

# The Rosary News

October, 2016

Founders: Stanislaus Despres  
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Dear Brothers and Sisters

Where has the time gone? It is already October the month to honor Our Lady of the Rosary. Soon 2017 will be on us and the ministry will be entering our 60th year of operation.

Time just keeps on moving along. We live each day and do what we can to forward God's Kingdom here on earth. But often many of us can feel a complacency in every day life.

So where is the sense of urgency? Where is that motivation for daily devotion? The drive to move forward in our spiritual journey?

Personally I can say that I find my fulfillment in this ministry. In talking with our board and interacting with volunteers and donors I see the faithfulness of it's membership and understand their answer to "the call". When receiving and publishing our ministry partner's letters I know that Heaven's guiding hand is on us all.

We are His children. I believe when we are at rest, the Lord looks with kindness upon us as good children. And when we are active in helping our fellow brothers and sisters, the true hand of God is placed upon us. Endeavor on good and faithful servants! And if you can encourage others to be involved in this ministry .. More souls will benefit!

God's blessings

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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-2016**

BEGINNING BALANCE:	\$12,328.63
DONATIONS	\$455.00
PAID OUT IN SUPPLIES:	\$2,751.46
ENDING BALANCE	\$10,032.17

Dear Tom Kneeshaw,  
 Happy Easter. Just a quick note to express my gratitude and appreciation for the package of rosaries and crucifixes you sent me. I received the package today 05.03.2016, which contains about 275 rosaries and about 7 crucifixes and medals. God bless the work of your hand. We have 300 candidates for First Holy Communion and I will give the rosaries to them as gifts from you. They will so much appreciate them. I promise you and your friends my daily prayers.

God bless you and your friends.  
 Happy Easter.

Fr. William A'bukua  
 Immaculate Heart of Mary  
 Lima Catholic Parish  
 P.O.BOX 130, Koboko  
 Uganda

Dear Brother Tom Kneeshaw  
 I wish all of you a Holy Merciful year 2016 and the peaceful Lent. This finds you a best of health and the spirit. I hope you must have received my last letter for Christmas and the New Year. Till now, I was waiting for the rosaries and also the people around this parish. Dear brother if you can please send some of these rosaries. May be the postal delaying to meet here. I will be very happy to receive some of the rosaries you are making for us. Here in Kerala all are very much devoted to Blessed Mother Mary and saying daily rosaries in the families. All of us are praying for all of you the work you are doing all around the world. May the good God reward you in millions fold.  
 In anticipation I thank you for this great help. All the people those who received your rosaries they are especially praying for you all and very much grateful for your work.

I remain,  
 Yours in our Eucharistic Lord,  
 Sr. M. Antoinette, O.S.S.S.  
 St. Bridget's Convent

Dear, THOMAS M KNEESHAW,  
 This is to acknowledge the Rosary package ,that was posted on14/3/2016 to Uganda and received it on 4/4/2016, Thanks so much for this Rosary Gift, it has reached in time when our Christians are approaching the month of the Rosary of May it will be of great prayerful month to recite the rosary with the Rosary beads in their hands ,Thanks for the money you put into paying the posting payments/charges, Thanks very much for your generosity and to the Rosary members who use their time ,money and effort to make them and make it possible to reach us, I know you have no funding but operate on faith alone ,but on our side it makes our people grow in faith and to remember you in our prayers to keep your apostolate continue, May the Good shepherd be known allover the world and especially in Uganda too, May you continue sending these rosaries ,the demand is so great that always new people are being baptized in the church.on Easter Monday, I baptized 30 children in a sub station . Thank you and may Jesus and Mary Bless all Rosary makers in Grand Rapids,US,  
 Yrs FR. MATOVU CAESAR  
 Hi Tom and the Team,

Greetings from Papua New Guinea with a heartfelt word of deep appreciation and gratitude for your on going support and your generosity. May Our Good Lord enfold each one of you, your colleagues and your families for you commitment, effort and love shown in making lovely rosaries for the others to pray. I wish everyone of your blessings with much love and prayers.

In Mercy,  
 Sr. Maryanne

Dear Tom  
 It is with great thankfulness that I write you today. I have received the box containing the religious items that you sent me recently. We have completed distributing the rosaries, scapulars and the other items. The parishioners especially the Legion of Mary group and the youth are very thankful to you for remembering them. We are also very thankful to all those who dedicate themselves to the making of the rosaries and those who donate the religious items.

A lot of the young ones and elders had no single rosary. We also distributed to the sick within our parish. All can now use the rosary when praying the prayer of the rosary. There many young people, the sick and elderly who still do not have a rosary when praying the rosary. So we are very ready to receive more religious items to distribute to these parishioners in need.

We promise to pray for you, your management and staff and all those who make and donate the religious items. May God bless you all. Be assured of your continued place in our daily prayers and masses.

Yours in Jesus, Mary and Joseph  
 Rev. Fr. McDonald Kankhono

The following is my new postal address:

Rev. Fr. McDonald Kankhono  
 P.O. Box 205  
 Zomba  
 Malawi  
 C. Africa

Dear Tom and the Team  
 May God's peace blessings and goodness continue to be your strength and inspiration. May Mary, our sweet mother, help, guide and protector keep you your family and your loved ones safe and in good health.  
 Thanks a million times with hearts full of gratitude and deep appreciation for your continued support in providing us with lovely rosaries and religious items.

Rosaries sent to me are distributed with the Legion of Mary's from four dioceses in Papua New Guinea. They are really appreciative of the gifts and are making good use if by praying daily individually within families and in groups. Religious items are given to school students.

I wish to inform that your contribution meant so much to those who could not afford it. They do ray for every rosary maker and their families each of you is really special. Thank you.

May you continue to reach to so many Catholics around the world that enables them closer to experience God's great love for them, humanity and creation. To be more prayerful too.

Best regards with much love and prayers,  
 In Mercy,,

Sr. Maryanne Kolkia

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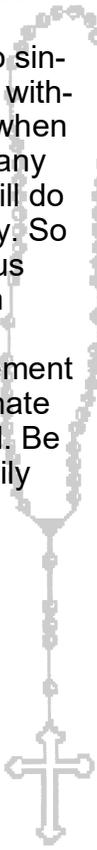
Dear Tom,

Many thanks for the Rosary Parcel that you sent us. It reached us safely and I have distributed all the religious items to some of our parishioners especially those who lacked a religious item. They are very thankful to you and all people of good will who generously take their time to make and donate the religious items. Thank you very much.

I will be sending back the signed copy acknowledging our reception of the religious items and some letters written by those who received the religious items very soon.

There are still many others in our parish who are in dire need of a rosary or any religious item to assist them in praying to God through the intercessions of Our Lady Mary.

I write to with your families best wishes for the New Year 2016. May God bless your families throughout the year. I always pray for your families and those who donated to us the religious items everyday during Mass and other prayers.



**From the Mission fields**

The weather is not very good this year. The rain has delayed in coming but the crops look good. However, we will have very low harvest next year.

Thank you and God bless.

Yours in Jesus, Mary and Joseph,

Rev. Fr. M. Kankhono

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Dear Tom,  
 Praised be Jesus and Mary! I hope that this little note finds you and the whole family in the best of health as you spend yourself in the service of our Blessed Mother.  
 As for ourselves, we are fine by the grace of God. But I have a problem. Aside from the man who comes every Sunday for rosaries to bring to the hospital patients, others, not only individuals but groups - mostly young people - come begging for rosaries, which, they say, will help them to grow in their spiritual life. Also priests! Just a few days ago, one priest asked for 30 + rosaries which he would give as a gift to some thirty persons who will be receiving the sacrament of confirmation. Except for this priest, I usually do not give the groups the complete number they need as I have to reserve some for others. Now I don't have much left.  
 So, Tom, I am sure that you and the other rosary makers will be happy to come to our aid. There is no doubt that devotion to the Blessed Virgin will shield and help these youngsters to have a good moral life amidst temptations from this modern world bombarding them from all sides. Here in Ghana teen-age pregnancies are happening even in junior high schools. It will shock and sadden you to know what I read in the papers that just in one region in the country some 40,000 pregnancies took place in children from 10 -19 years old in the years 2013 – 2016! So we beg you not only for rosaries but importantly also, we request our dear rosary makers as they string the beads to silently pray for our youth. Satan is unleashing

his fury. Although we have much confidence in our Blessed Mother's power to crush its head, we have also to do our small part.

Thank you so much in advance. We pray and trust that our Blessed Mother will richly reward each and everyone of you, her beloved Rosary Makers and bless and protect your families and your beautiful apostolate.

Our grateful love and prayers,

Sr. Mary Bernard, ocd and Sisters Carmelites Monastery, Tamale, Ghana

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My good friends Rosary Makers

Prayerful Greetings!

I have not written to you for a long time. When I go to bed you may be sitting together making rosaries.

I can imagine your sacrifices spending so much time sacrificing our recreation time too or making rosaries. I'm looking forward to receive your parcel before the month of September. Here in Kerala State the birthday of Our Blessed Mother is kept up with eight days of devotional celebration. I feel happy to see Grand Rapids rosaries in the hands of many people. They carry the rosaries with love and devotion.

Just a word of 'Thank You' is not enough. May Our Blessed Mother bless each one of you for the loving gifts to us.

Prayerful greetings to each one of you!

Your loving Sister in Christ Jesus

Sr. Catherine Leena C.S.S.

Kerala

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**From the Mission fields**

Dear Loving Mr. Thomas Kneeshaw  
 Greetings and love from Fr. Bastian C.R.  
 (Congregation of the Rosarians) the vice Postulator for the cause of Fr. Soosainather C.R. the servant of God in the name of Jesus Mary and Joseph. Thanks a lot for the rosaries and the lovely pictures. Exactly I received your gift of rosaries on my patronal feast (St. Sebastian). Thank you so much for your sending us rosaries. As I received I started to think of you spending in collecting the rosaries. More than that I think of those who make these rosaries for us (mission) Surely the good God who sees all these happening on this earth surely will reward you. I say this not because you are helping us but the work you doing for God and Mary the love and passion you have for God Mary and mission. I really wonder at all that you people are doing. If I want to make a rosary it would take more than a day. So I know how much you do a hard work. I also thank taking this opportunity Tereasa Madigan and Sue Chuetsrar. These names I found in your gift. I think they might have helped you. I do pray for them all.

I thank you for your are enabling me to do my ministry fruitfully. I am happy to distribute rosaries. I like those people who do recite the rosary often. Once again I thank you so much for your love and concern towards us. I do pray for all that you are doing and undertaking your family members and all those who are supporting you in my holy masses and prayers and sacrifices we do. Thanking you.

Yours in Jesus Mary and Joseph

Fr. Bastian C.R. the vice Postulator

Let St. Thomas Aquinas intercede for us.  
 May God Bless You

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 Tom & Rosary Makers

Today I received the rosaries. On October 19 I will be 79 years old. I plan to still keep going to the Mexico missions Thank you all for being part of this mission. I am praying for all of you. Thanks!  
 Fr. Pedro

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  
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 Rockford, MI 49341





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## Month of October

### 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!