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The Rosary & the Mission: October's Path of Peace



Dear Friends in Christ,

October is the Church's month of the Holy Rosary and the heart of the missionary season. These two threads—Mary's contemplative prayer and the Church's outward mission—are not separate. The Rosary forms disciples whose hearts beat with Christ's; the mission is that same heartbeat shared with the world.

Holding the beads, we walk the Gospel with Mary: we rejoice at the Annunciation, stand at the Cross, and glory in the Resurrection. Bead by bead, grace rewires anxiety into trust and restlessness into peace. And from that peace comes mission: our words become gentler, our choices more merciful, and our homes little chapels of hope for others.

The Church has long encouraged this path. Pope Leo XIII—often called the “Rosary Pope”—asked the faithful to devote October to Our Lady of the Rosary and to renew public and family prayer in difficult times. He taught that the Rosary unites meditation on the mysteries with the prayers we speak with our lips—two inseparable parts that train the mind and warm the heart. He also referred to Mary as the “Mighty Helper of Christians,” reminding us that her maternal intercession strengthens the Church's witness and spreads the kingdom of Christ. In short, contemplation with Mary always moves us outward in charity.

This October, let us pray the Rosary with deeper attention and live the mysteries with bolder love: accompany the poor, encourage the weary, reconcile with those we avoid, and witness to Jesus with joy. Consider praying a decade before dinner, carrying a pocket rosary to pray while waiting in line, or inviting a friend to join you for one mystery and a short sharing.



On World Mission Sunday, offer your Rosary for missionaries and for our parish's mission to families, youth, and the neglected.

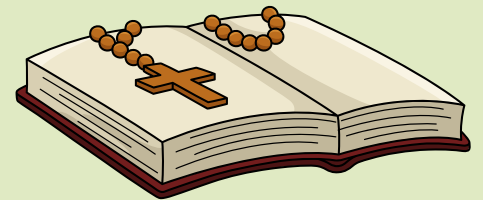
Pope Leo XIV on the Rosary & Mary

“Pray the Rosary,” the Pope urges, “a prayer with a Marian face and a Christ-centered heart,” letting Scripture set the rhythm of your life as you walk with Jesus together with Mary. He asks us to entrust our needs to her maternal intercession and to let Rosary prayer spill into concrete acts of justice, mercy, and hope—especially this October, with a special focus on Marian spirituality and the Church’s mission.

May Our Lady school us in the way of her Son so that, as we ponder the mysteries, we become living mysteries of mercy for others. And may this month leave us more peaceful in prayer and more courageous in love.



With prayerful blessings,
Fr. Veigas Dominic, SVD



2 Minutes of Divine Wisdom

REFLECTION ON THE WORD OF GOD

Verse: “All these with one accord devoted themselves to prayer, together with the women and Mary the mother of Jesus.” (Acts 1:14)

Exegesis & Reflection

After the Ascension, the disciples return to the upper room and wait, just as the Lord commanded (Acts 1:12–14). Luke names two keys that shape the Church’s identity before Pentecost: *homothymadon*—“with one accord,” a deep unity of mind, desire, and purpose—and *proskartereō*—steadfast, persevering prayer. At the heart of this praying community stands Mary, the Mother of Jesus. She is not a silent ornament but the Church’s praying Mother who teaches us how to receive the Spirit: ponder the Word, stay together, and wait in hope.



The Rosary trains us in this same posture. It is biblical contemplation that moves from lips to heart to life. Mystery by mystery, we learn to look with Mary at Jesus, to align our will with His, and to welcome the Spirit who turns fear into mission. The Rosary is not magical repetition; it is a school of attention (gazing on Christ), affection (loving what He loves), and action (doing what He commands). In Acts, prayer births witness (Acts 1:8; 2:1–4); in our lives, Rosary prayer should likewise blossom into mercy, reconciliation, and courage.

Examine

Do I rush through prayer, or do I let the mysteries touch my real worries, relationships, and decisions?

What fear or attachment is the Spirit asking me to surrender so that I can be available for mission?

Where is unity strained—in family, parish, or team—and how is God asking me to be “with one accord”?

Which person on the margins (sick, elderly, indebted, lonely) is Mary placing on my heart this week?

If Mary were beside me today, what single change in my routine would she gently suggest?

Action Step

After each decade this week, name one concrete act of love you will do because of that mystery—and do it the same day.

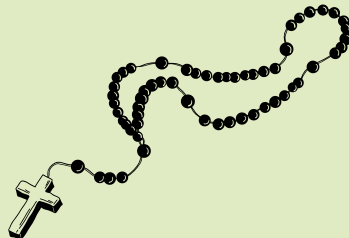
Examples:

Annunciation → Say a wholehearted “Yes” to one difficult but right task.

Visitation → Call, visit, or deliver a meal to someone in need.

Prayer

“Holy Spirit, school my heart through Mary’s Rosary. Let contemplation kindle charity; let peace become mission. Gather us in one accord, heal what divides us, and make us bold witnesses of Jesus. Mary, Mother of the Church, pray for us. Amen.”



SVD @ 150



The Society of the Divine Word (SVD) was founded in 1875 in Steyl, the Netherlands, by St. Arnold Janssen, a man of deep faith and foresight. At a time when the Church in Germany faced restrictions, he created a missionary congregation that would transcend borders, cultures, and languages. His vision was to form a community of priests and brothers who would take the Gospel to places where it had not yet been preached. Today, the flame lit by Arnold burns brighter than ever.

The SVD has grown into one of the largest missionary congregations in the Catholic Church:

Members: Over 6,000 priests and brothers

Provinces/Regions: More than 60 provinces and regions

Countries: Serving in 84 countries across all continents

Quarter Hour Prayer

**God, eternal truth.
We believe in you.**

**God, our strength and our salvation,
We hope in you.**

**God, infinite goodness,
We love you with all our heart.**

**You have sent the Word as Savior of the world,
Make us all one in Him.**

**Fill us with the Spirit of your Son,
That we may glorify your name.
Amen.**



Societies Founded by St. Arnold Janssen

St. Arnold Janssen (1837–1909), a German priest and visionary missionary, founded three religious missionary congregations within the Catholic Church:

Society of the Divine Word (SVD) – Founded in 1875 in Steyl, the Netherlands. A missionary congregation of priests and brothers dedicated to preaching the Gospel worldwide.

Missionary Sisters Servants of the Holy Spirit (SSpS) – Founded in 1889, also in Steyl. A missionary congregation of sisters committed to education, healthcare, and evangelization.

Holy Spirit Adoration Sisters (SSpSAP) – Founded in 1896, also known as the Pink Sisters, devoted to perpetual Eucharistic adoration, praying especially for missionaries and the spread of the Gospel.

Together, these three are often referred to as the Arnoldus Family.

Saints and Martyrs of the Arnoldus Family

Over 150 years of missionary history, many members of the Arnoldus Family have given their lives for the faith. Some have been officially recognized as saints, martyrs, or blessed by the Church:

Saint Arnold Janssen (1837–1909) – Founder, canonized in 2003.

Saint Joseph Freinademetz, SVD (1852–1908) – First SVD missionary to China, canonized in 2003.

Blessed Maria Helena Stollenwerk, SSpS (1852–1900) – Co-foundress of the Missionary Sisters, beatified in 1995.

Blessed Josepha Hendrina Stenmanns, SSpS (1852–1903) – Co-foundress of the Missionary Sisters, beatified in 2008.

**May the darkness of sin and the night of unbelief
vanish before the light of the Word and the Spirit of grace!
And may the Heart of Jesus live in the hearts of all people.**

-St. Arnold Janssen

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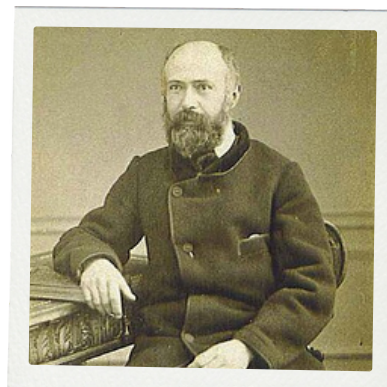
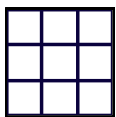
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St. Thérèse of Lisieux

Early Life

Thérèse was born Marie Françoise-Thérèse Martin on January 2, 1873, in Alençon, France. Her parents, Louis and Zélie Martin, were devout Catholics who were later canonised as saints. Thérèse was the youngest of nine children, though only five daughters survived into adulthood. From childhood, she was compassionate, affectionate, and spiritually inclined.

At the age of four, Thérèse lost her mother to breast cancer. This was a wound that shaped her life, making her cling even more to her sisters and her father. When her eldest sister, Pauline, entered the Carmelite convent, Thérèse longed to follow.

Her Call to Carmel

By age 15, Thérèse felt an irresistible call to dedicate her life entirely to God as a Carmelite nun. Due to her young age, entry was usually not permitted. But Thérèse, with her determined “childlike boldness,” pleaded directly with the Pope during a pilgrimage to Rome in 1887. Moved by her faith and perseverance, the Church allowed her to enter. She joined the Carmel of Lisieux in April 1888.

The “Little Way”

In Carmel, Thérèse discovered her path to holiness, which she later referred to as her “little way.” She realised that she could not accomplish great works or heroic feats like those of famous missionaries or martyrs. Instead, she offered small, ordinary acts with great love—smiling when annoyed, taking the last place, doing unnoticed chores, accepting suffering with patience. She believed that holiness was not in doing much but in loving much.

Her spirituality was characterised by childlike trust: surrendering to God’s love, just as a child rests in its mother’s arms. She wrote: “I will seek out a means of getting to Heaven by a little way—very short and very straight, a little way that is wholly new.”

Writings

Her autobiography, “Story of a Soul”, written at the request of her superiors, became one of the most beloved spiritual classics in the Catholic world. In it, she poured out her thoughts on God’s mercy, trust, and the power of small acts of love.

Suffering and Death

At just 23, Thérèse contracted tuberculosis, which at the time was incurable. Her final months were filled with intense physical suffering and spiritual darkness, but she held fast to faith and trust in God. She died on September 30, 1897, at the age of 24, whispering: “My God, I love You.”

Canonisation and Legacy

Canonized: May 17, 1925, by Pope Pius XI.

Declared Patroness of the Missions (with St. Francis Xavier) in 1927, despite never leaving her convent.

Declared Doctor of the Church in 1997 by Pope John Paul II, recognising her profound spiritual wisdom despite her simplicity.

Her “hidden fire” continues to inspire millions: holiness is not about doing extraordinary things, but about doing ordinary things with extraordinary love.

✨ **Takeaway: St. Thérèse teaches us that every soul has a mission, and even the smallest act of love—done with trust in God—can set the world aflame.**

Pope Leo urges Catholics to pray daily Rosary for Peace in October

Catholics worldwide will unite in prayer to recite the Rosary for peace in war-torn regions, particularly during the month of October, which the Church dedicates to the Holy Rosary.

Pope Leo XIV announced the Wednesday General Audience.

He said the faithful in Rome will gather in St. Peter’s Square on October 11, 2025, at 6:00 PM.



“I invite everyone, each day of the coming month, to pray the Rosary for peace—personally, in the family, and in community,” he said.

In his greetings to Portuguese pilgrims, Pope Leo lamented the “ruins wrought by murderous hatred.”

He invited Christians to share with others “the love of Jesus that illumines and lifts humanity.”

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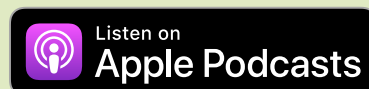
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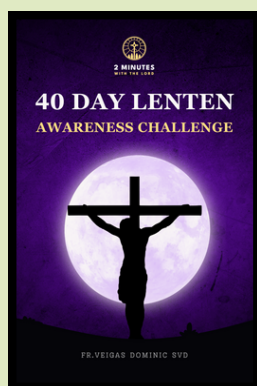
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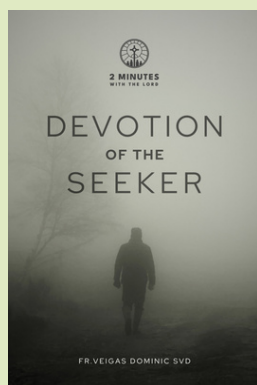
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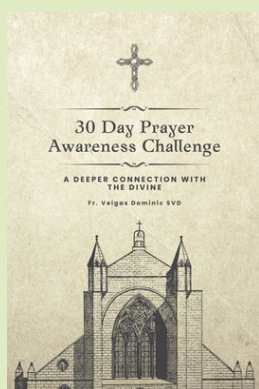
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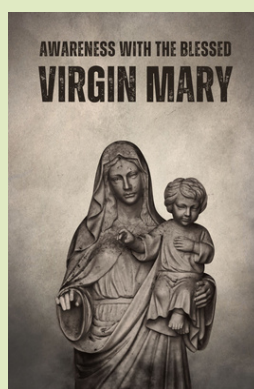
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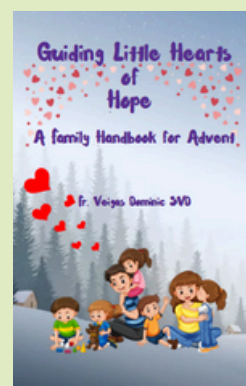
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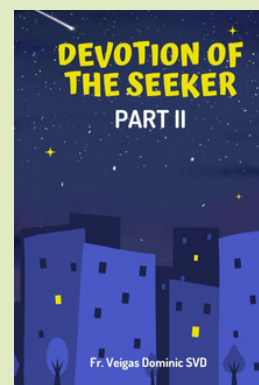
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