

## Rosaries for the World

**When a missionary visits a community, they provide instant spiritual guidance and comfort to the faithful.**

Yet, missionaries cannot always be there, and the gift of the rosary stands to fill the faithful with strength and comfort in the face of hardship.

Your rosaries are intended to be used by those unable to pay for them. They will be treasured perhaps for years and will be used with faith in times of need and will bring a great spiritual comfort.

The International Center acts as clearinghouse for information and support for our members to aid these missionaries in their calling.

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## History & Current Activity

Grandma Pele Stevens and Mrs. Vickie Burke were the first two ladies to introduce us to rosary-making in the 1980s. But it was not until April of 2014 that we introduced the art to several parishioners who were interested in learning to make the simple cord and bead-knotted rosaries.

We remain a small group and up until March of 2020 (pre-COVID 19), we diligently produced at least 500-600 rosaries a month. The rosaries were mailed to different missions, prisons and outreach ministries here at home, all over the United States and other countries in the world with the help of OUR LADY OF ROSARY MAKERS (OLRM), an organization based in Kentucky from which we purchase our supplies at very reasonable prices. Because the supplies are so inexpensive, OLRM strongly suggests that the rosaries not be sold but donated to those in need.



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## Rosary-Making Ministry



### St. Jude Mission Statement

*"We, the community of St. Jude, commit ourselves to Jesus Christ our Savior, His teachings and the Tradition of the Roman Catholic Church. With the guidance of the Holy Spirit, we embrace and nurture our culturally diverse community through worship, evangelization, renewal and service."*

## The Origin of the Rosary

On May 13, 2017, the Catholic Church celebrated the 100-year anniversary of the events at the Cova da Iria area of Fatima, Portugal, witnessed by three shepherd children who reported that they saw visions of Mary beginning on May 13, 1917, and then again on the 13th day of five subsequent months.

While tending sheep in a field, Lucia dos Santos and her two younger cousins, Blessed Francisco and Jacinta Marto, reported seeing a woman dressed in all white, "more brilliant than the sun, shedding rays of light clearer and stronger than a crystal glass filled with the most sparkling water and pierced by the burning rays of the sun." Calling herself "Our Lady of the Rosary," Mary asked the children to pray the Rosary daily for the conversion of sinners. She asked for prayer, penance, and the consecration of Russia to her Immaculate Heart.

On October 13, 1930, Bishop Jose Correia de Silva of the Diocese of Leiria-Fatima announced the results of the investigative commission and formally approved the apparitions. Every pope thereafter has recognized these events and has emphasized the importance of Our Lady of Fatima and the devotion to her Immaculate Heart.

The most spectacular of the apparitions was the sixth and final one on October 13, 1917, when Mary appeared with St. Joseph. A crowd of 70,000 witnessed the sun dance, spin, display in various colors and descend on them, drying their rain-soaked clothes and the land. The sun miracle was reported by people as far as 40 miles away!



## About Our Ministry

- Members buy their own supplies and donate their time and talent to making the rosaries.
- Meets once a month on the fourth Saturday from 3:30–4:30 pm in the Multi-Purpose Room.
- During the meetings, rosary-teaching sessions are conducted for newcomers, and provide them with information for supplies, etc.
- We also collect all the finished rosaries, and prep them for mailing. USPS Flat Rate Postage is also donated.
- Adults and young adults are welcome to join when meeting resumes safely in 2021.
- Meetings are noted in the church calendar; however, presently, members just drop off their finished rosaries.
- An announcement will be posted in the bulletin when group meetings are safe.

## 15 Promises of the Rosary

1. "Whoever shall faithfully serve me by the recitation of the Rosary, shall receive powerful graces."
2. "I promise my special protection and the greatest graces to all those who shall recite the Rosary."
3. "The Rosary shall be a powerful armor against hell, it will destroy vice, decrease sin, and defeat heresies."
4. "It will cause virtue and good works to flourish; it will obtain for souls the abundant mercy of God; it will withdraw the hearts of people from the love of the world and its vanities, and it will lift them to the desire of eternal things. Oh, that souls would sanctify themselves by this means."
5. "The soul which recommends itself to me by the recitation of the Rosary, shall not perish."
6. "Whoever shall recite the Rosary devoutly, applying himself to the consideration of its Sacred Mysteries shall never be conquered by misfortune. God will not chastise him in His justice, he shall not perish by an unprovided death; if he be just, he shall remain in the grace of God, and become worthy of eternal life."
7. "Whoever shall have a true devotion for the Rosary shall not die without the Sacraments of the Church."
8. "Those who are faithful to recite the Rosary shall have during their life and at their death the light of God and the plenitude of His graces; at the moment of death they shall participate in the merits of the Saints in Paradise."
9. "I shall deliver from purgatory those who have been devoted to the Rosary."
10. "The faithful children of other Rosary shall merit a high degree of glory in Heaven."
11. "You shall obtain all you ask of me by the recitation of the Rosary."
12. "All those who propagate the Holy Rosary shall be aided by me in their necessities."
13. "I have obtained from my Divine Son that all the advocates of the Rosary shall have for intercessors the entire celestial court during their life and at the hour of death."
14. "All who recite the Rosary are my children, and brothers and sisters of my only Son, Jesus Christ."
15. "Devotion of my Rosary is a great sign of predestination."