

From the Chaplaincy



October 6
Anniversary of the
Canonization of St.
Josemaria Escriva



October 7
Feast of Our Lady of
the Holy Rosary



October 22
Feast of St. John
Paul II, Pope

Dear Woodrose Parents

October is the month of the Most Holy Rosary. We would like to encourage you find time to pray the Holy Rosary in the family daily during this month. Remember that a family that prays together, stays together.

"How beautiful is the family that recites the Rosary every evening."

Pope Saint John Paul II

"Let not even one day pass without saying it, no matter how burdened you may be with many cares and labors."

Pope Pius XI

"The Rosary is the prayer that touches most the Heart of the Mother of God...and if you wish peace to reign in your homes, recite the family Rosary."

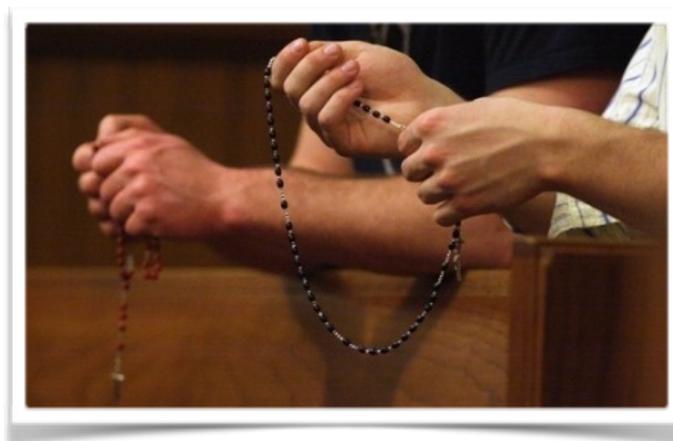
- Pope Saint Pius X

Practical Tips

Today's family is under many pressures - work and school schedules, getting enough sleep, etc. So here are a few tips:

1). **PREPARE A PLACE:** Find a crucifix or an image of Our Lady and place on a prominent spot in your living room. Set up a candle or two and a small vase of flowers to give a calm, restful and reverent ambience to your prayer place. You will be amazed at how this will affect your children. They will sense that something special is about to happen.

2). **CHOOSE A TIME:** Most parents report that the end of the day is best. All the chores are done, the kids are in their pajamas and everyone is ready to call it a day. But by spending 15 minutes saying the Family Rosary, you will end your ordinary day with a precious bouquet of love for Our Lady.



3). **ENCOURAGE PARTICIPATION:** One way to keep everyone engaged is to assign a different mystery to each child. Children actually enjoy the sense of responsibility this entails. It is an honor to lead the rosary.

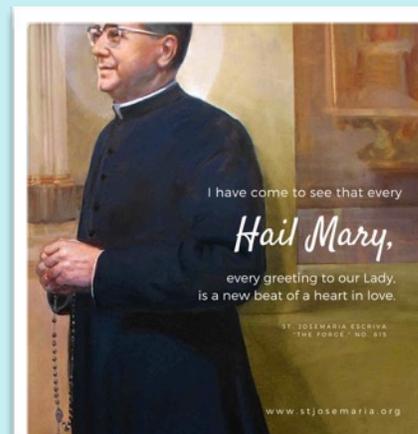
4). **HAVE A PLAN B:** Things happen especially in a family. So, have a contingency plan and you will never miss your chance to pray your rosary. For example, if you are going somewhere with your children, pray your rosary in the car. With enough consistency, the day just won't feel complete without your family rosary.

FROM THE BOOK HOLY ROSARY BY ST. JOSEMARIA ESCRIVA

The beginning of the way, at the end of which you will find yourself completely carried away with love for Jesus, is a confident love for Mary.

-Do you want to love Our Lady? -Well, get to know her. How? -By praying her Rosary well.

But, in the Rosary...we always say the same things! -Always the same? And don't those who are in love always say the same things to each other?



From the Catholic Bishops' Conference of the Philippines
September 19, 2016

A MILLION ROSES FOR THE WORLD

Filipinos at Prayer for Nation
September 20 until December 23, 2016

A nation at prayer is a nation at peace.

We are now a nation wounded and torn by socio-cultural and political issues, divided by opposing, bickering, quarreling and even hating factions. We must stop the hate. We must stop the lies.

We cannot remain this way. We must reverse the tide of hate and confusion and fill the air again with words of peace, truth and love. Let us resist the culture of terror and fear with the balm of prayer and mercy.

We have forgotten to pray. We have neglected to pray. We have been too busy with ourselves building our towers of Babel.

Let us pray for the whole nation. Let us pray as a united nation.

Together with various lay groups in the Church in particular the Catholic Educational Association of the Philippines, Live Christ Share Christ Movement, Aid to the Church in Need, Couples for Christ FFL, Family Rosary Crusade, Mother Butler Mission Guilds, the Catholic Bishops' Conference of the Philippines launch the campaign called A MILLION ROSES FOR THE WORLD, Filipinos at Prayer for the Nation.

Starting September 20, 2016, the Day of Interreligious Prayer of Peace proclaimed by Pope Francis in Assisi, until December 23, 2016, we as a nation are requested to pray the five mysteries of the rosary daily. Every province in the Philippines will be prayed for everyday during the rosary campaign time frame.

The dates assigned for each province will be posted daily in the Facebook page "A Million Roses for the World: Filipinos at Prayer for the Nation". We wish every province to experience the joy of being prayed for by the rest of the country.

I encourage most specially our children in our Catholic schools to participate in this prayer campaign assisted by their school teachers and administrators. The prayers of children are music to God's ears.

I encourage parents to recover the Filipino pious tradition of family rosary at home specially at this time. The healing of the nation begins at home. As we restore family prayer, let us bring back the joy of the family meal.

I encourage the convents of religious men and women, our parishes and barangay communities to include the various provinces of the nation when they pray the rosary from September 20 to December 23.

Let us not allow the darkness to swallow us. Let us pierce the darkness of hate, lies and division with the light of truth and love. God is Truth. God is love. God is peace.

If my people, upon whom my name has been pronounced, humble themselves and pray, and seek my face and turn from their evil ways, I will hear them from heaven and pardon their sins and heal their land. (2 Chronicles 7:14).

Onward Christian soldiers! Let us be warriors of prayer using the beads of the rosary as our only weapon! Padre Pio said “The rosary is the weapon for these times!”

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