

The Rosary News

May 2025

Founders: Stanislaus Despres
Lowell Vickery, 1957

Dear Rosary Makers, Ministry Partners, Friends & Supporters:

All of my favorite sermons from a past parish priest would begin with "You have to go to the school of silence ... "

What made these homilies so impactful was what would soon follow. ... to hear God's voice. ... to listen to your own heart. ... to stop and think what would Jesus do. This "school of silence" was the place where Father Tony wished us to learn how to be a child of God. He was always insistent for us to block out the noise of the world and center ourselves with God. Because that is Who he wanted us to know in this school. He is right that the noise of the world drowns out the voice of God. Elijah hears God's voice not in a mighty wind, an earthquake, or a fire. Instead he hears God's voice in a gentle breeze.

Making rosaries, saying the rosary and contemplating the mysteries is how we find God through Mary. It is Mary who we know was, is and always will be the top student in this school. Mary leads us to God not by parting a Sea but with her gentle voice which the Trinity listens and grants her petitions. We pray: Mother continue to love this ministry and most importantly pray for your children who answered the call.

Sincerely,

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Lowell Vickery

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

Rosary Appreciation

Pot-luck Luncheon

SATURDAY, August 16, 2025

11:00am - 1:00pm

2236 Vansingel Lake Dr SW • Byron Center, MI

The Rosary Makers of West Michigan are hosting an appreciation luncheon for all rosary and scapular makers! We will have many rosary makers on-hand to share their "tips" and to help out however they can. **BRING A FRIEND!**

Anyone interested in learning to make rosaries or scapulars is welcomed to come.

Please feel free to invite your friends or family to join this ministry.

New starter kits will be available. Don't forget to bring a dish to pass.

Drinks will be provided. Please bring your family too!

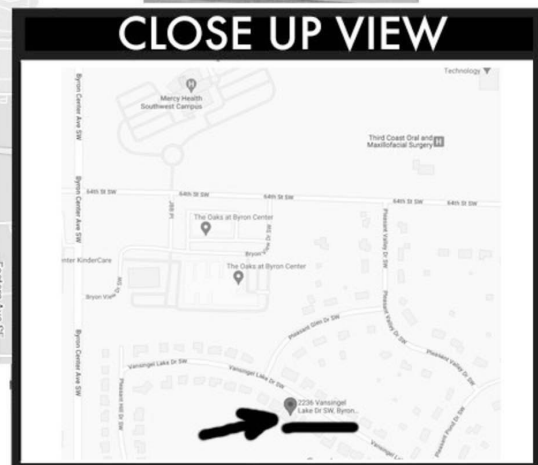
We hope to see you here!

For more information or to RSVP, please contact Tom Kneeshaw at: 616-315-3032

Location:

This home is located in Byron Center near the crossroads of M6 and Byron Center Rd.

Please refer to the maps below.



From The Mission Fields

FINANCIAL REPORT-2024

BEGINNING BALANCE 4/6/24:	\$7,704.88
DONATIONS	\$4,895.00
PAID OUT IN SUPPLIES:	\$5,070.85
ENDING BALANCE	\$7,529.03



Cardinal Joseph Coutts of Karachi Pakistan blessed the rosaries he received from Our Lady's Rosary Makers for Pakistan and he was most impressed that the rosaries were all hand made! This picture was taken at St. Jude Parish.

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Dear Friends

I want to thank you for your very generous donation of rosaries for the children here in Brazil. We use these rosaries on the day that we do a celebration in honor of the Blessed Virgin and it is a day that the children receive a rosary.

I also thank you for your prayers. We face many challenges here in Brazil and your prayers are surely a sign of fraternal support of our work as missionaries.

You can be assured of my prayers and may God bless you with good health.

Sincerely,

Fr. Greg Joeright, OFM

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Dear Tom and my dear friends:

It was November morning and the postwoman brought your wonderful package to us. What a surprise. We have been hearing from you for a long time.

I have been working as a bishop for the last 22 years and you have sent me many packages every one of those rosaries has gone to the right hands and all the rosary makers get the grace from their prayers. I must admit that you are a great group. God bless you, cheerful givers.

I am in Mandya now in Karnataka state and the present diocese was part of the Mananthavady diocese and the bishop of Mananthavady had permitted the Missionary Society of Saint Thomas the Apostle will start their ministry here. They did fabulous work by starting schools, initiating village community networks, building up clinics to improve the health of the villages and preaching the faith most profoundly. The culmination came in 2010 when Mandya was a diocese with four districts in Karnataka.

In 2015, the Holy Father extended the borders of this diocese integrating six more districts including the metro city of Bangalore. While Mandya remained a mission territory, the addition brought many migrants to the diocese boosting the energy of the diocese. Right now, there are 113 priests, 400 sisters, 15 brothers and many lay missionaries working in the field.

The following are the focus areas where we look forward to grow:

1. Youth Animation for more than 50,000 young people: some of your rosaries will go into their hands
2. Building up a community network among the most vulnerable
3. Providing better health care through our clinics
4. Providing Education to some of the most remote villages
5. Promotion of agriculture, herbal gardens and solar energy
6. Supporting the children with HIV Aids
7. Care for the elderly and the differently abled



8. Food for the hungry, nutrition for children and tuition for slum children
9. Teaching dance classes, and martial arts for protection

Thank you once again. Kindly keep in touch and God bless you always

Bishop Sebastian
Bishop Sebastian Adayanthrath
Bishop of Mandya

Everything is a reminder of the Cross. We ourselves are made in the shape of the Cross.
St. Vianny

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Hi Tom,

I just wanted to thank you and your group for your recent donation of rosaries. I wanted to specifically thank you for the workmanship, time and effort put into these. We typically receive the plastic rosaries but many times we need these special ones, made with medal links, to give to groups, churches and parishes, all over the world, who ask specifically for these types of rosaries.

Through your generosity you are helping to bear much fruit through the power of conversions, children returning to the Church, adults returning to the Sacraments and the spiritual healing that results.

Please know that we have placed your name and the name of your rosary group, at the altar in our Chapel here in Irondale, where the Priests, Brothers and Sisters will hold you out in prayer for the next 30 days before Our Lord Jesus who is present in the Most Holy and Blessed Sacrament.

Again, thank you for helping to spread the Word of God and His love and Truth.

Many thanks and God Bless!

Dory C. Birchfield

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Dear Tom,

How are you? Hope everything is fine with you.

I had written to you earlier, but the email address was wrong. Today I received a mail from Bp. Sebastian Adayanthrath and he gave me your present email ID.

I am writing this, to know whether you can send me some rosaries for the families in Perú. I have created some groups of elderly and they have learnt to say rosaries.

Every now and then the people are asking me rosaries. But we don't have anything now. Here the people are just learning to pray rosary.

Also we have some groups of children at the age of 6- 12 years also. Every Monday we pray rosaries together with the children. But they don't have rosaries. Can you send some rosaries for the children also? (I mean small Rosaries, not so long as if the elderly people use).

So can you kindly send me some rosaries, scapulars, chains and some small statues? Don't feel bad of me for asking everything. Here the people are very poor.

Thank you so much.... God bless

Sr. Arpitha.
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From the Mission fields

Rev. Fr. Kapalu Stephen
Parish Priest, St. Kizito Parish
Solwezi Diocese, Zambia
November 4, 2024

Dear Mr. Kneeshaw,

I write to express heartfelt gratitude for the beautiful rosaries you generously donated to our parish. Your kindness has blessed numerous lay groups and Small Christian Communities.

The rosaries were distributed to:

- St. Anna Lay Group
- St. Joachim Lay Group
- Nazareth
- Daughters of Mary
- Region of Mary
- Pioneer Movement
- Catholic Women and Men's League
- Small Christian Community members.

These faith-filled individuals are now deepening their devotion to Our Lady, thanks to your gift. Your support has brought joy and spiritual growth to our parish.

On behalf of St. Kizito Parish, I thank you and your institution for this selfless act. Your contribution to our spiritual journey is invaluable. Encouraged by your support, I humbly request additional rosaries to continue nurturing our parishioners' faith. Thank you again for your compassion and commitment to spreading the faith.

Sincerely,



Rev. Fr. Kapalu Stephen
Parish Priest, St. Kizito Parish
Solwezi Diocese,
Zambia

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Most Loving and Affectionate Spiritual Brother, Tom Kneeshaw, in Baby Jesus,

Greetings of love and prayerful wishes and heartfelt gratitude to you from your spiritual brother, Fr. Jacob Prasad Pulapaka, India.

I take this gracious occasion to **THANK YOU** from the bottom of my heart for sending such beautiful and valuable Rosaries to our parishioners. They are truly a work of art and will be a great help in my missionary and pastoral activities. I am deeply grateful for your love, concern, and generosity. Thanks a million for investing your personal resources, as well as the donations of your friends and well-wishers, into this divine cause. Your support means a lot to me and to the people I serve in this remote area. I am literally very happy to receive the Box full of Rosaries

I am profoundly grateful to God for bringing your goodness in the form of sending very beautiful Holy Rosaries into my life and mission. I firmly believe this is the work of the Holy Spirit, and I trust that God will continue to use me for His evangelizing work, with your prayers and support. Your generosity and spiritual encouragement have emboldened me to continue giving credible witness in the vineyard of the Lord.

I am delighted to share that the faith of our people and their participation in church activities are growing exponentially each day. Many families are inviting me to visit their homes for prayer and fellowship. At times, I offer counseling for those in distress, helping them return to the Christian life they were meant to live. I consistently encourage everyone to recite the Rosary, both in church and in their homes, as it is such a powerful tool for spiritual growth.

I cannot thank you enough, Dear Loving and Affectionate Tom, and your collaborators, for placing your trust in me and supporting my mission in such a remote and challenging area. Your sending of these beautiful Rosaries is a testament to your faith and generosity, Blessings

Fr. Jacob Prasad Pulapaka, India

From the Mission fields

and I cherish them deeply. I humbly request that you continue your support, as it will enable me to carry on my mission and ministry effectively.

I am planning to distribute the Rosaries during the Midnight Mass on Christmas Day, and I will send you a detailed report of the distribution shortly.... Your prayers and gifts will be an integral part of bringing joy and faith to our community this Christmas season.

May Almighty God bless you, your family, and all those good friends and collaborators at **Our Lady's Rosary Makers of Grand Rapids, Michigan**. Their time, financial assistance, and sacrifices for this divine mission of sending Rosaries to missionaries like me are truly commendable. May God bless you abundantly, granting peace, prosperity, and good health, and may He reward you with a hundredfold of blessings.

With assured prayers and sincere gratitude,
Yours Sincerely and Honestly,
In Baby Jesus, Mother Mary, and St. Joseph,

Rev. Fr. Jacob Prasad Pulapaka

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Thomas Kneeshaw

Our Ladys Rosary Makers

Dear Mr. Kneeshaw:

On behalf of the National Centre for Padre Pio, we would like to thank you very much for donating to our Centre 600 handmade rosaries for us to distribute to our daily pilgrims that visit our Centre. We are deeply grateful for your generosity and please be assured that they will be put to very good use.

Please keep our apostolate in your prayers and we will also do the same for you and all of your devoted rosary makers, as you know St. Pio called the Rosary "his weapon" and we pray it daily here at the Centre.

May Almighty God continue to bless you in your mission. We wish you a Blessed and joy filled Christmas Season.

Very sincerely

Miss Vera Calandra

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Our Lady's Rosary Makers,

The mission of Amazon Relief thrives through Gods grace and your support. Its more than financial; contributions-your love and prayers are what sustain our mission.

Your generosity not only meets the physical needs of our brothers and sisters in the Amazon but also leads souls to Christ. Each year, the dedicated members of "Our Lady's Rosary Makers" donate hundreds of rosaries, each one crafted with love, to Amazon Relief and the missions we support. Their devotion to Jesus, Our Lady, and our brothers and sisters in Christ shines through every rosary.

The children (and alumni) in this photo below are part of a cherished group of friends from the "Ray of Light" educational and spiritual program we sponsor in Manaus, Brazil. Please keep all our donors, as well as our brothers and sisters in the Amazon, in your prayers as we continue to hold you, our patrons, in ours.

Amazon Relief

2044 Fuller Ave. N.E.

Suite 205

Grand Rapids, MI 49505



From the Mission fields

Dear Tom and the Rosary Makers,

Thank you so much for the beautiful rosaries that you donated to our street evangelization efforts. With all our different evangelization operations, our need is great for rosaries, but with help from groups like yours, we are just able to keep up with the demand.

We promise to continue to put all of the rosaries that you donate to us to good use in promoting devotion to Our Lady and in spreading the Gospel of Jesus Christ and His Church. May God reward you in your ministry and please pray that God brings about many conversions through ours.

Please add our organization, leadership, benefactors, evangelists, and those that we evangelize to your prayer intentions.

Note on Shipping and Packaging: We are extremely grateful for any Rosaries that we receive. We prefer that Rosaries are not wrapped, tied or bagged into bundles (leaving them loose together in a box is just perfect and will help us in the packing process), but we will accept them however they are sent. Also, we have found that USPS Flat Rate packages are usually the cheapest way to send Rosaries, depending on the weight and quantity.

Feel free to contact us at any time. God bless you!

In Christ,
Cindy Hasenauer
Office Manager
St. Paul Evangelization Institute
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Hi Tom

Wow!!!!!! Amazing – thanks again for rosaries !! We soo appreciate them !

God Bless and Merry Christmas!!

Steph Santa
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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 also donate electronically by clicking on this link:

Here is the link for donations for OLRM through PayPal:

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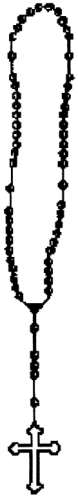
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You may send your remembrance donation to:

Mr. Michael Despres
Treasurer
Our Lady's Rosary Makers
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Our Lady's Rosary Makers are deeply saddened to report that our former board member and long time rosary maker Frank Murphy passed away on April 10, 2025. Frank made over 15,800 rosaries that were sent all over the world on behalf of Our Lady's Rosary Makers. He will be deeply missed. May he rest in the arms of Jesus and our Blessed Mother. Job well done long and faithful servant.



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Month of May

A Reflection on Mary

Just as Joseph, the son of Jacob, found favor in the eye of Pharaoh and was made second only to him in all the land of Egypt, so did Mary find favor in the eyes of the Lord and was made second only to him in all creation. The people of Egypt obeyed Joseph's every request and their land was blessed but too many people in the world will not even recognize Mary, much less obey her requests and we are plagued with sin, war, and threats of annihilation. Leaders from every walk of life sign treaties and seek peace in every part of the world while ignoring all the while the only plan that will every work, "Our Lady's peace plan from Heaven." Prayer, Penance and Consecration. Pray the Rosary every day. Do Penance, offer your every thought, word and deed in reparation for sin, all sin and reform your lives. Consecrate your lives to Her immaculate heart and wear Our Lady's scapular as a sign of your consecration. We must if we want peace, reform, do penance and pray unceasingly, especially the Rosary, every day. Since the early 1800's Our Lady has been coming repeatedly and always with Her Rosary. Time is running out if we are to avert punishment of untold proportions. Can't we read scripture, will we never learn? God is not mocked. You and I as children of Mary, thank God are obeying Our Lady. We're not only praying our Rosary, but making them so others may pray all over the world. We must do more, make as many Rosaries as possible and pray as many as we can. Our Lady said, "When enough people pray, Russia will be converted and there will be peace." May God grant you His peace!