

The Rosary News

May 2019

Founders: Stanislaus Despres
Lowell Vickery, 1957

Dear Ministry partners, patrons and blessed rosary maker members:

We are always encouraged by the hard work and support of all who bless this ministry with their effort, love and desire.

I personally am amazed by our volunteers who faithfully commit hours of their time in this busy, noisy world to make just one rosary. Then one more. Then one more.

Looking at the images of the children of God who receive the rosaries. I contemplate the commitment they make to pray the rosary. One decade. Then another.

To those who's hands transport and bless the rosaries. There's never enough to satisfy the need.

To those who work hard and decide to prayerfully gift the ministry the funds necessary to keep it alive. The funds seem to multiply like the loaves in the gospel.

Every rosary, every penny and every prayer builds on the foundation of the church that is the quenching water to a thirsty world.

Because you are reading this now, please take just a few minutes, hours or lifetime to realize the impact you have made in God's kingdom. You, who stepped up and answered God's call. Thank you for your past commitment and please continue to help just a little more. Just a little more. Just a little more.

Heaven is rejoicing in your kindness and so is this ministry.

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From The Mission Fields

Rosary Appreciation

Pot-luck Luncheon

SATURDAY, September 21, 2018

11 am - 2:00pm

at St. Ann's Home

2161 Leonard St NW • Grand Rapids, MI 49504 • 616.453.7715

The Rosary Makers of West Michigan are hosting an appreciation luncheon for all rosary and scapular makers! We will have many rosary makers on-hand to share their "tips" and to help out however they can. **BRING A FRIEND!**

Anyone interested in learning to make rosaries or scapulars is welcomed to come.

Please feel free to invite your friends or family to join this ministry.

New starter kits will be available. Don't forget to bring a dish to pass.

Drinks will be provided. Please bring your family too!

We hope to see you here!

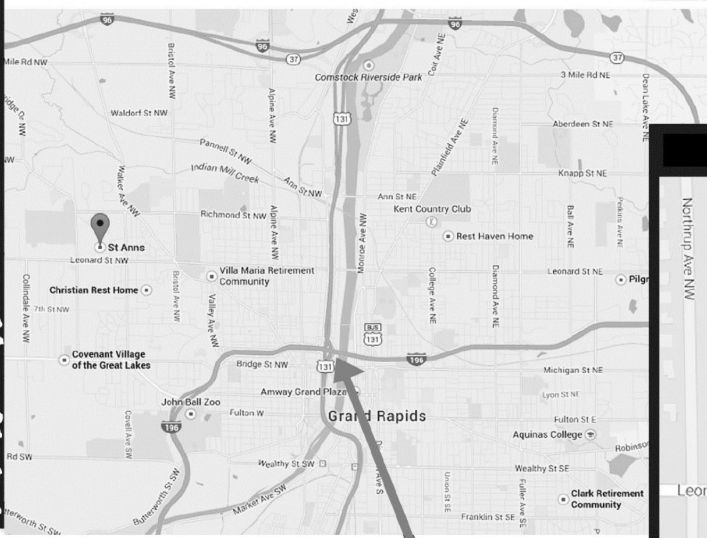
For more information or to RSVP, please contact Tom Kneeshaw at 616-318-8111 or Email:tomk@vikingspas.com.

Location:

St. Anne's is located on the NW side of GR.

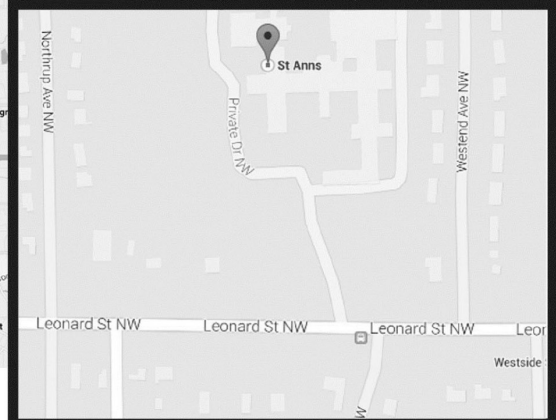
Please refer to the maps below.

MAP



**I96 & US 131
Intersection**

CLOSE UP VIEW



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FINANCIAL REPORT- May 2019

BEGINNING BALANCE:	\$10,605.92
DONATIONS	\$ 3,181.00
PAID OUT IN SUPPLIES:	\$ 5,350.83
ENDING BALANCE:	\$ 8,436.09

This is to Thank you so much Dear Rosary Makers especially Tom for I have just got the Rosery Package to day when i went to the Post box. This has made me good because i will be having a Catholic scout Leaders /chaplains conference as per attached Card will Share each one a Rosary for Rosary hike during scout camping Thanks.and now as a Parish priest parishioners will also Share rosaries as your precious Gift to us will be happy .,since the Parish is dedicated to Our Lady of perpetual help Naddangira Catholic Parish ,be rest assured of Scouts prayers and those of Parishioners of my new appointed Parish in Kampala Archdiocese
Thanks as usual yours

Fr.Matovu Caesar,Kampala,Uganda ;
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Dear Tom

Greetings from St. Philomena Rosary group

I received the package of Rosaries, and Sacramentals yesterday. Thank you for your generosity. This will definitely prove to be a great help to carry on our lay apostolate for promotion of rosary prayers and religious devotion to the Sacramentals.

Our group is working in Diocese of Multan, Where there is a large population of Catholic Christians live in cities and villages. The majority of this population consists of poor people.

It is very important to keep these people faithful with religion because Pakistan is a Muslim third world country and we are not even a group that provides free rosaries and Sacramentals locally. Our group thinks that Rosary is the only weapon that strengthens people's faith.

In the last month, when our Bishop Rt. Rev. Benny Mario Tarvis (Bishop of Multan) came to our parish to bless our new grotto, then before distributing we first blessed rosaries and Sacramentals with his Excellency's blessings. He also blessed us and told the priest that this work should be kept in vain.

We are promoting rosary prayer in the 19 populated parishes of the diocese. We offer salute to your great work. Please continue our help so that we should glorify God's name in Pakistan through the intercession of our Blessed Virgin mother of all

Today I met the Parish Priest Rev. Fr. Emmanuel Sharif and show him the rosaries and Sacramentals I receive from you. He is thankful to you and he said that he would offer holy mass for your group. (Picture attached).

(Some pictures of work along with scan copy letter of thanks from our Parish priest attached for your information)

Regards

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Shahzad Francis
Group Leader

St. Philomena Rosary group, Pakistan

From the Mission fields



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Our group celebrates Christmas with 50 families who connected to the group and 50 poor families of the area for the past 10 years. In which our Rosary group produces Christmas dramas, besides entertainment pray for them. Poor families are made new clothes before the program So that they can celebrate Christmas happiness. Dinner is also arranged after the program. For this purpose we start a subscription campaign in October every year. Although there are not so many rich Christian people in Pakistan, but we go to those people, they have the ability to give charity, and request them to pay some money from their income So poor people can also be included in Christmas happiness, because Muslim people celebrate their festivals in Pakistan with great passion.

10 years ago Mr Richard Swanson of USA sent us Santa's dress, he is now old but we are still using it and go to poor people's homes on December 24 and congratulate them with gifts and love. Please keep us in your prayers so that we can also set a good program this year too.

Our group recites rosary prayer collectively every evening at 5 PM at grotto at St. Mary's Church Khurampura and we recite first mystery for your health and your mission every day.

I am sending you some pictures of our Christmas programs

Regards

Shahzad Francis
Group Leader
(see pictures on this page)



 **From the Mission fields** 

On Dec 2, 2018, at 1:06 PM, Joseph F. Kaupa wrote:

This is my O.L.R.M's end of the year report. This year, 2018, I have made 1423 Rosaries. I've sent them to the Alexian Brothers in St. Louis, MO. and to the Daughters of Charity located in Washington, DC.

There is a decrease in the numbers I've made due to I'm using mission chain now and also the brass and nickel/silver wire. These changes make a better looking Rosary. Respectfully submitted.

Joseph F. Kaupa

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Dear Tom,

As the Advent Season has commenced we wish you a blessed Advent journey and a happy Christmas and prosperous New Year - 2019. May God's abundant graces be upon you always. Once again thanks so much for your gifts of Religious items you send me.

The Religious Items do help us very much. Most parishioners have come back to the devotion of praying the Rosary because now they have the religious items they can use during the prayers. Thanks so much!
Yours in Christ,

Fr. McDonald Kankhono

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Dear Friends

Much love and regards from Ernaulum. I hope and pray that all of you are doing well. May the Lord bless you most abundantly and keep you well.

Your package brought us a pleasant surprise this morning. Many people have been asking for rosaries since they lost them during the recent floods in Kerala. We shall be able to

distribute them to many families and help them in their journey of strengthening in faith.

India is going through a tough time. We will have general elections soon and we are afraid of violence in some areas. There are strong factions and we would like you to pray for our country and its peace. Our poor needs work and food.

How are the members of your group? Do you get new members to support this cause? Do you get good number of volunteers to sort out various parcels and send them to different countries? Even though we do not see each other, you all are in my prayer heart and I pray that God bless all of you most abundantly.

Sincerely,
Bishop Sebastian Adayanthrath
Auxiliary Bishop, Ernakulam-Angamal

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Dear Rosary Maker Friends

My most sincere and grateful thanks for your most welcome parcel of most beautiful and lovely Rosaries. I find no words to express my gratitude adequately for this precious gift. May the Good God bless and reward you as He alone can, and we, on our part will never fail to pray for your intentions and needs. I am sure our Blessed Mother Mary will intercede on your behalf, for your great work of spreading her devotion to all over the world. I know very well that you have to make a lot of sacrifices to accomplish this great work. I wish you every success in your noble work and may our dear Lord and His Blessed Mother bless you with good health and every blessing.

Once again I thank you wholeheartedly for your generosity and kindness and promise our prayers for this great apostolate that you are doing. I extend my grateful thanks to all our Rosary Makers. May God bless you and your dear family, and may our Blessed Mother protect you and keep you under her mantle. Much love and prayer to all of you.

 **From the Mission fields** 

Much love and prayer to all of you.

Yours ever gratefully in Jesus and Mary,

Sr. M Beatrice O.Ss.S

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My dear Friends in Mary Queen of the Rosary:

This is my 2nd Christmas letter of the year. Let me wish each of you and your dear ones a Happy Christ-filled Christmas. May the Divine Babe of Bethlehem bless each one of you with His peace. Joy and Love. Let me also wish you a happy spirit-filled new year in 2019. May whatever you do and whatever happens to you during the year 2019 take you closer to Jesus, Mary and Joseph.

I waited for the box of rosaries for long. At last it came in November. I am very grateful to you for remembering me and sending me good, lovely rosaries. I will be sending a good number to the workers in Sri Lanka and the poor people in Africa. May Jesus through the intercession of His Mother shower on each one of you and your dear ones all the graces and blessings you are in need of. May He continue to give courage and strength to continue this noble work. I request you to keep in your prayers my sister (aged 94) who passed away on October 1st. With my renewed wishes for a very happy Christmas and a new year and with assurances of my prayers for you and yours.

Your grateful sister
M. Annunciate
St Therese Convent - India

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A special thank you to Shawn Wylie and his staff who for years has donated his time to print Our Lady's Rosary Newsletters for us at no charge! God Bless you Shawn and your staff for continuing to print our newsletters for free. May God bless you abundantly!

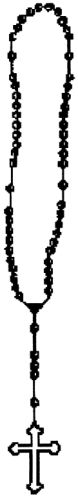
Dear Rosary Makers

The whole community of Pushpavanam Ashram wish you a very Happy Christmas and a Bright New Year 2019 with God's abundant graces and Blessings in and throughout the year 2019. May Baby Jesus with His Mother Mary and St Joseph bless all of you and all your undertakings in His tender love He has for us all. We remember you and your organization in our Mid-night Mass and the New Year Mass of Mother of God especially.

We have received a great help from your organization both material and spiritual in the recent past. Than you so much for your love and concern to maintain the community in sending us rosaries and medals. If at all, we the contemplative community is able to manage the community with Five Fathers, 5 elderly brothers and 7 novices, it is surely with your generous help that you have extended to us. Taking this opportunity, I whole heartedly than you all personally for your great help in Pushpavanam Ashram as a Prior. I experience God's providential care through you and cherish it. Once again thank you. We belong to contemplative congregation, founded by Fr. B.A. Thomas OMI. We do not take any outside ministry. We remain always inside and pray for the whole church, i.e. praying for the sins committed by humankind against the Divine Majesty, reciting the Rosary before the Blessed Sacrament night and day turn by turn round the clock. Apart from that we are doing the Evangelical and social work in and around the Ashram, esp. to the catechism students who are around us and who come to us in their physical needs. Once again dear, we the Pushpavanam Ashram community whole heartedly wish you a very happy Christmas and a peaceful New Year 2019.

Kind regards
Fr. Bastian Buthalvan C.R.

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Month of May

Rosary Prayer

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 learn to imitate what they contain and obtain what they promise, through the same Christ our Lord.
Amen

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This simple and profound prayer, the Rosary, teaches us to make Christ the principle and end, not only of Marian devotions, but of our entire life. - Pope Paul VI

The Rosary . . . is a form of union with God and has a most uplifting effect on the soul.  
- Pope John XXIII

Place your confidence in the Holy Rosary. Use this most powerful form of prayer with the utmost possible zeal, and let it become more and more esteemed.—Pope Pius XII

The Rosary is also a powerful incentive and encouragement to the practice of Christian virtues, and these it develops and cultivates in our souls. Above all, it preserves and nourishes our Catholic faith. - Pius XI