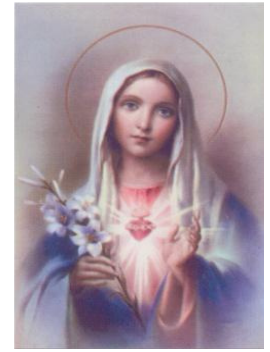


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**Mary, Mother of God ,”Theokokos**

Among the titles given to Mary is “Queen of all the Saints”. In one of his reflections on this woman whom he loved with such devotion, Blessed John Paul 11 proclaimed “This woman of faith, Mary of Nazareth, the Mother of God, has been given to us as a model of our pilgrimage of faith”.

From Mary we learn to surrender to God’s will in all things.  
From Mary we learn to trust even when all hope seems gone.  
From Mary we learn to love Christ, her Son, and the Son of God.  
For Mary is not only the Mother of God, she is the Mother of the Church as well. (Oct.6, 1979)

*The Magnificat*

*My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord,  
my spirit rejoices in God, my Savior,  
for He has looked with favor on His lowly servant.  
“From this day all generations will call me Blessed”  
for the Almighty has done great things for me.  
Holy is His name.  
He has mercy on those who fear Him in every generation.  
He has shown the strength of His arm.  
He has scattered the proud in their conceit.  
He has cast down the mighty from their thrones,  
and has lifted up the lowly.  
He has filled the hungry with good things,  
and the rich He has sent away empty.  
He has come to the help of His servant Israel,  
for He has remembered His promise of mercy,  
the promise He made to our ancestors,  
to Abraham and His children forever, Amen.*

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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.

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God  
Bless  
Canada



## To Groups with Thanks and Gratitude

Last November, 2011 24 students and 4 supervisors from the Waterloo Catholic District School Board went on a mission trip to Consuelo, Dominican Republic. The program offered by *Encuentro Dominicano* is recognized and promoted by the local Roman Catholic Diocese of San Pedro de Macorís, and is coordinated by Dean Riley (affiliated with Scarboro Missions).

The purpose of the trip was to provide an opportunity for our students to experience faith, service, community, justice and solidarity. We were not expected to become active in work brigades. *Encuentro Dominicano* operates from the conviction that once those who live in poor countries, like the Dominican Republic, have gained access to the resources and human rights they lack, they become fully capable of "*doing for themselves*" that which is necessary to better their own lives.

Instead of us attempting to "*fix things*", we were given an experience that encourages us to transform ourselves in order to live lives more in tune with Gospel values. The program believes that the opportunity to see the world from the perspective of the poor transforms their visitors - who then desire to participate more fully in the unfolding of the Kingdom of God.

Transform was an understatement. The students and supervisors were overwhelmed with what we saw and felt totally different upon their return to Canada – and the wealth and comfort in their homes.

The whole purpose of this trip was to encourage us to...

- insert ourselves into justice networks once back at home
- to seek out accurate information, continuing to educate themselves on the issues related to poverty and injustice in our world
- and to begin working for systemic change (*becoming practitioners of peace and justice*) rather than merely acting as purveyors of charity alone.

While we were not to bring gifts directly to the families as it would immediately change the focus of the visit, the group brought along 6 overstuffed suitcases that included clothes, medicine, toothbrushes, books, school supplies, etc. Also included were 150 packaged rosaries that were generously donated by the **Immaculate Heart of Mary Rosary Guild**. This brightly coloured package was given directly to Bishop Francisco of Consuelo who distributes them throughout the Diocese during his pastoral visits. The Bishop told the coordinator of our trip that the people deeply appreciate receiving them and the appreciation is intensified by the experience of receiving one of the Rosaries from him personally!

Many kind and sincere thanks to the IHM Rosary Guild for providing these Rosaries to the people of Consuelo, Dominican Republic. For some they have nothing yet they are so happy. That happiness comes from their faith and these Rosaries hold special meaning to them.

Kindly, Annabel MacDonald, Chaplain, St. Mary's High School,



*"When you say your Rosary, the angels rejoice, the Blessed Trinity delights in it, my Son find joy in it too, and I myself am happier than you can possibly guess. After the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass, there is nothing in the Church that I love as much as the Rosary." Our Lady to Bl. Alan de la Roche*

**Rosaries to India** — Sheeba Thomas, Brampton, ON..

In the month of February 2012, I was on my annual vacation and travelling to India. My brother asked me to carry some rosary to hand it over to the Divine Retreat Centre Muringoor and to Fr. Cherian Mamprakuzhy. Thinking there might be only a few of them I readily agreed, but when he brought to me a few thousands of them I was surprised and wondered how I was going to carry all of them. In the end I decided to take all of them with a prayer in my heart and it was a real blessing to me. In this mission I travelled to various places with the retreat team. I managed to attend a five day residential retreat at Chittor, Cochin and a one day retreat with Vincentian priest and four three day retreats with Fr. Cherian Mamprakuzhy.

The retreats were all a most wonderful experience in my life especially the ones with Fr. Cherian Mamprakuzhy, a Catholic priest in the Arch Diocese of Thiruvalla, Kerala in Malankara Catholic Rite. As a close follower of his retreats, I attended with him to four different places for retreats. His fearless and powerful proclamation of the Word of God with the anointing of the Holy Spirit coupled with devotion to Mother Mary was an unforgettable experience.

All of the retreats started with a Rosary with hundreds of people holding up rosaries in their hands and in processions proclaiming and testifying their devotion to the Mother of God without fear or shame. The faith and devotion with people of diverse socio-economic and educational backgrounds attended these processions fills one's heart with inexplicable joy.

I personally extend my heartfelt gratitude to the Mission Canada Rosary Makers for giving me an opportunity to serve my faith in what little way I could. May God bless you in this great endeavour of yours may the Blessed Mary intercede for us. God Bless.

Sheeba Thomas, Brampton, ON



**Our Lady of Lourdes**

O Immaculate Virgin Mary, you are the refuge of sinners, the health of the sick, and the comfort of the afflicted. By your appearances at the Grotto of Lourdes you made it a privileged sanctuary where your favors are given to people streaming to it from the whole world. Over the years countless sufferers have obtained the cure of their infirmities whether of soul, mind or body. Therefore I come with limitless confidence to implore your motherly intercessions. Loving Mother, obtain the grant of my requests. Let me strive to imitate your virtues on earth so that I may one day share your glory in heaven.

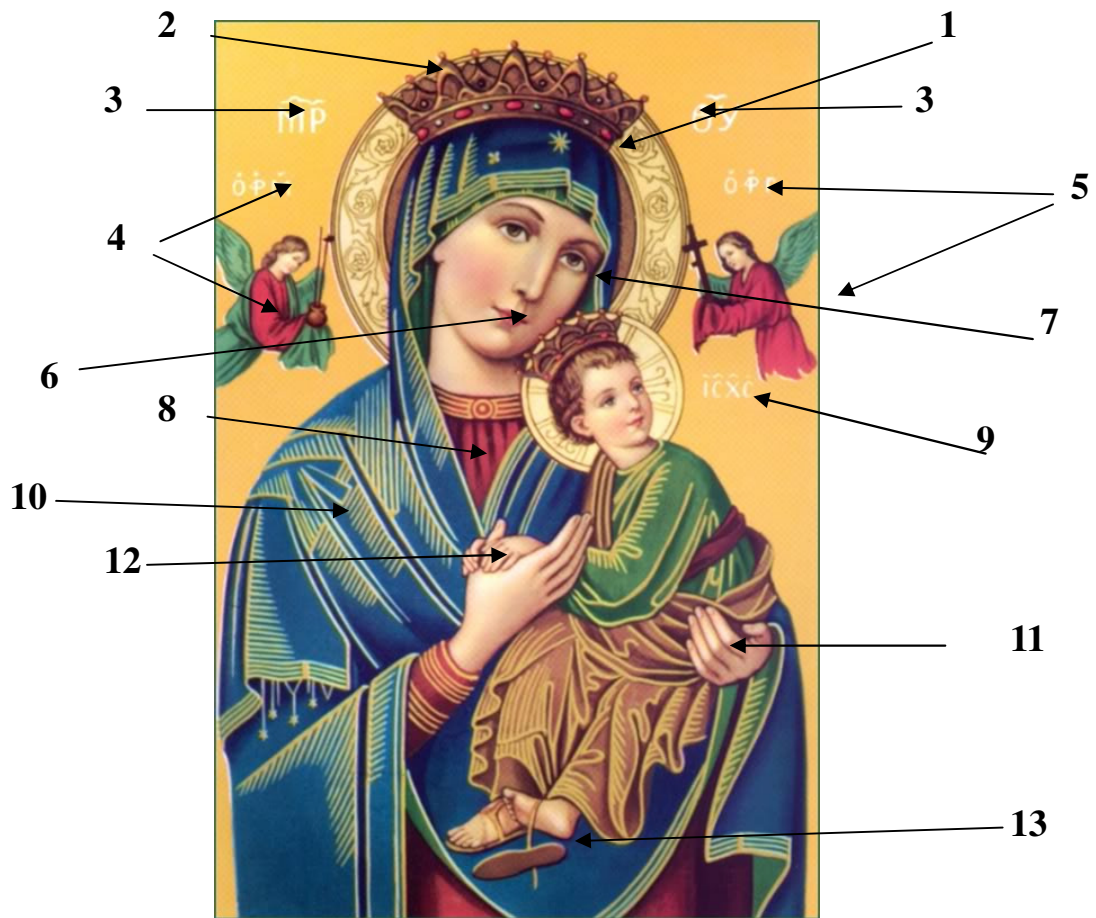
**Our Lady of Guadalupe**

Our Lady of Guadalupe, mystical rose, intercede for the Church, protect the Holy Father, help all who invoke you in their necessities. Since you are the ever Virgin Mary and Mother of the true God, obtain for us from your most Holy Son the grace of a firm faith and a sure hope amid the bitterness of life. As well as an ardent love and the precious gift of final perseverance.

**Our Lady of Fatima**

O Most Holy Virgin Mary, Queen of the Most Holy Rosary, you were pleased to appear to the children of Fatima and reveal a glorious message. We implore you, inspire in our hearts a fervent love of the recitation of the Rosary. By meditation on the mysteries of the redemption that are recalled therein may we obtain the graces and virtues that we ask, through the merits of Jesus Christ, Our Lord and Redeemer.

## Our Lady of Perpetual Help



1. Star on Our Lady's veil she is the Star of the Sea who brought the light of Christ to the darkened world – the star that leads us to a safe port in Heaven.
2. Golden Grown placed on the original picture by order of the Holy See in 1866. It is a token of the many miracles wrought by Our Lady invoked under the title of “Perpetual Help”
3. Greek initials for Mother of God”
4. Greek initial for St. Michael the Archangel – He is depicted holding the lance and gal-sop of Christ's Passion
5. Greek initial for St. Gabriel the Archangel. He holds the cross and the nails.
6. Mary's Mouth is small for silent recollection. She speaks little.
7. Mary's Eyes are large for all our troubles. They are turned toward us always.
8. Red Tunic the color worn by virgins at the time of Christ
9. Greek Initials for "Jesus Christ
10. Dark Blue Mantle the color worn by mothers in Palestine. Mary is both Virgin and Mother.
11. Mary's left hand is supporting Jesus possessively she is his Mother. It is a comforting hand for everyone who calls on her.
12. Christ's Hands turn palms down into His Mother's indicate that the Graces of Redemption are in her keeping
13. Foot with falling Sandal symbolizes Christ's Divine nature, barely clinging to the earth. His human nature is symbolized in the other foot to which the sandal is more firmly bound. Christ has two natures – human and Divine, in One Divine Person.

**Pro-life Rosary Meditations, By Fr. Frank Pavone, Priests for Life,**

**Pro-Life Rosary Meditation** The Crucifix: Lord, for all those who say "I don't believe", I say "I believe in God"...continue with saying the creed.

**First Our Father (Clear/white beads):** Offer the first OUR FATHER for the intentions of our Holy Father the Pope. The three purple HAIL MARY'S: The purple represents the Lord's Passion and Death: Pray: Lord, I offer these three Hail Mary's for an increase in Faith, Hope, and Love in all people so that all people will always CHOOSE LIFE, and I also offer them in reparation for the suffering you endure each time an unborn babe is killed, each time someone is euthanized, each time death overcome life in this world. Amen.

**First Decade (Aqua-Blue and Clear/White beads):** State the Mystery of the day: Monday and Thursday: The Joyful Mysteries, Tuesday and Friday: Sorrowful Mysteries. Wednesday, Saturday, and Sunday: Glorious Mysteries. Then Pray: Dear Lord, Dear Mother Mary, every aqua bead in this decade is special, for on it I pray that 'Hail Mary' for the intentions of the Immaculate Heart of Mary, and on every clear/white bead, I say that 'Hail Mary' for Peace in our world. Most Sacred Heart of Jesus, Have Mercy on us! Mary, Queen of Peace, pray for us! Amen.

**Second Decade (Red and clear or white beads):** State the Mystery of the day: Pray: Jesus, Source of Mercy; Mary Bearer of Mercy, on every "red" 'Hail Mary', I pray in reparation for the blood spilled from every baby wrenched from its mother's womb through abortion. I know that even as you hold and comfort each of these precious little ones, the horror of their slaughter screams for justice to be meted out upon our world. May these "red" 'Hail Mary's' be a source of reparation for our sin. I also offer each "white/clear" 'Hail Mary' for the mothers and fathers of these aborted little ones, that they may receive the grace to repent of this sin, turn to Jesus, and receive the gift of salvation with open hearts. Heal them of the emotional and psychological wounds that this sin has caused as you pour out the graces of conversion upon them. Let them now witness for life! Amen

**Third Decade (Black and clear/white beads):** State the Mystery of the day: The black beads are symbolic for the entire medical profession that participates in pro-death activities. All doctors, nurses, and assistants, helpers of every type that contribute to abortion, euthanasia, anti-life practices of every sort. Every "Clear/white" 'Hail Mary' is

for their conversion, repentance, and courage in standing against this crimson tide of death! Pray: Lord Jesus, Mother Mary, in this decade I offer reparation for all the sins of the medical personnel that act in the interest of death in our society and in our world. I plead also for their conversion to your truth. Let them see the truth of what they are doing, see the horror of it, rend their hearts in repentance, then work for Life and for you Jesus, all the rest of their days. Amen.

**Fourth Decade (Red, clear/white, and blue beads):** State the Mystery of the day: Pray: Lord Jesus, Source of All Truth; Mary, Our Lady of All Peoples with ever "red" 'Hail Mary' I pray that every bad, anti-life law in our nation and world be reversed. With every "clear/white" 'Hail Mary' I petition for new and strong pro-life laws to be enacted in our nation and in your world. Amen.

**Fifth Decade (Green and clear/white beads):** State the Mystery of the day: The color green is symbolic of hope. Our Hope is Jesus Christ and the Life in the Holy Spirit He offers to us if we but receive it. Because of our hope in Jesus we have faith that one day our hope for mercy justice, truth, peace, and life will be fully realized. Pray: Lord Jesus, I thank you for your incarnation in our human flesh. You were formed in the womb of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Your humanity at the moment of your conception gives us, each and every one, humanity at the moment of your conception. Had Satan had His way, you too would have been torn from your mother's womb, never to be born, and never to fulfill your destiny in the particular manner in which you did fulfill it. On every "green" 'Hail Mary' I thank you for those who in any way work for life. Give them continued courage, strength, peace of heart, and love. Protect them from all evil and increase their witness in this nation and in this world. Strengthen their families to understand the importance of their work and to support them in their stand for life.

**Mother Mary, our mother,** under the titles of Our Lady of Guadeloupe, Mother of Perpetual Help, Queen of Peace, join us in our intercession for the end of all pro-death, pro-choice activities, Crush the head of evil in our nation, our world, and in our personal lives. Roll back the crimson holocaust. With every "clear/white" 'Hail Mary' of this decade advance the cause of your Divine Son, Jesus, the Incarnate Word! Stay the hand of Chastisement, and if it must fall - Protect your children. Amen.

**Some of Our Rosary Making Groups**

St. Thomas the Apostle, Markham, Rosary Makers, meet their church basement, Tuesdays from 10 am-11 am, the 18 members have been meeting since 2003. They make string Mission Rosaries with plastic beads, opaque crosses and medallions, the rosaries are made for specific groups; Overseas Missions, Sri Lanka, India, Caribbean, Africa and First Communion and Confirmation candidates.  
Rosemarie Ling 416-495-1067

St Marguerite d'Youville Parish Rosary Makers, Brampton, presently has 12 members. We make cord rosaries, both world mission rosaries as well as plain coloured rosaries. We meet at our chapel every Friday morning after 9:15 am Mass. Most of our member also take home supplies and make rosaries during their leisure time. We make rosaries to give to the missions particularly to Mission Canada Rosary Makers headed by Mrs. John Biafore, who in turn distribute them to poor people in different countries of the world who can not afford to buy their own Rosaries.  
Lito and Dona Olindan 905-458-5913

St. Elizabeth's Rosary Guild, Thunder Bay, meets in the homes of the groups members. Along with the member of the St. Dominic's Church who have been a great help. We make plastic bead with string Rosaries. They make rosaries because they love Our Blessed Mother and would like to spread the devotion of the Holy Rosary, especially to the young children, but also to grown ups.  
Lora Moro- 807-623-1641

The Nuestra Senora de Guadalupe, Spanish Rosaries Makers make mission and chain Rosaries during their gatherings on the 3rd Saturday of the month at 3:30 pm at their church in Toronto. They make Rosaries because they believe in the power of prayer and with Our Mothers help; courage and strength is shared to bring healing to others.  
Rosa Ayala 416-654-5135  
Cecilia Retamales 416-658-6913

Our Lady of the Assumption Church / AFCM Rosary Makers Guild meet every Saturday morning at the Our Lady of the Assumption Church, 2565 Bathurst St. Toronto. They make custom and chain Rosaries.  
"I make Rosaries because these are love offerings to Our Lady and a blessed instrument for evangelization."  
Zeny Uy

Lynne Lukas, her husband and son, of Blessed John Paul II Parish in Port Elgin make mission rosaries which are sent to the School Sisters of Notre Dame in Waterdown for distribution by the Sisters.

**Glory Be To Jesus and Mary**

A letter written by the Blessed Virgin Mary to the City of Messina where St. Paul, the Apostle preached the gospel which has been preserved in the Reliquary of the great altar.

"I, Mary Virgin, servant of God, very humble Mother of Jesus Christ, Son of God, the Almighty and Eternity, to all who are in Messina, health and benediction in our Lord. You have learned by the ambassadors who have been sent to you. You received the gospel and you acknowledged that the Son of God has become man, and has suffered the passion and death for the salvation of the world, and that He is Christ and also the true Messiah. I beseech you to persevere, promising to you, and all your posterity, to assist you in the presence of My Son"

(Great Graces are given to those who carry a copy of this letter.)

**Mary Virgin very humble servant of God**

**Rosary Center — Dominican Fathers — Headquarters of the Rosary Confraternity**

Several members of our association asked if I would share this information

**The Rosary Confraternity, Its Obligations**

Each member strives to **pray the complete Rosary each week** (this does not bind under sin), and must have his/her **name inscribed in the register of the Confraternity**. There are no meetings, no dues. To enroll, please fill out the registration information. We will mail your certificate of membership and Light & Life newsletter, so please be certain the address is correct. Ordinarily the enrollment should be filled out by the **one to be enrolled**. In other words, **one should not enroll for another**, thinking it would be good if they were enrolled. The reason for this is that the enrollment is a **personal pledge** to strive to pray the entire Rosary each week. One may enroll for another party, only when they are sure the other party **understands the conditions for membership**, and has **asked** to be enrolled. To be enrolled one must be old enough to be able to understand and fulfill the weekly obligation of praying the complete Rosary. We do not enroll families as such, but only individual members, whose names must appear individually in our register. The deceased cannot be enrolled in the Confraternity.



As Pope Leo XIII said in his encyclical on the Confraternity, *“whenever a person fulfills his obligation of reciting the Rosary according to the rule of the Confraternity, he includes in his intentions all its members, and they in turn render him the same service many times over.”* Each member includes deceased fellow members as well and thus he knows that in turn he will be included in the prayers of hundreds of thousands both now and hereafter. This led the Cure of Ars to say:

*“Anyone has the happiness of being in the Confraternity of the Rosary, he has in all corners of the world brothers and sisters who pray for him.”*

**We encourage you to, consider this information, to join the Confraternity**

**To Register; Mailing Address:**

**PO Box 3617, Portland, OR 97208 USA Or [www.rosary-centre.org](http://www.rosary-centre.org)**

*First few lines of the Confraternity prayer;*

**Queen of the Most Holy Rosary and Mother of us all**, we come to you for help in our sorrows, trials and necessities. Sin leaves us weak and helpless but Divine Grace heals and strengthens. We ask for the grace to love Jesus as you loved Him, to believe as you believed, to hope as you hoped; we ask to share your purity of mind and heart. Give us true sorrow for sin and make us love people as you and Jesus loved them. Obtain for us the gifts of the Holy Spirit that we may be wise with your wisdom, understand with your understanding, know with your knowledge, prudent with your prudence, patient with your patience, courageous with your fortitude and desire justice ardently for everyone with the all consuming desire of the Sacred Heart of Jesus your Son. ....

Saint Dominic, you who received so much grace and strength from the Rosary, Pray for Us.

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