

# The Rosary News

October 2020

Founders: Stanislaus Despres  
Lowell Vickery, 1957

Dear Rosary Makers, Missionaries, Valued Supporters & Friends:

Life as we have known it has indeed changed. But for the more things that have changed to a large degree they have remained the same.

In normal situations, a threat to one's life normally draws one closer to their God and instills the much needed evaluation of who they are and where they stand in God's eyes. An old military saying is that "there are no atheists in a fox hole". Naturally the anticipation of a deadly pandemic virus which forces entire countries to shut down should have been a normal "wake up" call to realize how fragile one's life is. Churches should have been packed. But instead they were closed.

To a normal observer, it appears that as the virus continues to be a topic of conversation, in large part people have tended to adapt their routine and continue on with their lives albeit wearing masks.

To the lives that have been lost we pray that their last confessions or actions were favorable in God's eyes. But it appears that our jobs as missionaries of the Rosary will continue. Our Savior says in Matthew 26:11, "The poor you will always have with you". I'm assuming one could conclude that the poor in spirit will be with us as well. Now more than ever, when people miss a "sign" the faithful must double their efforts through action and prayer to assure that their brothers and sisters are protected from nonchalant attitudes.

Our Mother's rosary is the best way for our ministry to continue to do our part in the salvific mission of our Savior. Thank you for your fellowship in this mission.

Sincerely,

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**"The faithful  
children of the  
rosary shall merit  
a high degree of  
glory in heaven"**

**From The Mission Fields**

**FINANCIAL REPORT-2020**

BEGINNING BALANCE:	\$7,851.35
DONATIONS	\$ 775.00
PAID OUT IN SUPPLIES:	\$2,235.80
ENDING BALANCE	\$6,390.35

Dear Tom

This is to acknowledge your constant sharing of Rosaries from Rosary makers from Grand Rapids we are grateful for your regular sending of rosaries also awaiting for May rosary gifts.

Thanks again as usual

Fr. Matovu Caesar, Kampala, Uganda

All the rosary makers. Glad to know that you are getting more volunteers. May God bless each one of you for the generous service you are doing for our Blessed Mother.

With much love and prayers Your affectionate sister in Christ Jesus,  
Sr. Catherine Leena G.S.S.

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Dear Bro. Tom

I have received the package of Rosaries, scapulars and miraculous medals yesterday. This will definitely prove to be a great help to carry on our lay apostolate for promotion of rosary prayers and religious devotion to the Sacramentals.

Last week, our group distributed rosaries and sacramentals along with our parish priest Rev. Fr. Emmanuel Sharif in Kabirwala. It's a small town where more than 100 Christians families live.

**Thank you so much for your love and concern for our Rosary Group**

Pictures attached for your information  
Please remember us in your prayers

Shahzad Francis  
Group leader

[St # 8, Hostel Road, Khurampura Colony](#)  
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Dear Rosary Makers!

Thank you very much for the parcel of rosaries. This time there were 190 rosaries in the parcel. I'm sure you are all very busy with rosaries and also with the preparation for Christmas celebrations. I promise to pray for

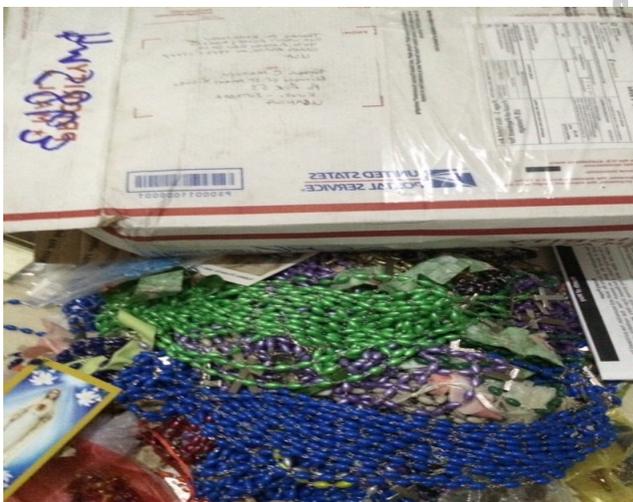


**From The Mission Fields**

Dear Tom,

This is to notify you that the Rosary parcel was received in untouched in Uganda thanks so much ,it will be a great privilege to distribute them to the Parishoners as you are aware that iam operating at church of Our lady of perpetual help in Uganda Kampala Archdiocese as a parish priest and the same time doing Scout ministry in Uganda also Catholic Scouts will benefit too on the distribution of Rosaries as usual Thanks again

Fr.Matovu Caesar,Kampala,Uganda



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Dear Tom

I received the package of Rosaries, today. Thank you for your generosity. This will definitely prove to be a great help to carry on our lay apostolate for promotion of rosary prayers and religious devotion to the Sacramentals.

Last Sunday we distributed rosaries in St. Peters Catholic Church, a suburb of Multan city. Here we were invited by the Vicar General Very Rev. Fr. Yusaf Sohan. We started the journey at 6 am and reached Saeed Colony at 9 am. It is a poor people's colony founded by the Catholic Church in 1980. After Mass, we distributed rosaries and sacramentals among people along with Fr. Waqas Raza OMI. Later we went to people's homes and distributed rosaries. We distributed more than 500 rosaries.

Fr. Waqas OMI appreciated our work. He has invited us to visit the annual shrine of the Holy Mary in Derekabad, a desert area of southern Punjab. This area is within five hours drive from our city. We have to set up our free rosary stall on the second day of Shrine. Thousands of people come here from all dioceses. We have done yes, but we have seven to eight hundred rosaries at this time. While we need more to distribute, but we believe that the Holy Mary will help us and fulfill all our needs

We offer salute to your great work. Please continue intercession of our Blessed Virgin mother of all. *(some pictures attached for your information)*

Shahzad Francis

Group Leader

St. Philomena Rosary Group

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From the Mission fields



St. Philomena Rosary Group



**From the Mission fields**

Merry Christmas Tom,  
Here is my 2019 yearly report: I made or will make by years end 1240 Rosaries. I using the transparent beads as I find them more attractive, and I continue using the mission chain. I have sent them to the Daughter's of Charity, Alexian Brothers and the Haiti mission our church is partnered with.  
Is there any news I should be aware of with our "Lady Rosary Makers of Grand Rapids?"

Joseph Kaupa

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Dear President

Thanks so much for your second offer which we have happily received and Happy New Year 2020 to all.

Due to the busy schedule of Festive Season, I couldn't give you feedback on receipt of the Parcel. We're continually humbled by your tireless efforts to meet Spiritual needs of the sick through us.

Just as a note, we will need beads and medals for our Lady of Sorrows too, if possible in the next offer.

Thanks for your consideration and hope to keep in correspondence.

Yours truly

Fr. Amati Tom Walter

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**O LADY OF GOOD REMEDY**, source of unfailing help, grant that we may draw from thy treasury of graces in our time of need. Touch the hearts of sinners, that they may seek reconciliation and forgiveness. Bring comfort to the afflicted and the lonely; help the poor and the hopeless; aid the sick and the suffering. May they be healed in body and strengthened in spirit to endure their sufferings with patient resignation and Christian fortitude.



Dear president,

Sending best wishes in the Festive Season to you and all Our Lady's Rosary makers.

I hereby acknowledge receipt of 01 box of beautiful Rosaries (302 in number) and a few scapulars. Thank you from the deepest of our hearts for your response to our appeal and for Prayers of support in 2019.

Some of the hospital staff and their children, a few Patients and their attendants have already received the special Rosaries as Christmas gift and you cannot imagine the smile on their faces. Not all may get it as the number of those in need in overwhelmingly great. I will be very selective in giving it out. Priority is for the staff and Patients in critical condition, of Catholic background. Research by the American Pain Society shows that Personal Prayer is the most commonly used form of Pain Management at 76%...and the Intercession of Blessed Mother Mary is of Supreme Benefit for a devote Catholic Christian.

We have the pleasure to wish you Merry Christmas and Grace Filled New Year 2020. May you all be with a Wonderful Year ahead full of New Accomplishment and may the Life of each Rosary Maker overflow with hope, love, Joy and Peace forever.

Thanks so much for your service and sacrifice. We'll still hope for your continued support towards us, if possible at regular basis. Or else, will need enough beads and tools for making Rosary so that we could make more for ourselves at the hospital to reduce work load on your team. I have got two good Catechists who know the work well except they don't have the equipment for making it (i.e. Beads, Crucifixes, Pliers etc).

Yours in Christ,

Fr. Amati Tom Walter,  
Hospital chaplain.

## From the Mission fields

Dear Tom

As I told you, we have been invited to the Annual Marian shrine on the 26<sup>th</sup> of October. But first we were called to the last parish of remote area of the diocese, Village B75 on 20<sup>th</sup> October. We arrived with our Assistant Parish Priest Fr. Shahzad Niamat for a 6-hour journey. It is also a desert area where the Catholic Church has laboriously settled a village. On this occasion, there were five to six hundred people from all over the parish. The village does not have the Grotto, but they have been holding the shrine for the past ten years. Holy Mass was led by our Bishop Rt. Rev. Benny Mario Travis along with Fr. Asif (Parish Priest), Fr. Shahzad, Fr. Aneel Khuram, and Fr. Nadeem Patras.

After the Mass, we distributed the Rosaries and Sacramentals from seven to nine o'clock. People were very happy to get rosaries and sacramentals. Our Bishop blessed our stall and promised to pay Holy Mass for those who send us rosaries and sacramentals. Apart from this, the priests of other parishes also appreciate our work and invite our group in their parishes for free distribution of Rosaries and Sacramentals.

Thank you so much for your help. But we need your continues support so that we can continue our work. You have a request that if you have crosses, medals, and scapulars then kindly must send it to us because people ask us about them too, but now they have very few.

Thank you once again; we hope you keep sending us rosaries and other Sacramentals so that God's name is glorified in Pakistan (pictures of the event are attached for your information)

**(Pictures aren't good because we make pictures with mobile phones. We don't have a camera. On the next trip we will try to rent a camera)**

Shahzad Francis, Group Leader

St. Philomena Rosary Group

Punjab, Pakistan



**We wish to recognize  
our new rosary maker:**

**Mary DeYoung  
Debbie Robles  
Meridith Finkler**

**Welcome!!!!**



**From the Mission fields**

Hello Tom Kneeshaw, greetings and best wishes to you. The month of October 2019 being the month of Rosary, your gift of rosaries has aided us so much that we prayed through the intercession of our mother Mary.

I would like to make a humble appeal for more rosaries for the members of Christian Family Association who will make their promise on Holy Family Feast Day, the last Sunday of December 2019. Our Mother Mary Queen of Africa, Pray for us.

Thanks Mr. Tom and all the rosary makers. I appreciate your kind consideration of my requests for rosaries. I promise you my daily prayers. USE THE ADDRESS BELOW. God bless you all.  
Fr. William Abukua  
Parish Priest  
Vurra Catholic Parish  
P.O.BOX 503, Arua-Uganda.

Dear Rosary Makers  
Greetings from Pakistan. We are very thankful for gift of 250 rosaries for our parish. We need more in 2020. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year 2020  
ASHK NAZ Khokhar  
Catholic Church,  
Sahiwal, Pakistan 57000

Dear Rosary Makers  
May God bless you and the Rosary Makers for the beautiful work you are doing. Pray for all the shut-ins.  
Love, peace and joy,  
Sister Geneva Marie, Pakistan

Today we went ahead with the sports event as organized. Rosary Makers have been represented on this event. Faith in Sports. You win a medal with a rosary to pray . . .  
Fr. Bonny, Uganda



**A special thank you to Shawn Wylie and his staff who for years has donated his time to print Our Lady's Rosary Newsletters for us at no charge! God Bless you Shawn and your staff for continuing to print our newsletters for free. May God bless you abundantly!**

Please remember if a loved one has passed away and you would like to remember them in a special way, consider a donation in their memory to Our Lady's Rosary Makers. We will include your loved one in our next newsletter, remembering them as we pray our rosaries. All donations are tax deductible.

You may send your remembrance donation to:

Mr. Michael Despres  
Treasurer  
Our Lady's Rosary Makers  
4983 Brownstone Dr. N.E.  
Rockford, MI 49341





## HELP WANTED!

### Work for the Mother of God!

The greatest benefit is that you will grow stronger in your faith as you help to spread God's love to the poorest of the poor throughout the world by making rosaries or scapulars.

Please contact Michael Despres or Tom Kneeshaw at the phone number below if you are interested in learning how to make Rosaries for the Mother of God:

- Michael Despres 616-866-1282, parishioner
- Tom Kneeshaw 616-318-8111, parishioner

\*\*We are a self-supporting, non-profit group. If you are unable to give of your time making these "bullets for Mary", please consider making a cash donation. (Make checks payable to "Our Lady's Rosary Maker's".) All donations are tax deductible. If you wish to mail your donation please make the check out to: Our Lady's Rosary Makers and send it to:

Our Lady' s Rosary Makers  
c/o Mike Despres  
4983 Brownstone Dr. N.E.  
Rockford, MI 49341

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Postage

**Month of October**

**MY ROSARY BEADS**

A little pair of Rosary beads,  
as plain as plain can be.  
But only God in Heaven,  
knows how dear to me.  
I have them always with me,  
at every step I take.  
At evening when I slumber,  
at morning when I wake.  
In bright and cloudy weather,  
In sunshine or rain.  
In happiness or sorrow, in pleasure or in pain.  
It helps me in my struggle, it reprove me when I sin.  
It's took of gentle patience, rebukes the strife within.  
In day of pain and anguish, the greatest help I know,  
was to hold my Rosary beads, until I calmer grow.  
So when the time approaches to die,  
I hope my little Rosary beads, beside me lie.  
That the holy name of Jesus, may be the last I say,  
and kissing the cross of my sweet rosary beads,  
my soul may pass away.

