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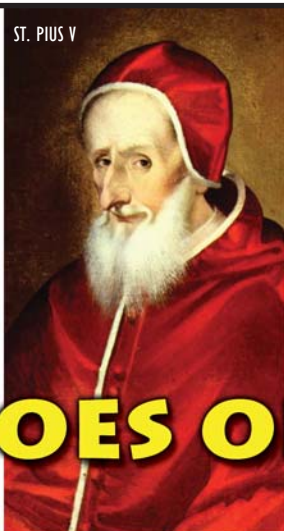
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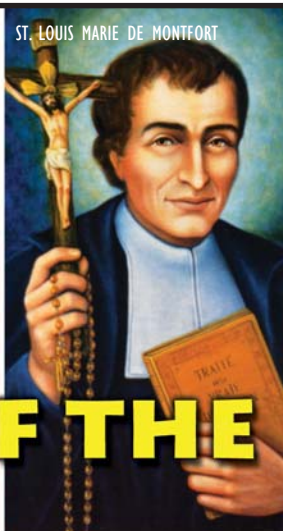
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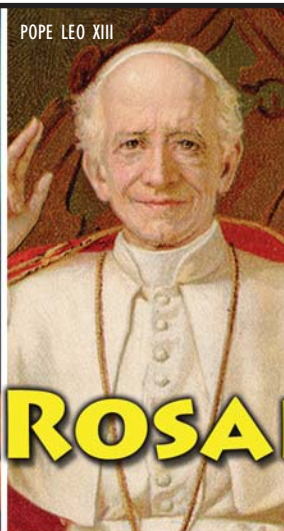
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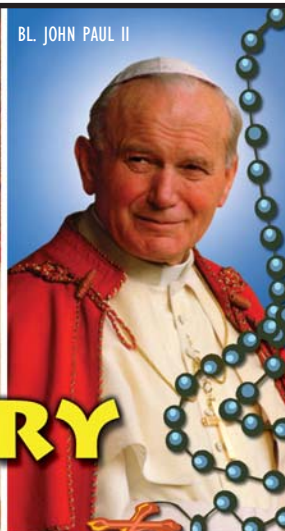
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POPE LEO XIII



BL. JOHN PAUL II

HEROES OF THE ROSARY

by Ian Culibao & Valerie Averia

Mary's champions. Unstoppable defenders of the Catholic Faith. They are men who laid down their weaknesses and culpabilities at Mary's feet, rising as Christ's soldiers, with the unquenchable thirst for conquering the world for the Lamb. Like Mary, they are gentle yet passionate in their crusade. They march unafraid to cast the Light into the darkness of souls, trusting in one undefeatable weapon – the most holy rosary.

ST. DOMINIC AND BLESSED ALAN: MYSTICS OF THE ROSARY (1170-1221; 1428-1475)

Mary gave St. Dominic Guzman and Blessed Alan de la Roche 15 promises for those who pray the rosary. She gave St. Dominic her Psalter^[1], composed of 150 Hail Mary's and 15 Our Father's so that he may win stubborn souls from heresies^[2]. He founded the Confraternity of the Holy Rosary and the Dominican Order, which is tasked with sharing the rosary to all. Two centuries later, Mary confided to Blessed Alan de la Roche that the merit of the rosary is next only to the celebration of the Holy Eucharist. He revived the rosary as a prayer of the people.

ST. LOUIS MARIE DE MONTFORT: APOSTLE OF THE ROSARY (1673-1716)

St. Louis was a great fan of Mary. As an Apostolic Missionary, he preached the

rosary and authentic Marian devotion everywhere he went. He wrote the *True Secret of the Rosary*, a book for children and adults teaching how the rosary can best be prayed. "It is not so much the length of a prayer, but the fervor with which it is said which pleases Almighty God and touches His Heart," he wrote. St. Louis' method of praying the rosary is used by most Catholics today.

ST. PIUS V, POPE LEO XIII, BL. JOHN PAUL II, POPES OF THE ROSARY (1504-1572; 1878-1903; 1920-2005)

St. Pius V strengthened the people's devotion to the rosary by establishing it as a formal devotion. He standardized the Joyful, Sorrowful and Glorious mysteries of the rosary we say today. He established the **Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary on October 7**, when Christians won the Battle of Lepanto after he organized massive rosary rallies. The current Holy Father, Pope Francis, a Marian devotee, prayed over St. Pius V's tomb on his first day as Pontiff.

Pope Leo XIII, the Rosary Pope, who wrote a record eleven encyclicals that encourage constant praying of the rosary, was another great propagator of the Rosary. He instituted the daily praying of the rosary for the whole of October.

Blessed soon Saint John Paul II called the rosary his favorite prayer. He

encouraged young people during World Youth Day celebrations to recite the rosary always, whether alone or in company. He believed that the rosary rekindles family relationships, strengthens faith, charity, hope and joy. In thanksgiving for the failed assassination attempt on his life in 1981, he visited the Shrine of Our Lady of the Rosary in Fatima the following year and offered for her crown the bullet removed from his chest. He added the Luminous Mysteries in 2002 to revive interest in the rosary by highlighting Jesus' public life before his passion and death, when he preached about God's Kingdom, performed miracles and established the Eucharist.

The Rosary comes from the Latin "rosarium", which means a "garland of roses." It is the chain that binds all humanity to Jesus Christ through the heart of Mary. Every bead is a *fiat*. An exaltation. A promise. A thanksgiving. The rosary tells the greatest love story of all: of God, who so loved the world that He gave His only Son to save us, and of the Woman who with her "yes" to Him set forth this story in motion, and changed the world forever.

[1] Mary's psalter is the original name for the rosary.
[2] Heresy – belief or opinion against the teachings of the Roman Catholic Church



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It is simply impossible to think about Mary, the Mother of God and our heavenly Mother, without singing her praises. We have written about her in the past Simbahay issues and will again dedicate this month's issue in her honor, as Our Lady of the Holy Rosary whose feast is on October 7.

Countless authors, saints and great men of our Church have written volumes on Mary. I have previously discussed what the great Blessed John Paul II wrote about Mary and the rosary in his Apostolic Letter, "*Rosarium Virginis Mariae*" (2002). Being a great admirer of our previous Holy Father, Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI, I will be using his reflection on Mary in this editorial.

There is a unanimous consensus in the Church and in the intellectual secular world that, at present, Benedict XVI possesses one of the greatest, if not the greatest, mind in the Church. Our eminent theologian, Fr. Catalino Arevalo, SJ, confessed in one of his conferences, that it would take him several readings just to be able to grasp an elementary understanding of his writings at any one point. And one would be surprised to know that most of his recently published books contain his notes and early writings as a brilliant theology professor and later, as a young bishop in the late 60's.

In one of the Pope Emeritus' writings, there is this intriguing statement, which he wrote about Mary, "**It has been my experience that Christology has its foundation in Mary. When you say something wrong about Mary, you are usually saying something wrong about Christ!**"^[3] (exclamation point mine) To

[3] From the class notes of then Bishop Karl Ratzinger (Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI), "*Six Reasons Why We Should Not Forget About Mary in a Time of Crisis*", while teaching in Theology Graduate School in Germany.

most, this may sound as nothing special, but to those who have studied theology, these are very powerful words that can only emanate from a powerful mind. Christology simply refers to that part of theology that studies the person, nature and role of Jesus Christ. Benedict XVI's insight is that the study and understanding of Christ has its roots (beginning) in our understanding of Mary! Such that, he continues, a wrong idea about Mary will lead to a wrong understanding of Jesus! At least three things can be deduced from this statement: 1) first, according to Benedict XVI, what Mary has done physically in the natural course of giving birth to Jesus is applied to the Church in the spiritual and theological sense, by giving (birth to) the correct understanding of Jesus, 2) second, to be able to understand Jesus correctly, we need the help of Mary. A clear and full understanding of the mother will help us unravel the mystery of the Son 3) third, Benedict XVI is implicitly affirming that indeed, Mary is the key to understanding Jesus; Mary is the best way to Jesus!

Church teaching has always emphasized and never wavered in stressing that Jesus is the only Savior; that salvation can only come from Jesus Christ, and from no other. In the same breath, the Church also teaches with equal fervor that Mary was given by God a unique role in the salvation brought about by Christ. That role emerges from the grace that Mary received in becoming the Mother of God. She brought forth Jesus in the world of creation, Mary will bring forth Jesus in the world of faith, for all of us. To Jesus, through Mary.

In this month of the Holy Rosary, let us allow Mary to bring us closer to Jesus. To those who haven't started, let us pray the holy rosary daily and to those who already pray it daily, let us pray it more fervently.

— Fr. Ting Miciano, SDB



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BAKIT AKO NAGROROSARYO?

Ni Balty Baltazar

Bumalik ako sa regular na pag-ro-rosaryo nung araw na inilibing ang aking nanay. Hindi ko naman inisip na isa itong milagro, nagkataon lang. Earth's Hour noong gabing 'yon, kaya patay lahat ng kumukunsumo ng kuryente: ilaw, tv, aircon. Ang aking laptop at ipad naman ay ginagamit ng aking mga anak. Lumabas na lang ako ng bahay.

Mahaba-haba din ang isang oras na walang ginagawa kungdi ang maghintay sa dilim. Naisipan kong mag-rosaryo; matagal ko na ring hindi nadarasal ito. Nag-enjoy naman ako, at naisipan kong araw-arawin na ito.

Dati na akong nagdarasal ng rosaryo: noong high school, college, noong nagkatrabaho, nagkapamilya. Pero hindi regular: isang buwang magdarasal, dalawang taong mahihinto. Hindi ko magawang maging *consistent*. Maraming sagabal: *assignments, exams, deadlines*, at dahil may pamilya na ako at mga anak na nag-aaral, balik muli ako sa *assignments, exams at deadlines*.

Ngayon, kahit papaano'y, naisisingit ko ang pag-ro-rosaryo sa aking araw. Wala nga lang regular na oras na ginagawa ko

ito. Minsan nagmimintis. Minsan nakakatulugan . . . madalas nakakatulugan.

Mahigit na ring isang taon mula nang inilibing ang aking ina. Samakatuwid, ito na ang pinakamahabang panahon na ako'y regular na nagdarasal ng rosaryo.

Bakit ko nga ba ginagawa ito? Dalawang "bagay" ang nakukuha ko sa pag-ro-rosaryo. Ang una'y naipagdarasal ko ang mga taong malalapit at gusto kong mapalapit sa aking buhay. Noong bata pa ako, madalas kong ipagdasal ang aking mga *crush*. Hindi man nila ako magustuhan, at least, sa loob-loob ko, may nagagawa ako para sa kanila. Ngayon, ang mga ipinagdarasal ko ay ang mga kaluluwa, mga kamag-anak, kaibigan, at kaaway o nais umaway sa akin. Wala man akong maitulong sa kanila, wala man akong maibigay sa kanila, kahit papaano'y may nagagawa pa rin akong mabuti para sa kanila. Ipinagdarasal ko sila pagkatapos ng unang Gloria, bago umpisahan ang unang dekada. Wari ko nga, sa sobrang dami ng aking ipinagdarasal, parang mas mahaba pa ang listahan ng pangalan nila kesa sa litanya ni Inang Maria.

Ang ikalawa'y nakakaiwas ako sa kasalanan, lalo na sa kasalanan laban sa



purity. Hindi naman ako *conscious* na umiiwas sa tukso. Ngayon ko lang naisip, para kasing mas kakaunti ang mga tukso na lumalapit sa akin kapag regular ang pagdarasal ko ng rosaryo. Hindi ko napapansin, binabantayan na pala ako ni Inang Maria.

Sinabi ni San Josemaria Escriva na sa bawa't pagdasal ng "Hail Mary" ay parang kang nagsasabi ng "I love you." Sana, tuloy-tuloy na ang pagdarasal ko ng rosaryo, hanggang sa dumating ang panahong harapan kong masasabi sa kanya, "Mahal ko kayo, Inang Maria".

A PILGRIM ON THE MOUNTAIN OF SALVATION

By M.R.M. Bautista

It was September 8, the Blessed Mother's birthday; I was, travelling back to Manila with my cousins from a pilgrimage to the Mountain of Salvation.

The Mountain of Salvation is in Batulao, Batangas, somewhere between the Salesian's Chapel on the Hill and the Dominican's Caleruega. Since 2004, it is where the Blessed Mother has been appearing to the visionary, Emma de Guzman, as Our Lady of Love, Peace, and Joy every September 8 and December 8, the feast of the Immaculate Conception.

I first heard of the Mountain of Salvation from my officemates, back in 2009; the same year, I joined them in the September vigil. It proved to be an arduous undertaking, compounded by stormy weather, at the time. However, it was also an extraordinary experience as I saw things which I could not explain. I had not gone back since then.

This year, I decided to join my cousins for the Blessed Mother's birthday vigil again. After all, I had so much to thank for in terms of her intercession and blessings.

The event was more organized now . . . with paved roads, more tricycles plying the route . . . even the weather was an

improvement. We arrived Saturday morning, early enough to get front row seats in the clearing where the Blessed Mother appears to Emma.

Between the rosaries and litanies, there were enlightening talks by Fr. Melvin Castro and Fr. Dennis Paez in preparation for the "Total Consecration to Jesus through Mary", a devotion began by St. Louis Marie de Montfort. In the afternoon, His Excellency Most Rev. Ramon Arguelles, Archbishop of Lipa, celebrated Mass with an engaging homily on the Blessed Mother's various apparitions.

Midnight came and went. The Blessed Mother did grace us with a visit and left a message on peace. The crisis in Syria must have triggered an avalanche of prayer requests for peace! In my personal interpretation of the message, the Blessed Mother must have mused why we are asking the heavens for peace when it is within mankind's reach. Peace for the world just cannot happen on its own; it is realized within each of us. We are the little atoms of peace.

Next day, there was a heavy downpour, yet many came for the Mass. Even if we were all soaked, a fiesta atmosphere pervaded the air, a real birthday celebration.



A few hours later, as we were approaching our realities, I was tired but thankful that I had done what I came to the Mountain of Salvation for . . . to honor and thank the Blessed Mother. As a bonus, I was taking home renewed spiritual aspirations. I may not have witnessed anything wondrous this time. But then, I don't need extraordinary displays to keep my faith. Remembering the last lines from a favorite poem by J.B. Tabb, "Is Faith – the fervid evidence of loveliness unseen?"

SUNDAY MASS REFLECTIONS

Simbahay features the Sunday Mass Readings' themes from Fr. Sal Putzu's "Exploring God's Word".

These themes are part of a systematic approach to study and have a good knowledge of the Biblical passages which will be used in the coming Sunday Masses and to relate these readings to our lives.

Listen to Fr. Salvatore Putzu, SDB (General Manager and Editor, Word and Life) at *Bisperas sa Veritas* 846 AM, 5pm Saturday.



28TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Indigenous Peoples' Sunday

13 October 2013 Readings

*2 Kgs 5:14-17 – Naaman manifests his gratitude for his miraculous healing.

*2 Tim 2:8-13 – The disciples of Christ must be prepared to share in the sufferings of the Master if they want to share in his triumph.

*Lk 17:11-19 – One of the ten lepers healed by Jesus comes back to thank him.

Theme: THE FAITH THAT LEADS TO GRATITUDE

There are many ways of categorizing people. One of them consists in dividing them into two groups: the grateful and the ungrateful. Gratitude is a beautiful virtue, and it is rooted in the more basic virtue of humility, for only those who are truly humble can be sincerely grateful. It is just fair and polite that we manifest our gratitude to those who have done us good, extended help or rendered a service. "Utang na loob" is supposed to be one of our main traits as a people. Definitely it should be an unmistakable feature of every Christian.

Unfortunately, many do not seem to see the need to say "thanks", or when they mumble this simple word, they do not really mean it. Many even forget or refuse to say "Thank You!" to God Himself, to whom they owe everything. These people live in

spiritual misery, no matter how huge their bank accounts may be. On the other hand, all those who feel and show gratitude both to God and to the people from whom they have received the least favor, are "spiritual millionaires," even when they cannot afford to own a spare T-shirt.



29TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

World Mission Sunday

20 October 2013 Readings

*Ex 17:8-13 – The power of prayer in the battle of Israel against the Amalekites

*2 Tim 3:14-4:2 – Importance of Sacred Scripture in the life of the Christian community

*Lk 18:1-8 – The power of persevering prayer

Theme: THE FAITH THAT LEADS TO PERSEVERANCE IN PRAYER

The prayer of petition is one of the most common among all human beings. This is the prayer more easily associated with the poor and those in need. To humbly ask for the favors and graces we need can be a beautiful way to profess our faith in God's generosity, as well as to practise charity when we pray for the needs of others.

Our Lord Jesus Christ took this into account and included a series of important petitions in the prayer he taught his disciples. He also taught them to present their requests to the Father with perseverance and trust in His love.

But this type of prayer is also open to many forms of abuse and exaggeration. It is our duty to align our petitions with the priorities of the Lord's Prayer. Concern for God's glory and the growth of His Kingdom must come first. We must, likewise, keep in mind the example of Jesus who subordinated his petition to the fulfillment of the Father's will.

Once these conditions are observed, our prayer becomes very powerful, for it makes us share in God's omnipotence.

30TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Prison Awareness Sunday

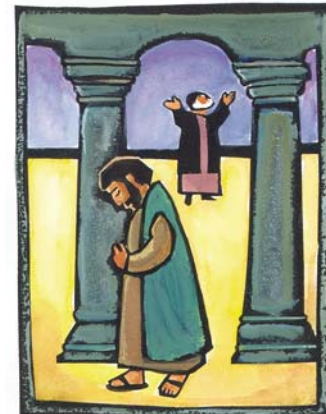
27 October 2013 Readings

*Sir 35:12-14.16-18 – The Lord answers the prayer of all those who have recourse to Him.

*2 Tim 4:6-8.16-18 – Spiritual testament of the apostle Paul, who sees himself abandoned by all, except the Lord

*Lk 18:9-14 – Parable of the Publican and the Pharisee

Theme: GOD HEARS THE PRAYER OF THE HUMBLE



We all know that prayer is a source of strength because it makes us share in God's power. It is not just our "direct line" to Him, but the pipeline that makes us share in His life. The power of prayer, of course, derives, first of all, from God's love for us. But it depends also on HOW we pray. The "way" we pray does not mean the beauty of the words we use, nor the number of times we repeat our invocations, nor the place where we worship, but rather the disposition of our heart when we pray. It is there that the effectiveness of our prayer, especially our prayer of petition, is decided.

God looks at the heart, and readily listens to those who are humble, that is: those who are aware of their total dependence on Him and acknowledge their unworthiness even to appear in His sight and talk to Him. Humility is the only wavelength to which God's heart is tuned in. It is the only highway through which we can receive the gift of His merciful love. Such is the wonderful truth underlined in today's First and Third Readings. And for sure, our experience confirms this.

31ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

3 November 2013 Readings

*Wis 11:22-12:2 – God is immensely patient with sinners.

*2 Thes 1:11-2:2 – Paul's prayer for the Thessalonians and warning against rumors about the "Parousia"

*Lk 19:1-10 – Zacchaeus welcomes Jesus in his house and changes his way of life.

Theme: THE WONDERFUL FRUITS OF GOD'S MERCIFUL LOVE

God loves what He has created. But of all His creatures, He has a preferential love for the human beings, and continues loving them even when they go astray. He even goes in search of them, especially when they are in danger of ending their lives in spiritual disaster.

This “search for the lost sheep” may take so many forms. Oftentimes, God enters a person's life in the most unexpected ways: accidents, curiosity, seemingly casual encounters Sometimes He enters our lives imperceptibly, gradually, and almost “in disguise.” Other times, He breaks through with conquering determination, almost in a devastating manner, causing the castles of our false certainties or plans to crumble



miserably, and leaving us barren and broken in front of Him That is the time we finally realize that only in Him can we find peace and fulfillment. Then we begin to “feel at home,” for we begin to understand that only in God can our heart find peace.

2 OCTOBER: ANGEL OF GOD, MY GUARDIAN DEAR

By Maris Katigbak-San Juan

On the day that we are born, God bestows on each one of us a priceless grace that would last all throughout our earthly lives. Great is His love for us that He gives us a precious gift, the gift of a guardian angel, whose feastday we celebrate every second day of October.

What is a guardian angel? A guardian angel is a spiritual being “assigned” by God to assist us during our lifetime. Angels accompany us in many ways – protecting us from harm, guiding us through the paths we take, fortifying us to resist temptation, keeping us away from dangers of body and soul, caring for our concerns and helping us in the little favors we ask. They watch over us even when we are asleep.

All of us have our own angel stories. Here is mine. My family and I were returning from a European trip. We were boarding from Rome, after having paid homage to Padre Pio in Foggia. Though we were using my fringe benefits as an airline staff, I was very confident that we would all be accommodated on the flight to Manila as it was during the off-peak season. True enough, checking in was no problem. We were given our boarding cards and were advised to wait for the final call. Then I heard my name being paged. When I got to the airline counter, the duty manager informed me that we might be “bumped off”^[4] from our flight since an airline bound for Manila developed engine trouble and all the passengers were to be transferred to the flight we were taking. The next available flight would be after three



days. For a moment I didn't know what to do: my children had to go back to school and I back to work, or my vacation leaves would be consumed. Then I thought of Padre Pio's message, “Send me your guardian angel”. I gathered the family and told them about our predicament. We prayed and sent our guardian angels to Padre Pio for help. It was the final call for boarding when once again I heard my name being paged. A purser met us, told us to hurry and escorted us straight to the aircraft.

OCTOBER 2013 CALENDAR

01 Tue	St. Therese of the Child Jesus
02 Wed	Feast of the Guardian Angels
04 Fri	First Friday / St. Francis of Assisi
06 Sun	27th Sunday in Ordinary Time
07 Mon	Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary
09 Wed	St. Denis / St. John Leonardi
13 Sun	28th Sunday in Ordinary Time/ Indigenou People's Sunday/ Extreme Poverty Day
14 Mon	St. Callistus
15 Tue	St. Teresa of Avila
16 Wed	St. Hedwig/ St. Margaret Mary Alacoque
17 Thu	St. Ignatius of Antioch
18 Fri	St. Luke, Evangelist
19 Sat	St. John de Breufeuf & Isaac Jogues, Martyrs
20 Sun	29th Sunday in Ordinary Time
23 Wed	St. John Capistrano
24 Thu	St. Anthony Claret
26 Sat	Parish Rosary Rally (Church 7:00 PM)
27 Sun	30th Sunday in Ordinary Time/ Prison Awareness Sunday/ 10AM Mass Bishop Leopoldo Tumalak/ Pondo nd Pinoy Sunday
28 Fri	St. Simon and Jude, Apostles
30 Wed	Bulilit Santo (Greenbelt & Parish)

Sick Visitation – Thursdays 9:00AM

Holy Hour – Thursdays 6:30PM

Medical & Dental – Sundays 2:00PM

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<http://sjbmakati.com/parish-events.html>

Padre Pio must have been well impressed with our host of guardian angels. We were not just boarded on the flight, but we were even upgraded to first class!

Pope (soon-to-be-saint) John XXIII wrote a meditation for the Feast of the Guardian Angels which reads in part, “. . . we must remember how admirable was the intention of Divine Providence in entrusting to the angels the mission of watching over all mankind, and over individual human beings, lest they should fall victims to the grave dangers which they encounter.”

We thank God for His precious gift of a guardian angel. We thank our guardian angel who is always at our side caring for and protecting us. When we care, protect and love others, we too become “guardian angels”.

[4] Bump-off situation – when airline employees using their flight benefits are not accommodated on full flights.

LEGIONARIES OF ST. JOHN BOSCO PARISH: SOLDIERS OF THE ROSARY

by Valerie Averia & Ian Culibao

There are other champions of the rosary who lie hidden in the mantle of Mary. They are ordinary men and women – though extraordinary in the ways of the Spirit. Among them are Edna Galvez, Randey Aguisanda and Ruben Brogada, Jr. of the Legion of Mary in St. John Bosco Parish; and the rosary is their chief weapon in the battle of souls for Christ. From its prayers they obtain faith, courage and strength.

But not only do these Marian “soldiers” passionately promote devotion to Our Lady and the Holy Rosary in their apostolate, they also make the sacramental^[5] by hand.

“I’m always at peace when I make the chain of beads,” says Randey, who learned how to make rosaries at the age of 12 through his grandmother, Tarcela Ypola and Salvacion Sin, the eldest sister of the late Archbishop Cardinal Jaime Sin, a great Marian devotee. Randey considers the rosary “a great gift from Our Blessed Mother.”

And it’s a gift to be given to others. Edna, who began making rosaries last December, gave it as a Christmas present to legionaries. “I wanted a gift that was personal and a labor of love,” she shares. Hoping a beautifully-made rosary would inspire frequent use, she strings together pearls and glass beads, along with the miraculous medal of Mary thinking, “*Sana masiyahan ang mapagbibigyan ng rosary na ito, at magamit niya araw-araw.*”



For Ruben, making the rosary brings both heavenly joy to him and Mary’s maternal aid to those in need. He made rosaries to raise funds so that his group could celebrate a memorable Christmas

with the lepers at the Tala Sanitarium in Manila. “*Naging masaya ang Pasko,*” Ruben says. “*Ito ay talagang tulong sa mga taong nakatatanggap nito.*”

As these humble hands diligently work, lessons are learned and virtues are cultivated in the hearts of the rosary makers.

“*Nagkaroon ako ng mas malakas at malalim na kalaaman sa pagdarasal ng rosario,*” says Ruben.

“I learned patience,” Edna relates, “You need to spare more time in making a rosary but it is worth it – *lalo na kung may mapapasaya kang tao.*”

“I never let a day pass without praying the rosary,” Randey explains. “I always remember what the late Cardinal Sin said to me, ‘*no one can live continually in sin and continue to say the rosary; either they will give up sin or they will give up the rosary.*’”

This October, let us meditate on Our Lady’s rosary. How wonderful to think that her children form this beautiful chain – whether saint, pope and ordinary people such as you and me. How reassuring it is to realize that each of us is an intention – a bead – in Mary’s own prayers. Each, a soul whom she blesses, protects, forms, loves and guides to heaven!

[5] *Sacramental* – action or object of ecclesiastical origin that serves to express or increase devotion

“HATE EVIL AND LOVE GOOD AND LET JUSTICE PREVAIL...” (AMOS 5:15)

Excerpts from the CBCP Pastoral Statement on the Pork Barrel (translated, in parts) by Cebu Archbishop Jose Palma, CBCP President



My dear brothers and sisters in Christ:

Since the news about the pork barrel controversy erupted in the media weeks ago, our brother bishops have come forward in various venues and varied means in order to guide you, our Catholic lay faithful, in responding to the situation with the eyes of faith and from the Christian moral perspective.

NASAKTAN ANG DIYOS

*Ang kontrobersiya ng pork barrel ay di dapat lamang suriin sa pananaw ng demokrasya at pagiging responsableng mamamayan. Ito ay hindi lamang isyu ng saligang-batas o usaping legal. Higit sa lahat, huwag nating kalilimutang, **nalalabag ang mga kautusan ng Diyos.** Hindi lamang ito ilegal na gawain ng mga mamamayang may masamang hangarin at*

walang prinsipyo o pagtataksil ng mga nahalal na opisyal. Ito ay kasalanan sa Diyos na nag-utos sa ating “Huwag kang magnanakaw” at “Huwag mong pagnasahan ang pag-aari ng iyong kapwa”. Ang pagsisinungaling ay kasalanan, “Huwag kang sumaksi nang mali laban sa iyong kapwa.”

Our protests should not just emanate from the bad feeling that we have been personally or communally transgressed, violated or duped. It should come rather from the realization that God has been offended and we have become less holy as a people because of this.

DAPAT TAYONG MAGBAYAD-SALA

Samakatuwid ang una nating tugon sa isyu ng pork barrel ay di dapat protesta kungdi pagsisisi. Hindi lamang tayo mga

13 OCTOBER 2013: THE POWER OF WORLD CONSECRATION

By Pablo S. Miguel

On 13 October 2013, the feast Our Lady of the Rosary of Fátima, Pope Francis will lead the Church in the Consecration of the entire world to the Immaculate Heart of Mary. Upon the Holy Father's request, the original statue of Our Lady of Fátima will be flown in from Portugal to the Vatican for this very special event.

This would be the third time that the world is being consecrated to the IHM, as requested by Our Lady of Fátima during her apparitions to three young shepherds in the small village of Fátima .

From 13 May to 13 October 1917, a beautiful lady appeared six times and revealed chilling visions, prophecies and warnings to the world through to the children, Francisco (9), Jacinta (7) and Lucia (10). She also made two requests for all the faithful: ♥ to pray the rosary everyday for peace in the world and ♥ to establish the devotion to her Immaculate Heart through:

- first Saturday devotions (confession, communion, praying and meditating on the mysteries of the rosary),
- offering one's sacrifices and trials for the salvation of souls and as reparation for offenses against the Lord,
- and **the Consecration to the Immaculate Heart of Mary.**

Just how important is the Consecration of the world to the IHM? Is this mere spiritual exercise, a grand Marian prayer

rally presided by the pope? With the dramatic upheavals in recent world events as proof, consecrations are extremely important and powerful, far-reaching in securing peace in our world.

On 13 July 1917, Our Lady specifically requested that Russia be consecrated to her Immaculate Heart to bring about peace, else, **"Russia will spread her errors throughout the world, causing wars and persecutions of the Church"**.

Pope Pius XII consecrated the world to the IHM in 1942 and Russia, ten years later.

Three years after he was almost assassinated, Pope John Paul II once again consecrated the world to the IHM on 25 March 1984. Soon after, a series of events began and eventually led to the collapse of Communism in Europe including: accidental explosions, which destroyed a nuclear reactor, missile factories and stockpiles, peaceful revolutions, which won independence for former Soviet States including Czechoslovakia and Poland, the "fall" of the Berlin wall and subsequent unification of East and West Germany. On Christmas day 1991, the powerful Union of Soviet Socialist Republics was dissolved.

In this Year of Faith, with violent religious persecution and anti-life legislation besieging Christians worldwide, it is indeed time for the Church to bring out the big guns from its arsenal: a renewed devotion to the holy rosary and worldwide consecration to the Immaculate Heart of Mary.



Reference: EWTN, Fátima Consecration: History and Related Events.

biktima ng isang bulok na sistema. Tayong lahat, sa iba't ibang paraan, ay nag-aambag sa lumalalang kanser ng lipunan – sa ating walang pakialam na pananahimik o sa ating pakikipag-sabwatan tuwing nabibiyayaan ng "matamis na bunga" ng pagnanakaw at katiwalian.

Pope Francis has asked all Catholics worldwide to offer prayers in atonement for our sins against world peace . . .

. . . tayo'y magbayad sa ating mga kasalanan laban sa kapayapaan ng ating bayan. Ang pagnanakaw ay wumawasak ng kapayapaan. Ang katiwalian sa gubyerno ay akto ng terorismo laban sa mahihirap at sa ating mga anak.

We strike our breasts and ask God to pardon us for our sins against peace. . . . The terrorism of graft and corruption in the Philippines offends God. We must atone for these sins to the extent that we are responsible.

ANG ATING DALANGIN

Sa gitna ng malalang krisis sa kasalukuyan, tayo'y nananatiling may pag-asa sapagka't bilang bayang nanampalataya sa ating puso, naniniwala tayong "saan mang dumami ang kasalanan, doon naman mas nanagana ang loob ng Diyos" (Rom 5:20).

This crisis will not frustrate the coming of God's Kingdom. He is working among us. Let us not allow this opportunity of graced renewal in our country to pass us by.

Magmalasakit! Maging mapanuri! "Maki-alam!"

We invoke the help of Mary, Our Lady of Philippines, to guide, protect and move us on.

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St. John Bosco Parish Makati will be celebrating this year the **35th Anniversary of the Consecration of the Parish church**. A **Benefit Concert** will be held in the Parish church on **November 29, 2013, Friday at 7:00 pm** featuring the country's premier orchestra, the *Philippine Philharmonic Orchestra*, together with *Rev. Fr. Romeo Agustin Miciano SDB, Andrew Fernando* (Baritone) and the members of the *Parish's Music Ministry*.

The proceeds of this Concert will be used to fund and support the following programs of the Parish:

- a) feeding the young children undergoing weekly catechism (new project);
- b) medical and dental supplies for the use of the weekly free parish clinic;
- c) the addition of stained glass panels above the glass doors to further enhance the beauty of the church (new project).

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