



A Newsletter from the Missions Office/Pontifical Mission Societies in the United States
Catholic Diocese of Columbus, Ohio

October: Month of the Most Holy Rosary

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Thank you for your support!**

On behalf of His Excellency Robert J. Brennan, the Bishop of Columbus, and Very Rev. Father Andrew Small, OMI, the National Director of the Pontifical Mission Societies in the United States, I would like to thank you for your prayers, sacrifices and financial support for the missions.

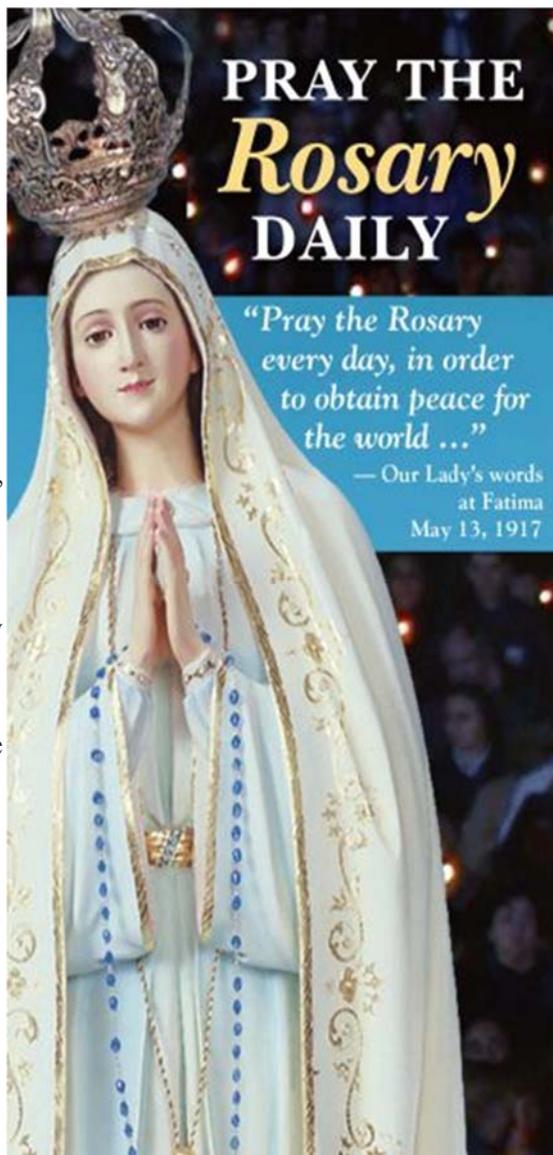
In the month of October we honor Mary, our Blessed Mother through the devotion of the Holy Rosary which will bring mankind closer to her son Jesus Christ, who is the Savior of the world. The more we pray the rosary, the more we come to know Jesus. The rosary is a spiritual weapon against evil, threat, fear, and it gives us strength, protection and courage. The prayer “Hail Mary” is most precious because the angel of God, the Archangel Gabriel, addressed Mary “Hail Mary full of grace, the Lord is with you”. Therefore, Mary is the favored one before God and she is the greatest intercessor of humankind. The great Saint Louis de Montfort wrote in his book, *The Secret of the Rosary*, about the great seven blessings of the recitation of Holy Rosary:

- ◆ *It gradually gives us a perfect knowledge of Jesus Christ;*
- ◆ *It purifies our souls, washing away sin;*

- ◆ *It gives us victory over all our enemies;*
- ◆ *It makes it easy for us to practice virtue;*
- ◆ *It sets us on fire with love of Our Blessed Lord;*
- ◆ *It enriches us with graces and merits;*

- ◆ *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.*

Let us hold Christ on our lips, tongues, mind and heart by reciting the “Rosary” and flee from evil in all circumstances.



World Mission Sunday October 18, 2020!

As “World Mission Sunday” approaches, we continue to find ourselves in a crucial time of challenges and suffering due to the COVID-19 pandemic. When we share our gifts such as our time, talents, and treasure for the sake of the missions, we become united with the bride of Christ who gives us the light and life of missionaries. Thus we are helping God’s children, who have not yet responded, received, or heard about Jesus, to be able to believe and confess with each of their lips and heart that ‘Jesus is my Lord and my God’. Your faith-filled support will assist greatly in continuing the Church’s mission of sharing the Good News all over the globe!

In addition, the disciples of Jesus Christ, obliged to practice His mandate, "Go therefore and make disciples of all nations" (Mt 28:18). Even though, personally we may be unable to go to all nations to proclaim the Gospel of Jesus Christ, we can help missionaries in the work they do on behalf of the Church in the remote places of the earth. Our simple prayer such as, 'Lord, be with the missionaries' or 'Lord, protect the missionaries' will provide great strength for their dedication in their life journey.

Also it is very essential to help them financially to foster their mission activities, such as to respond to the cry of the poor, to wipe the tears of orphans, to bring back the marginalized, and nurture them with the Sacraments, which are the fullness of the means of salvation through the Church.



Let us ask for the intercession of St. Francis Xavier, one of the Church's most illustrious missionaries. This missionary journeyed to Ceylon, India, Malaya, and Japan. He died on December 3rd, 1552 at the age of forty-six and his incorruptible body is enshrined in the Basilica of Bom (holy or good, or Infant) Jesus in Goa, India. Let our minds and hearts be lifted up by the spirit of prayer and the assistance of St. Francis Xavier; let us reach and connect more deeply with overseas ministries and those across the country. In gratitude for your active love for mission and your financial help for the missionaries. You will be rewarded now and forever.

Centennial Anniversary of Our Missions Office!

For 100 years, our Missions Office has reached out serving the poor and

opened doors to missionaries by extending our outreach worldwide for the sake of Christ's mission on earth. We honor and pray for all our directors and coordinators, donors, all the faithful who made this possible for these spectacular years. On behalf of His Excellency Robert J. Brennan, I would like to thank you for your faithful service. We are very grateful for your dedicated and faith-filled ministry.

I want especially to remember Mr. Leandro (Lany) Tapay, our past director. He told me when he retired that this job was very rewarding and his heart is in the Missions. He cherished and loved his ministry in the Missions Office.

We continue to connect and foster the Missions of the Church. In gratitude of the Centennial year of our Missions Office, which has shown the light of Christ by the Church in her mission efforts to bring people to communion with God and each other.



October 1 is the Feast Day of St. Thérèse of the Child Jesus, Patroness of all missionaries and the missions, "In spite of my littleness, I would like to enlighten souls as did the Prophets and the Doctors. I have the vocation of the Apostles. I would like to travel over the whole earth to preach your Name and to plant your glorious cross on infidel soil. But...one mission alone would not be sufficient for me, I would want to preach the Gospel on all the five continents simultaneously and even to the most remote isles. I would be a missionary, not for a few years only, but from the beginning of creation until the consummation of the ages."

A Moral Story... 2 Brothers Compassion/Empathy -



The story is told about 2 brothers working together on the family farm. One was married and had a large family. The other was single. At the day's end, the brothers shared everything equally, harvest and profit. Then one day the single brother said to himself, "It's not right that we should share equally the harvest and the profit. I'm alone and my needs are simple". So each night he took a sack of grain from his storage and brought it into his brother's storage. Meanwhile, the married brother said to himself, "it's not right that we should share the harvest and the profit equally. After all, I'm married and I have my wife and children to look after me in years to come. My brother has no one, and no one to take care of his future". So each night he took a sack of grain and dumped it into his single brother's storage. Both men were puzzled for years because their supply of grain never reduced. Then one dark night the two brothers bumped into each other. Slowly it dawned on them what was happening. They dropped their sacks and embraced each other.

Pope Francis' October Prayer Intention:

We pray that by the virtue of baptism, the laity, especially women, may participate more in areas of responsibility in the Church.

Saint Francis of Assisi

Founder of the Franciscan Order

Feast Day - October 4



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