

# The Rosary News

May 2023

Founders: Stanislaus Despres  
Lowell Vickery, 1957

Dear Rosary Makers, Missionary Partners, Valued Supporters & Friends

It has been a year since our last newsletter, and we wanted to assure you that the ministry is still doing amazing work due to your gifts of time, talent and treasure!

After 65 years the ministry continues to do great work and we thank you for answering the call. However, the biblical verse that the harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few is a teaching that continues to resonate today. Despite the almost MILLION rosaries that have been made by our precious volunteers and distributed to the "poorest of the poor" around the world, we still know that there is more work to be done. One rosary can change a heart .. that changes a family .. that changes a community .. that changes a town .. that changes the world all in a positive, beautiful way.

The rosary is a sacramental which no one can fathom the blessings to those who are devoted to spreading it's use. With such an unbelievable connection to God through Mary we are asking you for your help to pray and seek out volunteers who want to further the work of this ministry. Please contact us if you know someone who wants to help us. Let us know if you desire to be on the board. Help us with your prayers to continue to support the missionary partners around the world.

This is YOUR ministry. These are YOUR success stories. God bless you good and faithful servants!

Sincerely,

Tom Kneeshaw  
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phone 616-315-3032

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Lowell Vickery

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

**From The Mission Fields**

**FINANCIAL REPORT-Year End 2022**

BEGINNING BALANCE:	\$9,415.89
DONATIONS	\$325.00
PAID OUT IN SUPPLIES:	\$2,116.76
BALANCE :	\$7,624.13

Dear Bro. Tom,

Greetings of peace!

I have received today the beautiful rosaries, scapulars, miraculous medals and some other sacramentals. Thank you so much for the generosity of Our Lady's Rosary Makers of Grand Rapids, Michigan. May the good Lord reward you all with His abundant graces.

We will send the pictures once the rosaries are distributed by our brothers in their different ministries

Oremus pro invicem,

Br. Anthony S.P. Dameg, FSM  
 Formation Coordinator  
 Pontifical Mission Societies-Philippines  
 824 Don Quijote Street,  
 Sampaloc, 1008 Manila,  
 PHILIPPINES

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Hello Tom Kneeshaw,

greetings and best to you and our friends of Our Lady's Rosary Makers. I have received a parcel from you this afternoon containing rosaries as I had requested. Thank you very much and this helps me to bring people to our friends Jesus and Mary. God Bless you all.

Fr. William Abukua, Parish Priest,  
 Immaculate,  
 Vurra Catholic Parish, P.O.BOX 503, Arua-  
 Uganda.

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Dear Bro. Tom,

Greetings of peace!

I have received the beautiful rosaries and the scapulars, Thank you so much for the generosity of Our Lady's Rosary Makers of Grand Rapids, Michigan. May the good Lord reward you all with His abundant graces.

Attached herewith are some pictures of the rosaries that were distributed by the brothers.

Oremus pro invicem,

Frt. Anthony S.P. Dameg, FFM



# Rosary Appreciation

## Pot-luck Luncheon

SATURDAY, August 19, 2023

11:00am - 1:00pm

2236 Vansingel Lake Dr SW • Byron Center, MI

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: 616-315-3032

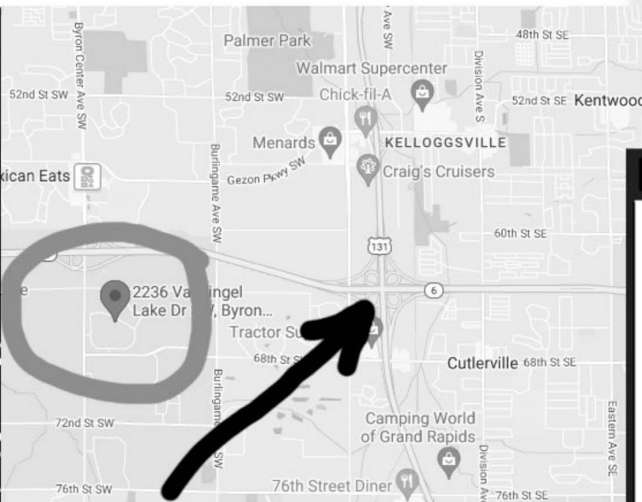
### Location:

**This home is located in Byron Center near the crossroads of M6 and Byron Center Rd.**

**Please refer to the maps below.**



MAP



**M6 & 131 Intersection**

### CLOSE UP VIEW





From The Mission Fields





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Dear Tom,

Joseph Kaupa checking in with his 2022 rosary report: I made and sent 1530 rosaries mostly to the Daughter's of Charity a women's religious order based in Hyattsville, MD. I hope this email address works as the "Viking" email address was returned to me as was "[projexco.com](mailto:projexco.com)".

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**Promotion of the Devotion to our Lady Mary in Odruva chapel in Mary Immaculate Vurra Catholic Parish.**

Hello Tom, thank you very much for the rosaries you sent me. I have given out some of the rosaries to these Christians when I went baptise some infants. May God bless you all, the Rosary Makers. I promise you my daily prayers.

Fr. William Abukua,

Parish Priest,

Mary Immaculate Vurra Catholic Parish, P.O.Box 503, Arua.

See picture below



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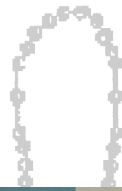
Hello Tom,

I would like to extend my sincere and heartfelt gratitude to you and all the Rosary Makers. I gave out 42 rosaries to candidates who received First Holy Communion today in Uganda Martyrs Chapel-Ringili. This is to promote the devotion to our Mother Mary and the children be accompanied in their grow by her.

God bless you all

Fr. William Abukua

(picture of Holy Communion Class bellow)



# From the Mission fields

Dear Thomas Kneeshaw  
President of Rosary Makers

RE: Appreciation For The Donations of Rosaries

Dear Tom and all Rosary makers, I bring you warm and prayerful greetings from Uganda.

I write to thank you so dearly for the donation of rosaries you send to Uganda. I have the pleasure to tell that your Marian evangelization cuts across all ages in the church.

From children receiving First Holy Communion, High School students, College and University students, the elderly, Legion of Mary devotees have all benefitted from the boxes of rosaries you send to us in Uganda every now and then.

Mother Church has always grown because of generous Christians like you. Kindly continue to do the same.

Wishing you and your family good health and God's blessings.

Once again, love and prayers from Uganda.

Fr. Boniface Senteza  
Diocesan Youth Chaplain  
Diocese of Kasana-Luweero  
Uganda-East Africa

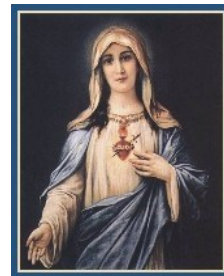
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**We wish to recognize our new rosary makers:**

**Madison Velez  
Chris Wallenfang  
Sandy Neff**

**Welcome!!!!**

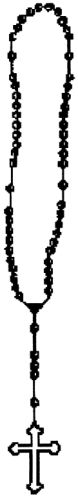


## BENEFITS OF THE ROSARY



1. It gradually gives us a perfect knowledge of Jesus Christ
2. It purifies our souls, washing away sin
3. It gives us victory over all our enemies
4. It makes it easy for us to practice virtue
5. It sets us on fire with love of Our Lord
6. It enriches us with graces and merits
7. It supplies us with what is needed to pay all our debts to God and to our fellow men
8. It obtains all kinds of graces for us from the Almighty Lord

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**Month of May**

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