

The Rosary News

May 2013

Founders: Stanislaus Despres
Lowell Vickery, 1957

Special Tribute

Dear Rosary Makers, Ministry Partners, Friends & Supporters:

In this newsletter today, we wish to honor "Our Lady's Errand Boy," Lowell Vickery, who left our life here on earth January 30, 2013 and is now enjoying eternal life with our Mother Mary and Our Lord. He was a constant force, in fighting for the unborn, delivering communion to the sick, a tireless champion for the helpless and poor, and all those who could not defend themselves. Above all, he was a soldier for Our Blessed Mother and all that she stands for through the rosary, our link, our chain, to eternal life in heaven. He never stopped believing in the power of the rosary. His love and devotion was constant to Our Lady until the day he died, longing to share in the eternal life he worked so hard to achieve. This organization, Our Lady's Rosary Makers, which he founded in the early 1950's with his good friend Stanislaus Despres, continues to work through us and all those who believe in our Lord Jesus Christ, Our Mother Mary, and the power of the rosary. May we ask for his intercession and prayers, along with Our Mother Mary, to continue to provide the volunteers, whose hands create these rosaries, the supporters to keep the funds available, so that we may carry on his mission in life to educate and provide to those around the world, the holy rosary, from Our Lady's Rosary Makers. May God grant him eternal rest and may his soul and all the souls of the faithfully departed, through the mercy of God, rest in eternal peace in heaven. Loyal, loving servant of Our Lady, and Our Lord Jesus Christ, rest in peace in the arms of your eternal Mother Mary. Your job on earth is complete; your rewards in heaven, have just begun. Pray for us that we may never falter in our mission you began over 50 years ago, to spread the word about the power of the rosary and prayer to those in need.

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Rosary Appreciation

Pot-luck Luncheon

SATURDAY, August 17, 2013

11:30am - 2:00pm

at St. Ann's Home

2161 Leonard St NW • Grand Rapids, MI 49504 • 616.453.7715

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 or Grace Kneeshaw at: 616-363-9094 or Email:tomk@vikingspas.com.

Location:

St. Anne's is located on the NW side of GR.

Please refer to the maps below.

MAP



**196 & US 131
Intersection**

CLOSE UP VIEW





Special Tribute



Dear Deborah & all of Lowell's Family:
 Know your dad will be putting these prayers (Perpetual Mass Association, National Blue Army Shrine of the Immaculate Heart of Mary) to good use as I'm sure Our Blessed Lady has taken him straight thru the pearly gates! I'll be praying some extra rosaries in his memory. Sorry I can't be with you.
 Gayle Lewis

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 We all loved Lowell. It was beautiful funeral. We also have made a donation to the rosary makers. His life story is truly inspirational!

Jim and Maruzka Hufsztader family
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Dear Mr. Despres,
 Enclosed is a donation for supplies for Our Lady's Rosary Makers of Grand Rapids in honor of Lowell Vickery. I was privileged to be one of Lowell's rosary makers starting in 1990. I was able to make over 3,000 chain rosaries with the bow connectors. I also repaired over 400 old rosaries that I discovered in his garage in his old house! I stopped making rosaries due to mobility -transportation. I don't believe there is a way for me to easily get supplies and deliver finished rosaries. Lowell was also my husband's godfather. Thank you for carrying on this vital ministry.

Sincerely in Christ,
 Maruszka Hufstader

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 Dear Michael,
 On behalf of the Paramo and Swank families, please accept this contribution to Our Lady's Rosary Makers to honor the loving memory of Lowell Vickery, a true servant of Our Lord.

Lowell, affectionately known as Uncle Vic to us, was a remarkable human being. We loved him like a father. He is now with our Creator and enjoying everlasting peace. So please continue the ministry's mission that was co-founded by our Uncle Vic over 50 years ago; we know that is what he would want.

Very respectfully,
 James & Hiroko Paramo,
 Thomas & Wendy Paramo
 Christine & Richard Swank

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 Dear Tom,
 Our founder has died. May his efforts on earth merit him a place in heaven along with the grace of God. Lowell showed me how to make a rosary at my house in 1987. I have been to his home many a time starting with the Leonard Street bungalow to the water-front Lake Bella Vista property ending with St. Ann's Home.
 May you prosper with Our Lady's Rosary Makers of Grand Rapids,
 Joseph Kaupa

Dear Tom,
 Greetings. Receive very sincere heartfelt grief for the soul of our beloved Lowell Vickery, Our Lady's Errand Boy. I offer prayers for his soul that Almighty God may grant him eternal rest and be in company of the Saints so that he can continue to pray for the special apostolate he started. May the Blessed Virgin Mary continue to intercede for him.

Convey my condolence message to all those who will view the body tomorrow. We Apostles of Jesus Philosophicum shall have two masses for the Repose of his soul, that God in His infinite goodness, mercy, welcome him into his eternal Kingdom. The two masses shall be on Monday and Thursday. Courage trust in God.

Yours faithfully
 Fr. Geoffrey

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 To the Family of Lowell Vickery,
 My most sincere sympathy to you all! Lowell was a special friend of my deceased husband! They and Brother Bohr, CSSR, had a prayer meeting I believe every week! Lowell was a wonderful, spiritual man. He loved the Lord so much and gave so much of himself in proclaiming Him. Now, I'm sure the Lord is proclaiming Lowell, our faithful servant that he was.

God Bless you all and know that I will keep Lowell in my prayers.
 Most Sincerely,
 Mary Dean

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 Dear Debbie,
 Praised be Jesus Christ now and forever amen.

I received your letter and it was a good opportunity to say thanks to dad for his friendship and especially for his devotion to Our Blessed Virgin Mary. Countless rosaries are being offered because of his devotion and dedication. May he and mom praise our good God and pray for us!

Sincerely in Christ,
 Father Don Lomasiewicz
 St. Isadores Church
 P.S. Let us pray for one another!

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 I just want you to know that it was a privilege to know and serve your father. He definitely is with God. He exhibited the gifts of the Spirit in his daily life. Please read 1 Corinthians 2:9 and know your father is happy. He loved the Lord! I will miss his warm smile and kind words. May God be with you and your entire family now and always.

Love
 Patty Sobczak

FINANCIAL REPORT-2012

BEGINNING 2012 BALANCE:	\$1,666.68
DONATIONS	\$9,377.23
PAID OUT IN SUPPLIES:	\$7,304.49
BALANCE 12/31/12:	\$3,739.42

Dear Tom,
 Greetings from PNG. Keep up the good work in helping others in their relationship with God. Thank you for sending us the rosary beads. Could you please continue to send us some if you have. Our Good God is always good to us. Lets continue to live only for him.

Cheers and by for now.

Maryanne

Dear Our Lady's Rosary Makers,
 Thank you so much for your donation of rosaries! They came in such a short time (a couple of weeks) and I'm so impressed that we received even metal rosaries this time! Also, the Divine Mercy cards in Portuguese were such a surprise, as I just briefly mentioned our sisters missions in Brazil! These will be greatly useful to us.

I would like to send a donation to help cover shipping costs at least, and in thanksgiving for the work that your volunteers do. Thank you for making it possible for us to bless so many people wherever we go! May the Lord reward you one-hundred fold!

You will be in our prayers!

Sincerely in Our Lord and Our Lady,

Sr. Christine Marie

Disciples of the Lord Jesus Christ

Ministry Department

Dearest Michael, and Our Lady's Rosary Makers,
 Praised be Jesus & Mary!

I would like to acknowledge your generous gift of tools for rosary making. Thank you so much and may God reward you for your response to my humble request. Rest assured that I'll be keeping you and your organization to my poor prayers.

Wishing you a Blessed Christmas and New Year in this season of Hope. Enclose herewith are some prayer cards of our Great Saints in Carmel St Teresa of Avila Wesna, St. John and St. Therese.

Your friend & sister in Carmel,

Sr. Marie Theresa

Of God's Merciful Love, OCD

Dear Tom, Gratitude is the language of the heart. I do not know how to express my gratitude and appreciation to all those who are involved in getting ready these strong and beautiful rosaries to be used by anyone at any part of the world, our God given land.

When I went through your Rosary News I am urged to pray even more for each of you who is engaged in this great mission. My Mission is in a rural area where we have scattered

Catholic families far and near. They are recent converts and I distributed your lovely rosaries after Sunday Mass in the Parish itself and they were on great demand. I got a hundred and fifty of them and it was tampered. This didn't disturb me rather I was consoled thinking that there are people who appreciate these Rosaries and want to pray and that's why they have taken them if they took at all. It came in just two weeks ago when I was busy here.

When X-Mas passed by, I had given up hope and there it comes during 2nd week of January. Our people are very, very, poor. Always wait on us to help them out. Tom, I tell you God will see that this Mission of yours be carried out in a wonderful way. We will pray for that OK?

By the way, my name is spelled wrong on the packet. All the same it reached me. Thank God! My name is Sr. Mary Sudha A.C. and NOT Sr. Serdha A.C. Thanks once again and a big GOD Bless.

With a grateful heart,

M. Sudha A.C.

Dear Tom, dear all Rosary Makers,

A big, big, heartfelt THANK YOU for the box of rosaries, holy pictures and other beautiful and precious religious articles. I have noticed that your box usually reaches us when a feast of Our Blessed other is approaching. I interpret it as Her way of saying that the beautiful rosaries are Her personal gift to us through your loving hands.

It was nice to read about Roy and Erma Armock and their fantastic contribution to your rosary apostolate. They are certainly making good use of their sunset years and I can just imagine with what tight loving hugs our Lady will welcome them up there. Our heartfelt thanks to them as well as to Teresa Madigan. It was a good idea of yours to introduce us, your mission partners, the wonderful, generous people "behind the scenes".

And all of you, dear Rosary Makers, we cannot thank you enough. The children, prisoners, students, poor village people are all grateful and happy to receive the rosaries. We keep you in our prayers. May Mary and Her loving Son bless you, each and everyone!!

Lovingly in Our Lady,

Sr. Mary Bernard OCD

Carmelite Monastery, Tamale Ghana, W. Africa

Dear Bro. Tom,

My letter of tanks is on the way, well my sister friend of our congregation, Sister Gudha A.C. is longing to have your beautiful rosaries, occasionally for her poor girls with whom she lives at Amali Illam. Please put her on your list. She'll be very, very, grateful. God Bless you dear Tom with good health, peace and joy! May our dear Mother Mary caress you and your dear workers!

Affectionately in Mary,

Sr. M. Anne Grace, Chennai

From The Mission Fields

Dear Thomas,
Greetings and best wishes to you from the above parish. I take this chance on behalf of the recipients of the rosaries, scapulars, medals, holy pictures and all that we have received from your group to sincerely thank you for all that you have been to us.

I can assure you that their had been a tremendous impact among our Christians who meet regularly to pray the rosary together in groups and in their small Christian communities and this devotion has spread to the nearby parishes of Sacred Heart, Chukudum and Our Lady of Holy Rosary Parish, Kapoeta in the Diocese of Torit, Sudan. Our Christians continue to pray for you and may the Lord continue blessing the good work you have started.

I now acknowledge the parcels sent in November 24, 2010, June 29, 2011 and January 6, 2012. And thanks.

Sincerely yours,

Fr. Alfred Loguiti A.J.
St. Joseph the Worker Parish Kimotong
Diocese of Torit Eastern Equatoria State Torit

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Dear Tom

Receive warm greetings from Nairobi, Kenya. Hoping that you are and all volunteers are fine. I am fine and we are proceeding well with the formation of the Seminarians. I am happy to let you know that we celebrated 7 masses for your intentions as I had mentioned earlier. We also prayed for you during our Eucharist adorations. To pray for you is my responsibility and I shall always arrange and celebrate masses for your intentions. I kindly wish to mention that, you should always feel free to mention that we join you to pray for an intention of your heart, family, friends. Wish you God's abundant blessings.

Yours sincerely,
Fr. Geoffrey Inira Tuzinde AJ
Kenya

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Dear Tom,

A group of religious people went to Haiti and took rosaries and scapulars as you can see they really enjoyed them. I forgot to send the letter with the box of rosaries and scapulars that David Vickery took to Grand Rapids.

God Bless,
Sharon LaRouche

(see page 8 with pictures & article)

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This is for Rosary Makers. Keep up the good work. I have belonged to the group when it began. I hope I can keep it up. Fr. Nowak CSSR started at St. Al's. Ed Duba, Mary Robach. Thank you Friends-Hi Michael! God Bless you. Thanks for the note.

Friend
Eileen Pickard

I used to come to Rockford when Lowell and his wife were in charge. I enjoyed making rosaries and scapulars for a number of years.

My husband Gordon passed away 2 months ago. (September 28, 2011). So I would like to make a donation in his memory. God Bless you for all the rosaries that go around the world. (Sometimes I like to think of where all of mine ended up).

Sincerely,
Barb Dykens

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Thank you for all the work you do to spread the gift of the Rosary. Our family is very devoted to the rosary as well. Please accept this small gift to help Our Lady's Rosary Makers, spread the love of Jesus.

If you can use these rosaries for parts, that would be great!
Merry Christmas!

The Olckoogett Family

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My dear Mr. Kneeshaw,

Thank you for the parcel of rosaries and medals which we appreciated. However, we were charged for them kshs 42401 which is very much. I also want to inform you that I will be returning to India, for good. In India, I will be transferred to our Convent in the North of India. If I need rosaries, I will keep on asking for them, but I must know to which place I am going to. There are many non-Catholics in the North of India. I will be there in January.

Please do not send rosaries to my address any more, because I am leaving the place. I am going on the 2nd of November.

Thank you very much for the rosaries and pictures, medals etc. you sent me. God bless you and all your workers and helpers.

Yours in Our Lord,
Sister Valerie A.C.

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Dear Tom and my dear friends

What a beautiful surprise to receive a set of rosaries and holy pictures from you as we begin the month of rosaries. This month is a great event in all of our churches; first ten days rosary in all our churches in front of the exposed Blessed Sacrament after the mass with all solemnity, then ten days of rosary in all the family units (each family unit consisting of 25 to 30 families) and the last ten days will be celebrated with rosaries on family level. The churches will be full with people with music, prayers and celebrations. Thank you for your gift. Our Archbishop George Cardinal Alencherry has gone to Rome to participate in the synod of bishops and will be back only by the end of this month. The church in India is gearing up for the celebration of the year of faith and lots of planning is being done to undertake this year very seriously to renew and rekindle the faith at all levels. It is a real blessing that Holy Father has declared this year as year of faith and I am sure that it will be a new Pentecost in our church.

From the Mission fields

Kindly communicate my love and regards to all your team members. Their hard work and sense of commitment is deeply appreciated and assure them that there many people praying for them from India. People would love to receive these rosaries and they use them constantly. People are deeply touched by your kindness and thank you from their hearts. I ask you to pray for me and our diocese so that we may have Holy priests to guide the people. Thanking you and with kind regards,

Sincerely yours,
 Bishop Sebastian Adayanthrath
 Auxiliary Bishop and Vicar General
 Archdiocese of Ernakulam-Angamaly
 Kerala, India

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 I Gloria Naduva, from the beautiful Island of Fiji has kindly & warmly thank you Mr. Kneeshaw for the Wonderful Rosary sent from America. I have received them two weeks ago. And am happy for the kind hands that have made the sweet rosary. I have given them to families in need of the rosaries and asked them to also offer up a prayer for the good work your community is doing in America. Seeing the rosary made gives us a bright idea how much our little hands could do in changing many life's . It's the wonderful hands, especially the fingers that contribute to make the colorful rosary for a person that is offering his/her needs to Mother Mary.

We in Fiji are so happy to know the colorful Rosary works America is doing. I'd also thank you for the little prayer cards sent with the rosary. I have read some Fatima Prayer out of the Cards its amazing and strong when it works. Thank you so much Mr. Kneeshaw for the blessing & great work you have being doing throughout the years. In Fiji we say **VINAKAVAKALEVU (Thank you very much)**

We will be keeping in touch in Prayers
 Vinaka Mr. Kneeshaw.

God Bless
 Gloria P Naduva
 (Fiji Islands)

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 Dear Tom and the Rosary Maker Friends,
 I thank you very sincerely and gratefully for the beautiful and love colorful rosaries and the nice holy pictures. I find no words to express my gratitude adequately for the most wonderful lovely rosaries. May the good God bless and reward you as He alone can, and we, the recipients of the rosaries will never fail to pray for all your intentions both spiritual and material. I am deeply touched with your great love and devotion to our Blessed Mother and certainly she will intercede on your behalf and her Divine Son will grant you good health and great sanctity continue your excellent work. Dear Brother Tom and The Rosary Makers, how many sacrifices and hard work you are doing to spread the devotion in honor of our Blessed Mother all over the world. A noble and

praise worthy work indeed I am sure our Lady will be very pleased with your hard work. I congratulate very sincerely and wish you every success.

Once again I thank you very sincerely and whole heartedly for all your kindness and generosity and I promise our humble prayers for the success of your excellent work. Kindly extend my sincere thanks to all the Rosary makers and co-workers who are engaged in this task. May God bless you and your dear family members and may our Blessed Mother keep you and protect you under her mantle. Much love and God bless,

Yours ever gratefully,
 Sr. M. Beatrice
 Bridgettine Convent

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 Dear Tom,
 Peace and Grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you. Receive warm greetings from Kenya Africa. What a joy to receive such a beautiful message of great, good news. I am extremely grateful for your great love, and good heart you have shown by accepting to sent for us rosaries and the small statues of Our Lady and any other statue you may wish to sent for us. We are going to celebrate Seven Masses (7) for your intentions as a community. May the Almighty God continue to bless the work of your hands, and grateful you good health of mind and body. Be assure of our continues prayers and gratitude. I shall let you know, we shall celebrate many other Masses for you, your friends and relatives. My Dear Tom, I shall always treasure in my heart and always ray for you. Always remember that God created someone special when He created you to help Him in His service to His people. May all the Merciful God continue to preserve you good heart.

Wishing you God's Blessings,
 yours faithfully,
 Fr. Geoffrey Inira Tuzinde AJ
 Kenya Africa

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 Dear Brother Tom,
 My letter of thanks is on the way with my sister friend of our congregation, Sister Sudha, A.C. is longing to have your beautiful rosaries occasionally for her poor girls with whom she lives at Imali Ilam. Please put her on your list. She'll be very, very grateful. God Bless you dear Tom with good health, peace and joy!

May our dear Mother Mary caress you and your dear workers!
 Affectionally in Mary,
 Sr. M. Anne Grace , Channai

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 Dear Tom,
 Greetings from warm and grateful hearts in Nairobi. With full joy in my heart for our generosity for sending to us precious gifts. I feel privileged to receive such great gifts from you and all the volunteers. May the Almighty God reward you and the work of your hands. De Tom, I must say that



Rosaries in Haiti

I would like to thank you so much for making rosaries for us to take to Haiti with us on our trip last March, 2012. The experiences we had when we gave them to people was such an incredible blessing. They were so thankful and joyful when they received them! We gave them away at Palm Sunday Mass in the center of one of the villages and also in the mountain villages. On one of the streets in a village we work in, one woman cried and hung on to my skirt, blessing me and thanking me. I gave her another one for her daughter.



Your gifts were more than just time and money spent on the rosary beads, but they were love and service for others that came from your hearts. Thank you again for this very special opportunity to share our faith with others.

Debbi Gischia
Hands for Haiti
*"In serving we are served, in loving we are loved.
Together, using our **Hands for Haiti.**"*



From the Mission fields

And all the volunteers for the special love and concern towards us. We are going to celebrate three masses for you from tomorrow. Thank you so much. We treasure you and you mean a lot to us than the way you know. I am going to distribute the rosaries on Thursday to our Seminarians. Convey our gratitude and word of thank you to all the volunteers, your fiends and all your relatives and friends. God bless and wishing you Good Health of mind and body.
Yours faithfully,
Fr. Inira Tuzinde AJ
Kenya, Africa

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Prayerful greetings from Gethsemane!

Dear Rosary Makers
Christmas is at our door. Let us rejoice and adore Jesus on His birthday. This is the first letter I'm writing during this season. I prefer your group as the best among our friends. Why? Your rosaries go to so many people who pray for you all and for us. Best and wonderful are your rosaries! May you get many good friends to join you in this Mission. Our parish priest Rev. Fr. Benny and the parishioners have great devotion to the Holy Rosary and they are spreading this devotion in many ways. Drivers of most of the vehicles hang the rosary in their vehicles.

We wish every one of you a very joyous Christmas! May each day of the New Year 2013 find each one of you more pleasing and nearer to Christ Jesus. We are expecting your big parcel at beginning of the New Year.

With love and gratitude,
Your loving sister in Christ Jesus,
Sr. Leena, C.S.S.
Gethsemane Samarpitha Satsangam
Kozhencherry, Pathanamthitta (Dist), Kerala

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Dear Tom,
What joy I felt a few days ago when your packet of rosaries reached me. I noticed the packet had been sent on September 21st which means the packet was in route for about 2 months. You may have thought it got lost in the mail. Thank you and our family of rosary makers for this precious gift. You could not know how much I and My people appreciate the rosaries. They are Always so colorful, strong and inviting to prayer. My seminarians appreciate the rosaries even more than I do because at the end of the school year all of them are sent away to help priests all over Nigeria, especially to work in the mission villages which the priests can visit only several times a year. That is because the home parish demands most the attention from the priest, and his mission churches may be as numerous as 10. Our Redemptorist students live in those villages for a period of several months to care for the people, teach catechism and bible classes (in Nigeria bible lessons are in demand). They conduct Sunday and weekday services for the people in the absence of their Sunday masses. They are loved and appreciated by the people. When it is time for them

to leave the people and return to the seminary many of the people in many of the villages are in tears.

Why did I say that my seminarians appreciate the rosaries even more than I do? It is because I divide all the rosaries among them before they leave for this apostolic work. With almost 50 your men each of them can receive only a few rosaries, but they are so happy to have them and to give them out to the people where they are assigned to work. The recitation of the rosary is one of their daily group prayers. They always tell me how happy the simple village people are with a rosary gift. They live so simply that I assure you, Tom, a rosary is looked upon as a treasure. Right now I am rich with rosaries But at the summer break all the rosaries will be gone.

It is not fair to all the rosary makers for me to select a few names from among them. But because these donors wrote their names down I wish to acknowledge their gifts. 100 rosaries were given by members of the L.I.F.E. Catholic Home School co-o at St. Isadore's parish. Many thanks to them. Mrs. Marlene Larson sent a packet of rosaries with her name attached. Many thanks also to her. Without their contributions I and my people appreciate your goodness to us. If my people do not pay you back sufficiently by their prayers, Our Blessed Mother and her Jesus are surely giving you a Fullness of blessings. Your letter mentioned that the Grand Rapids Rosary Makers were founded 55 years ago. WOW! That's a long time of faithful service. There were founded by Stanislaus Despres and Lowell Vickery. Stanislaus has gone to his reward but Lowell is still with us. He and Margaret I do know. When they were active they used to write to me In this letter I send them special greetings I have a picture of them posted in one of my handwritten spiritual books and it keeps me in memory of them. With Thanksgiving and Christmas coming soon upon us, I send special greetings to all my friends in the Grand Rapids area who are my rosary friends. We owe thanks beyond what we can imagine to God for all His blessings upon us and as for His Christmas gift of Himself given to us in the form of Jesus, we are left breathless for such kindness to us. May your Christmas be very merry and happy with God's blessings heaped upon you. And may His blessings continue throughout the new year of 2013.
Gratefully,
Rev. Richard W. Thiele C.S.S.R. and all my people

**We wish to recognize
our new scapular makers:**

**Pat Echelberger
Mary Jo Damveld**

Welcome!!!!

From the Mission fields

Below are a few pictures of second year seminarians from Apostles of Jesus Philosophicum, Nairobi, Kenya



Dear Friends of Our Lady's Rosary Makers, Christmas 2012 is very close and I hasten to send you my warm and loving wishes for a very happy and Christ-filled Christmas. May the divine babe of Bethlehem bless each one of you and your family members with His peace, joy and love.. Let me also wish you a happier, spirit filled peace filled new year 2013. May whatever you do and whatever happens to you and your dear ones during the year 2013 take each one of you close to Jesus. Many and to one another. Do remember me to Jesus when you wish Him on His birthday. I hope all of you are keeping well and doing well. We are going to have elections in the State of Gujrat in December and in the state of Karnataka after 2 months. In the convent, some of us are praying an extra rosary so that unwanted parties may not come up when you say the rosary. Please include this intention also. A sister was saying that she prays 12 rosaries daily. I also request you to pray 2 special intentions of mine. All of you are in my prayers so that the good work you are doing may be continued. May Jesus with Mary and Joseph, bless each one of you. With my renewed wishes and a fresh assurance of my prayers for you and yours.

Your grateful sister,
M. Annunciate
Maryknoll Convent
Magalone
Karnataka, India

Congratulations Rosary Makers!

- **Joseph Kaupa, our faithful rosary maker has made a total of 1,420 rosaries for 2012. Bless you Joseph!!!**
- **Dorothy Adinovicz has made over over 13,000 rosaries! A testament to Our Lady—she is legally blind also! Bless you Dorothy!**
- **Tessie Renne has made over 4,000 rosaries**
- **Ursula Lennon has made over 8,000 rosaries**

Your efforts will be rewarded abundantly one day in heaven by Our Lady!

From the Mission fields

My Dear Friends in Our Lady of the Rosary,
 On 28th September our postman brought to me to the convent, your box of rosaries and other religious articles. Thank you very much. May God and loving Father reward you in His own unique way. October being the month devoted to the devotion to the rosary, I am happy to distribute them if found feasible during this month itself. I will be sending to the renewal center 50 rosaries to be distributed among Hindus and Muslims one of the Fathers said that they are asking for rosaries. 20 rosaries will be sent to the Estate workers in Sri Lanka. Our sisters are working there. Another 20 will be sent to Kenya. Our sisters are working there. The rest will be distributed here and there. When our sisters go visiting the houses, they give them rosaries.

I appreciate more and more your loving, selfless, devoted services to spread the devotion to Mary Queen of the rosary. I am very well aware that you need money to buy the materials and to post the boxes. Besides you who are working, find time to make the rosaries. I will help you by my prayers and sacrifices. I had requested someone to send you a small donation. Hope you have received it I will try again to get some benefactor to send you some donation.

Besides the beautiful rosaries, there were many pictures, a statue of St. Christopher, a small dainty crucifix, few chains with medals. Thanks for everything. There was a statue of the Sacred Heart in a niche. But it was fully broken. We are in the month of October. October 15 is the feast of St. Teresa of Avila, October 7th is the feast of Our Lady of the rosary. Do remember us to Mother Mary and Jesus once in awhile. I pray that Mother Mary, Jesus and St. Joseph bless each one of you and your family embers all he days of your life.

A very happy feast for 7th of October.
 Sr. M. Annuciate, A.C. Maryhill Convent
 Kaenataka, India

Dear Tom Kneeshaw

Thank you very much for your beautiful Rosaries medal etc., it is really a wonderful gift for our mission during this year of faith. Rosary is a powerful weapon by that we can bring the whole world under the feet of the Lord. We already started to distribute to the people and they also are praying regularly. Please send more Rosaries during this year so that we can distribute to the hospitals, schools, rural and interior parishes and the faithful in many dioceses. Thanking sincerely and assuring you of our continued Prayers.

Yours in Christ,

Fr. Jesu Rajan

My very dear Kneeshaw,
 Many, many thanks for the packet of rosaries and holy articles that reached me safe on October 4, 2012. May the Good God and Blessed Mother Mary shower their choicest blessings on you dear Tom and your faithful rosary makers, now and always. May our dear Mother grant you all good to each of you and your family members. I share your religious articles to our parish priest who has more than 1,000 members in his parish. The people here are very devote to prayer though poor mostly and always carry the rosary with them, yours of course! They assure you and your hard workers their fervent prayers. Mother Mary our sweet Mother, bless you.

I close with renewed thanks.

Yours in Jesus and Mary,
 Sr Anne Grace

We wish to pay our deepest sympathy to the family of Justine Danevicz— a very special and dedicated rosary maker who passed away June 20, 2012.

Justine Danevicz

May you rest in peace in the arms of our Blessed Mother Mary and Jesus! Justine in her life on earth, made over 18,000 rosaries for Our Lady's Rosary Makers for the missions around the world.

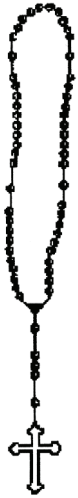


Please remember if a loved one has passed away and you would like to remember them in a special way, consider a donation in their memory to Our Lady's Rosary Makers.

All donations are tax deductible and we will include them in our next newsletter, remembering them as we pray our rosaries!

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Month of May



The month of May is traditionally dedicated to Mary in many cultures. May is considered the season of the beginning of new life. Already in Greek culture, May was dedicated to Artemis, the goddess of fecundity. In Roman culture, May was dedicated to Flora, the goddess of bloom, of blossoms. The Romans celebrated ludi florales (literally: floral games) at the end of April, asking the intercession of Flora for all that blooms. This is also related to the medieval practice of expelling winter. May 1 was considered the beginning of growth.

Since medieval times, we have had the combination between Mary and the month of May. Among the earliest witnesses are: Alphonso X, "el sabio," King of Castille, Spain (1221-1284) with his "Cantigas de Santa Maria" ("Ben venna Mayo"). Here and elsewhere, both Mary and the month of May are greeted, welcomed and celebrated on specific days in May.

Later, the whole month of May became the month of Mary. On each day of this month,

special devotions to Mary were organized. This custom originated in Italy (for example: Ferrara, 1784). It was spread widely during the nineteenth century, a century well-known for its monthly devotions (Heart of Jesus in June; Rosary in October).

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