

Missionaries of the Sacred Hearts of Jesus and Mary

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Dear Friend of the Sacred Hearts,

The presiding priest asked a group of women attending a day of recollection, “How many here today are carrying a Rosary in their purse?”

For a few silent moments, the question hung in the air and then slowly hands were raised by about a third of the women.

The priest continued, “There was a time, you know, when every hand would be raised.”

When I heard this story, I could remember those times when most Catholics carried a rosary in their pocket or purse. It was the hallmark of a Catholic and brought strength and comfort just by its presence and instant availability for prayer.

Praying the rosary allows time for reflection on the lives of Jesus and Mary, the joys, the sorrows, and the glories of our salvation. It is a means to pray for others, for ourselves, for our world. Through the rosary, we seek the intercession of Mary to calm a troubled heart and to restore trust in the mercy of God.

The power of the rosary has not changed. The connection it gives us to our heavenly Mother and, through her, to her Divine Son, still touches those who offer the rosary. It always brings the reminder of Mary’s unfailing love and compassion. Over and over again, when I am confronted with suffering and sorrow in the hearts of the faithful, I witness the power of the rosary as it brings them comfort and peace.

As we prepare for the upcoming Feast of Our Lady of Sorrows on September 15 and the Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary on October 7, I pray that the tradition of the rosary continues in each of us.

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Dear Father John, please place my petitions in your Chapel during the Novena in Our Lady’s honor. I am enclosing my gift of \$_____ to help support your apostolates here and around the world.

No acknowledgment of my gift is necessary.

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Surely Mary, whose heart was “pierced by a sword of sorrows” understands the pain she sees within us. In turning to her for her powerful intercession, we are drawn to follow her instruction to “pray the rosary for the conversion of the world,” and for ourselves as well.

On September 15, we will begin a Novena of Masses in honor of Our Lady of Sorrows. As the patroness of our congregation, we are deeply devoted to her and pray the rosary trusting in her care. It is this deep devotion to Mary that continues to draw young men to join us, giving their lives to God and the church as priests and religious.

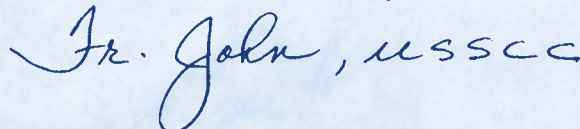
I invite you to send your special prayer petitions to me on the enclosed intention slip which I will place in our Chapel for the Novena Masses. Also, if you or someone dear to you are dealing with a sorrowful situation, loss of a loved one, despair over illness or declining health, or family difficulties, please be sure to send us their name so we can include them in the Novena intentions. These petitions will remain in our chapel and will also be included in a special Mass celebrating the Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary.

In choosing your Novena offering, I pray you will know how deeply each gift is needed and appreciated by our Missionaries. Your generosity is a blessing and aids the needs of our apostolates who work among the poorest, supports the education of future priests, and allows our priests to bring the word of God to forgotten areas of our world.

The card I have enclosed for you can easily be carried in pocket or purse to always be close at hand. It is our gift to you as a reminder of the power of the Rosary.

Dear friend, you are always in our prayers, especially when we present our needs to our mother Mary, Lady of Sorrows. Her heart is ever open to you, eager to intercede with her Beloved Son.

In the love of Jesus and Mary,



Father John, M.S.S.C.C.

P.S. Before each of the Masses of the Our Lady of Sorrows Novena and the Mass honoring Our Lady of the Rosary, the rosary is offered by the faithful who join us for Mass each day. You, and the intentions you send to me, will be remembered as we pray.

Please include my petitions during the Novena of Masses in honor of Our Lady of Sorrows.

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