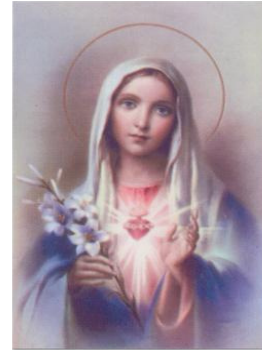


*Association of Rosary Guilds
and Rosary Makers Newsletters
Companion to "Our Lady's Communicator"*



**Association of Rosary Guilds and Rosary Makers
Newsletter**

We joyfully thank God for the opportunity to publish quarterly the "Association of Rosary Guilds and Rosary Makers Newsletter". This newsletter will be a companion to "Our Lady's Communicator" magazine which was wonderfully produced and received in 2006. We are happy to announce the future plans are for "Our Lady's Communicator" to be published annually.

It is our intent to include within this newsletter information about Rosary Guilds from near and far, and their activities, as well as Rosary information and Catholic information current to our lives in Canada and as members of the Catholic Church. We will include prayers and devotions. We are open to your suggestions and will do our best to meet your expectations.

Submissions to *Association of Rosary Guilds and Rosary Makers Newsletter* are due by December 1st for the January edition and by April 1st for the May edition and September 1 for the October edition. Articles will be transcribed word for word. Photographs will be included provided we have space. Inclusion in the newsletter will be dependent on the topic and the space available. Subject to change!!

This will be a work in progress. It is being produced by volunteers. Your patience and assistance is welcomed and appreciated.

We gratefully acknowledge the kindness of the **John Bead Corporation** for the printing of our newsletter.

If you wish to receive future issues via email and to receive and/or send submissions in, contact Mrs. Marilynne Feeny, 80 Cardinal Cres., Waterloo, Ontario N2J2E8. canadianrosarybrigade@gmail.com.

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The Blessed Virgin Mary has promised;
Whoever shall faithfully serve me by the
recitation of the Rosary, shall receive signal graces.



**"We never give
more honour
to Jesus than
when we
honour His
Mother, and
we honour her
simply and
solely to
honour Him
all the more
perfectly.
We go to her
only as a way
leading to the
goal we seek
Jesus,
her Son."
-Saint
Louis Marie
de Montfort**

**God Bless
Canada**



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STUDENTS ENJOY MAKING ROSARIES FOR SOLDIERS

The Immaculate Heart of Mary Rosary Guild of Kitchener/Waterloo has been going into local elementary and secondary schools leading the children in making Rosaries for Canadian Military Personnel and Mission type Rosaries for the children themselves. Guild coordinator Marilynne Feeney feels that leading the children to make a Rosary first for someone else, totally un-

known to the child, helps the students to see how much they are giving to someone who they do not know, will help the children expand their own world.

It is the Guilds hope that once they begin receiving photographs and letters from Chaplains and soldiers the students will see how much the Rosaries mean to others and hopefully, to themselves. "When we go into the

Schools and say we are making a Rosary for Soldiers first and then one for yourself." Many of the students would rather make two for soldiers and none for themselves. Students are then lead to make their own Rosary so that they can also benefit from Praying to Mother Mary and God our Father.

WHERE DO YOU FIND FINANCIAL FUNDING??

Surely most of us who purchase supplies for our Guild, wonder how to pay for that visa bill when it arrives. A short, informative letter to your Parish Priest, local Councils of the Catholic Women's League and the Knights of Columbus are good places to start. Another option may be to request that each member of your guild, if possible, donate a small amount monthly.

If you go into the schools, you might ask your contact teacher if students could donate a loonie or toonie each. While this may not cover expenses, but it does help. Request if your Parish Priest will allow you to have a Rosary Weekend. You could have a member of your Guild speak at the end of Mass or following Holy Mass on what your Guild does and mention that your group runs on donation. You could have Guild members at the exits of the church with small basket to accept donations. Bake sales may also work. Always ask your Parish Priest before you plan any event at your Parish.

Do you have any other suggestions on how to raise funds for supplies? If so would you share your idea with us? Please send them to the canadianrosarybrigade@gmail.com.

THE
CHAPLET
OF
DIVINE
MERCY
IS
PRAYED
ON
REGULAR
ROSARY
BEADS.

CORD, BEADS, CENTRES, CROSSES, CORD, BEADS, CENTRES, CROSSES,

John Bead Corp. We are lucky in South Western Ontario to have the John Bead Company on 20 Bertrand Ave. in Scarborough for the purchase of our beads, cord, and crosses etcetera. Their extensive selection of bead, jewelry, crafts supplies is amazing. The Staff are wonderfully patient people. They are willing to assist us at all times, whether it is finding the beads or cord, retrieving supplies when the box on the shelf is empty and they will even assist us in taking our purchase out to our car.

We would also like to thank John Bead Corp. again for generously printing these newsletters.

For more information regarding John Bead Inc. please refer to www.johnbead.com

HOW DOES YOUR ROSARY GUILD WORK?

We are all blessed with talents by God our Father. We use our talents when we go about our day, some as followers some as leaders. Whether you lead your Guild or follow, your guild is specific to your membership and their talents. We invite you to how your guild works?

Do you make Mission Rosaries or Military Rosaries?

Do you include the Center pieces?

Metal or plastic Crosses?

Do the members make the Rosaries in their homes, or your Parish hall?

Do you meet daily, weekly, bi-weekly, monthly?

Do you travel to a different member's home each week?

Are the Mission Rosaries only for Missions overseas or School children in your area?

Send your answers and /or questions to canadianrosarybrigade@gmail.com

MILITARY ROSARIES

Immaculate Heart of Mary Rosary Guild in association with Canadian Rosary Brigade makes Rosaries for Canadian Military Personnel. These Rosaries are not like the Mission Rosaries. The cord, the cross, the beads have been chosen to be as inconspicuous as possible. Flat coloured cord and cross, dark coloured beads. We have also adopted a different type of knot and do not usually use the typical knotting tool used for Mission Rosaries. Our first shipment of Rosaries to the Military were delivered to Camp Borden in Mid September.

We invite you to view our website.
www.canadianrosarybrigade.org
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 Marilynne Feeny 519-886-1389

ROSARY & RELATED READING TOPICS

Father Peyton's Rosary Prayer Book by Fr. Patrick Peyton

The Secret of the Rosary by St. Louis de Montfort

The Rosary: Chain of Hope by Fr. Benedict J. Groeschel

Beads and Prayers: The Rosary in History and Devotion by John Desmond Miller

Mary the First Disciple by Marie Azzarello C.N.D.

The History and Devotion of the Rosary by Richard Gribble, C.S.C., with forward by Patrick Peyton C.S.C.

Great sources for reading material

Ave Maria Centre of Peace
 416-251-4245 1-800-663-6279

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Toronto, Ontario M6B 3T5

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Toll free (orders only):

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toronto@paulinemediacanada.com

Just to name a small few.

"Never be afraid of loving the Blessed Virgin too much. You can never love her more than Jesus did."
 – Saint Maximillian Kolbe

Five Fingers Chaplet

Our Father

Hail Mary

Glory Be

O My Jesus

Memorare

+++

We were all born with a Rosary in our hands. 10 fingers - 10 Hail Mary's 5 Decades— 2 hands with 5 fingers on each hand.

WONDERFUL WEBSITES

www.vatican.va

www.saltandlighttv.org

www.cccb.ca Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops

www.occb.on.ca Ontario Conference of Catholic Bishops

www.cwl.ca Catholic Women's League of Canada www.clife.ca Campaign Life

www.kofc.org Knights of Columbus www.catholicregister.org

www.marian.org Divine Mercy www.4thday.ca - Cursillo

www.olrl.org Our Lady of the Rosary Library www.catholic-forum.com

www.thedivinemercy.org Divine Mercy www.thebreadoflife.ca

LETTERS OF THANKSGIVING FOR ROSARIES RECEIVED

This space will include letters when submissions are received, in the meantime;

Knotted Cord Rosary www.rosaryshop.com

Select the nylon twine you wish to use. #36 and #48 are popular sizes. For one rosary, cut it to lengths as follows. These measurements will vary according to the tightness of the knot -- the stretch of the cord -- and are for undyed cord. Allow 15% for shrinkage if you choose to dye the cord before making the rosary. This makes for a wonderful gift or apostolic work for missions.

#36 twine - 6 yards #48 twine - 7 yards #60 twine - 9 yards #72 twine - 10 yards #96 twine - 12 yards

2. **The Rosary "Body"**. Begin about 6 inches from the end of cord. With cord held in left hand wrap cord clockwise 3 times over cord and first finger. Pull entire length of the cord through - tighten. This is the first Hail Mary.
3. Repeat the previous step, placing the second knot close or against the first knot - tighten. Then maneuver the second knot for spacing. **Repeat for the next 8 Hail Mary's. This completes the 1st decade.
4. **The Our Father**. Wrap cord 4 times (4 loops instead of 3) to make a larger knot. REMEMBER to space before and after the Our Father. Next * *Repeat these steps for the 2nd, 3rd, 4th and 5th decades.
5. After the 5 decades are completed, it is time for the joining. Taking both the 1st Hail Mary and the last Hail Mary in your left hand, wrap both cords around finger twice, pull both ends through, lighten - pulling short cord first
6. With the long cord knot 1 Our Father - space - 3 Hail Mary's - space - 1 Our Father.
7. **The Cross**. A short distance from the last completed Our Father make another Our Father, then leaving a small space, make 2 more Our Fathers very close (touching) together. The cord that is remaining at the joining knot should be burnt off and used for the cross bar of the cross
8. **Cross Bar**. Lay the piece you just burnt off flat on the table, place the rosary over it between the last Our Father and the last 2 Our Fathers. Hold the ends with each hand, cross them, bring over rosary and tighten. With each end of cord make an Our Father on either side to form the cross bar of the cross. Make these knots very tight - this is very important. *Please refer to www.rosaryshop.com for the illustrations accompanying these instructions*

A PLENARY
INDULGENCE IS
GRANTED IF THE
ROSARY IS
RECITED IN A
CHURCH OR
PUBLIC ORATORY
OR IN A
FAMILY GROUP,
A RELIGIOUS
COMMUNITY
OR PIOUS
ASSOCIATION.
A PARTIAL
INDULGENCE
IS GRANTED
IN OTHER
CIRCUMSTANCES



ROSARY NOVENAS

Religious devotion, public or private, for the duration of nine days to gain special graces, is called a Novena. Those who perform it with a lively hope of having their request granted, and with perfect faith and resignation if it be refused, may be assured that Christ will grant some grace or blessing. This requires an understanding that in His infinite wisdom and mercy, He may refuse the particular favor which is requested.

Novenas originated in imitation of the Apostles who were gathered together in prayer for nine days from the time of Our Lord's Ascension (to Heaven) until Pentecost Sunday (the descent of the Holy Spirit).

This practice of saying the Rosary nine times in the form of the Rosary Novena in *petition or thanksgiving*, is another way of heeding Our Lady's request to *Pray the Rosary*.

The 54 Day Novena Devotion which originated in 1884 at the Sanctuary of Our Lady of the Rosary of Pompeii, consists of the daily recitation of five decades of the Rosary (one complete Mystery: Joyful, Sorrowful, or Glorious) for twenty-seven days in *petition* and five decades for twenty-seven additional days in *thanksgiving*. You will actually be making three Novenas in *petition for a particular favor* and three Novenas in *thanksgiving for a particular favor*.

- 1st day say the 5 Joyful Mysteries
- 2nd day say the 5 Luminous Mysteries
- 3rd day say the 5 Sorrowful Mysteries
- 4th day say the 5 Glorious Mysteries

SATURDAY DECEMBER 4TH, BLESSED MOTHERS BLESSINGS AND GRACES

Day of Thanksgiving and Prayer to Our Blessed Mother - Annual General Meeting

Mission Canada Rosary Makers invite you to attend a day of Thanksgiving and Prayer to Our Blessed Mother

Location; John Bead Corp. Ltd. 20 Bertrand Ave. Scarborough, M1L 2P4 Phone 1-416-757-3287

9:00-Registration, social time, product demonstration, purchase your Rosary materials with no amount limit

11:00—Barbecue hosted by John Bead—each member is asked to bring pot luck-finger food.

12:00 Annual General Meeting—Welcome, Yearly progress, voluntary group reports. Letters from missions, various people and groups. Beginning introduction to obtaining a **charitable number** to increase donation activity.

1:00 Guest Speaker—Angie Carboni—talks about Saint Bernadette’s Family Resource Centre– Ministry and Basilian Fathers Marian Shrine of Gratitude.

2:15 Special Consecration Ceremony, each member individually consecrated, Receive Miraculous Medal and booklet. Consecrate your self to Mary, following the ideals of St. Maximilian Kolbe’s Militia of Immaculata.

3:00 Divine Mercy Chaplet at 3:30 Holy Mass—Celebrant Fr Francis Jeyaseelan C.R. Shrine of Our Lady of the Rosary in Chatham, Ontario. Rosarian Order of Our Lady of Fatima. Started and Based in Sri Lanka

Groups and individuals please RSVP no later than November 22, 2010

MEDITATION IN PREPARATION FOR THE RECITATION OF THE ROSARY

The Jesus Prayer, the encyclopedia says;

The prayer's origin is most likely the [Egyptian desert](#), which was settled by the monastic [Desert Fathers](#) in the fifth century.^[7] The practice of repeating the prayer continually dates back to at least the fifth century. The earliest known mention is in *On Spiritual Knowledge and Discrimination* of [St. Diadochos of Photiki](#) (400-ca.486), a work found in the first volume of the [Philokalia](#). The Jesus Prayer is described in Diadochos's work in terms very similar^[citation needed] to [St. John Cassian](#)'s (ca.360-435) description in the *Conferences* 9 and 10 of the repetitive use of a passage of the [Psalms](#). St. Diadochos ties the practice of the Jesus Prayer to the purification of the soul and teaches that repetition of the prayer produces inner peace. The use of the Jesus Prayer is recommended in the [Ladder of Divine Ascent](#) of [St. John Climacus](#) (ca.523–606) and in the work of [St. Hesychios the Priest](#) (ca. eighth century), *Pros Theodoulon*, found in the first volume of the [Philokalia](#). Ties to a similar prayer practice and theology appear in the fourteenth century work of an unknown English monk [The Cloud of Unknowing](#). The use of the Jesus Prayer according to the tradition of the [Philokalia](#) is the subject of the nineteenth century anonymous Russian spiritual classic [The Way of a Pilgrim](#). Though the Jesus Prayer has been practiced through the centuries as part of the Eastern tradition, in the twentieth century it also began to be used in some Western churches, including some Roman Catholic and Anglican churches.

My personal feelings; Using this devotion as a breathing exercise to calm oneself before praying the Rosary or at any time if stress. The Jesus Prayer consists of repeating the phrase: “*Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God, have mercy on me, a sinner*” or “*Lord Jesus Christ, have mercy on me*” in repetition for a chosen length of time. The exact phrasing is not important as long as the name of Jesus is foremost and we request mercy.

Once you find a phrase you are comfortable with use it. May I suggest:

Inhale “*Lord Jesus Christ Son of God,*” Exhale “*Have mercy on me a sorrowful sinner*”

The Golden Rosary

Introduction; Praised and blest be the name of our Lord Jesus Christ
and the name of the glorious Virgin Mary for ever and ever!

The Apostles' Creed, then pray; Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy, Lord, have mercy.

Pray The Lord's Prayer and Ten Hail Marys for each decade. After the word JESUS in each Hail Mary, the following phrases are added:

First Decade

- † Whom you conceived by the overshadowing of the Holy Spirit
- † Whom John the Baptist recognized while he was still in the womb of his mother
- † To who you gave birth in Bethlehem in Judea
- † Whom you wrapped in bands of cloth and laid in the manger
- † Whom the angels proclaimed to the shepherds
- † Whom the shepherds found lying in a manger
- † Who was called Jesus at his circumcision, eight days after his birth
- † Whom the Magi adored and honoured with gold, frankincense, and myrrh
- † Whom you offered in the Temple to the heavenly Father
- † With whom you fled into Egypt and later returned to Nazareth.

Praised and blest be the name of our Lord Jesus Christ and the name of the glorious Virgin Mary for ever and ever!

Second Decade

- † Whom you and Joseph lost in the Temple and found again after three days
- † Who went down with you to Nazareth and was obedient to you and Joseph
- † Whom John the Baptist immersed in the Jordan and called the Lamb of God
- † Who overcame Satan after fasting for forty days and nights in the desert
- † Who proclaimed the reign of God in the power of the Spirit
- † Who healed every kind of sickness and disease and raised the dead to life
- † Whose feet Mary of Bethany anointed with costly perfume and dried with her hair
- † Who was transfigured on Mount Tabor in the presence of Peter, James and John
- † Who raised Lazarus to life again after he had been dead four days
- † Who entered Jerusalem in triumph on Palm Sunday

Praised and blest be the name of our Lord Jesus Christ and the name of the glorious Virgin Mary for ever and ever!

Third Decade

- † Who humbly washed the feet of his disciples at the Last Supper
- † Who gave them the Holy Eucharist, the mystery of faith
- † Who prayed in agony in the garden of Gethsemane
- † Who was betrayed by Judas and deserted by his friends
- † Who was denied by Simon Peter and mocked, spat upon and beaten in the house of Caiaphas

Third Decade, continued

- ✠ Who was lead away in chains to the court of Pontius Pilate
- ✠ Who was clothed in the dress of a fool by Harod.
- ✠ Who was flogged like a slave and crowned with thorns
- ✠ Who was handed over to be crucified and carried his cross to Golgotha
- ✠ Whose cross bore the inscription; “Jesus of Nazareth, King of the Jews”

Praised and blest be the name of our Lord Jesus Christ and the name of the glorious Virgin Mary for ever and ever!

Fourth Decade

- ✠ Who was deprived of his clothing and nailed to the cross between two criminals
- ✠ Who was derided, mocked, and taunted by those who passed by
- ✠ Who asked the Father to forgive those who crucified him
- ✠ Who promised Paradise to the repentant criminal
- ✠ Who from the cross commended you, O Mary, to his beloved disciples
- ✠ Who was given sour wine to drink as he agonized on the cross
- ✠ Who on the cross commended hi spirit to the Father
- ✠ Who at three o’clock cried out with a loud voice, “My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?”
- ✠ Who said, ”It is finished,” bowed his head and died
- ✠ Whose side was pierced by a Roman spear after his death.

Praised and blest be the name of our Lord Jesus Christ and the name of the glorious Virgin Mary for ever and ever!

Fifth Decade

- ✠ At whose death the earth shook, rocks were split, and tombs were opened
- ✠ Whose broken body was placed in your lap
- ✠ Whose body was wrapped in a linen shroud and laid in a rock-hewn tomb
- ✠ Who proclaimed the Good News even to the dead
- ✠ Who on the third day rose from the dead and appeared again and again to his friends
- ✠ Who on the fortieth day ascended to his Father in heaven
- ✠ Who on Pentecost sent us the Holy Spirit of truth and consolation
- ✠ Who assumed you, body and soul, into heaven
- ✠ Who crowned you Queen of all saints
- ✠ Who will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, alleluia!

Praised and blest be the name of our Lord Jesus Christ and the name of the glorious Virgin Mary for ever and ever!

Prayer — Blessed Virgin and Mother Mary, refuge of sinners and comforter of the afflicted! In your maternal love, hear the prayers of those who put their trust in you. Stand by us all in our need and by the sufferings you endured at the foot of the cross, commend us to your crucified Son that by his precious blood we may attain eternal life.

Amen

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Parish Rosary Making Guilds and Buying Groups

contact information will be completed shortly.

In the mean time;

What some children have to say on "The Rosary"

Phillip - I felt good that the school was making Rosaries for people because now they have this tool to help them pray.

Peter - I felt happy getting my own Rosary and making my own with a bit of help. I thought it was nice because I like making Rosaries.

Rebecca - on making a Rosary; "I liked it because it was a nice experience. I felt proud praying the Rosary and I felt happy when the whole school was praying together".

Marianna - 6 years old. On making Rosaries said; "I think it is a great idea, because you can pray for soldiers who have died".

Mary - I like praying the Rosary with my Grandma, cause we do it together, and when I pray the Rosary I feel closer to God.

Liam - I did not know how to pray the Rosary till my teacher taught me and now our whole class knows how to say it.

The Legion of Mary : The object of the Legion of Mary is the glory of God through the holiness of its members developed by prayer and active co-operation, under ecclesiastical guidance, in Mary's and the Church's Evangelizing work of crushing the head of the serpent and advancing the reign of Christ.

We will have more information on the Legion, their work and locations in the next issue of this newsletter.

PRAY THE ROSARY DAILY FOR WORLD PEACE

Are you familiar with the World Mission Rosary?

The purpose of the World Mission Rosary is to pray for world peace and conversion. The five decades are in five colours to represent the five continents for which we pray.

The **green** decade is for Africa.

The **red** decade is for the Americas.

The white decade is for Europe. The **blue** decade is for Oceania.

The yellow decade is for Asia.

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