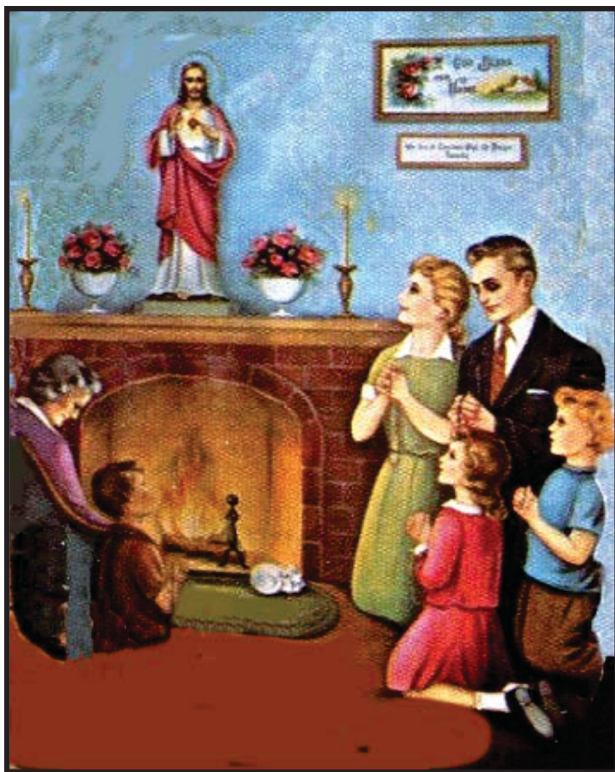


Queen of the Holy Rosary Mediatrix of Peace,  
Mediatrix Between God and Man



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*Pray 'The Family Rosary' Daily*

## **About Our Cover**

The Rosary is a devotion to the Incarnation of Our Lord and to His Blessed Mother. It is composed of fifteen decades; each decade consisting of the Our Father, ten Hail Marys, and the Glory Be to the Father. Each decade is recited in honor of some mystery in the life of Our Lord and of His Blessed Mother. During each decade, we should call to mind the mystery which it is intended to honor; and pray that we may learn to practice the virtue specially taught us by that mystery.

### **A PROMISE**

Mary Ann Van Hoof (seer, stigmatist, and mystic) was given the following promise before she was taken to her heavenly reward on March 18, 1984:

***“When we take your sister home, I will be with you on all the Anniversary Days to bless these grounds. You will not see Me or the celestials with Me. I will not abandon you, unless you abandon Me. Is that understood?”***

### **OUR PLEDGE**

To stand firmly for God and for Country;  
To bring the truth to all people;  
To bring peace and unity between home, school, and church;  
Thus bringing everlasting peace to the nation.

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**REQUEST OF THE QUEEN OF THE HOLY ROSARY,  
MEDIATRIX OF PEACE**

**Pray for Our Holy Father first each day, then our other prayers.  
Include the Bishop and Parish Priest.**

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## Vigil Schedule at the Shrine

### October 2018

- 4th **Saint Francis of Assisi** 8:00 p.m. Vigil  
7th **Anniversary of 1950 Apparition** 12:00 Noon Procession  
1:00 p.m. Vigil  
11th **Maternity of Blessed Virgin Mary** 8:00 p.m.  
Procession and 8:15 p.m. Vigil  
16th **Our Lady of Purity** 8:00 p.m. Procession and  
8:15 p.m. Vigil  
21st **Saint Joan of Arc** 8:00 p.m. Vigil  
29th **Christ the King** 12:45 Procession and 1:00 p.m. Vigil

### November 2018

- 8th **Louis Heitzman Death Anniversary** 8:00 p.m. Vigil  
12th **Anniversary of 1949 Apparition** 8:00 p.m. Candlelight  
Procession and 8:15 p.m. Vigil  
21st **Presentation of Blessed Virgin Mary** 8:00 p.m. Vigil  
24th **Harold Sauter Death Anniversary** 8:00 p.m. Vigil

### December 2018

- 1st **Nativity Pageant** 7:00 p.m.  
8th **Immaculate Conception** 8:00 p.m. Vigil  
10th **Henry Swan Death Anniversary** 8:00 p.m. Vigil  
12th **Our Lady of Guadalupe** 8:00 p.m. Vigil  
26th **Clara Hermans Death Anniversary** 8:00 p.m. Vigil  
27th **St. John the Apostle** 8:00 p.m. Vigil

## OUR LADY'S MESSAGES

The Revelations and Messages shared at the Queen of the Holy Rosary, Mediatrix of Peace Shrine came from the Blessed Mother, or one of the Saints who assisted Her; such as: St. Therese *The Little Flower*, St. Francis, St. Joan of Arc, and others.

Pilgrims who have visited the Shrine on Anniversary Days when the Revelations were given have seen Mary Ann in a state of ecstasy, noticing that she was not conscious of anything or anyone around her as she spoke. These Messages were taken down on a tape recorder and in long hand by at least two people. Some Messages were repeated word for word as given by the Blessed Mother; however, in most cases Mary Ann was inspired to speak using her own language, grammar and expressions. Many Messages were also given during suffering periods in her home, especially during Advent and Lent.

In a more general sense, the Revelations and Messages came from the Triumphant Church in Heaven, who used the voice of Mary Ann Van Hoof as a human transmitting device or instrument.

## MESSAGES IN REVIEW

### Pornography

Looking at families in our country today, we see a much different picture than in the 1950's. On comes the scene of television, computers, internet, hard-rock music, electronic games, etc. Pornography started in magazines and books; and has now surfaced and become virtually common in every media. So much has changed in the ensuing years. Satan has managed to infiltrate every media and use it for his purpose; taking youth and adults alike away from their Christian morals. He has pushed his agenda into societal acceptance of his immorality. Being a true Christian today means shielding our children from these evils, while teaching and praying for them; and encouraging them to walk the "narrow path" to save their soul.

Among Our Holy Mother's Messages for Mary Ann Van Hoof, starting from 1950 on, were two repeated requests: to "Save the Youth" and "Wake up America". Here we are many years later, and things have progressed so rapidly in destroying the innocence of youth. We have been asked over and over to work to spare the youth, clean up the pornography, etc. Now this request is overwhelming, since the saturation of sexual immorality is found everywhere we look. Yet, we cannot be content to look the other way and throw up our hands. We must fight! We must battle to save our Youth, and our Country.

One of Our Holy Mother's Messages, that of March 22, 1957, speaks of the need for action to fight this evil. *"It was shown to you that were in attendance, the filthy literature that chokes an adult. What do you think it does to the young minds? Can you picture a young child looking at these things and reading them? Yet, 'What can we do? Is there anything we can do?' Those are the questions that are asked. Open your eyes. Examine in your drugstore, your bookstore, your dry-goods store, your Five and Ten Cent store; go in and take a good look, a good look!*

*Don't let the cover deceive you with a beautiful flower or picture of a valley with trees. Open it up and look inside. Because many times the half-naked woman on the cover does not mean that there's filth inside. That is only to deceive you. Be smart, don't let Satan deceive you; and if your Priest objects when you do these things, get a book and bring it in front of him and say, 'Father, do you want the children to read this?' Ask him, show it to him. Maybe he won't object; and if he does, you got him on the spot. ....but the youth from the ages of ten on up read these magazines and books. It is not only the comic strips. It is also in your pocket-size, those are the most hideous ones. ...Open them up and take a good look, read a paragraph or two; you're big enough; let it shock you a little. ...Maybe you would have ambition to do something. ...but get to work NOW! Save those souls, the innocent children. Don't let their souls be destroyed along with yourself. Because, remember, the child's sin falls on your shoulders."*

Another Message, stressing the importance of fighting this evil, was on March 7, 1958. *"Horrible, it's horrible. Wake up, America's Fathers and Mothers! Parents wake up! You're asleep, asleep. It's horrible what the youth of today is taught. Again I must remind you, this is the result of not heeding Our Lady's Message of 1950, when she said they are innocent victims of the elders. This is an example: books, postcards, playing cards, pamphlets, pocket-size books, comic books, other monthly magazines. Take a good look! It might affect yourself, but pray God to help you. If it affects you, what will it do to the innocent child 8, 9, 10, 12, 15, and 18 years of age? Stop and think, parents!"*



# SHRINE NEWS



## House of Prayer Report

In our Summer Issue of the Newsletter, we explained the Column Extension Project that our volunteers started. We now have four of the 21' extension-rod frames in place. Two of the four already have wooden forms around them.

When all four have column forms completed, leveled, and supported by the finished deck-boards, we can start setting up the wooden forms for the 12"x30" beam with rods inside that will go over the columns in a connecting fashion.



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# FOOD FOR THE SOUL

## Daily Family Rosary

The family is the unit upon which our society is formed. Strong families bring forth a strong society. Curing the immorality acceptance in society today can only be accomplished by prayer and the formation of Christian families. The Daily Family Rosary is the answer. Through this practice, children are raised with the foundation of their Faith and develop dependence on God to guide them: *“For where two or more are gathered in My name, there am I among them.”* (Matt. 18:20)

When Our Holy Mother gave the Rosary to St. Dominic, She ordered him to say it every day and to get others to say it daily. Our Holy Mother entitled Herself at Necedah as “Queen of the Holy Rosary, Mediatrix of Peace, Mediatrix between God and man”. She begs us to pray Her Rosary, interceding to Her for our needs. She desires this, not for Herself, but by praying the Rosary our confidence and devotion will increase. St. Bonaventure says, *“She seeks for those who approach Her devoutly and with reverence; for such She loves, nourishes, and adopts as Her children.”*

This great Mother is more desirous to grant us graces and help in our daily lives than we are desirous to receive them. Her compassion is so great, and Her love for us so tender, that She flies to assist us in our needs. Flying as if She had wings, She receives favors from God and distributes these graces upon Her children.

Placing our families under the protection of the Holy Family, and striving to increase virtue in each member, can only be accomplished through unified prayer. The Family Rosary builds this foundation and strength. Fr. Patrick Peyton was a great promoter of the Family Rosary. He organized Rosary Crusades throughout the Country in the 1950’s and 60’s. His Rosary Program on the radio was broadcast across the nation. He coined the phrase, *“The family that prays together, stays together.”* Fr. Peyton encouraged all Catholic families to set aside time every day to spend together in prayer; to meditate on the lives of Our Lord and His Holy Mother.

Children should be taught from young on the importance of that Family Rosary. But, it is never too late to begin the practice. Family activities may need to be adjusted, but we need to measure what will benefit our souls more. God expects much of those to whom He has given much. If your family has been given the gift of being Children of God in the Catholic Faith, they will need to nurture and grow in this Faith. For it is not enough to say, *“Lord, Lord”* to enter the Heavenly Kingdom.

Making a daily practice of spending time together as a family and the Rosary will also encourage family members to continue this practice as they mature; and hopefully will do likewise when they have families of their own. Children learn from their elders, and example can have a greater



impression than words. It is through humble, holy souls that our Nation and Church will be restored and build a society of God fearing, God loving people. Our families will be the answer to the future, if they can grow in holiness before God. Holy Mother will take these souls and give them the strength of their Faith. She will bring Her children through all difficulties and teach them a great love for Her Divine Son.

Pray the Rosary daily. If you have not already started the practice of the Family Rosary, do so today! Do not let another day pass; for the graces one can obtain and the benefits to the whole society cannot be underestimated or fully appreciated. Our Holy Mother blesses abundantly all families who pray Her Rosary.

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## **August 15th Anniversary Day Report**

What a beautiful day we had! Heaven blessed us with a sunny day and many prayerful visitors. Again our observance of the August 15, 1950 Apparition of Our Blessed Mother to Mary Ann Van Hoof started at the Caretaker's Home, where we assembled at noon for the Procession to the Sacred Spot of the Apparitions.

The Procession was led by the Crucifix bearer, followed by the men who carried the American flag, the Papal flag, the For My God And My Country flag, the carrier with Our Blessed Mother's statue on it, and another carrier with the jeweled crown for crowning Her larger statue located at the Sacred Spot. Following behind in the Procession were pilgrims carrying the Pro Life flag, the Wisconsin flag and flags from its three neighboring States, flags from the distant States of Nebraska and Virginia; plus flags from Poland and the Philippines.

While the Procession traveled through the Shrine grounds on its way to the Sacred Spot, everyone was singing the Shrine's song 'Ave, Ave, Mater Dei', which was written by Fr. Duren in honor of Our Holy Mother.

After the crowning of the large statue, prayers and hymns were sung until the Angelus was recited at 1:00 P.M. Then followed the Prayer Vigil with its three rosaries, other prayers and hymns, the Pledge to the Flag, and the singing of our National Anthem.

How impressive to see the many prayerful people, young and old alike, all honoring Our Queen of Heaven; to thank Her for coming with Her Messages and Her Help for our troubled World.

The next Anniversary Day Observance will be on October 7th. Please join us if you can. It is the least we can do for Her, who has done so much for us!

# FEATURE ARTICLE

## Heaven's Weapon

The Rosary was a gift from Our Holy Mother to Her children. Through our devotion to the Rosary we will gain our eternal reward. The Rosary's power has proven through the years to be Heaven's Weapon for the many ills, problems, and errors in the world; and has been the strength of Saints.

Our Holy Mother asked for mankind to say the Rosary when She appeared at Fatima. Then on May 29, 1950, which was one of Her first appearances to Mary Ann Van Hoof at Necedah, Our Holy Mother instructed her to, "*Pray, pray, pray hard and devotedly; pray the Rosary wholeheartedly. Meditate on your Rosary for the conversion of sinners; for My Son's heart is heavy. For greed and earthly desires, you are forgetting God and the Ten Commandments.*" The Rosary is the weapon that will convert sinners and change the course of the world. Years ago, Our Lady also stated to St. Dominic, "*One day, through the Rosary and Scapular, I will save the world.*"

"The Secret of the Rosary", a book written by St. Louis De Montfort, reveals the power of this wondrous gift and promotes its devotion. This article will use excerpts of this enlightening book.

Saint Dominic, seeing that the gravity of people's sins was hindering the conversion of the Albigensians, withdrew into a forest near Toulouse where he prayed unceasingly for three days and three nights. During this time he did nothing but weep and do harsh penances in order to appease the anger of Almighty God. He used his discipline so much, that his body was lacerated; and finally he fell into a coma.

At this point Our Lady appeared to him, accompanied by three angels, and She said: "*Dear Dominic, do you know which weapon the Blessed Trinity wants to use to reform the world?*"

"*Oh, my Lady,*" answered Saint Dominic, "*You know far better than I do; because, next to Your Son Jesus Christ, You have always been the chief instrument of our salvation.*"

Then Our Lady replied, "*I want you to know that in this kind of warfare, the battering ram has always been the Angelic Psalter which is the foundation stone of the New Testament. Therefore if you want to reach these hardened souls and win them over to God, preach my Psalter.*"

So, he arose comforted; and burning with zeal for the conversion of the people in that district, he made straight for the Cathedral. At once unseen angels rang the bells to gather the people together, and Saint Dominic began to preach.

At the very beginning of his sermon an appalling storm broke out, the earth shook, the sun was darkened, and there was so much thunder and lightning that all were very much afraid. Even greater was their fear when looking at a picture of Our Lady exposed in a prominent place. They saw Her raise Her

arms to Heaven three times; to call down God's vengeance upon them if they failed to be converted, to amend their lives, and seek the protection of the Holy Mother of God.

God wished, by means of these supernatural phenomena, to spread the new devotion of the Holy Rosary and to make it more widely known.

At last, at the prayer of Saint Dominic, the storm came to an end; and he went on preaching. So fervently and compellingly did he explain the importance and value of the Holy Rosary that almost all the people of Toulouse embraced it and renounced their false beliefs. In a very short time a great improvement was seen in the town; people began leading Christian lives, and gave up their former bad habits.

Inspired by the Holy Ghost, instructed by the Blessed Virgin as well as by his own experience, Saint Dominic preached the Holy Rosary for the rest of his life. He preached it by his example as well as by his sermons; in cities and in country places, to people of high station and low, before scholars and the uneducated, to Catholics, and to heretics. The Holy Rosary, which he said every day, was his preparation for every sermon; and was his little tryst with Our Lady immediately after preaching.

All things, even the holiest, are subject to change; especially when they are dependent on man's free will. It is hardly to be wondered at, then, that the Confraternity of the Holy Rosary only retained its first fervor for one century after it was instituted by Saint Dominic. After this it was like a thing buried and forgotten.

Thus, in 1349, God punished the whole of Europe and sent into every land the most terrible plague that had ever been known. It started first in the east and spread throughout Italy, Germany, France, Poland, and Hungary, bringing desolation wherever it came – for out of a hundred men, hardly one lived to tell the tale. Big towns, little towns, villages, and monasteries were almost completely deserted during the three years that the epidemic lasted. This scourge was quickly followed by two others: the heresy of the Flagellantes, and a tragic schism in 1376.

Later on when these trials were over, thanks to the mercy of God, Our Lady told Blessed Alan de la Roche to revive the ancient Confraternity of the Most Holy Rosary. Blessed Alan was one of the Dominican Fathers from the monastery at Dinan, in Brittany. He was an eminent theologian and was famous for his sermons. Our Lady chose him because, since the Confraternity had originally been started in this province, it was most fitting that a Dominican from the very same province should have the honor of re-establishing it.

Blessed Alan began this work in 1460 after a special warning from Our Lord. This is how he received His urgent Message, as he tells it himself:

One day when he was saying Mass, Our Lord, Who wished to spur him on to preach the Holy Rosary, spoke to him in the Sacred Host: "*How can you crucify Me again so soon?*" Jesus said.

“*What did You say, Lord?*” asked Blessed Alan horrified.

“*You crucified Me once before by your sins,*” answered Jesus, “*and I would willingly be crucified again, rather than have My Father offended by the sins you used to commit. You are crucifying Me again now; because you have all the learning and understanding that you need to preach My Mother’s Rosary, and you are not doing so. If you only did it, you could teach many souls the right path and lead them away from sin – but you are not doing it; and so you yourself are guilty of the sins that they commit.*” This terrible reproach made Blessed Alan solemnly resolve to preach the Rosary unceasingly. Our Lady, too, spoke to him; to inspire him to preach the Holy Rosary.

Sometime later Saint Dominic appeared to Blessed Alan as well, and told him of the great results of his ministry; for he had preached the Holy Rosary unceasingly; and his sermons had borne great fruit, and many people had been converted during his Missions.

Briefly, then, this is the history of how Saint Dominic established the Holy Rosary; and of how Blessed Alan restored it.

Ever since Saint Dominic established the devotion to the Holy Rosary, up until the time when Blessed Alan de la Roche re-established it in 1460, it had always been called the Psalter of Jesus and Mary. This is because it has the same number of Angelic Salutations as there are psalms in the Book of Psalms of David. Since simple and uneducated people were not able to say the Psalms of David, the Rosary was held to be just as fruitful for them as David’s Psalter was for others.

But the Rosary can be considered to be even more valuable than the latter for three reasons:

Firstly, because the Angelic Psalter bears a nobler fruit, that of the Word Incarnate; whereas David’s Psalter was only prophesies His coming.

Secondly, just as the real thing is more important than its prefiguration, and as the body is more than its shadow, in the same way the Psalter of Our Lady is greater than David’s Psalter, which did no more than prefigure it.

Thirdly, because Our Lady’s Psalter (or the Rosary made up of the Our Father and Hail Mary) is the direct work of the Most Blessed Trinity, and was not made through a human instrument.

Our Lady’s Psalter or Rosary is divided up into three parts of five decades each for the following special reasons:

To honor the three Persons of the Most Blessed Trinity;

To honor the life, death, and glory of Jesus Christ;

To imitate the Church Triumphant, to help the members of the Church Militant, and to lessen the pains of the Church Suffering;

To imitate the three groups into which the Psalms are divided – for the purgative life, the illuminative life, and the unitive life;

To give us graces in abundance during our lifetime, peace at death, and glory in eternity.

It would hardly be possible to put into words how much Our Lady thinks of

the Holy Rosary, and of how She vastly prefers it to all other devotions. Neither can it be sufficiently expressed how highly She rewards those who work to preach the devotion, to establish it, and spread it. Nor, on the other hand, how firmly She punishes those who work against it.

No one could help admiring the beauty of the Holy Rosary which is made up of two Heavenly things: the Lord's Prayer and the Angelic Salutation. How could there possibly be any prayers more pleasing to Almighty God and the Blessed Virgin; or any that are easier, more precious, or more helpful than these two prayers? We should always have them in our hearts and on our lips; to honor the Most Blessed Trinity, Jesus Christ our Savior, and His Most Holy Mother. In addition, at the end of each decade it is very good to say "*Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.*"

A Mystery is a sacred thing which is difficult to understand. The works of Our Lord Jesus Christ are all sacred and divine; because He is God and man, at one and the same time. The works of the Most Blessed Virgin are very holy; because She is the most perfect and the most pure of God's creatures. The works of Our Lord and of His Blessed Mother can be rightly called Mysteries; because they are so full of wonders and all kinds of perfections and deep and sublime truths, which the Holy Spirit reveals to the humble and simple souls who honor these Mysteries.

Our Holy Mother taught Blessed Alan de la Roche in a vision the following, "*When people say one hundred and fifty Angelic Salutations, this prayer is very helpful to them; and is a very pleasing tribute to Me. But they will do better still, and will please Me even more, if they say these salutations while meditating on the life, death, and passion of Jesus Christ for this meditation is the soul of this prayer.*"

For, in reality, the Rosary said without meditation on the Sacred Mysteries of our salvation would be almost like a body without a soul; excellent matter but without the form which is meditation – this latter being that which sets it apart from all other devotions.

It was because Our Lady wanted to help us in the great task of working out our salvation that She ordered Saint Dominic to teach the faithful to meditate upon the Sacred Mysteries of the life of Jesus Christ. She did this, not only that they might adore and glorify Him, but chiefly that they might pattern their lives and actions upon His virtues. The Faithful can become like their Master if they reverently study and imitate the virtues of Jesus Christ which are shown in the fifteen Mysteries of His life. They can do this with the help of His grace and through the intercession of His Blessed Mother.

These Mysteries are the most signal results of Our Lord's love for us and the greatest presents that He could possibly give us; because it is by virtue of such presents, that the Blessed Virgin Herself and all the Saints are in their glory in Heaven.

The Holy Rosary, recited together with meditations on the Sacred

Mysteries, is a sacrifice of praise to God; to thank Him for the great grace of our redemption. It is also a reminder of the sufferings, death, and glory of Jesus Christ. It is therefore true that the Rosary gives glory, gives an accidental joy to Our Lord, to Our Lady, and to all the Blessed; because they cannot desire anything greater or more contributive to our eternal happiness, than to see us engaged in a practice which is so glorious for Our Lord and so salutary for ourselves.

Never will anyone really be able to understand the marvelous riches of sanctification which are contained in the Prayers and Mysteries of the Holy Rosary. Meditating on the Mysteries and Prayers of the Rosary is the easiest of all prayers; because the diversity of the virtues of Our Lord Jesus Christ and the different stages of His life which we study, refresh and fortify our mind in a wonderful way, and help us to avoid distractions. The Rosary recited with meditation on the Mysteries brings about the following results:

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.

The knowledge of Jesus Christ is the science of Christians and the science of salvation. Saint Paul says that it surpasses all human sciences in value and perfection. This is true:

Because of the dignity of its object which is a God-man, for when compared the whole universe is but a drop of dew or a grain of sand;

Because of its helpfulness to us, for when compared human sciences just fill us with smoke and emptiness of pride; and finally,

Because of its utter necessity, for no one can possibly be saved without the knowledge of Jesus Christ while a man who knows absolutely nothing of any of the other sciences can be saved as long as he is illumined by the science of Jesus Christ.

Our Lady revealed to Blessed Alan that no sooner had Saint Dominic begun preaching the Rosary than hardened sinners were touched and wept bitterly over their grievous sins. Young children performed incredible penances; and everywhere that he preached the Holy Rosary, such fervor arose that sinners changed their lives and edified everyone by the penances and change of heart.

This life is nothing but warfare and a series of temptations; we do not have to contend with enemies of flesh and blood, but with the very powers of hell. What better weapons could we possibly use to combat them than the Prayer which our great Captain taught us; and the Angelic Salutation which has

chased away devils, destroyed sin, and renewed the world? What better weapon could we use than the meditation on the Life and Passion of Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ? We must arm ourselves in order to defend ourselves against the enemies which molest us every day.

*“Ever since the devil was crushed by the humility and passion of Jesus Christ, he has been very nearly unable to attack a soul that is armed with meditation on the Mysteries of Our Lord’s life; and if he does trouble such a soul, he is sure to be shamefully defeated.”* (Cardinal Hughes.)

*“Put ye on the armor of God.”* (Eph. 6:11) So arm yourself with the arms of God – with the Holy Rosary – and you will crush the devil’s head, and you will stand firm in the face of all his temptations. This is why even the material Rosary itself is such a terrible thing for the devil; and why the Saints have used it to enchain devils, and to chase them out of the bodies of people who were possessed. Such happenings are reported in more than one authentic record.

Father Dominic, the Carthusian who was deeply devoted to the Holy Rosary, had this vision: Heaven was opened for him to see; and the whole Heavenly Court was assembled in magnificent array. He heard them sing the Rosary in an enchanting melody; and each decade was in honor of a Mystery of the life, passion, or glory of Our Lord Jesus Christ and of His Blessed Mother. Father Dominic noticed that whenever they said the sacred name of Mary they bowed their heads; and at the name of Jesus they genuflected and gave thanks to God for the great good that He had wrought in Heaven and on earth through the Holy Rosary, which the Confraternity members say here on earth. He noticed too, that they were praying for those who practice this devotion. He also saw beautiful crowns without number which were made of gorgeous perfumed flowers held in readiness for those who say the Holy Rosary devoutly. He learned that by every Rosary that they say, they make a crown for themselves which they will be able to wear in Heaven.

Our Holy Mother appeared to Mary Ann Van Hoof under the title of the Queen of the Holy Rosary, Mediatrix of Peace, Mediatrix between God and man. The Messages that She came to bring to us repeatedly asked for devotion to the Rosary, to use the Rosary as our “weapon” against the enemy of God. We need to ponder the fact that the Mother of God, Herself, requested of all Her subjects to say the Rosary devoutly, meditating on its Mysteries. As St. Dominic dispelled heresies with this devotion, so we must believe in its power and promote this prayer to ward off the powers of Satan.

Many of the Popes have promoted the Rosary, attaching countless blessings and indulgences to those who recite this beautiful prayer. In the words of Pope Leo XIII, *“Thus the excellence of the Rosary, considered under the double aspect (vocal prayer and meditation on the Mysteries) We have here set forth, will convince you, Venerable Brethren, of the reasons We have for an incessant eagerness to commend and to promote it. At the present day – and on this We have already touched – there is a signal necessity of special help*

from Heaven, particularly manifest in the many tribulations suffered by the Church as to Her liberties and Her rights, as also in the perils whereby the prosperity and peace of Christian society are fundamentally threatened. So it is that it belongs to Our office to assert once again that We place the best of Our hopes in the Holy Rosary, inasmuch as more than any other means it can impetrate from God the succor which We need.”

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## **A Precious Gift — Our Lady’s Scapular**

### **It Is An Assurance of Salvation!**

“Whoever Dies clothed in this Scapular shall not suffer eternal fire.”

**This is Mary’s promise made July 16, 1251  
to Saint Simon Stock**

Your Scapular, then should take on deep meaning for you. It is a rich present brought down from Heaven by **OUR LADY HERSELF**. “Wear it devoutly and perseveringly,” She says to each soul. “It is My garment. To be clothed in it means you are continually thinking of Me, and I in turn, am always thinking of you to secure eternal life.”

St. Alphonsus says: “*Just as men take pride in having others wear their livery, so the Most Holy Mary is pleased when Her servants wear Her Scapular as a mark that they have dedicated themselves to Her service, and are members of the Family of the Mother of God.*”

### **True Devotion to Mary**

#### **Consists of three things:**

Veneration - Confidence - Love

Without saying to Mary that we venerate Her, love Her and trust Her, we tell Her these things every moment of the day, by simply wearing the scapular.

### **The Scapular then is a Prayer!**

Our Lord taught us to say the “Our Father.” Mary taught us the value of the Scapular. When we use it as a prayer, Our Lady draws us to the Sacred Heart of Her Divine Son. It is well, therefore, to *hold the Scapular in the hand while addressing Our Lady*. A prayer uttered thus, while holding the mystical Scapular, is as perfect as a prayer can be.

It is especially in time of temptation that we need the powerful intercession of God’s Mother. The evil spirit is utterly powerless when a Scapular wearer, besides his silent devotion, when facing temptation calls upon Mary. “*If thou hadst recommended thyself to Me, thou wouldst not have run into such danger,*” was Our Lady’s gentle reproach to Blessed Alan.

### **The Scapular Medal**

Many Catholics may not know that it is the wish of our Holy Father, the Pope, that the **SCAPULAR MEDAL should not be worn in place of the CLOTH SCAPULAR without sufficient reason**. Mary cannot be pleased „,with any one who substitutes the medal out of vanity, or fear to make



# PRO-LIFE

It has been 50 years since Pope Paul VI promulgated his encyclical, *Humanae Vitae*, July 25, 1968. It came as an unwelcome surprise to those who had hoped the Holy Father would “change” the teachings of the Catholic Church regarding artificial contraception. Instead the Holy Father quoted his predecessors, the Bible, and even Vatican II documents, to reiterate the constant teaching of the Church that; “Marriage and conjugal love are by their nature ordained toward the procreation and education of children. Children are really the supreme gift of marriage; and contribute in the highest degree to their parents’ welfare.” (Vatican II: Pastoral Constitution on the Church in the World of Today)

The teaching of the Catholic Church has been unchanging in this regard; and is reflected in encyclicals and allocutions of various Popes through the ages. The following are quotes taken from Pope Pius XII’s Allocation to midwives on Oct. 29, 1951. How much more true these words are today.

*“Unfortunately, cases are not rare in which it is sufficient only to hint at the fact that children are a ‘blessing’ to provoke contradiction and even derision. More often in word and thought the idea of the great ‘burden’ of children is predominant. In as much as this mentality is opposed to God’s plan and to Scripture; so is it also contrary to sane reason, and the sentiments of nature! If there are conditions and circumstances in which parents, without violating God’s law, can avoid the ‘blessing’ of children, these unavoidable and exceptional cases do not authorize anyone to pervert ideas, to despise values, and to treat with contempt the mother who had the courage and honor to give life.”*

*“Our Predecessor, Pius XI, of happy memory in his Encyclical ‘Casti Connubii’ of December 31, 1930, once again solemnly proclaimed the fundamental law of the conjugal act and conjugal relations: that every attempt of either husband or wife in the performance of the conjugal act or in the development of its natural consequences which aims at depriving it of its inherent force and hinders the procreation of new life is immoral; and that no ‘indication’ or need can convert an act which is intrinsically immoral into a moral and lawful one.”*

*“This precept is in full force today as it was in the past, and so it will be in the future also and always; because it is not a simple human whim, but the expression of a Natural and Divine Law.”*

*“Now, the truth is that Matrimony, as an institution of Nature in virtue of the Creator’s Will, has not as a primary and intimate end the personal perfection of the married couple but the procreation and upbringing of a new life. The other ends, in as much as they are intended by Nature, are not equally primary, much less superior to the primary end, but are essentially subordinated to it. This is true of every marriage, even if no offspring result;*

*just as of every eye, it can be said that it is destined and formed to see, even if, in abnormal cases arising from special internal or external conditions, it will never be possible to achieve visual perception."*

*"Direct sterilization— that is, whose aim tends as a means or as an end at making procreation impossible—is a grave violation of the Moral Law; and therefore unlawful. Not even public authority has any right, under the pretext of any 'indication' whatsoever, to permit it; and less still to prescribe it or to have it used to the detriment of innocent human beings."*

*"The Matrimonial Contract, which confers on the married couple the right to satisfy the inclination of Nature, constitutes them in a state of life, namely, the Matrimonial State. Now, on married couples, who make use of the specific act of their state, Nature and the Creator impose the function of providing for the preservation of mankind. This is the characteristic service which gives rise to the peculiar value of their state, the 'bonum prolis'. The individual and society, the people and the State, the Church itself depend for their existence, in the order established by God, on fruitful marriages. Therefore, to embrace the Matrimonial State, to use continually the faculty proper to such a state and lawful only therein, and, at the same time, to avoid its primary duty without a grave reason, would be a sin against the very nature of married life."*

*"Serious motives, such as those which not rarely arise from medical (e.g., the mother's health is at risk), eugenic (e.g., the health of the child), economic (e.g., if the family can't afford to feed another child, as may be the case in Third World Countries), and social so-called "indications,"(e.g., the prolonged absence of one parent) may exempt husband and wife from the obligatory, positive debt for a long period or even for the entire period of Matrimonial Life. From this it follows that the observance of the natural sterile periods may be lawful, from the moral viewpoint; and it is lawful in the conditions mentioned. If, however, according to a reasonable and equitable judgment, there are no such grave reasons either personal or deriving from exterior circumstances, the will to avoid the fecundity of their union, while continuing to satisfy their sensuality, can only be the result of a false appreciation of life and of motives foreign to sound ethical principle"*

*"It will be objected that such an abstention is impossible, that such a heroism is asking too much. You will hear this objection raised; you will read it everywhere. Even those who should be in a position to judge very differently, either by reason of their duties or qualifications, are ever ready to bring forward the following argument: 'No one is obliged to do what is impossible, and it may be presumed that no reasonable legislator can will his law to oblige to the point of impossibility. But for husbands and wives long periods of abstention are impossible. Therefore they are not obliged to abstain; Divine Law cannot have this meaning'."*

*"In such a manner, from partially true premises, one arrives at a false conclusion. To convince oneself of this, it suffices to invert the terms of the*

# SAINTS IN REVIEW

## The Holy Family

The Holy Family (Jesus, Mary and Joseph) are to be the example for Christian families to follow. This fact was mentioned several times in the Necedah revelations. On June 16, 1960 this was given: *“The parents should turn to the example of the Holy Family. We were shown the way when Christ and His Holy Mother and St. Joseph walked the earth. We were shown the way. We have no excuse.”* What was the example of the Holy Family?

According to the visions and Biblical revelations of Anne Catherine Emmerich, the Holy Family suffered greatly from want early on after their flight into Egypt, especially during their stay at Matarea. “Good water could not be had and wood failed; the inhabitants used only dried grass and reeds for their cooking. The Holy Family generally ate cold food. Joseph had plenty to do. He improved the poor huts for the people; but they treated him almost like a slave, giving him for his labor only what they themselves thought proper. Sometimes he brought home something as a remuneration for his work, and sometimes he brought nothing.” (p.310)

During their stay in Egypt, they lived in a simple hut with a fireplace and simple tables and stools, etc.. There were times when they had to live in caves). Joseph and Mary had separate places within this abode and they prayed either sitting, kneeling or standing. They also had a little family altar in the home.

Joseph’s carpenter skills greatly improved their living conditions. The family worked together and prayed together. Their stay in the desert was especially difficult where they subsisted mainly on fruit and bad water.

When the Child Jesus was older, the Holy Family moved to Nazareth. They had three separate rooms in the house at Nazareth, the largest of which was Mary’s. In it the three met to pray. They often stood at prayer with hands crossed upon their breasts and spoke their prayers aloud. Much of the time they were in their respective rooms: Joseph working with wood and Jesus helping him. Mary was generally engaged in sewing and knitting. According to Anne Catherine’s revelations, Jesus assisted “His parents in every possible way, and also on the street and wherever opportunity offered, cheerfully, eagerly, and obligingly helping every one. He assisted His foster-father in his trade, or devoted Himself to prayer and contemplation. He was a model for all the children of Nazareth; they loved Him and feared to displease Him. When they were naughty and committed faults, their parents used to say to them: ‘What will Joseph’s Son say when I tell Him this? How sorry He will be!’ Sometimes they gently complained to Him before the

little ones, saying: ‘Tell them not to do such or such a thing any more.’ And Jesus took it playfully and like a little child. He would beg the children affectionately to do so, and so would pray with them to His Heavenly Father for strength to become better; and would persuade them to acknowledge their faults and ask pardon on the spot.” (p.324)

### ***Prayer to the Holy Family***

*God made us a family;  
We need one another; We love one another;  
We forgive one another; We work together;  
Together we use God’s word;  
Together we grow in Christ;  
Together we serve our God;  
Together we pray for Heaven.  
These are our Hopes. This is our Faith.  
Help us to obtain them, O God;  
Through Jesus Christ our Lord.*

**“. . .All men, whether individually or collectively, are under the dominion of Christ. In Him is the salvation of the individual; in Him is the salvation of society.”**

**Pope Pius XI**

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*argument: ‘God does not oblige anyone to do what is impossible. But God obliges husband and wife to abstinence if their union cannot be completed according to the Laws of Nature. Therefore in this case abstinence is possible.’ To confirm this argument, there can be brought forward the doctrine of the Council of Trent, which, in the chapter on the observance necessary and possible of referring to a passage of St. Augustine, teaches: ‘God does not command the impossible. But while He commands, He warns you to do what you can and to ask for the grace for what you cannot do; and He helps you so that you may be able’.”*

History now shows us that the Church in Her Wisdom was and continues to be correct. For as contraception became readily available to the populace, the prophetic words of Pope Paul VI in *Humanae Vitae*, Section 17, have been proven true.

*“Responsible men can become more deeply convinced of the truth of the doctrine laid down by the Church on this issue if they reflect on the consequences of methods and plans for artificial birth control. Let them first*

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open profession of religion. Such persons run the risk of not receiving the Promise. The medal has never been noted for any of the miraculous preservations attributed to the **BROWN CLOTH SCAPULAR**.

*Because you love Mary's Scapular*

**VENERATE IT OFTEN**

### **Promises Of The Brown Scapular Of Our Lady Of Mount Carmel**

*(The following official information was obtained from the National Scapular Center, in Darien, Illinois.)*

Two wonderful promises of Our Lady are available to those who have been enrolled in the brown scapular. Enrollment is a simple procedure. (Ask a priest to make this enrollment.)

The great promise of the Blessed Virgin Mary, given to Saint Simon Stock on July 16, 1251, is as follows: ***"Whoever dies wearing this scapular shall not suffer eternal fire."***

Our Lady's second Scapular Promise, known as the Sabbatine Privilege (the word "Sabbatine" meaning Saturday), was given by the Blessed Virgin Mary to Pope John XXII in the year 1322 and is as follows: ***"I, the Mother of Grace, shall descend on the Saturday after their death, and whomsoever I shall find in Purgatory, I shall free."***

There are three conditions for obtaining this privilege: 1) the wearing of the Scapular; 2) the practice of chastity according to one's state in life, 3) the daily recitation of the Little Office of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

Those who cannot read can abstain from meat on Wednesdays and Saturdays instead of reciting the Little Office. Also, any priest who has diocesan faculties (this includes most priests) has the additional faculty to commute (change) the third requirement into another pious work for example, the daily Rosary.

**Because of the greatness of the Sabbatine privilege, the Carmelite Order suggests that the third requirement not be commuted into anything less than the daily recitation of seven Our Fathers, seven Hail Marys, and seven Glory Be to the Fathers.**

Pope Benedict XV granted an indulgence of 500 days each time the Scapular is kissed.

MARY'S MOTHERHOOD is not limited to Catholics. It is extended to ALL MEN. Many miracles of conversion have been wrought in favor of good non-Catholics who have been induced to practice the scapular devotion.

*"I wanted to know if Mary really and truly interested Herself in me. And in the Scapular She has given me the most tangible assurance. I have only to open my eyes. She has attached her protection to the Scapular. **WHOSOEVER DIES CLOTHED IN THIS, SHALL NOT SUFFER ETERNAL FIRE.**"*

Blessed Claude de la Columbiere

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*consider how easily this course of action could open wide the way for marital infidelity and a general lowering of moral standards. Not much experience is needed to be fully aware of human weakness and to understand that human beings—and especially the young, who are so exposed to temptation—need incentives to keep the Moral Law; and it is an evil thing to make it easy for them to break that law. Another effect that gives cause for alarm is that a man who grows accustomed to the use of contraceptive methods may forget the reverence due to a woman; and, disregarding her physical and emotional equilibrium, reduce her to being a mere instrument for the satisfaction of his own desires, no longer considering her as his partner whom he should surround with care and affection.”*

And as we all know, when the means of contraception fail, abortion is the “backup contraceptive method” made readily available in this Country through the horrendous Supreme Court decision ‘Roe v Wade’ and the cooperation of Planned Parenthood. This is the ultimate result of artificial contraception and loosing of morals - the killing of the unborn for our own convenience and advancement.

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**Wisconsin:** I'm sending along a contribution to your Shrine Fund for the erection of the House of Prayer. My husband and I visited the holy grounds of the Shrine many times in the past. We've had some mini-miracles happen to us while there. My dear husband, Robert, passed away going on two years now. He battled prostate cancer for 15 ½ years. A good, patient, loving man he was. We both always read your Shrine Newsletter from cover to cover. Such wonderful insights to our Faith. I may not ever get to the Shrine again, as I'm going on 86 and have severe back problems. Would you dear folks please remember me in your prayers and rosaries?? I shall also pray for you and the completion of the House of Prayer. May Our Dear Lord continue to bless you and the work you do.

**Minnesota:** Thank you for your wonderful Newsletter which is so news worthy, and so informative. I always enjoy reading it. God bless you in all your projects. Our Dear Lord is always watching over you.



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### St. Andrew Christmas Novena

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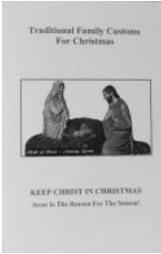


Hail and blessed be the hour and moment in which the Son of God was born of the most pure Virgin Mary, at midnight, in Bethlehem, in piercing cold. In that hour vouchsafe, O my God! to hear my prayer and grant my desires; through the merits of Our Savior Jesus Christ, and of His blessed Mother. Amen

*It is piously believed that whoever recites the above prayer 15 times a day from the feast of St. Andrew (30th Nov) until Christmas will obtain what is asked for.*



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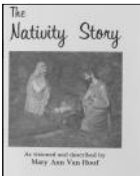
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