

The Rosary News

October, 2021

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Dear Rosary Makers, Missionaries, Valued Supporters & Friends:

"A mother is she who can take the place of all others but whose place no one else can take."

The sentimental saying above is the belief that when times are tough we can always run to our mother for unconditional love. Of course, we have God as our creator and through Jesus is the pathway to our salvation. So what about Mary? It is what some of our Protestant brothers and sisters contend is the fault of our faith. They insist that we shouldn't bother devoting any mind to her. The Christmas song "Mary did you know" I find to be as equally upsetting to the idea that she was just another person here sharing time with us on planet earth that happened to do just one thing that makes her memorable.

John 3:16 says, "God so loved the world that he gave His only Son". In my humble opinion, it is the Son who so loved the world that He gave His Mother. After all, she remained in place by Jesus to assist the early church. She is the one foretold by the prophets, and the psalms and is the new Eve who says yes and alters every human beings destiny forever. She is the perfect Mother, Daughter and faithful Spouse of the Holy Spirit. She was the one Immaculately conceived not just to perform a function (birthing Jesus) but to give delight to God as his perfect creation who is crowned Queen of Heaven over all angels and saints and only inferior to God.

To say that a Queen has no power is foolhardy. Our queen, our mother who we all have pledged our time, talent and treasure to further this ministry fulfills God's plan to give honor to Mary who He delights in. Mary is Who has been given by God the ability to take the place of all others and lead us to Him when we have sinned. Like a good Mother she can be the advocate that we need and that God has ordained that no one else can take her place as Queen of heaven. To give honor to Mary is to give honor to the God that created Her ... to be our Mother, our Confidant, our Petitioner and ultimately our Guide to the wonder and joy that is our God.

Thank you for your commitment to this ministry ... your Mother definitely approves.

Sincerely,

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

FINANCIAL REPORT-2021

BEGINNING BALANCE:	\$9,227.77
DONATIONS	\$175.00
PAID OUT IN SUPPLIES:	\$728.74
BALANCE :	\$8,674.03

Dear Tom,
 Thanks and for sure faithful Erma is in our prayers.
 Also I am happy to report receipt of the latest consignment of Rosaries recently. They have already been distributed throughout the Parish with 17 Outstations, to the great joy of the recipients. We always ask them to remember you in their prayers, so we hope that lots of blessings will come back to you all our benefactors.
 Stay well and healthy in these trying times of Covid 19.
 God bless,
 Fr. Werner Iten OFM Conv. Mwinilunga,
 Zambia

My dear friends in our Queen of the Rosary, Do accept my belated thanks for the box of Rosaries sent lately. The customs didn't open the packet this time neither did they ask for payment. Thank you for your prayers to Mary, Queen of the Rosary. Happy to inform you that more and more people are asking for rosaries because of Corona. Whether they belong to any religion we are giving them rosaries after they are blessed. Some good will come out of it. Rosaries for Africa and Sri Lanka are packed and kept waiting for someone to come from there to India.

Hope all of you and your families are safe from Corona. Here Covid is on the increase.

May Jesus, Mary and St. Joseph bless your work to spread the devotion to Rosary. With my thanks and prayers.
 Sr. M. Annunciata A C
 St. Therese Convent, Shoranur, Kerala, India

Dear sir

First of all, I am sorry that I am contacting you after a long request. On the one hand, the situation in the country had deteriorated due to Corona. Corona had spread rapidly in my area. Mr. Samuel Barkat my former Teacher, also died. He was a good friend of my father. Ten people died in our area due to Corona. The situation has improved since last month. There have been many unfortunate incidents in our country these days. The firing on churches by Muslim extremists in our area and in a few other areas is the result of the Israeli-Palestinian conflict. Thank God no one was injured. However, the extremists are not giving up, despite the government's tough stance. Our people are suffering financially because of Corona. Please remember them in your prayers. Our group recites the rosary for you daily and the work of distributing individual rosary continues

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Dear Tom
 Just now I opened it.
 I will hand over this to Fr. Siju CMI who is the parish priest of Parroquia de Santa Ursula, Pampacolca.
 He will write to you when it reaches him.
 Thank you so much for the scapular. I greatly wished to get it in July.
 May God bless you abundantly
 Sr.Arptha, Peru



From The Mission Fields

Dear Mr Kneeshaw,
some time ago I sent you a message of thanks but I am not sure if it ever arrived. Today, providentially I found your email address. Sr Andreina Sammut has long been transferred to Malta. I am Maltese too and I am in Tagaytay, Philippines. I would like to thank you for the Rosaries. Please extend our heartfelt gratitude to all your busy team. May God bless you all abundantly. May Mamma Mary keep you all and all your loved ones under her protection.
Yours sincerely
Sister Nancy Bezzina

Distribute your gift among our community. You will be in our first rosary reading while distribution. Partners in the same work.

Regards
Ashik Naz Khokhar
Punjab, Pakistan



Dear Tom:

The Holy week is fast approaching and we are going to remember once again the death and resurrection of our Lord. The world is going through a crucified situation due to the pandemic. As Christians we keep our hope and forge ahead believing that Jesus is our Savior and he will take care of us and our world. May you have a great Holy Week ahead.



Rosaries which you had sent are getting over and is there any possibility to send me another package. We are distributing them mostly among first nation people and people of other faiths. They feel a deep devotion to our Lady.

With kind regards,

Bishop Sebastian

Dear Brother in Christ,

Greetings in the precious name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

I am Ashiknaz Khokhar, secretary Active Youth Group Sahiwal, Pakistan. I would like to thank you for the gift of rosaries for our brothers and sisters in Pakistan. We will send you photos as



From the Mission fields

Dear Tom

I have received your Rosary packet. I received the packet on the same day as the two-day Marine Convention was being held in our parish. The convention was held after two years because the gathering was banned because of Corona, but now the Pakistani government has relaxed the ban, so we were allowed to hold the convention. We set up our free rosary distribution stall at the convention where people were given free rosaries and other sacramentals. In addition, our group performed the coronation ceremony of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Our Vicar Rev. Fr. Yousaf Sohan praised our work and said that he always remember the senders of the rosary in his prayers. In addition, Rev. Fr. Javed Khursheed and Rev. Fr. Emmanuel Sharif blessed our stall. Your help is a source of our people's devotion to the Blessed Virgin Mary and a strengthening of the Christian faith for which God will greatly bless you.

God Bless you (pictures attached)

Shahzad Francis



From the Mission fields

September 5, 2021

Thanks whatever you send we shall be very grateful to receive it!

September 8, 2021

That is good news for me and my Parishoners who are in Benefisherries, eagerly awaiting the parcel soon May God bless you all the Rosary Makers.

Caesar Matovu

Dear Tom

Last week I went with my group to attend the National Marine Shrine. It has been celebrated for 72 years with the participation of people from all over Pakistan and thousands attend. For the last two years, it has not been celebrated because of Corona, but this year it has been celebrated in full. We arrived on the second day of the three-day festival. After the Mass, we distributed Rosaries and other Sacramentals. We had only 600 Rosaries when there were too many people. We distributed all the Rosaries. Now we need more Rosaries. It was a spiritual journey that we made in the love of St. Mary. Remember us in your prayers. (Pictures Attached for your information)

Brother in Christ

Shahzad Francis

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This is to thank you again for your constant sending of Rosary packages our members of Ragio Maria are many at this Parish and are very appreciative of this donations all the time they receive the Rosaries and children of solemn commitments ,please continue sending us Rosaries also they are praying for you Members of the Rosary Makers ,yours Fr Matovu Caesar ,Parish Priest of Naddangira Church Kampala Archdiocese Uganda



Fr. Matovu Caesar Parish



Fr. Boniface, Uganda

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Respected Tom Kneeshaw

Loving greetings. How are you? How's your mission going on? Hope by the grace of God you are all keeping fine. Thank you very much for the rosaries that you have sent to Sister Arpitha CMC. And I have received it from her. I appreciate you all for the rosary mission that you carryout. I have already distributed some and in coming days to much more people. We recite rosary everyday exposing the holy eucharist in the church. We need more rosaries because we are going to start rosary in two places more in the month of October. May God bless you and our beloved mother Mary intercede for you always

Blessings. Thanking you I remain

5 Yours sincerely,

Fr. Binson Mathew, Kannamtharappil CMF

From the Mission fields

Dear Tom:

I am sister Kochurani working with Bishop Sebastian at Bishop's House Mandya. I am a Sacred Heart Sister and I have recently joined with the Bishop's House and helps Bishop Sebastian in all his apostolic work. May God bless you always.

Bishop Sebastian told me to contact you in regard to request you to send us a package of rosaries since we are completed distributing those which have been sent us earlier. I was working with Mission League children and I know how deeply they appreciate receiving rosaries. The month of October is coming and they will request for rosaries.

Bishop Sebastian told me that volunteers are behind this generous contribution and you take leadership in sending them. Thank you very much for everything. Here is my address:

Sister Kochurani SH
 Bishops House
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 Karnataka India

When the package arrives, I shall sort them out and send them with Bishop Sebastian when he goes to parishes and meet communities.

May Blessed Virgin Mary intercede for us always
 Sincerely yours,
 Sister Kochurani SH
 Office Assistant

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Dear Tom,
 Thank you so much for your support and prayers for our Perú mission.
 Last day I received the second package also. I was so happy to receive though it was too late. Next Sunday we are celebrating 53 anniversary of our parish "Parroquia Cristo Obrero".
 Our Archbishop will be celebrating the mass. So I thought of distribute the rosaries to

all. It is a blessing to distribute at this occasion. It was God's plan to reach it now. I received a mail today saying that you have sent another package also. Is it so?

I had given some of rosaries to Fr. Siju CMI and Fr. Binson- Clarition. Hope that they too have written to you. Both are from Kerala but do their services now here in Perú as Vicar of the parishes.

Thank you so much for all your contributions to this Perú mission.

God bless you all....

Sr. Arpitha

+++++ Dear Tom and Deborah

Greetings from Uganda! Thank you for your email.

Thank you so much for sharing your love and faith with our people here, some of whom you never see! Yes I will be sending the letter and pictures tomorrow.

Wishing you a wonderful feast of St. Padre Pio: Pray, Hope and Hakuna Matata!

Once again, Love and prayers from Uganda

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

Welcome!

**Greg Prusik
 Scott Miller
 Laticia Damuth
 Linda Tkaczyk**



From the Mission fields



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.

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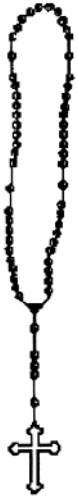
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Month of October

A Reflection on Mary

Just as Joseph, the son of Jacob, found favor in the eye of Pharaoh and was made second only to him in all the land of Egypt, so did Mary find favor in the eyes of the Lord and was made second only to him in all creation. The people of Egypt obeyed Joseph's every request and their land was blessed but too many people in the world will not even recognize Mary, much less obey her requests and we are plagued with sin, war, and threats of annihilation. Leaders from every walk of life sign treaties and seek peace in every part of the world while ignoring all the while the only plan that will every work, "Our Lady's peace plan from Heaven." Prayer, Penance and Consecration. Pray the Rosary every day. Do Penance, offer your every thought, word and deed in reparation for sin, all sin and reform your lives. Consecrate your lives to Her immaculate heart and wear Our Lady's scapular as a sign of your consecration. We must if we want peace, reform, do penance and pray unceasingly, especially the Rosary, every day. Since the early 1800's Our Lady has been coming repeatedly and always with Her Rosary. Time is running out if we are to avert punishment of untold proportions. Can't we read scripture, will we never learn? God is not mocked. You and I as children of Mary, thank God are obeying Our Lady. We're not only praying our Rosary, but making them so others may pray all over the world. We must do more, make as many Rosaries as possible and pray as many as we can. Our Lady said, "When enough people pray, Russia will be converted and there will be peace." May God grant you His peace!

Written by the late Lowell Vickery, Vice Minister Third Order Franciscan, St. Clare Fraternity, St. Anthony's Church-Grand Rapids, Michigan