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*For the Greater
Glory of God*

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**"Say the Rosary
every day...
Pray, pray a lot
and offer sacrifices
for sinners...
I'm Our Lady of
the Rosary.
Only I will be
able to help you.
...In the end My
Immaculate Heart
will triumph."**

Our Lady at Fatima
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FOUNDER
Br. Sylvan Mattingly, C.F.X.

Long haunted by the urgency of Mary's words at Fatima, Brother had a burning desire to do something special for Mary, the Mother of God. He was a humble, holy man who shared his talent of rosary making with others.

Dear Rosary Makers,

What light through yonder window breaks?

No, we are not about to venture into the world of Shakespeare and Romeo & Juliet, rather into the world of windows and glass, not to mention Mary and the Rosary.

The compilation of these words began while approaching St. Louis Bertrand Catholic Church a few months ago. A church whose stained glass windows depict the Joyful, Sorrowful and Glorious mysteries and whose eaves echo the Rosary throughout its many years. The thought that took hold as one drew near was that the Rosary, in contemplating its mysteries, is essentially mental stained glass. Perhaps our Aves may one day fittingly resemble the beauty of rose windows of stained glass lore.

In his book, *New Seeds of Contemplation*, Thomas Merton pens a chapter titled *The Woman Clothed with the Sun*. He writes as follows: "Mary, who was empty of all egotism, free from all sin, was as pure as the glass of a very clean window that has no other function than to admit the light of the sun. If we rejoice in that light, we implicitly praise the cleanness of the window. And of course it might be argued that in such a case we might well forget the window altogether. This is true. And yet the Son of God, in emptying Himself of His majestic power, having become a child, abandoning Himself in complete dependence to the loving care of a human Mother, in a certain sense draws our attention once again to her. The Light has wished to remind us of the window, because He is grateful to her and because He has an infinitely tender and personal love for her. If He asks us to share this love, it is certainly a great grace and a privilege, and one of the most important aspects of this privilege is that it enables us to some extent to appreciate the mystery of God's great love and respect for His creatures."

Father Kevin J. Scanlon, C.M. writes the following in *Why We Pray the Rosary* found in *The Magnificent Rosary Companion*: "In each mystery we gaze, as through a window, to contemplate with Mary the life and mysteries of her Son. As at all her great shrines, Mary is never concerned to draw her children to herself but to her Son. We recite the Hail Marys and gaze on Jesus who allows us to be with him at each moment from the Annunciation to the crowning of his mother as Queen. The rosary, like the cycle of the liturgical year, follows Jesus from the events of his young life – the Joyful mysteries; through his Passion and death – the Sorrowful mysteries; culminating in his glorious resurrection, Pentecost, and the final glorification of Mary – "a woman clothed in the sun" (Rv 12: 1).

The Holy Rosary in Stained Glass – DVD from EWTN presents the Rosary with windows from various parishes in the Dioceses of Providence, RI and Falls River, MA. As learned in conversation with Archbishop Joseph Kurtz during a visit to OLRM, the clerestory or clearstory windows of St. John Neumann Catholic Church depict the twenty mysteries of the Rosary in stained glass in his former Diocese of Knoxville. These windows are styled after those of St. Louis Bertrand Catholic Church mentioned in the opening paragraph. The rosary represents a clear story, whether in stained glass, through a window or through our daily contemplation.

Once again we are reminded of these words of Bishop Fulton Sheen in his commentary *Roses and Prayers*: "That is what we do when we say the Rosary—we are saying to God, the Trinity, to the Incarnate Savior, to the Blessed Mother: "I love you, I love you, I love you." What Light through yonder Rosary breaks? Shakespeare should tell such a love story.

Michael A. Faid

A STORY OF HOPE

Wow Mike! Did someone from prison really send you that, or did you write it? It sounded genuine, and if it is, I would leave it alone. That message sounds totally from the heart, and I wouldn't want to mess with that.

The opening paragraph is the response I received to an email in regard to editing the following for publication. Understanding that "Wow!" does not require editing, please enjoy, Ronnie's letter.

Hello,

My name is Ronnie and I love to make Rosaries. I am in the Catholic Charities Prisons Aftercare Program. I had been away from the church for some years prior to prison, running on self-will run riot. One day things had gotten so out of control that I asked God, "God, Please Help Me!" Boy did He. Ten hours later I was on my way to jail. Little did I know that God was answering my prayer; I ended up going to prison. That's when the real love of God started coming on to me. I had a tough time at first. A lot of unthinkable things happened to me when I first got to prison. As a result of the things that I had to go through, I realized that my family and friends either could not or cared nothing about my well being, nor did the employees of the prison. That is the time that I looked up and started to talk to God. That was the first day I started to live for Him. I finally realized that all I really have is God. No one else was there for me but Him. He was all I had in the end. That is when I started thinking about the Catholic faith of my childhood. In jail we had a cell decorating contest. So we got some art supplies for making Christmas decorations. I used some things to make a paper Rosary. It really gave me comfort. I got bit by the Rosary bug. In prison, I would go to the arts and crafts shop to go through the wood scrap barrels for scrap wood to make beads. All I had to make beads for rosaries were an emery board used for your finger nails and a paper clip that I had smashed the end of to a point to use for a drill bit. It had to be a paper clip so I was able to hide it. Any thing metal was considered contraband, so I was not allowed to possess such things. My first Rosaries would take me 200-250 hours to make. That is what made my first ones so neat. I would make the beads out of pine and redwood. I would shape the beads with the emery boards. The wire I used was copper. I was blessed to get a job that I had access to used scrap 14 gauge copper wire that came out of old light fixtures. I used a canned ham key that was slightly modified in order to bend the wire. Beads are also contraband in prison; so I had to be somewhat secretive which added to the experience. I think when it comes down to it, I remember when I made the paper Rosary. The hope and comfort I had gotten was what I love the most of all. What better gift to give than Hope, Love, Peace and the gift of prayer. Rosaries and making them have saved my life and have helped lead me back to the Church. I must pass that along. It talks about giving in the Bible. I must give it away to keep it. I see it with my own eyes when some get a rosary that I have made, the hope in their eyes. I know at that very moment they are brushing the face of God, that I was a vehicle for God. I know that what I did is the very thing that the Lord teaches us in the Bible and that God smiles down on me and I receive tenfold. See, I get as much or more than the receiver of the Rosary. It's all about Charity, giving what is so freely given to me, to us. It gives the gift of gratitude. The gift of gratitude helps me to be free. Things look so much better when I am grateful. Things are not so bad and I have that only because I offer to be a possible vehicle for the sole purpose of bringing people to the foot of the Cross. The foot of the Cross is where we will also see Mary, Our Lady, Our Mother. Thank you for letting me share my hope with you. God bless, I love you all!

Ronnie

We thank Ronnie for sharing his hope and offer our hope that Ronnie's Rosary bug is contagious to the point of epidemic.

REQUEST FOR ROSARIES

CHARITY FOR THE MISSIONS

It is a supreme pleasure to be associated with you in this work for the Queen of Heaven. You are partaking in a special way in a movement close to the All-loving Divine Heart of Jesus, Who put into the mouth of the saintly Pope Pius XI these inspiring words: "Charity for the Missions surpasses every other work of charity, even as the soul surpasses the body, or heaven surpasses the earth, or eternity surpasses time." From the least to the most outstanding contributor among you, whether it be by prayer, financial aid or actual labor, I am confident Divine Providence will reward you according to His own designs, for your zeal and faithfulness.

-From the writings of retired Mission Secretary, Teresa Robertson

SHIPPING INSTRUCTIONS: BE SURE TO INDICATE ON FOREIGN SHIPMENTS,

"Free-of no commercial value." If you do not, the missionary must pay a heavy duty on them.

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St Clare-St Ann Rosary Guild, Cincinnati, Ohio, St Clare began rosary making in 1954, and two years ago expanded to St Ann's. Presently, they are making the World Mission Rosaries for local school children.

REQUEST FOR ROSARIES

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St Thomas Aquinas Rosary Society, Brooklyn, New York pictured with Father Expedi. Father has left for Uganda to set up a children's hospital in his hometown, taking with him two bags of rosaries for his clinic.

REQUEST FOR ROSARIES



Our Lady's Rosary Makers of St Lucie Church, in Port St Lucie, Florida. Thanks to Our Lady we have become a close knit working machine and shipping rosaries to the four corners of the earth.

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STOP:
Rev Earl Henley, MSC, San Jacinto CA
has enough mission rosaries on hand.



Grandchildren and rosary makers of Mr & Mrs John Bowles, Elizabethtown, Kentucky

PRODUCT UPDATE - CORD

Our situation with cord has been in a state of flux. Until about three years ago, cord has been purchased from the same vendor for many years. Due to changes in the industry, the vendor was acquired by a larger global cord manufacturer. In the course of this transition, cord was no longer being manufactured in the United States. With this in mind, understand that OLRM began to experience problems with delivery of product. Projected lead times were significantly exceeded. This tenuous circumstance regarding reliable delivery of cord forced us to look for other cord vendor/manufacturers.

During this three year timeframe, another cord manufacturer contacted OLRM. This vendor provided samples and made a proposal for purchasing their product. While the proposal was very attractive, no action was taken other than to survey the cord sample they provided. Samples of the cord were sent to various rosary guilds for their input. The responses received were favorable in regards to the cord being suitable and comparable to cord used in the past. With meeting delivery dates remaining an issue with the other vendor, the decision was necessary to place an order with this new vendor. Equal orders were placed with both the new and old vendor. The new vendor performed in an expected and timely manner helping us to keep an out of stock situation well under control.

The drawback in either case is the necessity of placing rather large orders. This is required both to ensure availability of product and favorable pricing. Large orders in turn create an inventory situation that may take from 3 to 12 months to play itself out.

Solutions offered as temporary remedies for the problems encountered over the past few months are ones often offered in the past when fraying cord is an issue. Some examples follow: the ends of nylon cord seal with heat; clear nail polish, fray check or similar products will prevent fraying; using sharp scissors and cutting at an angle are also helpful; allowing a few extra inches of cord to account for fraying.

Please accept this explanation of our best efforts to provide rosary makers with appropriate and affordable rosary materials. We ask for your prayers always and patience at various times, such as with the present effort to provide cord.

Ladybugs got their name about 500 years ago in Europe. It seems that farmers were having big trouble with insects called aphids. The aphids were sucking the juices from the farmer's grape vines, so the farmers prayed to the Virgin Mary for help. Later, lots of little red beetles showed up and ate the aphids. The farmers believed their prayers had been answered. So they named the helpful beetles in honor of Mary, who is also known as "Our Lady."

It would be so helpful to the Missions . . .

When you are preparing your finished mission rosaries for shipping, it would be so helpful if your rosaries were bundled together in groups of ten by a piece of cord or wire. This method prevents tangling and makes easy sorting for the missionary.

The Best Sermon

(an excerpt from Why We Pray the Rosary, by Father Kevin J. Scallon, C.M.)

When I was a boy I used to watch my father stooped across a chair as we all knelt saying the family rosary, my mother beside him. Somehow, you expect your mother to be a person of prayer, but there is something powerfully impressive about watching your father at prayer. It is an image that has stayed with me all my life and, to this day, has been the best sermon I have ever "heard" on prayers.

**HAPPY FATHER'S DAY
& HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY, TOO!**

IN MEMORY OF

May these and all the souls of the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in peace. Amen.

Joseph H Ott, Belle Plaine MN
Albert J Plamondon, Lake Leelanau MI
Jerry Mills, Goldendale WA
Robert Basler, Florissant MO
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Mrs D Miller, Overton NV
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Albert Sebert, Aberdeen SD
Roger Nadeau, Smith Falls, Ont CANADA
Juanita F Torres, Cedar Creek TX
Geri Bocke, Quincy IL
Father Felix, NIGERIA
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Tillie Costea, Hallandale Beach FL
Betty Dadio, Hallandale FL
Julia DeCock, Aurora CO
Charles Wood, Warren MI

WEDDING CELEBRATIONS

68th – Ted & Martha Lazarz, Crown Point IN
60th – Leonard & Grace Kohake, Seneca KS
59th – Thomas & Virginia Quigley, Cherry Hill NJ
53rd – Mr & Mrs Louis Alfrey, Camp Hill PA
50th – Mr & Mrs John Marshall, Cape Girardeau MO
50th – Tony & Carol Fest, Depew NY
47th – Mr & Mrs Nadeau, Glenburn ME
40th – Randy & Candy Schott, Bloomsdale MO

BIRTHDAYS

83 – Virginia Quigley, Cherry Hill NJ
82 – Thomas Quigley, Cherry Hill NJ
80 – Martha Lazarz, Crown Point IN
79 – Virginia C Soliman, Oceanside CA
75 – Angelica Alcaez, Modesto CA

JUBILEE

50 – Fr Bill O'Carroll, SPS, Grenada West Indies
50 – Fr Lawrence H Lindle, Louisville KY

PRAYER LIST

- Pope Benedict XVI's mission intention for May: That the recently founded Catholic Churches, grateful to the Lord for the gift of faith, may be ready to share in the universal mission of the Church, offering their availability to preach the Gospel throughout the world
- Pope Benedict XVI's mission intention for June: That the particular Churches operating in regions marked by violence may be sustained by the love and concrete closeness of all the Catholics in the world.
- Pope Benedict XVI's general intention for May: That the laity and the Christian communities may be responsible promoters of priestly and religious vocations.
- Pope Benedict XVI's general intention for June: That international attention towards the poorer countries may give rise to more concrete help, in particular to relieve them of the crushing burden of foreign debt.
- World wide success of the pro-life movement
- For all our military men, women, and their families
- For all who are sick, suffering, or dying, along with their caregivers, family members, and doctors, that they receive hope, comfort, strength and love through the prayers of the Most Holy Rosary
- For all the missionaries listed in this newsletter to receive enough rosaries to fulfill their endeavors
- Prayers for Our Holy Father, Pope Benedict XVI, all priests, all soon to be priests, and those who are discerning a vocation
- For all rosary makers, living and deceased, widows and widowers, son with communication problems, Jason and his unit in Iraq, suitable work for a spouse, Archbishop Timothy Dolan, health of Mrs L R, a sister who has cancer and lives away, Souls in Purgatory, Mrs F S, all nursing home patients, conversion of family members to return to the sacraments, those burdened with bitter troubles, for the holiness of all rosary makers, intentions in both the prayer box and reparation box here in Our Lady's Chapel
- For those who are terminally ill, may God forgive them and they have a happy death
- For those who suffer, that through their suffering they may come to realize that they are partaking in the sorrowful mysteries of the Rosary and find comfort to know that others are praying for them
- For peace in the Church and peace in the world
- For the success of the National Rosary Crusade making reparation for the conversion of America and the Triumph of the Immaculate Heart of Mary



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Name _____ Member No. _____
(First) (Last)

Address _____

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Our Lady's Rosary Makers has been helping members serve the missions for over 60 years. Do you know someone who would like to know more about rosary making and becoming a member? Please have them write us for free information. If you are already a member and would like to share any comments we would be glad to hear from you.

- New address/phone number
- Guild information
- Prayer request _____
- Mission fund donation enclosed (tax deductible)
- School rosary program information

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