



October 2002—October 2003:

“The Year of the Rosary”

“The Rosary has accompanied me in moments of joy and in moments of difficulty. To it I have entrusted any number of concerns; in it I have always found comfort. Twenty-four years ago, on 29 October 1978, scarcely two weeks after my election to the See of Peter, I frankly admitted: The Rosary is my favourite prayer. A marvellous prayer! Marvellous in its simplicity and its depth. . . .

Against the background of the words Ave Maria the principal events of the life of Jesus Christ pass before the eyes of the soul. They take shape in the complete series of the joyful, sorrowful and glorious mysteries, and they put us in living communion with Jesus through—we might say—the heart of his Mother. At the same time our heart can embrace in the decades of the Rosary all the events that make up the lives of individuals, families, nations, the Church, and all mankind. Our personal concerns and those of our neighbour, especially those who are closest to us, who are dearest to us. Thus the simple prayer of the Rosary marks the rhythm of human life.

The contemplation of Christ has an incomparable model in Mary. Mary lived with her eyes fixed on Christ, treasuring his every word: . . . The memories of Jesus, . . . were to be the ‘rosary’ which she recited uninterruptedly throughout her earthly life. . . . a remembering. . . . We need to understand this word in the biblical sense of remembrance (*zakar*) as a making present of the works brought about by God in the history of salvation.

Mary constantly sets before the faithful the ‘mysteries’ of her Son, with the desire that the contemplation of those mysteries will release all their saving power. In the recitation of the Rosary, the Christian community enters into contact with the memories and the contemplative gaze of Mary.

. . . The most important reason for strongly encouraging the practice of the Rosary is that it represents a most effective means of fostering among the faithful that *commitment to the contemplation of the Christian mystery* . . . as a genuine ‘training in holiness’: . . . It is more urgent than ever that our Christian communities should become ‘genuine schools of prayer’.

With these words, dear brothers and sisters, I set *the first year of my Pontificate* within the daily rhythm of the Rosary. Today, *as I begin the twenty-fifth year of my service as the Successor of Peter*, I wish to do the same. How many graces have I received in these years from the Blessed Virgin through the Rosary: *Magnificat anima mea Dominum!* I wish to lift up my thanks to the Lord in the words of his Most Holy Mother, under whose protection I have placed my Petrine ministry: *Totus Tuus!*

. . . I have felt drawn to offer a reflection on the Rosary, as a kind of Marian complement . . . and an exhortation to contemplate the face of Christ in union with, and at the school of, his Most Holy Mother. . . . As a way of highlighting this invitation, . . . I desire that during the course of this year the Rosary should be especially emphasized and promoted in the various Christian communities. I therefore proclaim the year from October 2002 to October 2003 *the Year of the Rosary*.

From the Vatican, on the 16th day of October in the year 2002, the beginning of the twenty-fifth year of my Pontificate.”

—Pope John Paul II

Excerpts from Apostolic Letter “*Rosarium Virginis Mariae*”

“It is more urgent than ever that Christian communities should become ‘genuine schools of prayer’.

. . . one cannot recite the Rosary without feeling caught up in a clear commitment to advancing peace,”

- Pope John Paul II
“*Rosarium Virginis Mariae*”

PRAYER FOR PRIESTS
by St. Catherine of Siena

I beseech You, direct the hearts and wills of the servants of Your Bride, the Holy Church, unto yourself so that they may follow the poor, bleeding, humble, and gentle Lamb of God on the way of the Cross. Make them angels in the shape of men; for after all, they have to administer and distribute the Body and Blood of Your Only Begotten Son! Amen.



Apostles of the Real Presence
Consecrated to Mary, Our Lady of the Most Blessed Sacrament

P.O. Box 8260, Cranston RI 02920
Tel: 401-943-4171

Website: www.ApostlesOfTheRealPresence.com
E-mail: Info@ApostlesOfTheRealPresence.com

- President**
Jon S. Foster
- Vice-President**
Lee Grossi
- Secretary-Treasurer**
Kathleen E. Foster
- Webmaster**
Ari T. Foster

SPIRITUAL ADVISORS

- Most Rev. George H. Pearce
- Rev. Msgr. John C. Allard
- Rev. Joseph P. Heaney
- Rev. Peter J. Andrews
- Rev. Richard A. Donnelly
- Rev. John D. Dreher
- Rev. John A. Kiley
- Rev. Anthony Mancini
- Rev. Roger L. Marot
- Rev. Joseph F. Pranzo
- Rev. John F. Randall
- Rev. James Ruggieri
- Rev. Michael J. Woolley



Donations are most welcomed to defray printing costs.

“The Year of the Rosary”

“The whole mystery of Christ is a mystery of light. He is the light of the world (Jn. 8:12) . . . Each of these mysteries is a revelation of the Kingdom now present in the very person of Jesus. Do whatever he tells you (Jn. 2:5) is a fitting introduction to the words and signs of Christ’s public ministry and it forms the Marian foundation of the ‘mysteries of light.’”

- Pope John Paul II

New Mysteries

“The Luminous Mysteries”

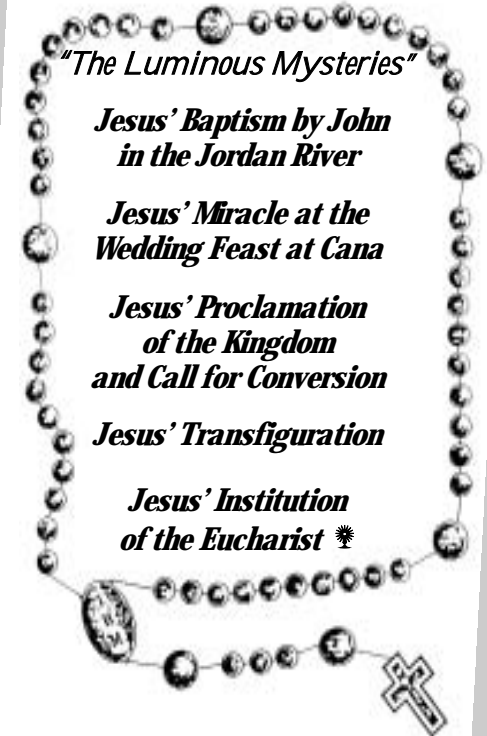
**Jesus’ Baptism by John
in the Jordan River**

**Jesus’ Miracle at the
Wedding Feast at Cana**

**Jesus’ Proclamation
of the Kingdom
and Call for Conversion**

Jesus’ Transfiguration

**Jesus’ Institution
of the Eucharist** ✠



Compliments of
Apostles of the Real Presence

Consecrated to Mary, Our Lady of the Most Blessed Sacrament

P.O. Box 8260, Cranston RI 02920
Tel: 401-943-4171

Website: www.ApostlesOfTheRealPresence.com
E-mail: Info@ApostlesOfTheRealPresence.com

The Sign of the Cross †

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. Amen

The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Creator of Heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ, His only Son, Our Lord; Who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell, the third day He arose again from the dead. He ascended into Heaven, sitteth at the right hand of God, the Father Almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the living and the dead. *I believe in the Holy Ghost, the Holy Catholic Church, the Communion of Saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting.* Amen.

The Our Father

Our Father, Who art in Heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy Kingdom come. Thy Will be done on earth as it is in Heaven. *Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us, and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.* Amen.

The Hail Mary

Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with Thee, Blessed art Thou amongst women, and blessed is the fruit of Thy womb, Jesus. *Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners now and at the hour of our death.* Amen.

The Glory Be

Glory be the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost, *as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end.* Amen. †

The Fatima Decade Prayer

(recited after each decade)

Oh, my Jesus, forgive us our sins; save us from the fires of hell. Lead all souls to Heaven, especially those in most need of Thy mercy.

Hail, Holy Queen

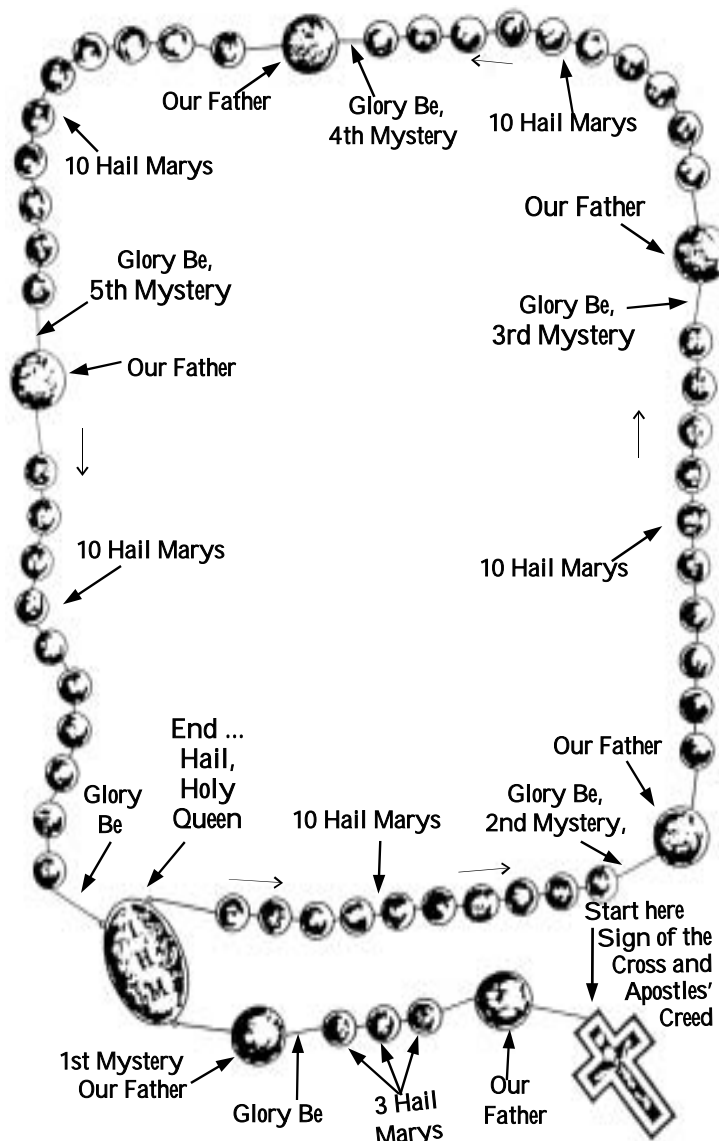
Hail, Holy Queen, Mother of mercy, Hail our life, our sweetness and our hope. To Thee do we cry, poor banished children of Eve. To Thee do we send up our sighs, mourning and weeping in this vale of tears. Turn then, Most gracious Advocate, Thine eyes of mercy towards us, and after this our exile show unto us the blessed Fruit of Thy womb, Jesus, O Clement, O Loving, O Sweet Virgin Mary.

V. Pray for us, O Holy Mother of God.

R. That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ. †

Let us Pray: O God, Whose only begotten Son, by His Life, death, and resurrection has purchased for us the rewards of eternal life; grant, we beseech Thee, that while meditating upon these mysteries of the most Holy Rosary of the Blessed Virgin Mary, we may imitate what they contain and obtain what they promise, through Christ our Lord. Amen. †

How To Pray the Holy Rosary



- The Holy Rosary may be recited aloud in a group or as mental prayer.**
1. Make the Sign of the Cross
 2. Apostles' Creed
 3. Our Father
 4. 3 Hail Marys
 5. Glory Be
 6. Announce/meditate on the Mystery, one Our Father
 7. 10 Hail Marys, one Glory Be
 8. Fatima Decade Prayer
 9. Repeat 6, 7, 8 for each decade
 10. Hail, Holy Queen ends the Holy Rosary
- Before you begin the Holy Rosary, state or recall your prayer intention. Following is the order of the prayers:*

**(Praying the Holy Rosary at Adoration before the Blessed Sacrament also gains an indulgence.)* †

