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**Due to Rosary Requests from the Clergy in Sri Lanka, India and the Philippines** local groups have begun a concerted effort to make 5000 mission rosaries designated to the people in Sri Lanka. As well as current groups, two new Rosary Making Groups have formed in Mississauga under the guidance of John Biafore, Emmanuel Deva and especially the Kinglsey La'Brooy.

Kinglsey La'Brooy and about twelve fellow countrymen and women, and teens gathered at the Shrine of Gratitude in Toronto on Saturday, March 15, 2014 to learn how to make mission rosaries. The kind souls from Emmanuel Deva's group and Marilynne Feeney trained our new friends in the several ways to make mission rosaries. Supplies were purchased from the John Bead Corp. in Toronto and from Our Lady's Rosary Makers in Kentucky.

The current plan is to ship 5000 rosaries out the first week of June and a second shipment in the first of September. It is our understanding that once we send these rosaries to Sri Lanka, we will begin making and collecting rosaries for India and the Philippines.



**Keep Calm & Rosary On**

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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."

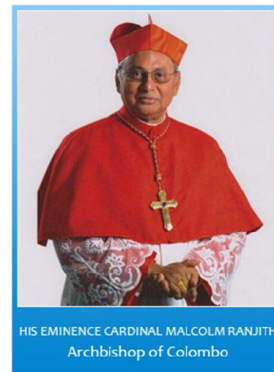
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**God Bless Canada**



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**NATIONAL ROSARY RALLY 2013 AT KURUNEGALA**

**"Don't be afraid to honour Our Blessed Mother, for Jesus gave His Mother to us "**



ROSARIES NEEDED FOR SRI LANKA

Dear Mr. Emmanuel Deva, Greetings from all of us in Negombo –Sri Lanka.

Happy to tell you that I received the parcel that you sent to me for our mission. We are indeed very grateful to you for the gift of Rosary. Just today we had the Marian Exhibition put up by our children and the children will be given the Rosary and more over the refugees from Pakistan are very happy to receive the Rosary. May the lord bless your generous service.

In Christ Sr . Mary Ann Fernando, Superior - Salesian Sisters

Auxilium House – P-2 Boscopura, Don Bosco Mawatha, Negombo. Sri Lanka, February 20th 2014.



Fr. Sunil De Silva - 24.11.2013

His Eminence Malcolm Cardinal Ranjith, the Archbishop of Colombo, Sri Lanka declared

"THE YEAR OF MARY" commencing from 24th November 2013 to November 2014.

The Proclamation was made by His Eminence Cardinal Malcolm on 24th Nov. 2013, on the Solemnity of the Christ the King, at St. Lucia's Cathedral, Kotahena, Colombo 13.

Addressing the gathering His Eminence said, "appreciating along with the Church which in her bi-millennial history has loved and has been loved by the Heavenly Mother, the role of Mary our Mother, let us, as the Archdiocesan Ecclesial community dedicate to her the year that starts with the closing of the Year of Faith on Sunday the 24th November this year until the 1st Sunday in Advent in the year 2014, which falls on the 30th November. The Marian Year would also be a fitting continuity of the Year of Faith as Mary is truly the best example of a life filled with faith, for, it is through her "let it be" given in deep faith that God's divine plan became reality. It will be the 4th year in the Archdiocesan programme of the decade of the Holy Eucharist – the Marian Year – which we proclaim joyfully and with filial devotion to our Heavenly Mother Mary, the mystical sweet rose in God's beautiful garden. We do so with utmost devotion entrusting to her along with ourselves, bishops, priests and the religious all our dear faithful, young and old. We say: "Mother, O Heavenly Mother, help us to come closer to your Son and obtain for us through your maternal intercession happiness of soul and body and your loving protection and care and most of all holiness of life".

Mission Canada Rosary Makers  
Holy Rosary Apostolate RPO Marlee,  
Toronto Canada

Dear Director, Greetings of Easter, may the Risen Lord bless you abundantly. First of all I thank you for helping me for the distribution of the rosaries and pious articles. Since two weeks I am out of stock with regard to rosaries and pictures. Now I am making an urgent request for rosaries and pious articles. Hope you will be able to send one or two parcels at the earliest. I also request you to advice some of your friends also to help me by sending the above said items.

We have retreat in every week and during this lent and the attendants of retreatants was high. The international youth retreat is approaching. Kindly pray for the success for the retreats.

Sincerely yours in Christ Fr. George Kammattil CV



OUR LADY OF MADHU ROSARY MAKERS
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Our Lady of Madhu Rosary Makers Group Report 2013/2014.

In union with Mother Mary I submit the report of Rosary making during the year 2013. At the request by the Lordship Bishop Joseph Ponniah, Bishop of Batticaloa we sent 2910 Rosaries to him. To Bro Thobias attached to the Kandy Diocese, working in Matale throughout the estate plantations, we sent 2350 Rosaries to distribute the Estate School children and to the parishes. In the meantime we received a request from Rev Fr Jude Samantha Fernando. Administration Secretary of Cardinal office, 1000 Rosaries was delivered by Bro Thobias. 350 Rosaries was sent to Rev Sr. Mary Anne, Superior of Selastian Sisters at Negombo. A requests of Rosary making supplies by Rev Fr Don Ernest Kithsiri Thirimanne, Parish Priest of The Church of Our Lady of Fatima, Battaramulla. 1000 Rosary making supplies were sent to him.

A kind request was made by John Biafore, to send the Rosaries to Africa and Philippines and 1000 Rosaries were given to him.

Future Plan: To comply with the requests from Cardinal Office from Sri Lanka.

*One of the main devotions which His Eminence Malcom Cardinal Ranjith, wants to propagate is the daily family Rosary, where children will get firsthand knowledge of Our Blessed Mother, through the mysteries of the Rosary and grow to love her in an through the recitation of the daily Rosary. Also as you know, the Holy Rosary is considered a perfect prayer because within it lies the awesome story of our salvation.*

We have commenced to make more Rosaries and to prepare the shipment by mid-year of 2014. John Biafore introduced Mr. Kinsley Labrooy, a leader of prayer group in Mississauga, who are interested and to learn the Rosary making. As because of the full encouragement and support was given by John and too had arranged a space at the Shrine of the Gratitude. We have planned to start Rosary making jointly, on Saturday March 15<sup>th</sup> at the Shrine.

We are just instruments but the Glory and praise goes to Mother Mary who always council and guide us. Humbly submitted by Emmanuel Deva, February 23<sup>rd</sup> 2014.



My dear Emmanuel Devanayagam,

Praise the Lord, Greetings from Batticaloa Sri Lanka.

This is to bring you the good news that finally I did receive the three parcels containing Rosaries, Books and Clothes. Yesterday my Priest friend called me from Colombo giving me the good news that he has cleared the parcels from the shipping agents in Colombo. He will send it from Colombo to Batticaloa on Friday 7<sup>th</sup>. Only then I will open and see what is inside.

However I hereby send my advance thanks to you and your collaborators for considering my request seriously and responding with immediate action. I hope this will solve my problem of hunting for Rosaries. I always encourage and instruct the children to recite the beautiful prayer of Our Blessed Mother, The Rosary. Here in my Diocese, the Legionaries are functioning very well and flourishing.

Once again thanking you and assuring you of my prayers, I remain.  
Yours in Christ, +Joseph Ponniah February 5<sup>th</sup> 2014



WHY WE MAKE ROSARIES AND MARCH MISSION ROSARY CAMPAIGN

January 6, 2014

Good Afternoon Marilynne, We (from St. Elizabeth's C.W.L) wish we could join you at your January gathering it sounds very nice. Just letting you know that we gave Father Rey, our Parish Priest, 210 Rosaries to bring to the Philippines with him tomorrow.

Happy New Year,

Sincerely, Lora Moro and the ladies of the St. Elizabeth's Catholic Women's League, Thunder Bay.

Hi, I joined the rosary maker group shortly after it was started at my parish ( Our Lady of Guadalupe ) first of all, because I am devoutly consecrated to Mother Mary and secondly because I started to love her more and more through praying the holy rosary daily.

I have experienced her intercession quite often and that made me want others to pray and experience similarly.

Making rosaries for the missions I contribute to extend her devotion to poorer countries where people either cannot afford to have a rosary or even worse; they may have limited knowledge about our Holy Mother or not knowledge at all....

In some occasions I have taken the inspiration to make rosaries to give away to people I know .

Summary: it is the love I feel towards my Holy Mother.... combined with my own personal experience of her motherly love and protection towards me which moves me to be part of this apostolate.

In Christ and Mary, Sylvia Lorenzo

Dear Marilynne,

Our first session of Rosary making was held ten years ago on January 13th, 2004. Today we had our first Rosary Making session at Our Parish celebrating our tenth anniversary. We started with five members and today we are a group of 18 members.

I can speak for our members when I say that they enjoy making rosaries for the Missions. Right now, we have no rosaries, since we take a break for Christmas/ New Years. We also take a summer break in July and August. For the past few years, we have had a Christmas Pot Luck, during which we have games and lots of Multicultural foods.

Thank you very much for putting together the newsletters as well as the other activities of the Rosary Brigade.

Rosemarie Ling

Are you looking for something different for you or your family to do during the March Break?

**Imagine a rosary you make travels the globe to help someone!**

His Eminence Malcolm Cardinal Ranjith, Sri Lanka has requested rosaries for the people of Sri Lanka.

Our Goal is to make 1000 rosaries for them, could you give a little of your time to help?

**We have also been asked for rosaries for the people of India, the Philippines, and local schools.**

**Canadian Rosary Brigade's March Break Mission Rosaries Campaign**

On Monday March 10th and Friday March 14th, between 9:30—3:30 both days, Students in grades 7-12, Adults and Families ( parents with their child/children ), are invited to join us at St. Agnes Church, 75 Bluevale St. N. Waterloo.

*Mission Rosaries are made with colourful beads & string, with a plastic cross.*

*Easy to make, usually only takes 15 minutes to make one rosary.*

Great way to acquire Community Service Hours for school!

To ensure enough supplies for everyone, **please register** by contacting Marilynne Feeney at [canadianrosarybrigade@gmail.com](mailto:canadianrosarybrigade@gmail.com) or call 519-886-1389



<p>ROSARIES FOR INDIA, OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP, LETTER OF THANKS</p>
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Dear Rosary Apostolate; A humble request for Rosaries and chains and medals.

Greetings of peace and joy to you in Christ Jesus from Fr. Y Varaprasad, St. Anthony's Church Diocese of Guntur, Andhra Pradesh, India. First and foremost I take this opportunity to thank you for your generous help in the form of rosaries. Poor people felt very happy by receiving rosaries. They are praying for you. But, the saddest thing is, rosaries are not sufficient. There are still many people reciting rosary without rosaries. By seeing their condition, I request you to send many rosaries if you send more rosaries, it would really great help to poor people.

There are nine substations coming under this parish namely Pedakornapadu, Chinakornapadu, Chinakurnuthala, Pedakornuthala, Chinthapallipadu, Garapadu, Yamarthi, Ankammangar, and Fathimpuram. There are slum areas, Majority of people in these places are very poor they cannot even afford for their livelihood, Most of them are coolies. Most of the boys and girls were asked by parents to collect the plastic and the waste by the roadside. They collect every day and make their livelihood. They come to church daily and participate in the Eucharistic celebration. They give more importance to God and Mother Mary. They recite rosary daily but, the saddest thing is, they don't have rosaries to recite and pray. They cannot afford to buy a rosary. They are very poor. Whenever I go for mass, they are asking for rosaries. The biggest obstacle to this, as you can assume is the rosaries of my parishioners. WE have about 6000 children and poor people. There I request you to contribute rosaries. Your generous help will be used to poor children and shape their future the right way and I am sure you will definitely want to be a part of this great cause. I wish you A happy Christmas and Joy filled new year 2014.

**Sincerely Fr. Y Varaprasad, St. Anthony's Church Nagarampalem, Guntur, A.P. India**

### Our Lady of Perpetual Help

The group is made up 15 members who take supplies in their homes and make rosaries during their leisure time. They have begin making and selling memory wire bracelets also. The ladies have sent 500 Rosaries to the Philippines to help out after the typhoon. "Prayer with out action is nothing" So we pray and do what we can to help people.

*Yours in prayer O.L.P. H. Ladies*



Dear Mrs. Feeney—Greetings from the Philippines!

Rev. Fr. Sedfrey Calderon the private secretary of our dear Bp Bancud received from you Association of Rosary Guilds and Rosary makers mission rosaries. He happily turned it over to our Diocese Catechetical Ministry. We have 1400 volunteer catechists who are teaching in the public elementary schools. However, we planned to give these to our poor children this coming summer my 2014 after their Summer Catechesis. We will send you how many would be the recipients later.

Thanks a Lot! God Bless you in your generosity. We are one with our introducing Our Blessed Mother to our children and that they may have devotion of her through the praying of the Holy Rosary By the way, this Sr. Leonisa N. Racoma, MCST, the current Diocese Catechetical Program

Respectfully Yours. Sr. Leonie MCST

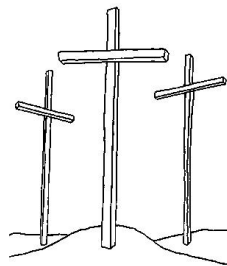
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PRAYERS

**Splinters From the Cross**

Little headaches, little heartaches,  
 little grief's of every day.  
 Little trials and vexations,  
 how they throng around our way.  
 One great cross, immense and heavy,  
 it seems to our weak will,  
 might be born with resignation  
 but these many small ones kill.  
 Yet all life is formed of small things,  
 little leaves make up the trees,  
 many tiny drops of water blending,  
 make the mighty seas.  
 Let us not then by impatience  
 mar the beauty of the whole,  
 but for love of Jesus bear all,  
 in the silence of our soul.  
 Asking Him for grace sufficient  
 to sustain us through each loss,  
 and to treasure each small offering  
 as a splinter from His cross.

*Anonymous*



**The Old Cross**

Dear heart, tire not of the old cross,  
 nor ask to lay it down;  
 who knows if some lighter new cross,  
 would win so bright a crown.  
 If after all the choosing,  
 of crosses were left to thee,  
 who knows if in the Master's sight,  
 so precious they would be.  
 Take up then, the old cross,  
 and walk in the same old way.  
 God pointed out for thy footsteps,  
 'twill lead to heaven someday.  
 Of this be sure the Master,  
 is ever near to thee,  
 when thou takes up the cross He sends thee,  
 bear it patiently.  
 Dear Heart, then kiss the old cross,  
 God sent it, it is best,  
 kneel low at his feet and accept it,  
 and leave to Him the rest.  
 And if sometimes it seems too heavy,  
 for one so weak to bear,  
 take courage and think of the  
 blessed crown He weaves for thee to wear.  
 O, never tire of the old cross,  
 nor ask to lay it down,  
 ask not for some lighter new cross,  
 but think of the fadeless crown.  
 Remember in every trial,  
 that God's sweet will is best,  
 And that life's rugged pathway,  
 leads to Heaven's eternal rest. Amen

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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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the  
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for  
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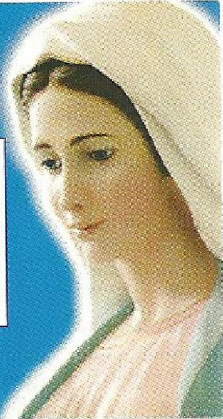
The ordinary acts we practice every day  
at home are of more importance to the soul  
than their simplicity might suggest.  
— Thomas Moore

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