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OCTOBER, MONTH OF THE ROSARY

— adapted from an article by Reverend Matthew R. Mauriello

Current scholarship traces the development of the Rosary to the High Middle Ages period. The month of October each year is dedicated to the Most Holy Rosary. This is primarily due to the fact that the liturgical feast of Our Lady of the Rosary is celebrated annually on October 7. It was instituted to honor the Blessed Virgin Mary in gratitude for the protection that she gives the Church in answer to the praying of the Rosary by the faithful. The feast was introduced by Pope St. Pius V in the year 1571 to commemorate the miraculous victory of the Christian forces in the Battle of Lepanto on October 7, 1571. The pope attributed more to the "arms" of the Rosary than the power of cannons and the valor of the soldiers who fought there.

Legend tells us that the Rosary as a form of prayer was given to St. Dominic by Mary, the Mother of Our Lord, who entrusted it to him as an aid in the conflicts with the Albigensians. The Dominican pope, St. Pius V, did much to further the spread of the Rosary and it thereafter became one of the most popular devotions in Christendom. It was the same Pope St. Pius V, who in 1569 officially approved the Rosary in its present form with the Papal Bull, *Consueverunt Romani Pontifices*. It had been completed by the addition of the second half of the "Hail Mary" and the "Glory be to the Father" at the conclusion of each mystery.

The practice of dedicating the entire month of October to the Holy Rosary developed toward the end of the last century. Pope Leo XIII strongly promoted the increase of devotion to the Blessed Mother by encouraging the constant use of the Rosary. Many other popes have contributed to help increase devotion to the Rosary by their writings. In the recent past, Pope Paul VI devoted the last section of his Apostolic Exhortation *MARIALIS CULTUS* to the Angelus and the Rosary. In this document, he wrote that "the Rosary retains an unaltered value and intact freshness."

John Paul II called the Rosary his favorite prayer, in which we meditate with Mary upon the mysteries which she as a mother meditated on in her heart (Lk. 2:19). JP II gifted the Church with the Luminous mysteries as well.

In this month of October, let us consider this beautiful prayer of the Rosary as a means that we too can use in order to draw closer to Jesus and Mary by meditating on the great mysteries of our salvation. As Cursillistas, let us remember that Our Lady of Guadalupe is the Patroness of our Movement. Together, we need to invoke her help for our Movement and our world as we come out of this unprecedented time of pandemic. Please join me in praying the Rosary, especially during October.

*The above article has been edited and adapted for the purposes of this article.
It originally appeared in the Fairfield County Catholic January 1996.*

<https://udayton.edu/imri/mary/o/october-month-of-the-rosary.php>

Theresa Gorman



A Word From Deacon Joe Mueller

OUR LADY AND THE ROSARY

Two months out of the year we honor Mary with saying the Rosary. Here's a little history.

Praying the rosary is as old as mankind. The Hindus in India used to recite the thousand names of their gods and goddesses and their "mantra" prayers using multi-beaded rosaries and their sages wear such rosaries around the neck, constantly rolling the beads in prayer. The Jews used beads to repeat the psalms. The Muslims use rosaries with a hundred beads for their prayer.

In the ninth century, the Christian monks who recited the 150 psalms instructed the illiterate common people to recite the Our Father 150 times. It was in the eleventh century that the Europeans added the Hail Mary to the Our Father. In 1214, according to the legend, the Blessed Virgin Mary

appeared to St. Dominic Guzman and instructed him to pray the Rosary in a new form as an effective antidote against the Albigensian heresy.

The Rosary devotion attained its present form around 1500 AD. An additional boost to the Rosary devotion was given in 1917, when our Blessed Mother, in her sixth apparition to the three shepherd children asked them to, "Say the Rosary every day... Pray, pray a lot and offer sacrifices for sinners. I am Our Lady of the Rosary." The "Fatima prayer" (O my Jesus forgive us our sins, save us from the fires of Hell and bring all souls to Heaven, especially those who are most in need of Your mercy), requested by Mary herself at Fatima (July 13, 1917), was added following the "Glory be..." after 1930.

Prayers Needed

*Prayers are requested for the
repose of the soul of:*

*Jorge Bedia
Husband of Sarah Bedia
and the father of
Andrew and Lucas.*

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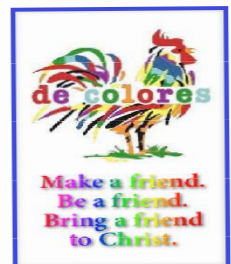
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- You can make your donation on-line at Here using a Visa or Master Card credit card.
- You can donate via USPS by downloading a printable format HER and mail check to the National Cursillo Center, P.O. Box 799, Jarell, TX 76537.
- You can pick-up a donation envelop at your local Ultraya and have the Lay Director send a check in the amount collected to the National Cursillo Center.
- The diocese/region can use the credit to get vouchers for other Secretari at members or Service Team members, etc. to attend the National Encounter.
- The diocese/region can sponsor other key leaders who are in the process of establishing Cursillo in their areas and help them to attend the National Encounter.
- The dioceses can use the credit to pay annual affiliation fees.

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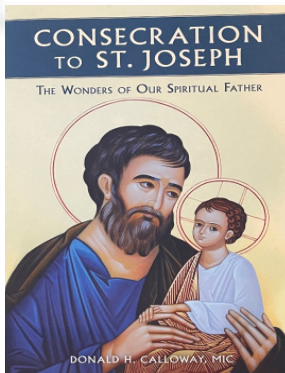
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A Reminder



September 24, 2021 - Upcoming Zoom Sessions

Join Barry Dean of the ACCA, and Fr. Mark Simpson of Holy Family Catholic Church in Brentwood, TN., as they Consecration themselves to St. Joseph, beginning September 29 and ending November 1 - All Saints Day.

Fr. Mark will give six 30 minute reflections on the Consecration to St. Joseph on zoom beginning Wednesday, September 29, the night before the Consecration journey begins. Participants may ask questions during these sessions.

Please forward this to your fellow Catholic brothers and sisters and encourage them to join us!

Session 1: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/81455439548?pwd=MFVCbnlwaTQydENXc3pCYnU5dIRCZz09e>

Session 3: Sunday, October 10, 8:00 p.m. CST.

Session 4: Sunday, October 17, 8:00 p.m. CST.

Session 5: Sunday, October 24, 8:00 p.m. CST.

Session 6: Sunday, October 31, 8:00 p.m. CST

FALL REGIONAL ENCOUNTER

Our virtual Fall Encounter will take place on
October 22-23, 2021
at Our Lady of Fatima Catholic Church
2090 Pass Rd. Biloxi, MS 39531

We are asking for a donation of \$20.00 per person to help offset the costs of hosting the Encounter. Please send your check to the address on the registration form or pay when you arrive at the Encounter. Thanks!



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GOOD NEWS!!

ST. COLUMBA'S ULTREYA WILL RESUME IN
DECEMBER STAY TUNED FOR MORE



*Something Worth
Crowing About*

In 2011, Terri Turner, co-leader of the St. Columba Ultreya, wrote an article for the Dothan monthly Ultreya newsletter. I remember reading it and thinking what a wonderful job she did explaining Cursillo, and I put it away and saved it. With things starting to have some sign of normalcy after the pandemic, I thought this might be a good time to revisit her thoughts. SG

What is Cursillo?

On Stewardship Sunday, the members of St. Columba will be asked to commit our Time and Talent to God through his church. As one of the parish ministries, our Ultreya is asked to participate and be available to answer questions and explain what our ministry does. So, I began to think about how to explain Cursillo to someone. *What is Cursillo? What do we do? Why would someone want to join our group? What do they get out of it and what do we get in return?*

I remember asking these questions myself and I am not really sure they were answered before my Cursillo weekend. In fact, I am still answering these questions day by day along with *Why am I here? What is God's plan for me?*

The answer is not short (true/ false), could be multiple choice, but is definitely a discussion question. I reread the history of Cursillo: you know, a group of young men of Mallorca, Spain, dedicating themselves to bringing the knowledge of Christ to others by working and praying together. I think we all share their frustration with the spiritual restlessness and lukewarmness toward God. We know that life is difficult at times, but we also know that through Christ the world is redeemed and we are loved. God is love and we are created in His image to show others that love. Some of us do that through words, actions, prayer, sacrifice, suffering or death.

“Make a friend. Be a friend. Bring a friend to Christ.”

We are a group called to witness, share, and practice a Christ-like life every day at work, at home, at church, everywhere life takes us.

***God is good all the time. All the time, God is good.
Share the news. De Colores!***