

The Rosary News

October 2025

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Dear Rosary Makers, Ministry Partners, Friends & Supporters:

For 68 years, the Rosary Ministry has faithfully served our impoverished brothers and sisters around the world.

From humble beginnings, together we have managed to ship between **750,000 and possibly over one million rosaries**—a staggering number that reflects the dedication and love poured into this mission.

Let us pause and truly reflect on that. Each rosary represents not just beads and wire, but hope, comfort, and grace shared across borders. We have been invited by Heaven to participate in something far greater than ourselves. And because you responded to that invitation—with your time, talent, and treasure—countless souls have received spiritual nourishment they may never have had otherwise.

Even as we celebrate this incredible achievement, our board holds a growing concern: the future. Many of our members are aging, and we face increasing difficulty in finding new volunteers and rosary makers to carry the mission forward. As some of our beloved members go on to receive their eternal reward, the need for new hands and hearts becomes ever more urgent.

Now more than ever, we ask you to join us in prayer. Let us pray that we remain worthy servants of the Lord and His Holy Mother's mission—and that others may hear and respond to the call of this ministry.

As always, we stand in awe of God's love and providence, and we thank you—deeply and sincerely—for your continued charitable support.

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

FINANCIAL REPORT– 2025

BEGINNING BALANCE:	\$7,529.093
DONATIONS	\$650.00
PAID OUT IN SUPPLIES:	\$1,386.92
ENDING BALANCE	\$6,792.07

Our Ladys Rosary Makers of Grand Rapids

Thank you all for your mission help with your nice rosaries. I enjoyed reading your newsletter. We are both helping many priests in the missions like Fr. Katagasaof the Ngote Catholic Parish, Tanzania East Africa..

Merry Christmas to you all,

Sincerely

St. Dominic

Our Lady's Rosary Makers

Mission Department

Louisville Kentucky

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Our Lady's Rosary Makers of Grand Rapids
Michigan

Attn: Tom Kneeshaw

Dear Rosary Makers,

*"May our senses be overcome by the heart, and
may our heart in turn be overcome by the
infinite love of Jesus Christ!"-Bl. Pauline Jaricot*

My name is Megan Mio, and I am the Director of the Global Mission Office in the Archdiocese of Chicago, I write to inform you that I have received the [a]clage pf 319 hand-made rosaries and holy cards for St. Therese of the Child Jesus you sent my office through the assistance of the Our Lady's newsletter. Thank you so much! Your important gift is not only a generous offering of time, talent and treasure, but it supports the mission of Jesus Christ in the world.

My office will share these donated rosaries with Catholic missionaries who minister with the poor around the world. Missionary priests, religious and lay leaders visit my office throughout the year and often request rosaries to carry back to their home diocese. They have no other source

for such sacred items. They are overjoyed when they see how many we can offer!

Thank you for your generous gift. Please know that those who receive these rosaries will keep you in their prayers. May God bless you and your loved ones.

In Christ the Missionary,

Megan C. Mio, DMin

Director

Archdiocese of Chicago

The society for the Propagation of the Faith

Global Mission Office

Chicago, Illinois

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Dear Thomas

Thank you for the large box of rosaries you sent us several days ago. We are very grateful for your generosity and kindness in sending them to us. We have been sending rosaries to various parishes in the U.S. and to a parish in Uganda, Africa by members of our lay group associated with our Franciscan community. We also have a lay member from Hiati who sends rosaries to her country. So again thank you for providing these rosaries to us for this work of charity. The people from Uganda have already expressed their great joy and gratitude to us for other rosaries we sent them. (Please see a picture enclosed of some of the parishioners who have received rosaries in Uganda)-

next page is the picture.

Blessed Christmas and New Year to you all and may Our Lady and Our Lord send you many blessings for your generosity.

Fr. Dominic Murphy

Franciscans of the Immaculate

Griswold, CT

From the Mission fields

Dear Loving Friend in Jesus, Mother Mary, and St. Joseph,

My heart is overflowing with immense joy and gratitude for your swift and generous response. I never expected that you would send me yet another parcel filled with such beautiful Rosaries. These sacred gifts are a powerful source of spiritual nourishment, and they are truly touching the hearts of many faithful souls here. Your generosity is a reflection of God's love and the tireless mission of Our Lady's Rosary Makers to spread devotion to the Blessed Mother.

This time, I humbly and earnestly request, if possible, that you kindly consider sending me a Mass Kit and vestments, along with a few miraculous medals and brown scapulars. These items are among the dire needs of my mission, and I assure you they will serve to enrich the spiritual lives of so many. If it is within your capacity to provide these, it would be an immeasurable blessing. If not, I kindly request you very humbly and honestly that you suggest or guide me to other generous individuals or organizations who might assist with these specific needs.

Your magnanimity and dedication to this sacred mission are truly an inspiration. Rest assured, I, along with my parishioners, would definitely offer our daily prayers and special remembrance on the altar of God for you, your family, and all your collaborators. May God, in His infinite goodness, reward you with blessings beyond measure, and may the intercession of Mother Mary and St. Joseph keep you under their loving care.

Thank you once again for your kindness and unwavering support. You are a source of hope and joy for so many, and your efforts will always be remembered in gratitude and prayer.

With love, prayers, and deepest gratitude,

Yours Sincerely in Christ Jesus, Mother Mary and St Joseph.

Fr Jacob Prasad Pulapaka

My Dear Tom, I would like to send you a few photographs of previous/past years(3 years Back) of distribution of rosaries...for your kind perusal only....

(see pictures)



From the Mission fields

Dear Mr. Kneeshaw,

Ave Maria! We, the missionaries of the Alliance of the Holy Family International are truly grateful for rosaries that you sent in December, as well as all the rosaries we have received from the Rosary Makers in your association.

Please find attached our letter of thanksgiving as well as a collage of pictures of the different missions where we were able to give rosaries to the Blessed Mother's beloved children around the world.

Thank you for all you do to save souls!

God bless you this New Year!



ALLIANCE OF THE HOLY FAMILY INTERNATIONAL

January 2025

Dearest *Rosary Makers,*

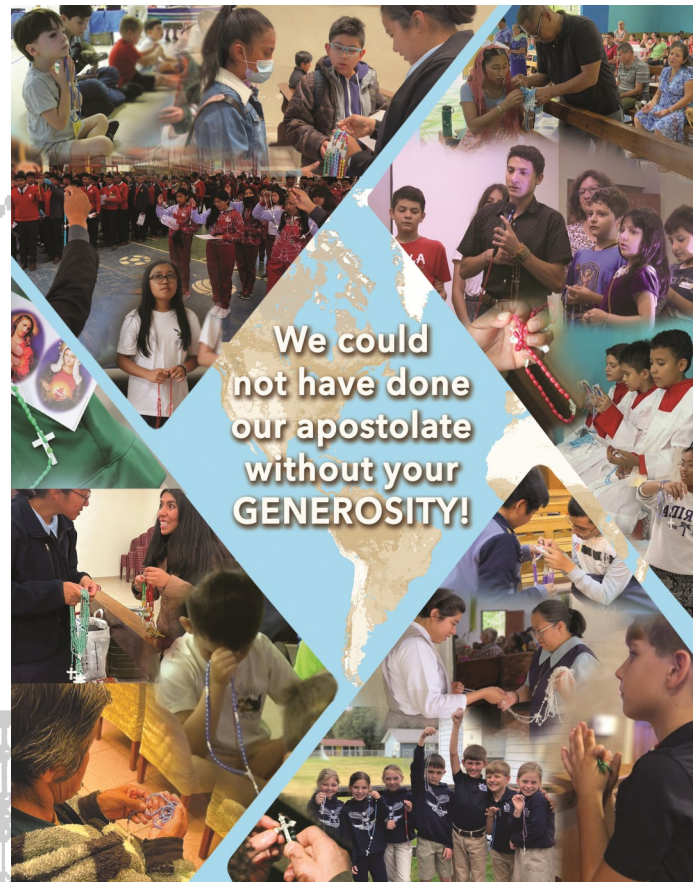
Our heartfelt THANK YOU for all the rosaries you donated to our AHFI apostolate in 104 countries!

We strongly believe in Our Lady's words to St. Dominic, that "through the Rosary and Scapular, She will save the world." Certainly your labor of love has provided Her children with the necessary **weapons** to fight against today's Culture of Death.

We remain ONE with you in the Hearts of Jesus, Mary and St. Joseph, working hand in hand in ushering the Triumph of the Immaculate Heart of Mary and the Eucharistic Reign of the Sacred Heart of Jesus!

You remain always in our prayers and Mass intentions!

To Jesus through Mary,
Mo. Agnes Frias & the AHFI Missionary Sisters

Thomas,
 A 2025 greeting! May you and yours be healthy, wealthy, and wise. May God let his face shine upon you!

My rosary report for 2024 totals at 1165. I sent them all to the Daughter's of Charity in Hyattsville, MD. They in turn give them to missions in the US and Africa. This is our combined ministry, in short, I make and they distribute.

Joseph Kaupa

From the Mission fields

Dear Mr. Kneeshaw
I write to express heartfelt gratitude for the beautiful rosaries you generously donated to our parish. Your kindness has blessed numerous lay groups and small Christian communities.

The rosaries were distributed to:

St. Anna Lay Group
St. Joachim Lay Group
Nazareth
Daughters of Mary
Region of Mary
Pioneer Movement
Catholic Women and Men's League
Small Christian Community Members

These faith-filled individuals are now deepening their devotion to Our Lady, thanks to your gift. Your support has brought joy and spiritual growth to our parish.

On behalf of St. Kizito Parish, I thank you and your institution for this selfless act. Your contribution to our spiritual journey is invaluable. Encouraged by your support, I humbly request additional rosaries to continue nurturing our parishioners' faith. Thank you again for your compassion and commitment to spreading the faith.

Sincerely,
Rev. Fr. Kapalu Stephen
Parish Priest, St. Kizito Parish
Solwezi Diocese, Zambia

Dear Mr. Kneeshaw,
We, the Catholic Women's League of St. Kizito Parish, express profound gratitude for the beautiful blue rosaries you generously sent to our Parish Priest, Rev. Fr. Kapalu Stephen.

We were blessed to receive these rosaries, which have been distributed among our members across the parish and diocese. Your gift has deepened our devotion to Our Lady and fostered spiritual growth. The rosaries hold special significance as they are presented to new members during their commissioning. We kindly request additional rosaries to continue this meaningful Tradition.

Thank you for your kindness and support,
May God bless you.

Sincerely,
Mrs. Lunda Placidess
Chairperson, Catholic Women's League
St. Kizito Parish, Solwezi Diocese, Zambia
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Dearest Tom,
The Holy Childhood of St. Kizito Parish warmly thanks you for the rosaries you kindly sent to our parish priest, Rev. Fr. Stephen Kapalu. We're grateful that some of our members, especially those who received initial Sacraments, were blessed with these rosaries. Your generosity has nurtured our spiritual growth.

We look forward to receiving more rosaries to deepen our devotion to Our Lady and faith. Thank you again for your support.

Sincerely,
Miss Mary Yopa
Holy Childhood Animator
St. Kizito Parish
Zambia

(pictures from St. Kizito Parish below and on



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Uganda, Africa members of a local church there display the rosaries we have sent to them.



From the Mission fields

Our Lady's Rosary Makers,

Thank you so much for your recent donation of rosaries. Through your generosity, you are helping to bear much fruit through powerful conversions, children returning to the Church, adults returning to the Sacraments, and the spiritual healings that result.

We have placed your names at the altar in our Chapel here in Irondale where the Priests, Brothers and Sisters will hold you out in prayer for the next 30 days before Our Lord Jesus who is present in the Most Holy and Blessed Sacrament.

Again, thank you for helping to spread the Word of God and His love and Truth.

Sincerely in Christ,

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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 also donate electronically by clicking on this link:

Here is the link for donations for OLRM through PayPal:

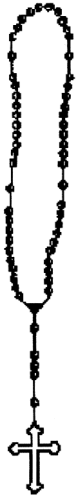
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Postage

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!