

# The Rosary News

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Dear Rosary Makers, Ministry Partners, Friends & Supporters:

At this time, the seasons are in change and we can reflect how Spring begins North of the equator bringing new life, while South of the equator Fall offers a valuable respite from the hot days of Summer. Amazing is the way our planet tilts back and forth as it circles the sun changing seasons year after year since its' creation.

I reflect on God who offers even greater consistency than our earth. Continuing to be who He is.

Consider that God did not need earth's creation to add a single thing to His perfection. Animals, plants, seasons, oceans and lands do not add anything to God who is perfect in every way. In an instant, He could make a countless number of earths all over the universe.

So we are left with the reality and the responsibility of knowing that God created this earth to be home to His children. In spite of the changes that occur on our earth, God continues to be a Father who will always love, always forgive and always call us to Him. In God's arms we are always welcomed. The constant change of our heart and the soul we bare to our Lord will be all that is required for God to be happy. After all, He died for us so that we may live. Never underestimate God's desire to be one with us in everything we do. So too, will we realize our reward as we faithfully continue to sew the seeds of faith together as a ministry for the great eternal harvest.

God's peace to you all

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**"The faithful children of the rosary shall merit a high degree of glory in heaven"**

<b>FINANCIAL REPORT-2021</b>	
BEGINNING BALANCE:	\$6,300.55
DONATIONS	\$5,280.00
PAID OUT IN SUPPLIES:	\$2,365.75
BALANCE :	\$9,215.30

Dear Tom,  
New Year Greetings!

I am so happy to inform you that just now I received the rosaries. I haven't at convent. Just now received from the post office. Thank you so much for your concern and support. Regards to all who made the rosaries.

I shall write to you after opening the packets.

May God bless you all.

Sr. Arpitha

Peru

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This is the second packet. How are you all?

Always remembered in our prayers.

Thank you.

Sr. Arpitha

Peru

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Dear Tom

I don't have words to thank each of you for your great work! Our Vicar, Asst. Vicar & my sisters, all were surprised to see the rosaries. For them, it is the first time, they receive rosaries like this. All were there when I opened the packets. We have two churches-parish church and chapel. Asst. Vicar is in charge of chapel. So the rosaries are divided into two-for parish and chapel.

We are waiting to announce this on the next Sunday and to distribute. We are going to recite the rosary on all Sundays before the Holy mass.

Be sure of our prayers for your group of rosary makers.

I am sending the photo when we opened the packets-Fr. Jell-oVicar (standing) Fr. Dennis-Asst. Vicar (sitting) Sr. Alcy, my superior (near to me with mask)

Thank you so much again.

Sr. Arpitha

Peru



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Greetings Tom!

I have made 1,200 rosaries for the year of 2020. 1150 I sent to the Daughters of Charity at their St. Ann's Home in Hyattsville, MD. The other 50 went to the Alexian Brother's facility located in Milwaukee, WI. I plan to keep on propagating the rosary in the next year of 2021.

Joseph Kaupa

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**From the Mission fields**

My dear friends in Mary Queen of the Rosary,

Here I come with my warm and loving wishes for a Happy—Christ-filled Christmas. May the Divine Babe of Bethlehem bless each one of you and your family members with His Peace, Joy and Love. Let me also wish each one of you a Happier—Spirit filled New Year 2021. May whatever you do and whatever happens to you during the year 2021 take you closer to Jesus, Mary and Joseph and one another. Do remember me to Jesus when you Wish Him on His birthday.

I got the packet of rosaries you sent lately. Just starting distributing them. There are some beautiful ones. Thank you very much. When the rosaries came last time, the Post Office people asked for 12 rosaries. We so happily gave them. Let the devotion to the Rosary spread everywhere. Some of them treasure it like gold.

This time when the rosaries came, the customs opened the box and charged us Rs. 2438/-I don't know why. They pasted the amount on the box. We did not get a receipt. I am writing this to request you to do anything if you can when you send next time. Anyway we don't want to lose the precious gift of rosaries. This time don't do anything. From our Province 7 Sisters died lately. Do keep them in your prayers. With my grateful thanks and the assurance of my prayers for you and your family.

Yours gratefully,  
M. Annunciata A.C.  
St. Therese Convent

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Dear Tom,

Christmas activities have started. Our group is also organizing small events. At the same timework is underway to help the poor. In these programs we have the support of the parish priest, Father Emmanuel. May this Christmas give you good health and the grace to grow in the love of the Lord and make your service fruitful.

Merry Christmas to you from us

Shahzad Francis  
Group Leader

St. Philomena Rosary Group  
Punjab, Pakistan

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Dear Tom

You brought us joy on the first day of Advent. Rosaries have arrived. We are putting them into small packets. We will be able to reach them to those who really long to get one for their daily use. I am touched by the fact that you work so hard to get them organized. God will bless you.

Much love to you.

Sister Apitha is waiting in Peru. I pray that it will arrive there safe

Thank you for everything Tom.

Keep well. Keep safe.

Bishop Sebastian Adayanthrath  
Bishop of Mandya,  
Karnataka State, India

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Dear Tom and Our Lady's Rosary Makers,

We write to wish you and your families and the whole Apostolate of Our Lady's Rosary Makers a blessed Christmas Season and a happy and prosperous New Year to you all.

How is your lives going in the Covid-19 era? In Malawi, a number of people have died of Covid-19 pandemic. Some are still infected and many are affected by it including ourselves as priests. Most have stopped attending Church services due to fear of contracting the disease.

Lastly, may the graces of God the Almighty be upon you and your families and the whole Apostolate of Our Lady's Rosary Makers.

Yours in Christ,

Fr. McDonald Kankhono

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 **From the Mission fields** 

Dear President,

It is our joy to extend greetings and heartfelt gratitude for tireless support in Ministry.

I received the package of holy rosaries last Saturday. God bless your team for this special offering.

Many women like the yellow, green and red. Rosaries in the polythene bags. We'll need more in the next gift plus some medals, prayer cards, etc, if possible.

All our 5 remaining Covid-19 patients got healed and were already discharged today, including the two staff members who got infected. The situation is calm again. We'll continue to ask Mother Mary to intercede for us and for the whole World.

God's blessings to all of you and I remain,

Sincerely yours,

Fr. Amati Tom Walter

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Dear Tom and Friends

Even though it is lock down time and we are quite desperate, two parcels of rosaries arrived brought a smile to our faces. We are exuberant to receive them. Thank you.

This is basically a mission area and people do come and ask for rosaries. They have great devotion to Our Lady and deep faith in her intercession. Thank you for the parcels. When I unpacked them, tears came to my eyes since I do know that these were sent by volunteers who did this great ministry with prayer on their lips.

Great is their faith and wonderful is their commitment. We just cannot thank you enough. The Lord will reward you for your loyalty and devotion to the cause of Our Lady who is our mother and intercessor. May the Lord bless you and keep you in steadfast love. Thank all the volunteers on our behalf.

Covid is on the increase here and there is great fear among the people. We do pray for you and you pray for us.

Much love for these wonderful gifts. With gratitude,

Bishop Sebastian Adayanthrath

Bishop of Mandya

Karnataka, India

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Dear Sir,

On the 26th we arrived after a five-hour drive to attend the Derekabad Marine Shrine. This is a desert area where no road has been made yet. We traveled twenty kilometers from Main Road to sand Road. Three time our car got stuck in the sand but this journey of devotion did not stop

We arrived there at 11 AM. At that time there were very few people, and then a large number of people arrived and attended the twelve o'clock holy mass. It was a beautiful sight, people along with their families, got there on foot and on the bullock carts and on the truck trolleys. These were very enthusiastic people, and seeing them, our faith was refreshed.

Before Mass, people confessed, five priests were listening to the confession. We set up our stall at 1PM and continued to distribute roses and sacraments for six hours. We were eight people and I'm glad my kids (Group Members) did it with joy. They all are young people who are studying in schools and college. May God bless them all.

We are back this morning but still we have attended Mass at ten o'clock in the morning and have reported our visit to our Parish Priest. Our stall was visited by Very Rev. Fr. Yousaf Sohan (Vicar general of the diocese) Fr. Waqas OMI, Father Nadeem OMI, Father Atta Sultan OMI and Sr. Lucy OP. They praised our work; we

 **From the Mission fields** 

Offered rosaries and sacraments to all of them, which they accepted with great affection.

We distributed more than 800 hundred rosaries and sacramentals. Our stock is almost gone. We hope you keep sending us rosaries and other Sacramentals so that God's name is glorified in Pakistan. But we need your continued support so we can continue our work.

Shahzad Francis  
Group Leader  
St. Philomena Rosary Group  
Punjab, Pakistan

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Hello Tom

Hopefully you are doing well. We are fine here in Uganda amidst COVID-19 pandemic. In the parish where I work, we have not registered any death case because of the pandemic. We thank God for that. I have received the package you sent me. My heart is filled with gratitude to you. God bless your ministry. I promise you my daily prayers.

Fr. William Abukua, Parish Priest,  
Vurra Catholic Parish

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Dear President

My humble greetings to you and your family of Rosary Makers.

I continually appreciate your contribution to Marian devotion across the world. We ask you to intervene for us as we've been hit hard by COVID-19 pandemic in Uganda.

Our hospital (Maracha) has already two staff members who tested positive and one is a religious nun, Sr. Mary Beatha. Many of the colleague staffs are in quarantine, along with me and other core managers. We pray and are highly hopeful that all will be well again.

Due to the mounting pressure caused by COVID-19 pandemic, and public mass being restricted, many have consolation through reciting Holy rosary. I still call on you for more aid incase your situation allows. This benefits our staffs, their children and the rest of the

Patients and attendants.

Thanks so much for your time and consideration in this matter. And I remain,

Sincerely in the Lord,  
Fr. Amati Tom Walter

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Dear Tom and Rosary Makers,  
It is a long time since I had any correspondence with you. I received your precious gift of the rosaries. I have already distributed most of them and those who got them are extremely happy. Those meant for Africa and Sri Lanka will be sent when there is a gathering next month. Our sisters are working in Kenya and Sri Lanka. I was thinking of our rosary makers and their families very much because of "Corona". Hope all the workers and their family members are protected by Mary Queen of the rosary. I lost my sister Veronica last week. She was 96 married and have 7 children. Please keep her in your prayers. All of you are in my prayers and in the prayers of those who received the rosaries. The sisters of St. Therese convent are praying many rosaries for "Corona" o get away from the world. With my thanks and the assurance of my prayers.

Yours gratefully,  
M. Annunciata A.C.

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Dear President,

My cordial greetings and thank you for your feedback.

I already got notification from a US based shipping company about the supplies you have considered for us hospital workers and our neighbors in need. I hope to receive soon and shall inform you accordingly.

Thanks for your continued support and encouragement in the ministry. As per now, we've successfully managed four COVID-19 patients and the Lord has healed them. We still have three Nuns back here in isolation.

**From the Mission fields**

Keep us always in your prayers as things are getting tough on us here and world over.

We haven't paid our 165 staff members since July. Its becoming unusual. This discourages a lot at work but I love the way they're calm and embracing their call. All this too shall come to pass. We've two organizations underway and hope is big.

Sincerely,  
Fr. Amati Tom Walter  
Hospital Chaplain

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Hello Tom  
Hope you are fine during this COVID-19 pandemic. I'm find and trying my best to move on within the lockdown. Our Churches are to reopen by under strict observation of the Standard Operating Procedures.

We are administering Holy Communion to the candidates in our Parish. Is it possible for you to send me some rosaries for these candidates? Their number can reach 500 in the whole Parish. If you could send me two packets, it would be enough to help me promote devotion to Our Mother Mary through these children. God bless you and stay safe and stay healthy. May God protect you from COVID-19 pandemic. I would be grateful if you honour my request. Kind regards to all the members.

Fr. William Abukua,  
Parish Priest, Vurra Catholic Parish,  
Arua-Uganda



Dear Tom,  
Hope that you all are well by the grace of God.  
Actually I wanted to send you the photos earlier but I forgot. Sorry for the delay. We distributed the rosaries in our parish and two chapels. All were very much excited to receive it. You are always remembered in our prayers.  
We have started to pray rosary before the Sunday mass in church but unfortunately the is closed again till 15th March.  
Hope that everything will be fine after that. Let us be united in prayer.  
With much love and prayers  
Sr.Arptha.

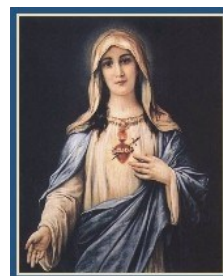
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**We wish to recognize  
our new rosary makers:**

**Pam Hand  
Linda Tkaczyk**

**Welcome!!!!**



From the Mission fields

Dear President,

Sunday greetings to you and best wishes for Lent.

Please, I wish to send you pictures of the little children in and around the hospital, candidates of 1st Holy Communion who have benefited from the offers of the Holy Rosary. I asked them all to remember you and your team of Rosary makers in their daily intercessory Prayers.

We'll continually be grateful to you for honoring our requests in favor of the sick and the vulnerable.

Sincerely in Christ,  
Fr Amati Tom Walter



**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!**



We need your help! We are in need of eager, young men and women willing to make rosaries, scapulars or both. We can teach those who do not know how to make a rosary or scapular. Many of our faithful rosary makers and scapular makers have for many years supported our ministry. But time is catching up and many are too old or are no longer with us and we prayerfully are seeking new and eager hands to fulfill the promises of Our Blessed Mother. For those who are interested please contact:

Pat Foster-616-581-3945  
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Ellie Estes—616-784-3869

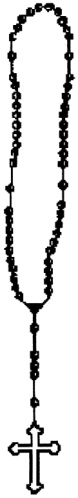
*Thank you and God Bless!*

Please remember if a loved one has passed away and you would like to remember them in a special way, consider a donation in their memory to Our Lady's Rosary Makers. We will include your loved one in our next newsletter, remembering them as we pray our rosaries. All donations are tax deductible.

You may send your remembrance donation to:

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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



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