly desires the most is the Most Holy Rosary. We know this from Her

appearances at Fatima. Today this prayer is bitterly opposed and those who are against it call themselves “wise.” They have already abandoned it because for them it is a prayer which says nothing, a useless repetition of words. Really, I feel sorry for them.

In the Rosary we contemplate the life of Jesus, the life of Mary, and our own Christian life. Hence, it is most worthwhile. Why does Heaven insist so much on the recitation of the Rosary? Because in the Mysteries we find the entire Gospel. Unfortunately, the Holy Gospel is little known, seldom meditated upon, and consequently poorly lives. It is truly in praying the Rosary that we return to the Gospel and become true disciples of Christ.

Mary is a living person, not a memory. We talk and converse with Her when we pray, especially in the Rosary, because there we meditate and ask Her help to put into practice what we’ve meditated upon. When the bishop was about to decide on the ordination of the future Curé of Ars, he hesitated because Saint John Marie Vianney had very little ability in his studies. But then the bishop asked, “Do you know how to say the Rosary?” “Oh yes, very well,” he replied. And then the bishop said, “We will ordain him. He will

be a good priest.”

When a postulant, a religious, or a seminarian does not like the Rosary, send him or her home because such a person would never be a good priest or a good nun.

The Family Rosary

We have just recited the Rosary, but have you never asked yourselves why God cannot enter into so many homes? Is it because so many families don’t pray any more; they don’t go to the Sacraments and so they gradually become infected with materialism, which chokes and blinds and ends by leaving them in darkness.

In times past it was such a joy to be part of those families, all gathered together in front of Our Lady’s picture, even the little ones, and the parents would teach them the “Our Father” and the “Hail Mary” and then all would say the Rosary. But now we have dropped the Rosary; our children don’t even know what it is.

But, dear parents, if we do not put the Rosary into the hands of our little ones, what will your sons be carrying when they are 18? Will they spend their youth uselessly? If they did not find the same “arms of love,” you may one day find them carrying guns, the arms of hate, and will their parents not be partly to blame?

Either the Rosary or a Pistol

We must take the Rosary in our hands again because we need to hold onto something. If you do not choose the beads that speak of love, you will perhaps reach for a pistol that speaks of hate. We see this sort of thing every day.

We do not find people who pray the Rosary turning around to shoot someone. No, they have learned that there are mysteries to love in the Rosary; there is a Bible of love; there are prophets of love; and there is also a life of love, our own Christian life.

Let us return to our knees and let us pray to the Lord that the Divine Child and His Blessed Mother will give each of us the strength to be content with what God's Holy Will sends us each day, and that we will never be attached to worldly things, which can never make us truly happy. When our needs are fulfilled, that should be enough to satisfy us. If all you need is a small car, why break your back to get a big one?


Today's world is dissatisfied and knows no peace. Even that "other world," our inner self, is restless. Why? Because we have let materialism sweep us away. And where materialism is in command, Christ, the Author of Peace, does not enter in.

Holy Communions of Reparation on the Five First Saturdays

The second means to be good Catholics, requested by Our Lady at Fatima, is marked by frequent reception of the Sacraments of Penance and the Holy Eucharist. "Go to Holy Communion often, especially for these specific intentions, on five First Saturdays. Receive Communion to offer reparation to My Heart which you have so deeply offended."

Unfortunately, we must admit that She, our great and Most Holy Mother is, of all women, the most mistreated and offended. Let us make reparation for the pain caused to this Heart by ourselves and by others. Let's really live our Sacramental life, particularly Confession and Communion; in this way we will always have light in our heart; not to sin any more, but to love; not words, but deeds, to adequately respond to love.

How many saints in our times reached the heights of perfection because of the Rosary and Holy Communion! How many saints spent whole nights in church on their knees before the Blessed Sacrament!

Today, Jesus is left alone in our churches – but men also remain alone today, because when we lose Jesus we lose everything. 

A Gift from Heaven

By Father Stefano Manelli, S.T.D.

At Lourdes and at Fatima Our Lady appeared particularly to recommend to us the recitation of the Rosary. At Lourdes She Herself held a beautiful Rosary while Bernadette recited the Hail Marys. At Fatima, in every apparition, She recommended the recitation of the Rosary, especially during the last apparition, when She presented Herself as the “Lady of the Rosary.”

It is truly of great importance that Our Lady gave us the Rosary. When She spoke at Fatima of the salvation of sinners, of the ruin of the souls in hell, or wars and of the future of our age, Our Lady indicated and recommended the Rosary as the prayer that saves.

Sister Lucy of Fatima tells us in short that “in our time the Blessed Virgin gave an added efficacy to the Holy Rosary, so that there is no problem, material or spiritual, national or international that cannot be solved with the Rosary and other sacrifices.”

Saves and Sanctifies

One morning St. Joseph Cafasso, while passing through

the streets of Turin, met a poor, old, hunchbacked woman, who recited the Rosary softly as she walked.

“Why in such a hurry, good lady?” asked the saint.

“Oh, Reverend, I pass to clean the streets!”

“To clean the streets ... ? What do you mean?”

“Look, last night there was the carnival and the people committed many sins. Now, I am saying the Hail Marys to cleanse this place of sin.”

The Rosary cleanses the soul of sin and adorns it with grace. The Rosary saves souls. St. Maximilian Kolbe wrote in his agenda, “Many Rosaries, many souls saves.” Do we think of this? We will save many souls by reciting the Rosary. What charity of inestimable value would this be!

What can we say of the conversion on sinners through the Rosary? We ought to speak of St. Dominic, St. Louis de Montfort, the Holy Curé of Ars, St. Joseph Cafasso, St. Padre Pio, etc.

The Rosary does good to all – sinners, men of good will, and saints.

When St. Philip Neri was asked what prayer to choose, he responded immediately, without hesitation, "Recite the Rosary and recite it often."

Even when St. Padre Pio was asked what prayer he preferred most, he answered almost abruptly, "the Rosary."

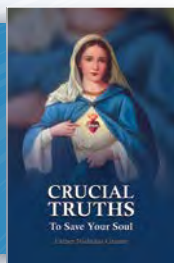
The saints, above all, have shown the efficacious grace of the Rosary. Many saints were true apostles of the Rosary – St. Peter Canisius, St. Charles Borromeo, St. Camillus de Lillis, St. Anthony M. Gianelli, St. John Bosco, etc., perhaps among the greatest and most remarkable examples was St. Padre Pio. He is the most prestigious of all humanity. For many

years he recited daily more than 100 Rosaries. A gigantic model who guaranteed the fecundity of the Rosary for his sanctification and for the salvation of souls.

"How many thousands of souls were mysteriously attracted to that priest, who for hours and hours, day and night, with swollen and bleeding hands recited the Rosary while standing at the foot of Our Lady's Statue. He has truly shown that the Rosary is the chain of salvation which hangs from the hands of Our Savior and his Blessed Mother and which indicates the source of every grace that comes down to us, and where our every hope must go up." (Pope Paul VI).

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Humility

“Scoundrel!” shouted the devil to the Holy St. Curé of Ars while pushing him hard against the wall of the room. “You have already robbed me of 80,000 souls this year, and if there would be four priests like you I would surely end my reign on earth ...” He acknowledged that his being a priest was a special gift from Our Lady, because he knew how to say the Rosary well, remained always in his humility, aware of being unworthy in all aspects. Above all, he thought of praying and doing penance with all his strength. The rest God did for him. These were the things that humiliate hell totally, and made it unable to face this humble priest.

It is the truth of God’s word, “every one that exalteth himself, shall be humbled; and he that humbleth himself, shall be exalted.” (Luke 14:11.) And still, “God resisteth the proud, and giveth grace to the humble.” (1 Peter 5:5.).

If now we think of the surpassing grandeur of Our Lady, we will understand immediately of humility that must be in Her, “Exalted above all the choirs of Angels.”

The humility of Our Lady is noted in the first pages of the

Gospels, “Behold the Handmaid of the Lord.” (Luke 1:38.) It is manifested in the Visitation to St. Elizabeth, who rightly cried out, “Whence is this to me, that the Mother of my Lord should come to me?” (Luke 1:43.) It shines forth in the birth of Jesus which took place in a poor stable because “there was no room for them in the inn” (Lk. 2:7). It is wrapped up in thick silence and hidden for 30 years in Nazareth. It is resplendent of opprobrium and ignominy on Calvary where Our Lady was present as the Mother of the Condemned.

The humility of Our Lady is more or less proportional to Her Supreme Regality. She was highly exalted because She was supremely humble.

We must learn humility from this school.

The Rosary Every Day

All the prayers, knowledge and love of St. Bernadette seemed to consist in the Rosary. Her sister Antoinette said, “Bernadette did nothing but pray and did not know what else to say besides the Rosary.”

The Rosary is an evangelical, Christological and contemplative prayer in the company of Our Lady. (Marialis Cultus, 44-47). Praise and supplication which constitute the Hail Mary

urge the mind towards contemplation of the present mystery of the Rosary.

The Rosary can be said equally well on the street as at the foot of the altar. When the mind is recollectedly turned to Mary, it pleases Our Lady if it is said in the church or on a train, while walking or flying in an airplane.

Is it possible that we cannot find even a quarter of an hour daily to offer a Rosary to Our Lady? The Rosary can be said any place, any time, with anybody, without books or ceremonies, aloud or in silence.

Let us think of the Rosaries recited in the wards of the hospitals by St. Camillis de Lillis and St. Bertilla Boscardin; on the way to Rome by St. Vincent Palotti; on a train and on board a ship by St. Frances Cabrini; in the Sahara Desert by Brother Charles de Foucauld; in royal places by the venerable Maria Christina of Savoy; in concentration camps and in the bunker of death by St. Maximilian Kolbe; above all in the family by Blessed Anna Maria Taigi, by the parents of St. Thérèse and by the mother of St. Maria Goretti. Let us not waste time on trivial and detrimental things, when we have a precious treasure like the Rosary.

Let us recite it and promise Our Lady to end the Marian month with it. "Every day a Rosary for You, O Mary!"

In The Immaculate Heart

At Fatima the Rosary was the gift of the Immaculate Heart of Mary. We want to conclude the Marian month putting our Rosary in the Immaculate Heart of Mary with the commitment of reciting it daily.

The Rosary and the Immaculate Heart of Mary mark the final triumph of the Kingdom of God for this epoch.


True devotion to the Rosary and to the Immaculate Heart of Mary guarantees salvation. Even Our Lady says that the souls devoted to the Rosary and to Her Immaculate Heart will be chosen ones of God "as flowers placed by Me to adorn His throne."

Our Lady Herself wants to light and to keep burning in us the love for the Rosary and for Her Immaculate Heart.

Take action

Recite a Rosary in thanksgiving.

Offer a Mass and Communion in thanksgiving.

Consecrate yourself to the Immaculate Heart of Mary. 

No Sword Like It

by Reverend Lawrence Underdonk, C.Ss.R.

David slipped into the dark temple and looked around. "I need food," he whispered to the high priest. "You can have the Holy loaves; that is all there is here." "And do you have at hand a spear or a sword?" David added. "Here is the sword of Goliath, the Philistine that you killed with your sling. If you will take it, take it for we have no other." And David smiled and said: "Give it to me."

This Old Testament narrative is sometimes applied to the Rosary. Like young David, fleeing for his life from Saul, men are fleeing, not from a king and his army, but a more deadly enemy, satan and his enticements. Truly David's words apply to us.

We run to the Church and cry: "Have you at hand a spear or sword?"

She answers: "Here is the Rosary, the sword of the Woman Who crushes the head of satan with Her heel." And well can we smile and say with David: "There is no sword like it. Give it to me."

This most powerful prayer to Our Lady has indeed earned the title of "Sword." For it is not only a powerful weapon in the hands of Her spiritual children against the attacks of hell, it has made the difference on many a battlefield on which Christian armies were engaged in moral conflict with infidels.^{FC}

Sister Lucy Speaks on the Rosary

Regarding the Holy Rosary, Sister Lucy, speaking to Father Fuentes in the authentic Dec. 26, 1957, interview, said:

"Look, Father, the Most Holy Virgin in these last times in which we live has given a new efficacy to the recitation of the Rosary to such an extent that there is no problem, no matter how difficult it is, whether temporal or above all, spiritual, in the personal life of each one of us, of our families, of the families of the world, or of the religious communities, or even of the life of peoples and nations, that cannot be solved by the Rosary. There is no problem I tell you, no matter how difficult it is, that we cannot resolve by the prayer of the Holy Rosary. With the Holy Rosary, we will save ourselves. We will sanctify ourselves. We will console Our Lord and obtain the salvation of many souls."

Arm of Peace

By Father P. Leite, S.J.

The following article written by Father Leite, S.J. was published in Christ to the World with the imprimatur of the Vicarate of Rome. It is most appropriate today, considering the many imminent moral and physical dangers that threaten each of us.

The eminent appeal of the Rosary is well expressed by St. Anthony Mary Claret who writes: "The ancient peoples of the East had a practice of offering rose-wreaths to be worn as crowns, to distinguished persons; and true Christians have the praiseworthy practice of offering each day, with great devotion, the crown of Marian roses to their beloved Mother, the Blessed Virgin. Such was the practice of St. Louis, King of France, St. Vincent de Paul, St. Charles Borromeo, the great Bossuet, Fenelon, St. Francis de Sales, St. Francis Xavier, and others. Ever since the year 1208, during which the glorious St. Dominic taught people to pray it daily, there has not been a saint nor any person distinguished for learning and virtue, not an observant religious community, not a well-ordered seminary, which has not had the devotion to the Rosary." (Taken from St. Anthony Mary Claret's *El Colegio Instruido Barcelona 1865*, 1:25).

Our Lady Promoted the Rosary Six times at Fatima

Our Lady appeared six times at Fatima. During each of these apparitions She requested that we allow no day to pass without reciting the Rosary. Three times She indicated that the recitation of the Rosary is a needed way to obtain peace:

"Recite the Rosary every day to obtain peace for the world and the end of the war" (May 13, 1917).

She wanted everyone to continue saying the Rosary every day in honor of Our Lady of the Rosary, "in order to obtain peace for the world and the end of

the war", because She said that only She can help you (July 13, 1917).

"Everyone should continue to recite the Rosary in order to obtain the end of the war." (Sept. 13, 1917).

The facts – old as well as new – show that the Rosary is truly the arm of peace

It Defeated the Albigensian Heresy

In the 13th Century, a terrible danger threatened the Catholic Church, especially in the South of France: the Albigensian heresy. The Albigensians are more dangerous than the Moors, declared Pope Innocent II.

At the request of the Pope, the Christians of north France organized a crusade for the defense of the Faith, but events did not at first favor them. St. Dominic propagated the Rosary, and victory did not have to be long awaited. The Battle of Muret, near Toulouse, took place on Sept. 12, 1213. There, 2,000 Christian soldiers vanquished 100,000 men of the Albigenian army.

To whom was this resounding victory over heresy attributed?

Simon of Montfort, head of the Crusaders' army, did not hesitate to attribute it to Our Lady of the Rosary. Thus, he erected on the very place of the victory, a chapel under the name of Our Lady of the Rosary.

On Sept. 29, 1937, Pope Pius XI wrote: "We strongly desire that during the month of October, the Holy Rosary be recited with an increase in devotion by all Christians ... May She, Who victoriously cast the terrible sect of the Albigenians from the frontiers of Christian peoples, be invoked and implored to dissipate the new efforts of our times, and in particular, those of the Communists who, for more than one reason, and by their perversity, bring to mind those ancient heresies. As in the time

of the Crusades, one common supplication was lifted up from all of Europe, amongst all her peoples, so also today, may all in the world, in cities, in towns, in villages, be united in desire by one same effort, to seek by unceasing prayers, to obtain the favor from the powerful Mother of God that the destroyers of Christian and human civilization be overcome and that true peace shine over the afflicted and upset nations." (Encyclical *Ingravescentibus malis*).

Through it Mary won the Battle of Lepanto

In 1571, the Moslems strove to take revenge for the defeats suffered in the West during the preceding centuries, especially in Portugal and Spain. They wanted to attack Europe, coming from the near East. Christendom was seriously menaced.

Pope St. Pius V especially saw the danger. He saw that it was not simply a struggle between rival nations but a menace for the Catholic Faith in the West. Thus, he worked for a spiritual and temporal mobilization of the faithful. In particular, he asked that on the First Sunday in October of the year 1517, the Holy Rosary be honored by its recitation and by processions of confraternities, in order to



implore from Our Lady, the help which was necessary for the Christians.

At the same time a Christian fleet commanded by John of Austria, son of Charles V and brother of Philip II, headed towards the near East. It was the wish of the Holy Father that each combatant be provided with a Rosary and that he promise to recite it in order to obtain the protection of Mary.

On Sunday, Oct. 7, the Christian and Turkish fleets met in Lepanto Gulf, off the coast of Greece. The bitter battle which lasted all afternoon finished with a brilliant victory by the Christians. That very evening, St. Pius V had, at Rome, a clear knowledge of this success. The same afternoon, the

Confraternities of the Rosary, particularly in Rome, had marched through the streets in procession reciting the Rosary.

This victory put an end to the naval power of the Turks and saved Christian Europe. St. Pius V attributed this victory to the Rosary more than to armed forces and he ordered that the invocation, "Help of Christians, pray for us" be added to the Litany of the Blessed Virgin. Moreover, he established a feast to celebrate the 7th of October every year, in thanksgiving for the victory, under the title of "Our Lady of Victory."

His successor, Gregory XIII, instituted the Solemnity of the Holy Rosary, to be celebrated every year on the First Sunday of the month of October in order

to bring to mind this victory.

On May 10, 1955, Pope Pius XII said: "The name given to Our Lady of 'Queen of the Most Holy Rosary' brings to mind, without any doubt, a great victory won over the infidels; but even more it brings to mind the conquests of the Faith over evil and religious ignorance."

Monsignor Francisco Rendeiro, O.P., wrote: "It is especially since the victory of Lepanto that the faithful have become accustomed to invoking Mary by the means of the Holy Rosary at times of public calamity."

It Was An Instrument of Grace for Austria

There is in central Europe only one small country which is entirely free: Austria. This is an extraordinary fact if we remember that Austria was occupied by the Russians in 1945, at the end of the Second World War. In 1954 one of the supreme heads of Russia even declared: "That which we occupy we shall never abandon."

But Austria was liberated. Why? How did the Russians abandon it without war, without the use of force, even though it was but a small, unarmed nation?

The reply must be sought in the power of the Rosary. Austria

has about 10 million inhabitants. One million of them, with Chancellor Figl at the head, promised to recite the Rosary every day. On May 13, 1955, the anniversary day of the first apparition at Fatima, the Russians decided to leave Austria.

Therese Neuman, the great stigmatized German mystic, who was nourished by the Blessed Sacrament alone for 10 years, said a short time before her death: "Certainly it was the prayers and the Rosaries of the Austrian people which merited its liberation." Even today the unforeseen liberation after 10 years of Russian occupation is astonishing.

In September 1972, an Austrian bishop, speaking before the entire episcopate of the country, as well as more than 30,000 people, on the occasion of the 25th Anniversary of the Reparation Rosary, declared: "Just as Austria was freed from the Communist yoke by the fervent recitation of the Rosary, it will be in like manner by the arm of the Rosary that the world will be freed from the present assaults of the devil and his associates." If we recite the Rosary, Our Lady will give us true liberty and peace.

Through the Rosary Mary protected Brazil

In 1964 Brazil was in a very dangerous state. One journalist wrote: "Communism's hold on Brazil seemed imminent. However, it did not come about, thanks to the strength of the Rosary."

This is what happened. The entire public life of the country was openly directed towards Marxism by the authorities, and this as much in politics as in the economy and public instruction. Nothing worse could be imagined. The errors of Marxism were even introduced into the clergy. In the young clergy there are sometimes confusions of an ideological nature. It was this confused clergy who was responsible for allowing the Marxists to take hold of the Catholic Youth Movement.

But the people remained sensible. They reacted and began to recite the Rosary. First of all, the simple and pious women started alone. The men and young lads followed. Television recorded and showed programs where women could be seen opposing the Communists. It is this which saved Brazil at the last moment: the recitation of the Rosary.

In July 1964, the promoter of the Marian Confraternities of Brazil, Father Valerio Alberton, went to Fatima to thank the

Most Blessed Virgin for the liberation of his country.

This is what he said and wrote:

"We have overcome, thanks to Our Lady of the Rosary. It is the message of Fatima, lived in Brazil, which just saved us in time ... The situation in my country was very serious. Every aspect of human activity was undermined. The key positions were in the hands of notorious Communists, those in favor of Communism. The unions were mostly controlled by them.

"Continual strikes, many of which were of an openly political nature, provoked disturbances everywhere. The universities themselves were affected. I noticed myself the seriousness of the situation when I traveled from November 1963 to March 1964 to all the capital cities of Brazil, where I was in contact with the university milieu. In the middle of March I finished my travels with this conclusion: it is a fact that the Church has lost the universities ..."

The penetration in the Catholic faculties was very profound. Even in our colleges there were Communist cell groups ... Catholic associations were not spared.

There remained only one hope: devotion to the Blessed Virgin ...

Repeated calls for prayer and penance, according to the spirit of Fatima, brought the Faith back to life – the Faith which moves mountains. Thus the impossible came to pass: the miracle of a war won without any drop of blood shed.

The contra-revolutionary high command foresaw at least three months of bitter fighting. But a force which was inexplicable, humanly speaking, made the whole military organization collapse, an organization which has been patiently and diabolically built up over several years collapsed, like a house of cards.

The evidence of the working of grace was such that all were convinced that this could have no human explanation. Military and civil heads of the contra-revolution were almost unanimous in attributing this victory to a special grace of the Blessed Virgin. Many declared that the Rosary had been the decisive arm.

Faced with this perilous situation, Catholic associations had put all their efforts in the service of the Blessed Virgin. Two hundred thousand men and lads, enrolled in the 2,000 Marian congregations, had

formed a true pacifying army in the struggle for freedom.

Women had given the example by their courage and confidence in Our Lady. They contributed enormously to the failure of the Marxist Revolution of 1964. They, and their children, distributed thousands of brochures with this supplication: “Mother of God, protect us and spare us from new sufferings ... “

Women passed in the streets, reciting the Rosary out loud and singing songs. On March 17, 1964, the “March of the Family for Freedom, with the Help of God,” was organized. Every week, the Cardinal Archbishop of Rio de Janeiro put Catholics on their guard, demanding of them prayer and penance according to the spirit of Fatima, in order to obtain the mercy of God by the intercession of Our Lady.

While it is true that many problems remain in this great country, it is equally true that on March 31, 1964, without armed conflict, and without any blood being shed, the hour of freedom and peace sounded.[FC](#)

I Witnessed the Rosary Miracle

by Stephen Wells

Dear Father Gruner, We are so deluged with opinions, histories, expert evaluations, modifications, amendments, deletions and additions that we mere mortals are tempted to imitate the ostrich (bury our heads in the sand) and wait for it to all go away.

Unfortunately, the sands of time are fast running out and there may soon be no sand left for us to bury our heads in!

I can understand why there is opposition to your work, the Message of Fatima is dramatically opposed to popular perceptions of the present day. We live in an age of permissiveness, an era where there is no apparent penalty for non-performance of our duty – in some cases our sworn duty. From a purely lay observation, I felt at the time that the Vatican II Council made changes too sweeping, too fast and at the wrong time

in history – the removal of some of the disciplines augmented the permissiveness of the age – e.g. fasting from midnight until receiving of Holy Communion the next morning did at least lend considerable weight to the solemnity of the occasion – more so than today.

Do we really pray any more fervently today in our own language than we did in Latin? At least there was no room for individual interpretations as there is now.

More to the point of your work, I am amazed at how many of our parishioners do not know why the priest says the three Hail Mary's (specifically for the conversion of Russia) at the foot of the altar after Mass.

I will be very frank with you – if it wasn't for my experience with the British Army in Austria at the end of the war, I may have had difficulty in accepting many of your reports. Briefly, while serving in Austria in the Army of Occupation, I observed a weekly procession (I think every Friday) reciting the Rosary while visiting the shrines around the town. This went on *all over Austria*.

In the face of this, the Russians, realizing that their doctrines would never take hold in such an atmosphere, withdrew

– and when they packed up and left, so did we!

The Russian withdrawal was particularly remarkable when you consider the strategic importance of Austria – both Napoleon and Hitler held the view that “he who holds Vienna, holds the key to Europe.”

We need someone like you to

hold up the light of objective faith! And I will try to keep on supporting you. I spent 26 years as a counselor with the Employment Service and I know how hard it is to get people to see facts and face them.

Keep up the good work.

God Bless.^{FC}

Rosary Recitation Before the Blessed Sacrament Approved

There have been objections that it is not proper to recite the Rosary before the Blessed Sacrament. First of all, Pope Leo XIII already in 1883 had ordered that the Rosary be recited before the Blessed Sacrament exposed during the whole month of October. And it was done, till very recent years, for about 100 years.

Are we going to say that the great Pope was mistaken, and the so-called ‘modernizers’ of the Church have discovered the truth?

It is definitely an error (some have said, ‘satanical error’) to condemn this practice now! ...

The present Pope, John Paul II, who started daily Eucharistic adoration in St. Peter’s Basilica in Rome has approved this recitation, prescribed to the Sisters Disciples of the Divine Master, whose founder enjoined the recitation of the 15 decades of the Rosary with the Blessed Sacrament exposed as one of their Apostolate chief works of daily Eucharistic Adoration.^{FC}

ROSARY CAMPAIGN

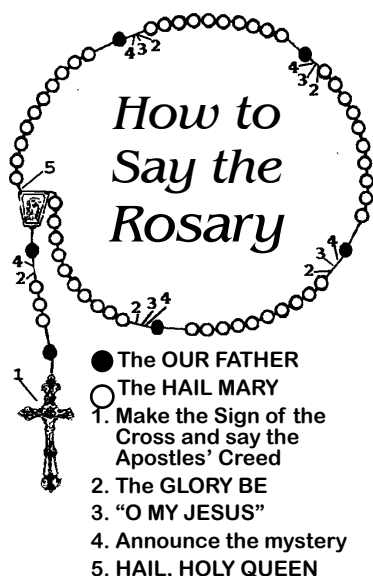
Dear Blessed Lady of Fatima,

I am prepared to offer () decades of the Rosary daily with the intention of winning for the Holy Father those graces he will need to finally solemnly and publicly consecrate specifically Russia, with all the bishops of the Church, to the Immaculate Heart of Mary.

Signature.....

Please copy and forward this sacrifice for Jesus and Mary to The Fatima Center (address on page 63) so he can place it on the altar before the Pilgrim Virgin statue solemnly blessed by Pope Paul VI.

The Prayers of the Rosary



The Sign of the Cross: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. *Amen.*

The Apostles' Creed: I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Creator of Heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord; Who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell, the third day He arose again from the dead. He ascended into Heaven, sitteth at the right hand of God, the Father Almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost, the Holy Catholic Church, the Communion of Saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting. *Amen.*

Our Father, Who art in Heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy Kingdom come. Thy Will be done on earth as it is in Heaven. Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us, and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. *Amen.*

Hail Mary, full of Grace, the Lord is with Thee. Blessed art Thou amongst women, and blessed is the fruit of Thy womb, Jesus. Hail Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners, now and at the hour of our death. *Amen.*

Glory Be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. *Amen.*

The Fatima Decade Prayer: O my Jesus, forgive us our sins; save us from the fires of hell. Lead all souls to Heaven, especially those who are most in need.

Hail, Holy Queen, Mother of Mercy, Hail our life, our sweetness and our hope. To Thee do we cry, poor banished children of Eve. To Thee do we send up our sighs, mourning and weeping in this vale of tears. Turn then, Most gracious Advocate, Thine eyes of mercy towards us, and after this our exile show unto us the blessed Fruit of Thy womb, Jesus, O Clement, O loving, O Sweet Virgin Mary.

V. Pray for us, O Holy Mother of God.

R. That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

Let Us Pray: O God, Whose only begotten Son, by His life, death, and resurrection has purchased for us the rewards of eternal life; grant, we beseech Thee, that meditating upon these mysteries of the most Holy Rosary of the Blessed Virgin Mary, we may imitate what they contain, and obtain what they promise, through the same Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

54-Day Rosary Novena

“For 13 months Fortuna Agrelli, the daughter of Commander Agrelli, had endured dreadful sufferings and torturous cramps; she had been given up by the most celebrated physicians. On Feb. 16, 1884, the afflicted girl and her relatives commenced a novena of Rosaries. At Naples, in the Commander’s house, the Queen of the Holy Rosary favored her with an apparition on March 3. The Blessed Virgin Mary, sitting upon the high throne, surrounded by luminous figures, held the Divine Child on Her lap, and in Her hand a Rosary.

“Mary looked upon the sufferer with maternal tenderness, and the patient saluted Her with the words: ‘Queen of the Holy Rosary, be gracious to me, restore me to my health! I have already prayed to Thee in a novena, O Mary, but have not yet experienced Thy aid. I am so anxious to be cured!’

“‘Child,’ responded the Blessed Virgin, ‘you have invoked Me by various titles and have always obtained favors from Me. Now, since you have called Me by that title so pleasing to me, ‘Queen of the Holy Rosary’, I can no longer refuse the favor you petition; for this name is most precious and dear to Me. Make three novenas, and you shall obtain all.’

“Once more the Queen of the Holy Rosary appeared to her and said, ‘Whoever desires to obtain favors from Me should make three novenas of the prayers of the Rosary, and three novenas in thanksgiving.’

“This miracle of the Rosary made a very deep impression on Pope Leo XIII, and greatly contributed to the fact that in so many Encyclicals he urged all Christians to love the Rosary and say it fervently.”

The Novena consists of five decades of the Rosary each day for 27 days in petition; then immediately five decades each day for 27 days in thanksgiving, whether or not the request has been granted. First day meditate on the Joyful Mysteries; second day the Sorrowful Mysteries; third day the Glorious Mysteries; fourth day meditate again on the Joyful Mysteries; and so on.


Here is a table to help you pray the 54-day Rosary Novena																		
In Petition										In Thanksgiving								
1 J	2 S	3 G	4 J	5 S	6 G	7 J	8 S	9 G		1 J	2 S	3 G	4 J	5 S	6 G	7 J	8 S	9 G
10 J	11 S	12 G	13 J	14 S	15 G	16 J	17 S	18 G		10 J	11 S	12 G	13 J	14 S	15 G	16 J	17 S	18 G
19 J	20 S	21 G	22 J	23 S	24 G	25 J	26 S	27 G		19 J	20 S	21 G	22 J	23 S	24 G	25 J	26 S	27 G

J: Joyful Mysteries are recited on this day of your novena.

S: Sorrowful Mysteries are recited on this day.

G: Glorious Mysteries are recited on this day.

A Laborious Novena, but a Novena of Love. You who are sincere will not find it too difficult, if you really wish to obtain your request.

Should you not obtain the favor you seek, be assured that the Rosary Queen, who knows what each one stands most in need of, has heard your prayer. You will not have prayed in vain. No prayer ever went unheard. And Our Blessed Lady had never been known to fail. Look upon each Hail Mary as a rare and beautiful rose which you lay at Mary’s feet. 

THE MYSTERIES OF THE ROSARY

Our Lady taught Blessed Alan de la Roche and said to him in a vision:

“When people say 150 Hail Mary’s, this prayer is very helpful to them and is a very pleasing tribute to Me.

“But they will do better still and will please Me even more if they say these Hail Mary’s while meditating on the life, death and passion of Jesus Christ – for this meditation is the soul of this prayer.”

THE FIVE JOYFUL MYSTERIES



1. THE ANNUNCIATION: And when the angel had come to Her, he said, “Hail, full of grace, the Lord is with Thee, blessed art Thou among women.”

Luke 1:28



2. THE VISITATION: And Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Ghost, and cried out with a loud voice, saying, “Blessed art Thou among women and blessed is the fruit of Thy womb!”

Luke 1:41-42



3. BIRTH OF JESUS: And She brought forth Her firstborn Son, and wrapped Him up in swaddling clothes, and laid Him in a manger, because there was no room for them in the inn.

Luke 2:7



4. THE PRESENTATION: And when the days of Her purification were fulfilled according to the Law of Moses, they took Him to Jerusalem, to present Him to the Lord.
Luke 2:22-23



5. FINDING JESUS IN THE TEMPLE: And it came to pass that after three days, they found Him in the temple, sitting in the midst of the teachers, both listening to them and asking them questions.
Luke 2:46

THE FIVE SORROWFUL MYSTERIES



1. THE AGONY IN THE GARDEN: And His sweat became as drops of blood running down upon the ground. And rising from prayer He came to His disciples, and found them sleeping for sorrow.
Luke 22:44-45



2. THE SCOURGING AT THE PILLAR: Pilate then took Jesus and had Him scourged.
John 19:1



3. CROWNING WITH THORNS: And they stripped Him and put on Him a scarlet cloak; and plattling a crown of thorns, they put it upon His head, and a reed in His right hand. *Matthew 27:28-29*

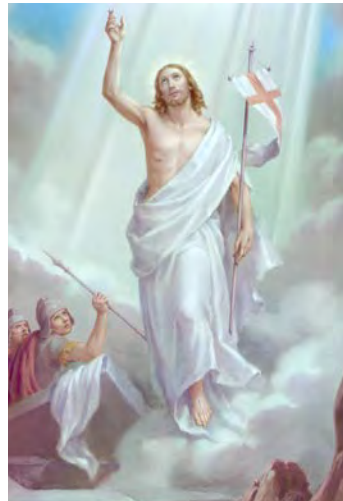


4. CARRYING OF THE CROSS: And bearing the cross for Himself, He went forth to the place called Calvary, in Hebrew, Golgotha. *John 19:17*

THE FIVE GLORIOUS MYSTERIES



5. THE CRUCIFIXION: And Jesus cried out with a loud voice and said: "Father, into Thy hands I commend My spirit." And having said this, He expired. *Luke 23:46*



1. THE RESURRECTION: He is risen. He is not here. Behold the place where they laid Him. *Mark 16:6*



2. THE ASCENSION: So then the Lord, after He had spoken to them, was taken up into Heaven, and sits at the right hand of God. *Mark 16:19*



3. DESCENT OF THE HOLY GHOST: And suddenly there came a sound from Heaven, as of a mighty wind coming, and it filled the whole house where they were sitting. *Acts 2:2*



4. THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN: Thou art the glory of Jerusalem ... the honor of our people ... the hand of the Lord hath strengthened Thee, and therefore Thou shalt be blessed forever. *Judith 15:10-11*



5. MARY IS CROWNED QUEEN OF HEAVEN AND EARTH: And a great sign appeared in Heaven: a woman clothed with the sun, and the moon was under Her feet, and upon Her head a crown of twelve stars. *Apocalypse 12:1*

15 Promises for Praying the Most Holy Rosary

1. Whoever shall faithfully serve Me by the recitation of the Rosary, shall receive single graces.

2. I promise My special protection and the greatest graces to all who shall recite the Rosary.

3. The Rosary shall be a powerful armor against hell, it will destroy vice, decrease sin, and defeat heresies.

4. It will cause virtue and good works to flourish; it will obtain for souls the abundant mercy of God; it will withdraw the hearts of men from the love of the world and its vanities, and will lift them to the desire of eternal things. Oh, that souls would sanctify themselves by this means.

5. The soul which recommends itself to Me by the recitation of the Rosary, shall not perish.

6. Whoever shall recite the Rosary devoutly, applying himself to the consideration of its sacred mysteries shall never be conquered by misfortune. God will not chastise him in His justice, he shall not perish by an unprovided death; if he be just, he shall remain in the grace of God, and become worthy of eternal life.

7. Whoever shall have a true devotion for the Rosary shall not die

without the Sacraments of the Church.

8. Those who are faithful in reciting the Rosary shall have during their life and at their death the light of God and the plenitude of His graces; at the moment of death they shall participate in the merits of the saints in paradise.

9. I shall deliver from Purgatory those who have been devoted to the Rosary.

10. The faithful children of the Rosary shall merit a high degree of glory in Heaven.

11. You shall obtain all you ask of Me by the recitation of the Rosary.

12. All those who propagate the holy Rosary shall be aided by Me in their necessities.

13. I have obtained from My Divine Son that all the advocates of the Rosary shall have for intercessors the entire celestial court, during their life and at the hour of death.

14. All who recite the Rosary are My sons, and brothers of My only Son, Jesus Christ.

15. Devotion to My Rosary is a great sign of predestination.

Block Rosary You Can Do This!

**You can make it as small as you want
or as big as you want.**

Look at the remarkable fruits of the recitation of the Rosary by family groups.

In Nigeria, a lay-apostolate movement is spreading spontaneously and with phenomenal rapidity among the mass of the faithful and particularly among the young. It is the "Block Rosary Movement" which gathers individuals and families by blocks of houses to recite the Rosary together every evening. It is essentially a prayer movement comprising hymns and other prayers in addition to the Rosary, and often Bible readings and religious instruction. This is a remarkable movement which might well become a new instrument of evangelization in view of its spirit and enthusiasm.

Could not this movement be launched and developed in many other African and Asian missions? It would be specially useful in countries threatened by persecution, in order to ensure an intense life of faith and prayer in Christian communities which will soon

perhaps be deprived of priests.

In the Philippines, a similar movement called by the same name, "The Block Rosary Movement" is arousing the same enthusiasm there among laymen, developing with the same rapidity and yielding abundant fruit. Some 80 groups of 30 families and more met for half an hour every evening for the whole month of October to recite the Rosary together, sing hymns and listen to a Bible reading with commentary. Moreover, devotion to Mary had been renewed, many people have resumed the habit of family prayer, the spirit of neighborliness has increased, parish associations have a new lease on life. Such a successful movement really deserves the attention of everyone, especially priests, and we pray that it may develop all over the world, especially in mission countries, to the great advantage of the evangelization of the non-Christians and the dechristianized right here in North America.

The Block Rosary is more than the recitation of the Rosary in private. The Block Rosary is comprised of a group of families, living in the same district. They agree to come and pray round the statue of the Blessed Virgin in or in front of the house of one of them. Every evening after the prayer meeting, which lasts for half an hour, the statue is carried to the next house by candlelight procession and to the accompaniment of singing. People are very keen to have the statue “sleeping at their house!” Thus they have the whole day to invite the neighbors to come in the evening to pray

with them. In this way, “family prayer” becomes “neighborhood prayer.”

The Living Rosary ceremony. The participants take up their places in the shape of a Rosary in the street or in a square; each bead of the Rosary is an adult representing his family. When his turn comes to speak over the microphone, each one received the light of his neighbor, so that at the end of the prayer all the candles, all the torches are burning. In the center of the living Rosary, the mysteries are represented by children or other members of the families.^{FC}

**“One day through the Rosary
and Scapular, I will save the world.”**

... Our Lady to St. Dominic

**Promises of Our Lady to those who are enrolled in the
Scapular of Mount Carmel and wear it continually**

1. Whosoever dies clothed in this Scapular shall not suffer eternal fire. It shall be a sign of salvation, a protection in danger, a pledge of peace.
2. Whosoever devoutly wears the Scapular of Mount Carmel, observes chastity according to his state in life and recites daily five decades of the Rosary (when substitution of the Rosary for the Little Office is granted*) would be freed from the pains of purgatory on the first Saturday after death.

Pope Paul VI

“... Ever hold in great esteem the practices and exercises of devotion to the Most Blessed Virgin which have been recommended for centuries by Magisterium of the Church. And among them we judge well to recall especially the Marian Rosary and the religious use of the Scapular of Mount Carmel.”

*Note: All Catholics enrolled in the Scapular of Our Lady of Mount Carmel may receive the benefit of substituting five decades of the Rosary daily for the Little Office of Our Lady, by filling out our Fatima Crusade pledge and on it requesting this benefit, and sending the pledge to us at the Fatima Center Headquarters.

Is Your Family Protected?

by Mary Michele

With all that is going on in the Church and the world, many people believe we are living in *The End Times*. We see those who claim to be “Religious” mocking God and using their positions to carry out unthinkable acts against Church, State and humanity. We see real churchmen and laity renounced and persecuted. Our Blessed Mother, Our Lady of Fatima has warned us of what is to come and how to prepare. If the *Vatican* never reveals the Third Secret of Fatima or if the New World Order closes all of the Catholic churches and sanctuaries all over the world, our wonderful, beautiful Mother has given us all we need to survive what is to come. This Glorious Woman told us; *“In the end My Immaculate Heart will triumph!”*

How are we to prepare? How will we survive? How will we protect our families? Our Blessed Mother promised St. Dominic and Blessed Alan, *“Those who will recite My Rosary piously, considering its Mysteries, shall not be overwhelmed by misfortune not die a bad death. The sinner shall be converted; the just*

shall grow in grace and become worthy of eternal life.” (One of the 15 promises of the Blessed Virgin Mary).

At Fatima, She told the three shepherd children, *“You have seen hell, where the souls of poor sinners go. ... many souls go to hell because they have no one to pray and make sacrifices for them”*, and Our Lady promised St. Dominic: *“With the Rosary and Brown Scapular I will save the world.”* It really does not matter when *The End* comes, it only matters when *Your End* comes. Will you be ready? Will you be saved? Will you participate in Our Lady’s peace plan? Can you refuse the Mother of God?

Here is how my family is preparing: I have the privilege of praying the Rosary with extended family members every Thursday evening. Sometimes we are a little crowded, but no one seems to mind. We pair up, one adult and at least one child. In our family we have more adults than children. The children will move from adult to adult, not wanting anyone to

have to say their decade alone. We all have our own special intentions, and if one of us is having a *senior moment*, someone will always remind us of the forgotten intention. We've had some family members come and go. The core group remains. The children never forget to pray for those who do not come anymore or their intentions. Notice, I said the children never forget, we adults are forgetful creatures.

This has been very edifying for all of us. When we started out, several years ago, the youngest would offer their intentions for Mommy, Daddy, Grammy, Grampy, Uncle Paka and Aunt Gebeka. As they got older, they moved on to correct pronunciations of aunts and uncles' names and praying for school friends and teachers. Now they have graduated to praying for Holy Mother Church, Our Holy Father, the souls in Purgatory, those who have no one to pray for them, and those in the hospital. The first time I heard one of my youngest cousins come up with "those in the hospital" I knew she was on her way to helping many souls.

Our Family Patriarch starts the Rosary. He always has a lesson for us, not anything very long. Maybe just a Bible verse

or a reminder of something the Blessed Mother has promised us. He always uses current events to show what the devil is up to and how God metes out His judgement on nations that allow babies to be murdered before they can see the light of day. We can see how things are spiraling down the slippery slope. I am only 45, and just a few years ago murder was a rare thing in our area. Today it is almost an everyday occurrence, not even counting the abortuaries in the neighboring counties.

Our Family Rosary is a traveling Rosary. We like to spread the wealth of grace around. If it is a special date, like the anniversary of having the Sacred and Immaculate Hearts enthroned, a birthday, a new addition or just feeling the need to have a spiritual boost, we move the Rosary to that particular house. We even take the Family Rosary to our friends' homes. Friends of ours, a married couple, have an outdoor shrine set up in honor of the Blessed Mother; we went and prayed the Rosary there this summer. It was wonderful to share the blessings and graces with our friends.


The Rosary is all we will have left in the future. The time is coming when we will not be

able to assist at the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass. Except for Baptism and Marriage, we will be denied access to all sacraments. The Rosary is a grace-filled habit that needs to be formed today. It is the only way we will be able to keep the faith alive. Remember that Our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ said, *"For where there are two or three gathered together in My name, there I am in the midst of them."* (Matt. 18:20).

If you have not taken the time to pray the Rosary with your family in the past, start today. With hectic schedules and life styles it is hard to get everyone in one place at the same time, but it can be done. It takes commitment. Make it a habit. Pick one day of the week and stick to it. Not everyone will be able to make it every week. Sometimes you may have to change your peace or resolve to pray the day, so long as at least two or more are together. If you are separated from extended family, ask a couple of close friends. Ask friends to join your *Family Rosary* and encourage them to start their own *Family Rosary*. You will be amazed at the spiritual growth of the children. You will be amazed at your own spiritual growth.

This does not include the partial and plenary indulgences that may be gained by praying the

Rosary, by the vocalization of the Names of Jesus and Mary, or for praying the Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory Be, the Apostles' Creed, or for making the Sign of the Cross. With all of this to be gained for yourself and/or for "those who have no one to pray for them," shouldn't you start this week? Start even today! *"But lay up to yourselves treasures in Heaven, where neither rust nor moth doth consume, and where thieves do not break through, not steal."* (Matt. 6:19).

One word of warning: the devil hates the Rosary. He will put all kinds of distractions and impediments in the way once you make a commitment to start this endeavor. Little trivialities will be blown up into major disturbances of great proportion. Do not let these things disturb your peace or resolve to pray the *Family Rosary*. Again, you may have to change the day, time or place, or maybe only a couple of the core group can meet. This is to be expected, just persevere and you will see what the Great Mother of God can really do for your and your family. 

**Pray the Rosary
every day!**

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Rosary Intentions

St. Louis de Montfort tells us:

"Take Great care to avoid the pitfalls that most people fall into during the Rosary ... the danger of not asking for any graces at all, so that if some people were asked their Rosary intention, they would not know what to say. So, whenever you say your Rosary, be sure to ask for some special grace."

by Joseph Cain

Joyful Mysteries

For that grace which the Blessed Virgin Mary asks for me. For the Triumph of the Immaculate Heart of Mary and for world peace. For the Collegial Consecration of Russia to Our Lady's Immaculate Heart, full revelation of the Third Secret, universal institution of the Five First Saturdays, for Father Gruner, for the Fatima Apostolate, for Our Lady's benefactors, for

Our Lady's workers, for all the intentions of the Sacred Heart of Jesus and the Immaculate Heart of Mary.

The Annunciation: Humility and the grace to be satisfied and content with my state in life.

The Visitation: Fraternal charity and the grace of a happy and kindly disposition.

The Birth of Our Lord: Love of poverty and the grace to despise riches. Confidence in God.

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The Presentation of Our Lord in the Temple: Purity of body, mind, heart and will, and the grace to honor and reverence my parents, elders and superiors.

The Finding of Our Lord in the Temple: Wisdom and the grace to follow the motions of Holy Providence.

Sorrowful Mysteries

For that grace which the Blessed Virgin Mary asks for me. For the Pope, for his spiritual, physical, mental health and well being; for his spiritual enlightenment concerning Fatima, concerning Tradition. The same intentions for the next Pope; the same intentions for the Pope, whoever is the one, who will consecrate Russia. For that grace which the Blessed Virgin Mary asks for me. For an increase in love for Mary.

The Agony in the Garden: Contrition for my sins and the grace to forgive others.

The Scourging at the Pillar: The grace to mortify my senses.

The Crowning with Thorns: Mortification of my pride and self-love and the grace to despise the world; to be in the world but not of it.

Carrying the Cross: Patience in tribulation and the grace to recognize and accept daily trials as blessings from God.

The Crucifixion: The spirit of offering up small sacrifices daily, in thanksgiving for Christ's redemptive Crucifixion. He suffered for our sins.

Glorious Mysteries


For that grace which the Blessed Virgin Mary asks for me. For all those who have asked for my prayers, said I would pray for, should pray for, all those who have no one to pray for them. (Then follows any special people to be prayed for by name).

The Resurrection: The grace of a lively faith, love for God and zeal in His service.

The Ascension: The grace of a great longing for Heaven, my true home and the grace of the Virtue of Hope.

The Descent of the Holy Ghost: All the gifts and graces bestowed upon the Apostles and the Blessed Mother at Pentecost; the grace of charity and the desire for sanctification.

The Assumption: The grace of a tender devotion for so good a Mother and the grace of a happy death.

The Coronation: Perseverance in grace and a crown of Glory hereafter; true devotion to the Blessed Virgin Mary and the grace to love God as much as Our Lady wants me to. 

Dear Mary, I Love You

The following poem was sent in by one of our readers who clearly is full of love and devotion to the Blessed Mother.

A Rosary each day
Is my way to say,
“Dear Mary I love you so.”

Each Mystery of Joy,
when You gave us Your Boy,
makes my endless love
constantly grow!

Through each Joyful Mystery
Your purity does teach me
to accept God’s Will
gladly and freely.

And as I continue,
on each bead I do beg You,
Dear Mary
do not let me stray.

Just let me prove to You,
in all the things that I do,
my constant desire to pray.

And as I continue my Rosary
to pray the
Sorrowful Mysteries

I now must say,
with aching heart
and tears in my eyes,
Dear Jesus, You suffered so!

And Dear Mother Mary
how hurt You must be

to see how Your children
have forgotten Thee;
Through my mind only
one thought does flow.

Please hasten the hour
when You use Your Divine
Power
to crush satan’s head forever.

As I continue my Rosary,
I’ll endeavor to beg
for God’s Mercy on all

And now as I pray
the Glorious Mysteries,
I must concentrate
on our Dear Lord’s victories.

The greatest of all
was His great Resurrection,
and Your victory Dear
Mother
was Your Heavenly
Assumption.

Oh Queenly Mother,
With Jesus my Brother,
I offer You all that is mine.
Now I end my Rosary,
and I hope I do please Thee,
Dear Mother, I beg to be Thine.

... Josephine

The Faithful Abandoned

by Father Nicholas Gruner, S.T.L., S.T.D. (Cand.)

Perplexed Catholics must remember Our Lady said: “*In the end, My Immaculate Heart will triumph!*”

Many true Catholics these days, in the laity and in the priesthood in Canada, the United States and overseas, increasingly see themselves without help and without any apparent solution. It is a terribly upsetting situation for them all because they see many Church officials and organizations and individual Catholics falling by the wayside to the spirit of the world. The apostasy seems to have invaded Church officials, parishioners and chancery offices.

No longer do many of our true-Catholic brethren look up to the bishops and their pastors for help in the distress they feel and the hunger they experience for pure, simple Catholicism which they expected to find proclaimed, taught and experienced at the parish level, in the catechisms, in the liturgical and prayer life of the parish, in the books and sermons that are offered to them within the Catholic community, and in the exemplary lives they have been taught to

look for in those publicly professing the evangelical counsels.

As Father Paul Crane, S.J., editor of *Christian Order*, puts it so aptly: “It is not merely a case of the hungry sheep looking up and not being fed. Nowadays the hungry sheep are not even bothering to look up, so certain are they that they will not be fed. *Experientia docet*, they know from bitter experience that there is no point in their doing so.”

And Father Crane further explains: “It is greatly to their credit, enormously so, that despite the frustration that besets them, they have held fast to the Faith of their Fathers, the Faith for which the English Martyrs died. To my way of thinking, contemporary Catholics who hold so firmly to their Faith, often against all odds, are the true martyrs of our own time. May God bless them for it.”

It is a great credit to the orthodox Catholics that they have held on to the faith, despite the bad example, the heretical teaching, the heteropraxis of the “modern Catholic” parish.

What can any true and loyal Catholic do?

We must pray. At Fatima Our Lady insisted on the Rosary, at least five decades of the Rosary every day. We must pray because it is by prayer that we will save our souls. "He who prays will be saved. He who does not pray will be condemned" said St. Alphonsus de Liguori. This is especially true in our time because we are living in a time of apostasy, the Great Apostasy predicted in Sacred Scripture when even the elect would be deceived, if that were possible.

Our Lady promised to St. Dominic and Blessed Alan that if we prayed the Rosary every day we would not fall into heresy. And if one had already fallen into heresy, that is, been deceived by the devil and his followers into denying an article of faith so that he would be led to hell if he persisted in that error, Our Lady promised if he prayed the Rosary, he would not long stay in heresy. Prayer, especially the Rosary, is more important for all of us today than ever.

It is true that some few, a remnant of Faithful, will be left even in the time of full blown apostasy and the conquest of worldwide anti-Christ victory, which is certain to happen if the Pope does not soon give the order to

consecrate Russia.

All the Pope needs to do is give the order, under pain of excommunication, to all the Catholic bishops, to consecrate Russia on the same day in a solemn, public ceremony.

If some of the bishops do not co-operate, their co-operation would not be necessary because they would be excommunicated and would no longer be Catholic bishops.

And it seems that it is only necessary for the Pope to give the order to the bishops to conform to Our Lady's request for the conversion of Russia to take place and peace given to the world. Of course he, himself, must personally carry out this command of Our Lady.

Sister Lucy did not suggest that the Pope had to wait until he had the consent of the bishops before formally asking them, rather, she said it was for the Pope to give the order. That order given, plus the Pope's own obedience, is all that is necessary, and I quote from her letter of May 29, 1930 to Father Bernard Goncalves, her confessor.

"The good God promises to end the persecution of Russia if the Holy Father deigns to make and orders that the bishops of the Catholic world make a solemn and public act of reparation and consecration of Russia

to the Most Sacred Hearts of Jesus and Mary, and His Holiness promising that upon the end of this persecution that he will approve and recommend he practice of the already indicated Reparatory

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DO PETITIONS WORK?

According to Pope Pius XII, it was also on account of the petitions of the faithful that the Assumption of Mary was finally defined infallibly in the Holy Catholic Church. Few things weaken Our Lady’s enemies more than the knowledge that millions of faithful Catholics are united in this holy mission of petitioning for the consecration of Russia.

PETITION TO OUR HOLY FATHER

Most Holy Father,

Vatican Council II states that the faithful have the obligation and the right to make known to their pastors what their spiritual needs are (Const. On the Church, Par. 37). It has been solemnly defined by Vatican I (Denzinger 1830) and the Second Council of Lyons (Denzinger 466) that we have the right to have recourse to Your Holiness in matters which pertain to ecclesiastical jurisdiction.

Most Holy Father, time is running out. The time of mercy is about to be succeeded by the day of wrath. Our Lady of Fatima revealed precisely what must be done in order to avert the terrible chastisement that threatens our lives and our souls.

Sister Lucy of Fatima has told us publicly: “The Most Holy Virgin told Francisco, Jacinta and myself, many nations will disappear from the face of the earth. She said that Russia will be the instrument of chastisement chosen by Heaven to punish the whole world if we do not beforehand obtain the conversion of that poor nation.”

To prevent this chastisement, Our Lady said She would come to ask for the Consecration of Russia. It is only “by this means” that Russia will be converted and peace brought to the world.

Holy Father, do not be taken in by “overtures of peace.” Communism and its leaders are avowed enemies of Christ and our Holy Catholic Church. Our Lady forewarned us of the intrinsic evil of Communism and gave us the only solution.

We beseech you to not delay any longer. The dangers which threaten our faith and our lives grow greater with each day that Our Lady’s request remains unfulfilled.

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Ideals of the Crusade of Mary Immaculate

Introduction by St. Maximilian himself

How to read? When you approach the time for reading about Mary Immaculate, always remember that you are entering into contact with a living, loving person, someone Who is pure, without any stain of sin – the Blessed Virgin Mary.

Remember, that the words which you are reading are not fully able to express who She is, because these words are only human, taken from earthly language, words representing things in human form. Mary Immaculate is the being completely belonging to God, hence we can say She excels in an infinite way, as it were, everything which surrounds us. She will reveal Herself to you through the sentences you read, and She will inspire you with thoughts, convictions, and feelings, which even the author himself would not think at the moment of his writing.

Concentrate, as you read, on purifying your conscience. The more frequently you purify your soul by the Sacrament of Penance, the nearer your thoughts will be to the truth as regards Mary Immaculate. Acknowledge sincerely that, without Her help, you are unable to know anything about Her, and in consequence you would be unable to love Her. Realize that She alone must more and more illuminate your mind and fortify your heart with the love and attract it to Herself. For that reason, remember also, that the whole fruit of your reading depends on prayer for Her.

Do not begin reading until you have said a prayer to Our Lady. Do not attempt to read a lot, but, rather, try to interweave your reading with mental aspirations of your heart to Her, especially when some distractions are rising in your heart. When you have finished your reading, give to Her freedom to bring the full effects, that from it, She may bring forth the best fruit.

Any book on Our Lady should be read, not in a spirit of curiosity, but rather, slowly and carefully. Whatever we have read should be put into practice.

The abundance of thoughts are so beautiful and it opens our mind to so many reflections, and at the same time, creates admirable a feeling of happiness which leads our minds to the more frequent renewal of good intentions directed to Mary Immaculate.

It is enough to offer only five minutes daily for spiritual reading, but we should be constant about it and fully devote these few minutes to reading. This will be for us, a guarantee of progress in the life of our souls. It will also be a healthy food for our souls because it will give us more and more lofty aspirations in our journey to the heights of sanctity, and to a greater union with Mary Immaculate.

Extracts from the writings of St. Maximilian Marie Kolbe

Through Mary Immaculate, we can become great saints and that, in a very easy way.

Mary Immaculate, Mediatrix of all graces, can obtain the grace of conversion and sanctification at all times and everywhere. She wants to regenerate the soul of each one in the universe. She wants to regenerate our order too.

What is the meaning of conversion and sanctification through Mary Immaculate? It means that the graces for conversion and sanctification are obtained through Her.

“I can do all things in Him who strengthens me” through Mary Immaculate. And why through Her? The Church tells us in the words of a long line of Popes that God’s Kingdom is divided, as it were, into two parts. He has retained for Himself the function of meting out justice, but to the Blessed Virgin He has assigned the function of granting mercy.

And as God, in His infinite goodness, does not wish to punish us for our transgressions, He has given us the Blessed Mother to exercise His mercy towards us. Again we have He right to add the phrase “through Mary

Immaculate” because whatever leads to salvation and sanctification springs from the working of God’s grace in the soul and the Mother of God is the Mediatrix of all graces – just as Jesus Christ is our Mediator.

We offer our gifts to Jesus through Mary Immaculate in order that She may make them stainless and acceptable, and through Him we offer them to God the Father – that they, united with the sacrifice of Jesus Christ, may be of infinite value and worthy of the majesty of God.

Whatever Mary gives to Jesus Christ is undefiled and whatever Our Lord gives to God the Father is infinite. Therefore, the honor which we pay to God through Mary and Jesus is Immaculate and Infinite.

Our life should be a continuation of Jesus Christ’s life on this earth through Mary. With the help of Mary Immaculate we can do everything. The nearer we draw to Mary Immaculate we can do everything. The nearer we draw to Mary Immaculate the more holy we become.

The Mother of God is the Mediatrix of all graces and sanctity is the perfect work of God’s grace.

The devil knows that the nearer we draw to Mary Immaculate the more graces we

shall obtain from Her hands. For that reason, he tries at all costs to alienate souls from the Blessed Mother, even under the guise of devotion to Jesus Christ. The devil knows that God wills to work through Mary Immaculate; he knows that when a soul strays from Her, it will not obtain so much grace.

For us, therefore, it is very vital that we should live through Her, with Her, in Her.

Whether we are attracted to this way of grace or not; whether we are in light or darkness, we always go forward if we keep close to Our Immaculate Mother.

Mary Immaculate is the ladder up which we climb to the Sacred Heart of Jesus. If that ladder is taken away from us we shall not reach our aim – we shall fall to the ground. We firmly believe that She leads us to Jesus Christ. If anyone teaches what is contrary to this, let him be anathema, let him be condemned.

If we want to love Jesus Christ with the heart of Mary Immaculate, to receive Him with Her heart, to love Him with Her aspirations, to make acts of reparation and thanksgiving through Her, then – whether we understand or feel what is happening – we shall in truth approach Jesus through Her heart; or rather, She will

adore and love Jesus through us so that we become Her instruments.

The Love of Mary Immaculate

The love of Mary Immaculate is the most perfect love with which a creature can ever love God. With Her heart let us try to love the Sacred Heart of Jesus more and more. This should be our greatest endeavor.

Let us try to gain, not merely many souls but as many as possible, and through Her to unite them as closely as possible with the most Sacred Heart of Jesus.

This is the program: to conquer first our own heart and then the hearts of others ...

Each single thought, action and suffering of Mary Immaculate was the ‘most perfect act’ of the love of God, of the love of Jesus.

We must tell every soul that exists and will exist to the end of time, through the medium of good example, of words, writing, printing, radio, painting, sculpture, etc., what Mary Immaculate would think, say and do in the practical situations of the everyday life of men in every profession, so that the most perfect, the uttermost love that She bore towards the Heart of God may inflame the earth.

The essence of the love of God consists exclusively in the

fulfillment of the Will of God at each moment. The more this fulfillment causes us difficulty, even aversion or repulsion, the greater will be the manifestation of love. But even these difficulties do not belong to the essence of this love which can exist without them. They serve only to manifest this love.

Let us emulate one another in growing in our love for Mary Immaculate, and in so doing we shall draw others to love Her more. Our hearts are so small and so frail. We shall never be able worthily to return that love with which She loves us.

Let us all try to intensify more and still more our love for Mary Immaculate and always to have recourse to Her, as children to their mother.

One act of perfect love regenerates the soul. Let us often make use of this means. It is not so difficult in practice, for the essence of this act is – the love of sacrifice: an endeavor through self-sacrifice to give pleasure to Mary Immaculate, putting aside the motive of reward or punishment.

The essence of the love of God consists neither in feelings nor in moving words of sweetness; it lies exclusively in the will. Hence, if the soul is determined with Her will to persevere in the way to sanctity, and the love of God, then

even if the feelings of the heart are not stirred, she can be certain that she is making constant progress and mounting steadily higher.

Love which is the ‘bond of perfection’ is nourished and stirred into action only by suffering, sacrifice and the cross.

In loving others for Her sake, we give to Mary Immaculate the greatest proof of our love.

How can we prove that Mary Immaculate loves us? If we love Her, then She loves us far more.

What is meant by the unlimited love of Mary Immaculate? Mary Immaculate is so united to God through love that She is raised not only high above all the saints, but also above angels and arch-angels, above the cherubim and seraphim. Therefore, the more boundless our love for Mary Immaculate, the more does it lift us up to Her and unites us with Her by love, elevating us, too, above the choirs of angels.

What is meant by the unlimited love of Mary Immaculate? She is the nearest to God and we are the nearest to Her, and, therefore, through Her to God Himself. God gave us that white ladder in order that we might reach Him through Her. To use another analogy, She clasps us to Her Mother’s heart and brings us to God Himself.

But these are merely different pictures, similitudes, analogies. The reality is incomparably more beautiful, loftier, more Divine.

“Behold Your Mother”

As for you, my child”

[a] Love Her as your mother, to the point of sacrifice. She loved you even to the point of sacrificing Her own Divine Son. At the Annunciation She received you freely as Her child.

[b] She will make you like to Herself; She will purify you more and more, and feed you with the milk of Her grace. Only let Her guide you freely and form you. Watch over the purity of your soul, purify it in Her love. Do not give way to discouragement, even if you should fall frequently into mortal sin. An act of perfect love with purify you.

[c] Let Her do with you what She will, so that She may not be in any way restricted in the exercise of Her maternal duties towards Her child. Be Her property, that She may use you in accordance with Her will for any purpose, without limitation.

You belong absolutely to Her, your Lady and your Queen ... A servant sells his work. You offer your work and your suffering and whole self, as a gift.

Ask Her to ignore your wishes, and always to deal with you freely

according to “Her” will. Be Her child, Her servant, Her slave of love, in every way that anyone has ever described or that anyone, anywhere, will ever succeed. In one word – be Hers until you are Her true Crusader – that others may become more Hers, as you are, and even more than you. Thus all those who now live and will live throughout the world will co-operate with Her in the battle with the serpent.

Ours is a great mission – to show in our everyday life what a Crusader of Mary Immaculate is.

I am ready to go at any moment to the missions anywhere, in holy obedience, if Mary Immaculate should manifest Her desire for it ...

We are Crusaders of Mary Immaculate, ready for any expedition, anywhere, at any time as a Crusader to suffer, to work and to die ... In order to seal his love for Mary Immaculate! And so in crusade-like style to shed his blood to the last drop to haste the winning of the whole world for Her.

We are called Her ‘Crusaders’ because whoever belongs to Her does not confine himself solely to consecration of himself to the Immaculate, but strives, as he alone can, to offer Her the hearts of others, as he has offered his own: and in this way to win as many hearts as possible for Her, the hearts of all those who are in

existence now, or who will exist even to the end of the world.

A soul which belongs to the Crusade of Mary Immaculate ceases to be troubled even about his salvation. He recognizes that everything does not depend on his own will but comes from the hand of God through Mary Immaculate, and he, on his part, tries to do everything he can do learn more perfectly the will of Mary Immaculate and to fulfill it more faithfully, though it be at the cost of much suffering, even to the shedding of his blood.

The Crusader of Mary Immaculate is not indifferent to the spread of evil, but hates evil with his whole heart, and fights on every occasion, at all times and in all places, these evils which poison human souls.

There is no heroism which a soul cannot attain with the help of Mary Immaculate.

To suffer, to work and to die for God alone, through Mary Immaculate and as an instrument in Her hands – this is an ideal worthy of the Crusader of Mary Immaculate.

The Crusader of Mary Immaculate knows that the quickest and easiest way to belong to Jesus and to God is in Mary Immaculate and through Mary Immaculate. He knows that She will

love Jesus in him and through him incomparably more than he could himself, even though he tried in every possible way.

He knows that every grace enters the soul coming from God the Father through Jesus and Mary and in no other way. So through Jesus and Mary comes every answer to this grace, every return, love for love, is able to reach God the Father. He knows that this is the only way to the easiest and highest sanctity and to the greatest glory of God.

The more a soul becomes the property of Mary Immaculate, to the point of the winning of an even greater number of souls, and of becoming through the Immaculate more and more the property of Jesus Christ, and through Him the more perfect property of God the Father in heaven, the more does that soul become the Crusader of Mary Immaculate and the deeper it penetrates into the essence of the Crusade.

It is not enough to try to be in every sense the property of Mary Immaculate, but we desire to radiate Her in order to draw to Her other souls, not only the souls of the living, but also all those who will ever come into existence, without any limitation. In a word, we want to be more and more Hers until we become Crusaders

ready for complete sacrifice to the last drop of our blood in order to conquer the whole world and every single soul for Her – as quickly as possible – as quickly as possible – as quickly as possible!

He who has known and loved Mary Immaculate and who has given himself to Her so completely, that he has left nothing, reserved nothing for himself, who wants to become more and more Hers in every sense, who desires, in his solicitude for the Kingdom of souls, that others should give themselves more completely to Her; who does everything possible for this end, and tries not to miss any opportunity, even though he has to sacrifice much, even to sealing this ideal with his blood, who, indeed, looks upon it as the greatest happiness, the culmination of his desire to sacrifice his own life, to gain souls for Her – all souls, wherever they may be, without distinction of nationality or race, whether they live now or in the future. ... This is the perfect Crusader of the Immaculate.

Her Will, Not Mine

Let us not always desire to feel that sweetness of our devotion to Mary Immaculate because that would be spiritual greed. Let us allow ourselves to be directed by Her according to Her own will and not as we like. There is not

always time for caresses, however holy they are: we also need protection, dryness, dereliction, etc. Let us, therefore, allow Her to apply them as She wishes as a means for our sanctification. One thing only must be continually deepened and that is the desire to allow ourselves to be directed by Her to give ourselves more and more perfectly to Her and to show obedience to Her will by Holy Obedience.

He who in life tries to avoid crosses as much as possible and does not practice mortification in anything does not yet know the meaning of happiness. He who suffers much for love can also enjoy the depth of love.

Just as for the farmer, the harvest is the period of greatest effort, gathering its fruit into the barns and stockyards, so for the soul there is the laborious harvest during which it can collect as many favors as possible, but there are moments bristling with suffering and crosses.

When God sends us pain and suffering and the soul walks on thorny ground, it is time to rejoice that God has destined it for high perfection.

God shows special love towards those He chastises in this world because in Purgatory punishment is long and heavy but free sub

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The Little Flower, St. Thérèse, teaches us that no little act of charity or sacrifice for the Glory of God is ever too small.

Before St. Thérèse died she said: "I will spend my Heaven doing good on earth." She has brought many souls to the Faith and strengthened the Faith of the lukewarm and pious alike.

St. Thérèse, pray for us and send us a rose!

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mission to the crosses here makes us able to merit greater glory in Heaven. Hence the proverb 'Whom God loves, He scourges.'

Pick up your Cross

The stronger a soul becomes with the help of the Grace of God the greater is the cross that is put on his shoulders and in this he can reflect the life of the Crucified.

We shall win more graces if in exterior and interior darkness, full of sorrows, overwhelmed with work, suffering without consolation, persecuted everywhere, surrounded by misfortunes, ridiculed by all, lonely – as Jesus Christ abandoned on the cross, if then we shall pray for all and by every possible means endeavor to attract all to God and through Mary Immaculate bring them more closely united to Him.

A sailor who wants to steer against the stream has to row continually, otherwise the stream will force him back again. When we get tired, when we find difficulties, let us go to the Mother of God with more confidence that She may help us. And again and again let us go forward in order to fulfill better the will of Mary Immaculate.

Suffering and sacrifice are the best of love, although suffering alone is not the essence of love.

There is no love without sacrifice: sacrifice through mortification of the senses such as taste, hearing and especially the sight. This applies more particularly when one is among worldly people.

In case of difficulties, give them all to Mary Immaculate that She may dispose of them according to Her will – remove them, diminish them, augment them or leave them unchanged.

Even the greatest difficulties should not discourage us but rather fortify and strengthen our will in order to defeat these difficulties.

When many different temptations and difficulties overwhelm our soul, when it feels abandoned and left in spiritual darkness when, so to say, we hang on the cross without any release or consolation as Jesus Christ crucified and yet in spite of this we quietly and joyfully accept and carry that cross for a long time – this is true perfection. The soul does not realize to what heights it is rising and what great glory God is preparing for him in Heaven.

When love penetrates and overflows within us then sacrifice becomes a necessity for our

soul. From sacrifice originates spiritual joy.

Suffering is the School of Love

Let us remember that love lives and is nourished by sacrifices. Let us be grateful to Mary Immaculate for interior peace, for being uplifted by love but let us not forget that even everything which is good and beautiful is not the essence of love. Independent of this love, its permanent existence, the very summit of it was when Jesus Christ said on the cross “My God, My God, why hast Thou forsaken Me?”

Very often, storms will rage and thunder roar around us; but if we are consecrated to Mary Immaculate without reserve, we can be sure that no harm will come to us unless Our Beloved Mother permits it, and in spite of working and suffering when it is for the salvation of souls we shall find sweet repose. And again, when crosses overwhelm us, the Grace of God will warm our hearts and inflame them with such love that we will burn with a thirst for suffering without limit and thirst to be humiliated and scoffed at and even abandoned in order to show how much we love Our Father, and best friend Jesus

Christ, and His beloved Mother Mary Immaculate. Suffering is the school of love.

What happiness will fill us on our deathbed when we realize that we exhausted ourselves and suffered so much for Mary Immaculate.

Flame of Love

Love does not rest idle, but spreads like fire which draws everything to itself. And we also, members of the Crusade of Mary Immaculate, must strive that we ourselves should be transformed in these flames of love – and then that the same fire may transform all the souls which are and which ever will be in the world.

Let us pray and bear our crosses, let us love earnestly the souls of all our neighbors, whether friends or enemies, and let us trust with one end in view – that She may become the Queen of each and every soul in the world as quickly as possible.

Every time we are seen in public, every time we go to the city or elsewhere, we preach a sermon and the more holy we are, the more efficacious will be our apostolate, which should flow out from the fullness of our interior grace.

The simplest way in which to secure the salvation of a soul is to

urge it to do and to suffer every little thing – according to the Will of the all-powerful God – for Mary Immaculate, the most gracious Queen of Heaven and earth.

Mary Immaculate makes us grow in love for Her until we are ready to be completely sacrificed for Her cause. She wants us to gain more and more souls for Her, to help all souls to know Her and to love Her, so that they may come, through Her, nearer and nearer to the Divine Heart of Jesus, Who loved us so much that He chose to be nailed to the cross and to stay in the tabernacle for us.

But how could we be apostolic if the ardor of our love, instead of increasing, were to grow cold? Let us pray often and fervently for each individual, and each individual for all, so that Mary Immaculate may save us from such a misfortune.

We have to lead all souls to the feet of Mary Immaculate! So there is need of great effort and sacrifice in order to arrive as quickly as possible at our glorious shining goal – ‘the winning of the whole world for Mary Immaculate and through her, for the Sacred Heart of Jesus. Therefore, to the attach, to the conquest!’

The more one spreads the glory and love of Mary Immaculate and the more souls he gains

for her and through Her to the love of the Sacred Heart of Jesus (Who loved us even to the death of the Cross), such a one will show ‘the greatest love’ towards the Most Sacred Heart, and will be more closely united with Him.

Let us remember that Mary Immaculate will repay generously for even the smallest mark of honor paid to Her. If those among whom we are spreading Her Kingdom do something for Her, She will never forget it.

Let us never stop in our apostolate of winning hearts for Mary Immaculate. Let us pray for the spread of Her reign in souls, let us offer, for that purpose, our worries and our troubles, and let us above all try to make Her completely satisfied with us. We shall achieve this when our souls are always pure.

In working for souls we must excel ourselves, so that the vessel of our apostolic zeal may overflow with grace onto other souls.

If evil does not delay but works quickly and according to plan, then we, in this Crusade of Mary Immaculate must not stop working. It is a matter of saving souls; of gaining the whole world and each single soul for Mary Immaculate. We are working for the sanctification through Mary Immaculate of all souls will the end of the world.

It would be a misfortune to fail in winning even one soul.

We can do nothing of ourselves, but with the help of Mary Immaculate we shall convert the whole world, and draw the whole world to Her feet. Let us be Hers – entirely and without limits.

Let us live by the love of Mary Immaculate; let us work for love for Her – and may that love radiate from us to others.

It is surely the Will of God to win all souls through Mary Immaculate – and we should offer all our troubles, discomforts and sufferings that She may conquer the world.

There should be no question as to whether this one or that has done more for Mary Immaculate but only whether each has done as much as possible to bring about Her reign in every soul as quickly and as perfectly as possible – that each may live in Her and work in Her; and in Her, love the Heart of God Himself. This is the only question and it concerns the limitless and intensified love of the creature for the Creator.

Why does discouragement enter your heart, O ye of little faith? Enkindle love for and trust in Mary Immaculate wherever you are and you will soon see tears flowing from the eyes of the most hardened sinner, prisons

will be emptied, honest workers will unite together, families will overflow with virtue, peace and happiness will reign and all discord and pain will be banished for it is now the ‘New Era’ ...

We love our neighbor who is near to us but do we have a place in our hearts for the poor souls who remain in the bonds of heresy or of schism? Let us open our hearts to them and let us endeavor to introduce Mary Immaculate to these poor souls in order that She may bring them to God, the source of true happiness.

Though all Hell be against you, you will win

In the missions, also, you will find not only external difficulties but Our Lord will permit, for His Glory and for the manifestation of the goodness and power of Mary Immaculate, that you should pass through discouragement and anxiety, etc. If only, you put no trust in yourself but put your whole confidence in the Mediatrix of all graces, Our Immaculate Mother, you will certainly win through, even though all hell be against you.

Not only will you not yield but you will find that you have enough strength to console others and to comfort their souls, reminding them where they should go for light and strength.

Fortify your invasion of Heaven with an increase of prayer for the cause of Our Lady. Would that Mary Immaculate might always reign ...[FC](#)

Editor's Note: The ideals of St. Maximilian brings to our attention

ROSARY OF OUR LADY, HOPE OF THE WORLD

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you pray the Rosary every day, you will not fall into heresy. And if you have had the misfortune of falling into heresy, by praying the Rosary every day, She will pull you out of it.

In his encyclical on the Rosary, *Jucunda semper*, Leo XIII teaches:

"The recourse we have to Mary in prayer follows upon the office She continuously fulfills by the side of the throne of God, as Mediatrix of Divine Grace ... Now this merciful office of Hers appears in no other form of prayer as manifestly as it does in the Rosary."

At Fatima, the Most Holy Virgin confirms this truth emphatically in each of Her apparitions:

May 13: "Pray the Rosary every day, in order to obtain peace for the world, and the end of the war."

June 13: "Pray the Rosary each day."

July 13: "I want you to come here on the 13th of next month, and to continue praying the Rosary every day in honor of Our Lady of the

in the above article should help us grow in our love for Our Lady and show us how to be more fervent and effective in each one of our efforts to be better Crusaders for Our Lady of Fatima. Should you want us to publish more of these extracts in a later issue please let us know.

Rosary, in order to obtain peace for the world and the end of the war, because only She can help you."

Aug. 13: "I want you to continue going to the Cova da Iria on the 13th, and to continue praying the Rosary every day."

Sept. 13: "Continue to say to Rosary to obtain the end of the war."

Oct. 13: "I am Our Lady of the Rosary. Continue to say the Rosary every day."

Our Lady made praying the Rosary a condition for Francisco's entrance into Heaven:

"He will go there too, but he will have to say many Rosaries."

After this apparition, Francisco began to pray the Rosary six to eight times a day.

The Rosary is often a condition for obtaining even temporal favors, as Sister Lucy reports:

"I then made some requests, but I cannot recall now just what they were. What I do remember is that Our Lady said it was necessary for such people to pray the Rosary in order to obtain these graces, during the year."

All of Us Must Pray and Tell Others

The Immaculate Heart of Mary holds in reserve a torrent of graces and favors, which She can pour out on our souls, our families, on Christendom, and the whole world — but only in response to the humble, constant supplication of our innumerable Rosaries.

Sister Lucy tells us that because of these times, that God has given greater power to the Rosary than in any other time in history. And so pray the Rosary. It is your weapon, it is your shield, it is your guarantee, it is your spiritual inoculation against forces of evil.

Your Rosary prayers can move mountains, save countries, save souls. What a privilege. And such a small task. It is so easy that its miraculous power is sometimes overshadowed with skepticism. Its stupendous miraculous power is too often buried under fears and doubts.

How many more miracles we would see if we humbly and trustfully turned ourselves over to Our Lady of the Rosary. How many pray the Rosary and ask Our Lady's help with their burdens, but then continued to fret about them and take their troubles back as if they didn't really believe their prayers would be answered.

The Rosary can bring peace to our troubled hearts. And that

peace can spread to others, and ultimately, that peace can help change the world. The peace, tranquility and holiness that comes from the Rosary is what we need now.

This little Rosary booklet, if put in the hands of enough people, can help save the world. I pray that every one who reads it will pass it on or get extra copies for 10, 20, or even 100 friends and relatives. Just think of all the graces that would flow from this effort alone.

In Austria, only 10 per cent of the people prayed the Rosary and saved their country from Communist oppression. Read the personal testimony in this issue of a soldier who was actually there and witnessed it.

Yes, we **can** make a difference. We **must** make a difference.

I am determined to print one million of these Rosary booklets, just to begin with. And with your help, we can transform this effort into tens of millions.

I have also launched a 25 million Rosary Peace Campaign. That is about five per cent of the world population. This is a good start. If Austria can do it, together we can do it too. You can do this in your home, at work, at school, everywhere!

How could we not accept the Blessed Virgin's call to pray to

Her, especially with Her Most Holy Rosary? How could we not give just a few minutes of our time to save the world?

I know when you have read this *Crusader* cover to cover, I will not have to ask for your help. You will be so filled with love for the Blessed Virgin Mary that you will want to put yourself in Her heart as St. Maximilian Kolbe did, (see page 48) and serve Her, and along with Her, serve Jesus in His One, Holy, Catholic and Apostolic Church.

And this Love, this service to the Hearts of Jesus and Mary will gain graces for the Holy Father and the bishops to finally heed Her urgent Message of Fatima and bring true, lasting peace to the world. More importantly, the sooner we achieve this triumph of the Immaculate Heart of Mary, many, many more souls will be saved.

In the Hearts of Jesus and Mary, I am joyful at the thought of serving Them together with you. [FC](#)

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Devotion” (i.e. The Five First Saturdays).

So we must pray for the Pope, we must pray especially the Rosary for him because the first triumph of Our Lady will be the obedience of the Pope. And the Pope now hesitates because he is persecuted.

As the Fatima Message tells us, that the Pope would be persecuted, we must free him from his persecutors like the first Christians free St. Peter by praying for him, and he was freed from Herod's prison by an angel because of their unceasing prayers. [FC](#)

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