



*Association of Rosary Guilds  
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Our Spring Gathering will be on Saturday May 4th, 10 - 3pm  
at the Marian Shrine of Gratitude  
3100 Weston Rd. at Sheppard, Toronto, 3rd floor classroom,  
Agenda; Rosary making, sharing activities, prayer.  
Everyone is asked to contribute to a Potluck Lunch

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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."

**Pope Francis**

Born in Buenos Aires, Argentina, on December 17, 1936, Jorge Mario Bergoglio became Pope Francis on March 13, 2013, when he was named the 266th pope of the Roman Catholic Church. Bergoglio, the first pope from the Americas, took his papal title after St. Francis of Assisi of Italy. Prior to his election as pope, Bergoglio served as archbishop of Buenos Aires from 1998 to 2013, as cardinal of the Roman Catholic Church of Argentina from 2001 to 2013, and as president of the Bishops' Conference of Argentina from 2005 to 2011. The first citizen from the Americas, the first non-European and first Jesuit priest to be named pope. Prior to the 2013 papal election, Pope Francis had served as both archbishop and cardinal for more than 12 years.



Addressing a crowd of tens of thousands in St. Peter's Square, in the Vatican City in Rome, Italy, after his election win, Pope Francis stated, "As you know, the duty of the conclave was to appoint a bishop of Rome. It seems to me that my brother cardinals have chosen one who is from faraway. ...Here I am. I would like to thank you for your embrace."

In addition to his native Spanish, Bergoglio speaks Italian and German. His Education; Philosophical and Theological Faculty of San Miguel, University of Buenos Aires, Jesuit seminary of Villa Devoto

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**God  
Bless  
Canada**



## VINCE SOLCZ - ROSARY MAKER



Vince Solcz and Johnny Biafore 2005

Vince Solcz, husband and father, wanted to make Rosaries, so he sent away to *Our Lady's Rosary Makers* in Louisville, Kentucky for a Rosary making kit. He was able to make mission rosaries by studying the sample that arrived and was able to duplicate it in no time. What Vince really wanted to make was chain rosaries but the instructions did not make sense to him. One night he had a dream in which he *saw* how to make them. When he woke Vince gathered his supplies and made the chain rosaries with ease. As his wife Peggy says, "And that is how it all began". Vince Solcz began the Apostolate of Rosary Making in the basement of St. Clements Church in Cambridge, Ontario. Their friend Helen Renner joined them in rosary making in the beginning and continued until recently when her health began to deteriorate.

One weekend a year Vince and Peggy would drive to *Our Lady's Rosary Makers in Louisville, Kentucky* to purchase supplies. Using their own finances they would often spend about \$2000 dollars a visit. Over the years they received donations from Knights of Columbus Councils, individuals and schools.

Once the St. Clements Guild organized themselves they began going into schools leading the students in making rosaries. After a short time they began visiting the Marian Residence Retirement Home in Cambridge, leading the residents in rosary making.

In the early years in Cambridge, a woman connected them with people in Manila and they purchased crosses through her. Within a short time it became cost prohibitive. Near that time Vince read in a Catholic newsletter that a fellow, Johnny Biafore, was in need of rosaries to distribute in and around Toronto. The Solczs and Johnny met and began organizing guilds and searching for a supplier of beads, cord, and crosses in the Toronto area which would enable them to make and distribute rosaries more efficiently. They found the John Bead Corporation in Scarborough, Ontario.

While Vince & Peggy lived in Kincardine, Vince invented the cord knotting tool made from the spine of an umbrella and a piece of doweling. This tool made the creation of the knots more efficient and the knots themselves stronger. *Our Lady's Rosary Makers* now produces a modified version of this tool for purchase. To make many pieces of string the same length, Vince realized that if you cut a piece of wood just so long and wrapped the cord around so many times, you get all the cord the same length. This made the preparations for rosary making easier. Vince also found that if you put nail polish on the end of the cord it does not fray.

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VINCE SOLCZ—ROSARY MAKER— CONTINUES

In 1993-1994 Vince owned the rights to the nylon cord used in making mission rosaries, which was produced by Waterloo Textiles of Cambridge. Vince met with the owners of John Bead Corp and Waterloo Textiles they arranged for the rights to the rosary cord to be signed over to John Bead Corp.

When the Solcz family moved to Kitchener they left “St. Clements Rosary Guild” in the capable hands of Dorothy D’Souza and the Cambridge ladies. He and Peggy took on the name “The Immaculate Heart of Mary Rosary Guild”.

As they did in Cambridge, once the Solczs moved, Vince began looking for people to join in making mission rosaries, so he put an ad in their parish bulletin. Several people came to their home to join them in making rosaries. One of the ladies who came was Irene Ruscetta. Irene makes rosaries in her home. She has been providing the Waterloo Catholic District School Board with Mission Rosaries for First Communion children for many years.

Knowing the need for everyone to have the opportunity to pray the rosary, guild members also made rosaries for prisoners and military persons, as well as anyone who was in need of a rosary. Over the years Vince and Peggy lead students in several schools in the making of rosaries. The last school that Vince and Peggy visited was St. Dominic Savio Catholic Elementary in 1999. The older students were having a 30 hour overnight mission stay for a cause. Vince and Peggy spent a couple of hours there leading the students in making rosaries.

Since 2009, due to ill health, Vince has been unable to continue his ministry. Dorothy D’Souza in Cambridge continues to lead the St. Clements Rosary Makers. This Guild continues to donate rosaries to Johnny

Biafore for distribution in Toronto and leads rosary making in Cambridge Elementary Schools, specifically the Grade Two - First Holy Communion students. This school year, 2012-2013, they have been to every Grade Two class in Cambridge and they continue to visit the Marian Residence.

Irene Ruscetta of Kitchener continues to make Rosaries for First Communion children, 100 bead rosaries for the 2000 Hail Mary’s Devotions lead by Couples for Christ and a variety of wrist rosaries and chaplets. As of April 2013 Irene has personally produced over 77,000 Rosaries for the Waterloo Region Catholic School Board Gr. 2 First Communion children since she began in 1998.

Vince gave Marilynne Feeney of Waterloo permission to use the name the “Immaculate Heart of Mary Rosary Makers” in 2009. Her group goes into elementary and secondary schools leading the students in making rosaries for Military Persons and themselves. Guild members also make rosaries and chaplets for anyone in need.

Johnny Biafore has assisted in forming many rosary making groups in the Toronto Area. Over 20 of those Guilds are still active as is Johnny. The John Bead Corp. is still the supplier of choice for most of the rosary makers in Toronto area. Although many still purchase some supplies from Our Lady’s Rosary Makers in Louisville, Kentucky.

*We all wish to pay tribute, give thanks, and offer prayers for the man who brought in-home mission rosary making to Toronto, Kitchener, Waterloo, Cambridge and many cities throughout Canada. Because of you we are able to spread the Rosary around the world.*

*Mr. Vince Solcz, we thank you and ask God to keep you forever in His warm embrace.*

ST PIUS V, CONFESSOR—1504 –1572

My intent on this article was to share some interesting history on the Rosary we pray today. It began with *"In 1569 St. Pius V officially approved the rosary in its present form"* which I found in *Our Lady's Psalter*, © 2012 Fr. Marco Testa ISBN 987-0-9880692-0-6.

Then I sought out some information on Pope Pius V, which lead me to [www.ewtn.com/library/mary/piusv.htm](http://www.ewtn.com/library/mary/piusv.htm). After reading the article on his life I felt drawn to share this information with you. The following is an excerpt from the article that can be found on the EWTN website. I heartily invite you to read of the life of this special pope, St. Pius V



St. Pius entered into a league with Philip II, King of Spain, and the Venetians in order to check the progress of the Mahometans; the other Christian princes excusing themselves from acceding to it on account of domestic broils. This alliance was ratified in May 1571; and to avoid occasions of dissension among the princes that were engaged, the pope was declared chief of the league and expedition, who appointed Mark Antony Colonna general of his galleys and Don John of Austria generalissimo of all the forces.

The holy pope, from the beginning of the expedition, had ordered public prayers and fasts, and had not ceased to solicit heaven, with uplifted hands, like Moses on the mountain, besides afflicting his body by watching and fasting. At the hour of the battle, the procession of the Rosary in the church at the Minerva was pouring forth solemn prayers for the victory. The pope was then conversing with some cardinals on business; but, on a sudden, left them abruptly, opened the window, stood some time with his eyes fixed on the heavens, and then shutting the casement, said, "It is not now a time to talk any more upon business; but to give thanks to God for the victory he has granted to the arms of the Christians.

" This fact was carefully attested, and authentically recorded both at that time and again in the process of the saint's canonization.<sup>2</sup>

In consequence of this miraculous victory, the pope ordered the festival of the Rosary to be kept on the first Sunday of October in perpetual thanksgiving to God, and in the litany of our Lady inserted those words, "succor of Christians." He caused a triumph to be decreed Don John, which was graced with many illustrious prisoners; and he bestowed honours and gratifications on other generals and officers. The year following he was preparing to pursue the advantage gained by this great victory when he died of the stone on the 1st of May 1572, being sixty-eight years, three months, and fifteen days old, having governed the church six years and almost four months. He had suffered from January the sharpest pains with heroic patience. He was beatified by Clement X in 1672 and canonized by Clement XI in 1712. His precious remains lie in the church of St. Mary Major. Many miracles are recorded by Gabutius. Henschenius has added a relation of many others approved by the auditors of the Rota under Urban VIII in 1629.<sup>3</sup>

GIVING THANKS FOR ROSARIES & CIRCLES OF ROSARIES

Dear John,

I am very happy here in Ghana because I have just completed my first missionary assignment and given out all the Rosaries and publications to: Fr. Atuahene, St. Peters Church, P.O. Box 4, Dromankese, North Nkoranza, Brong Ahafo, Ghana. West Africa.

They were received on behalf of the Priest who was away on assignment by the President of the parish Mr. Robert Dassa, Catechist Mr. Augustine Ankumah, Assistant Frank Adjei & Treasurer Rose Kwame, and the members of the Church after the weekday morning prayers. Please be assured that they were very well received and will be shared with all the surrounding villages in the District of Nkoranza where they live on less than \$1 to \$2 a day and without your gift could otherwise never afford a rosary in their life time. While driving out of the village the next day I was very happy to hear on the radio about the 'gift from Canada to The Catholic Church in the District of Nkoranza'.

May the Blessed Mother Mary and our Lord Jesus Christ bless you and the work you do.

Please see the attached pictures with my best regards.

Yours. John.



**The Circles of Rosary** - Sts Peter & Paul Church, Cristo Rei Parish and St Dominic Parish and all the schools under these parishes in Mississauga.

-Introducing and **teaching the rosary in classes** once a month - Jk to Grade 8

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-Volunteers from the parents of the students, parish community volunteers

Cora Bryce - The Circles of Rosary - Initiator

LETTERS OF THANKSGIVING TO  
OUR LADY OF MADHU ROSARYMAKERS

Dear Mr. Devanayagam,  
Thank you very much for the box of 400 Rosaries sent through Fr. Anton Mathias. We have been able to distribute them among the children. Please convey my thanks to the Legionaries of Mary of Toronto. They are always welcome to send more Rosaries to diffuse the devotion of Our Lady. With sincere greetings of the Season and wishing you the Blessings of the Lord, Bishop Kingsley. Bishop of Batticoloa/ Trincomalee



Dear Mr. Emmanuel Devanayagam,  
Thanks for the 500 Rosaries that you had sent through Rev. Fr. Anton Matthias.  
I am told that these Rosaries were made by the members of Legion of Mary of Toronto. Kindly convey my love and regards to all of them and my assurance of special prayers for them. I will be distributing these Rosaries to the children who receive the sacraments of first Communion and Confirmation. Or else I have to buy them from the shops that sell religious articles. May Our Blessed Mother protect you from all dangers.  
Joseph Pinniah Bishop of Batticoloa/ Trincomalee

My dear Mr. Emmanuel Deva and family, Please receive my warm greetings and prayers for 2013. I received through the kind courtesy of Fr. Anton Mathias, your parcel of 500 rosaries and be assured of the prayers of the 500 beneficiaries for you all and the all the rosary makers. This is an invaluable gift to us and we will be very faithfully distributing to those who will be reciting the rosary. With much love,  
Bp R. Joseph.



Dear Mr. Emmanuel Deva,  
Christmas Greetings from Salesian sisters of Don Bosco!  
Along with all our sisters I thank you and the all those who are involved in preparing the Holy Rosary. I am happy to tell you that I have distributed the rosary to the people and specially those children who were affected by war and for whom our sisters rendering their service. All are very appreciative of the rosary that they have received. I am happy to tell you that our congregation is a Marian congregation and we have a great and tender devotion to our Mother Mary. Every day we pray the rosary along with people for whom we render our service. We are living in flats in the midst of the people. We are very grateful to you and always welcome your gift the rosaries.

## **NEW AND EXPANDED JOHN BEAD OUTLET!**

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Tues - Friday 10:00 am – 6:00 pm

Saturday & Sunday 10:00 am – 3:00 pm

closed public holidays

*Our grand opening will be  
Friday – Sunday July 5<sup>th</sup> - July 7<sup>th</sup>*

Entrance will be at the back of our building.

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The new outlet will be  
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Thousands of beads and crafts added  
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For the rosary makers the perks:  
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as well as an additional 10% discount.

OUR LADY OF THE PRAIRIES & THE ROSARY OF GOD THE FATHER

**Our Lady of the Prairies Rosary Makers Guild**

Here's an update on our guild activities, we have 16 members from different locations throughout Alberta. Our members mostly make cord rosaries with 3 members making chain rosaries. Everyone makes rosaries at home but we try and get together a couple times a year. We made 14,990 rosaries in 2012, distributed 576 locally, and mailed out 11,495, mostly to Johnny Biafore at Mission Canada. So far this year we mailed out 3,850 rosaries, again to Johnny in February. At present we have on hand 1,590 rosaries. That's about it, for now. Have a great day. Moe and Loretta



**The Rosary of God the Father**

The Rosary is as sign of the times; of these times that are seeing the return of Jesus on the earth “with great power” (Matt.24:30). Power is attributed above all to the Father (“I believe in God the Father Almighty”). It is the Father who comes in Jesus, and we must urge Him to hasten the times of the new creation so much desired (Romans 8:19).

The Rosary of the Father in five stations, helps us to reflect on His Mercy, which “is stronger than evil, stronger than sin or death” (Dives in Misericordia, VIII, 15) It reminds us that mankind can and must become an instrument for the triumph of the Love of the Father, giving its yes to Him and thus taking its place in the circle of Trinitarian Love that renders “the living glory of God”.

**FIRST MYSTERY:** We contemplate on the triumph of the Father in the Garden of Eden, when after the sin of Adam and Eve, He promises the coming of the Lord.

**SECOND MYSTERY:** We contemplate on the triumph of the Father at the moment of the Fiat of Mary during the Annunciation.

**THIRD MYSTERY:** We contemplate on the triumph of the Father when He gives all His power to the Son.

**FOURTH MYSTERY:** We contemplate on the triumph of the Father at the moment of every particular judgment.

**FIFTH MYSTERY:** We contemplate the triumph of the Father at the moment of final judgment.

With ecclesiastical approval, November 23, 1988, Archbishop of Foggia  
Edited by Associazione Dio E. Padre Casa Pater,

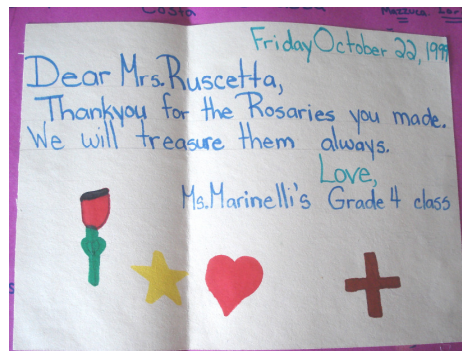
To view the full Rosary go to [www.rosaryofgodthefather.org](http://www.rosaryofgodthefather.org)

IRENE RUSCETTA & PRAYER TO ST. MICHAEL



Irene Ruscetta of Kitchener received instruction on how to make a mission rosary from Vince Solcz over 14 years ago. As of April 2013 she has personally produced over 77,000 Rosaries for the Waterloo Region Catholic School Board- Grade Two First Communion children. This year Irene began making 100 bead Rosaries for *the 2000 Hail Mary's Devotion*. One group leading this devotion is Couples for Christ. Their members pray this devotion in their homes on the second Saturday of every month. Irene has also made a variety of wrist rosaries and chaplets. Irene has said that when she makes the Rosaries for the First Communicants she prays that the child receiving it is blessed by God.

*For information about the 2000 Hail Marys' Devotion contact the editor, information is on page 8*



**Prayer to St. Michael the Archangel**

St. Michael the Archangel, defend us in our day of battle; be our safeguard against the wickedness and snares of the devil. May God rebuke him, we humbly pray. And you, O prince of the heavenly host, by the power of God thrust into hell Satan and all of the evil spirits who prowl throughout the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen



Our  
Little  
Rosary  
Helper

PRAYERS

**PRAYER BEFORE THE ROSARY**

Queen of the Holy Rosary, Thou didst deign to come to Fatima to reveal to the three shepherd children the treasures of grace hidden in the Rosary. Inspire my heart with a sincere love of this devotion, in order that by meditating on the Mysteries of our Redemption which are recalled in it, I may be enriched by its fruits and obtain peace for the world, the conversion of sinners and of Russia, and the graces which I ask of Thee in this Rosary. (*mention your request here.*) I ask this for the greater glory of God, for Thine own honor, and for the good of souls, especially for my own. Amen.

I offer this Rosary for the purpose of knowing the truth and obtaining contrition and pardon for my sins. Amen.

**Prayer to be said  
at the end of each mystery.**  
*May the grace of this mystery  
come down into my soul.*  
[www.fatima.org](http://www.fatima.org)



Prayer to Relieve Stress and Anxiety has been taken from [www.catholicdoors.com](http://www.catholicdoors.com)

**Suscipe**

Take, Lord, and receive all my liberty, my memory, my understanding, and my entire will, all I have and call my own. You have given all to me. To you, Lord, I return it. Everything is yours; do with it what you will. Give me only your love and your grace, that is enough for me.

**St. Ignatius of Loyola**

**Prayer to the Holy Spirit**

*Come Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and kindle in them the fire of your love. Send forth your Spirit, and they shall be created. And You shall renew the face of the earth. O, God, who by the light of the Holy Spirit, did instruct the hearts of the faithful, grant that by the same Holy Spirit we may be truly wise and ever enjoy His consolations.*  
*Through Christ Our Lord. Amen.*

**Prayer to Relieve Stress and Anxiety**

Lord, there has been too much change in my life recently, and I feel overwhelmed. Because I try to be a responsible person, I sometimes forget that it is unwise for me to allow my sense of duty to override my common sense. Lord, help me to allow myself more time to rest, relax, and pray. Guide me toward something spiritual to read every day and a quiet time afterwards to reflect on what I have read and how it pertains to my life. I truly want to simplify my life and live more as Christ did. Help me remember that there is no loss or problem that I must face alone. You are always near, with Your love and compassion to comfort me. Amen.

## BENEFITS AND BLESSINGS

### **Benefits of the Holy 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; and finally, it obtains all kinds of graces for us from Almighty God.

### **Blessings of the Holy Rosary**

1. Sinners are forgiven.
2. Souls that thirst are refreshed.
3. Those who are fettered have their bonds broken.
4. Those who weep find happiness
5. Those who are tempted find peace.
6. The poor find help.
7. Religious are reformed.
8. Those who are ignorant are instructed.
9. The living learn to overcome pride.
10. The dead (the Holy Souls) have their pains eased by suffrages.

Taken from [www.theholynosary.org](http://www.theholynosary.org) is a wealth of information on the Holy Rosary most especially "The History of the Rosary" by Saint Louis Marie Grignon De Montfort



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The Rosary Makers Prayer

Dearest Mother, to you we pray, bless the Rosaries we make today, with loving hands we add each bead., then with trust in you we further plead, bless the ones who in foreign lands, reach for them with outstretched hands and pray like we, that God hears our call, for a World United and Peace for All!

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FOR WORLD PEACE

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Contact the Editor with your suggestions  
and Rosary related articles for this newsletter

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