

Rosary Devotions Sunday In All Parishes To Begin Month of Honor to Our Lady

Confidence in Rosary to Heal Evils Which Afflict our Era

My dear People:

October is the month of the Holy Rosary. So concerned is Holy Mother Church about our devotion to the Mother of God in this special prayer, that she not only dedicates the month to the Queen of the Holy Rosary, but also permits the celebration of its feast today as well as on October 7. All the Masses today are in her honor.

Pope Pius XII, whose papacy was marked by so many honors to the Mother of God, wrote:

"We know, too well, the Rosary's powerful efficacy to obtain the maternal aid of the Mother of God. . . . What prayers are better adapted or more beautiful for this purpose than the Lord's prayer and the Angel's salutation to Mary which are the flowers with which this mystical crown is formed?"

"And truly, from the frequent meditation on the mysteries, the soul little by little and imperceptibly draws and absorbs the virtues they contain, and is wondrously enkindled with a longing for things immortal, and becomes strongly and easily impelled to follow the path which Christ Himself and His Mother have followed. The recitation of identical formulas, repeated so many times, rather than rendering the prayer sterile and boring, has, on the contrary, the admirable quality of infusing confidence in him who prays, and brings to bear a gentle compulsion on the motherly heart of Mary."

"We do not hesitate to affirm again publicly that we put great confidence in the holy Rosary for the healing of evils which afflict our times. Not with force, not with arms, not with human power, but with divine help obtained through the means of this prayer, strong like David with his sling, the Church undaunted shall be able to confront the infernal enemy, repeating to him the words of the young shepherd: 'Thou comest to me with a sword, and a spear, and with a shield; but I come to thee in the name of the Lord of Hosts!'"

The words of Pius XII, our Lady's Pope, are vibrant today years after they were written by him.

This Sunday evening in every church we shall have the recitation of the Holy Rosary of our Lady, and the Sacramental Benediction of her Divine Son. May I ask that you join in this act of love to a devoted Mother as offered in your parish church.

Every evening in the year at seven o'clock, the Rosary is recited over the airwaves. Our Lady listens with rapt attention. I know how much she would like to hear your voice, from time to time, "Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners, now, and at the hour of our death. Amen."

With my blessing, I am

Your devoted Father in Christ,

James E. Kearney

Bishop of Rochester

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Bishops from U.S. Shape Council

The United States bishops are more and more shaping the decisions of the Vatican Council.

Silent and cautious during the 1962 and 1963 sessions, the American prelates are now voicing their views in clear-cut terms at the Council this year, currently in its third week of daily meetings.

The word in Rome says Pope Paul is delighted with the tempo and the trend of the Council — understandably so because it all fits in with his own views.

The bishops voted in favor of obtaining married men to be deacons to ease critical shortages of priests in many areas of the world and pushed toward exonerating Jews once and for all for the crucifixion of Christ.

This week at the Council could be titled the "Murray Week" — the statement on religious liberty under discussion was written in large measure by Jesuit Father John Courtney Murray, *Ignatius American*

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Radio to Link Diocese

October, Month of Rosary

Bishop Kearney will launch a month long devotion to our Lady of the Rosary tonight and Sunday.

He will lead in recitation of the Family Rosary for Peace radio program broadcast by Rochester's station, WSAJ and Auburn's WMOB-FM tonight, Thursday, at 7 p.m.

He will offer a solemn Mass and preach at Holy Rosary Church, Rochester, Sunday at 12:15 noon. The Mass and sermon will be broadcast by radio station, WSAJ.

The Bishop will also preside at a Rosary and Benediction ceremony at Sacred Heart Cathedral Sunday evening at 7:30 p.m.

All parish churches, at the Bishop's direction, will also schedule Sunday evening Rosary devotions. Parish bulletins should be consulted for precise times of the rites.

The Bishop also authorized priests of the Rochester Diocese to use the text of the October

7th feast of the Holy Rosary for All Masses this Sunday.

Dominequin Father James H. Loughery of the Nazareth College faculty will conduct the Family Rosary for Peace radio program Sunday evening.

OCTOBER is traditionally observed in Catholic churches as a month dedicated to Our Lady of the Rosary.

Recommended by countless popes and sanctified by the piety of millions of Catholics through the centuries since the Blessed Virgin gave the Rosary to twelfth century St. Dominic, the devotion has been recognized as a bond of faith linking Catholics of different ages, cultural backgrounds and temperaments.

Pope John, in his last public audience before his death in 1963, appealed for increased recitation of the Rosary.

"I know it is often very hard

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to pray the Rosary devoutly," he told a throng of more than 10,000 pilgrims in St. Peter's at the Vatican, "but you ought to set aside a little time for it each day. I have no objection to your missing it if you have urgent work, or some danger which is threatening you, or an important family matter you cannot put off. But it is mostly laziness which makes us neglect the Rosary."

"Later in old age, when we have learned its importance, we recite it more willingly, because it comforts us and gives us strength and hope. But even when we are young we ought to love it too."

The Pope of the "aggiornamento" — the up-dating of the Catholic Church — obviously considered the Rosary as part of his program to win the prayers of our Lady to renew the Church of her divine Son.

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Clothing Drive In November

Washington (NC) — The 11th annual Thanksgiving Clothing Collection sponsored by the U.S. Catholic Bishops in behalf of the needy overseas will be conducted in the more than 17,000 Catholic parishes throughout the nation during November.

In a letter to the bishops of the country, Archbishop Patrick A. O'Boyle of Washington, chairman of the administrative board, National Catholic Welfare Conference, formally launched the appeal.

The consistently generous response of American Catholics to the annual Thanksgiving Clothing Collection has made it possible to bring help and hope, without regard to race, religion or color, to millions of needy people in 85 countries of Europe, Africa, Asia and Latin America, the archbishop stressed.

Last year, 15,028,422 pounds of clothing, shoes, blankets, bed linen and other materials, having an estimated value of \$22 million, were donated.

Sunday, they say, is a day of rest. It is also a day of blessing.

There was, however, little rest for Bishop Kearney this past Sunday.

But it was definitely a day for him to give his blessings — to two new schools and to hundreds of people.

HE BLESSED the new parish center for religious instruction and meetings at St. Bridget's parish, East Bloomfield, and then the new parochial school and hall at St. Francis Xavier parish, Rochester.

After the ceremonies at both new structures, the Bishop described the need for stepped-up religious instruction programs for youngsters.

"If children are never taught it's a sin to steal or a sin to lie or a sin to hurt people, then we shouldn't be much surprised if they go out and do these things."

"Scripture says, 'The beginning of wisdom is the fear of the Lord,'" quoted the Bishop, "and it is in their formative years that this salutary fear must be instilled."

He also explained in his talk at East Bloomfield that their parish center will strengthen the "family spirit" of parishioners

'City' Planned For Retired

Belleisle, Ill. — (NC) — Father Edwin Guild, O.M.I., director, announced that construction of a \$5 million apartment community for retired men and women will be built on the National Shrine of Our Lady of the Snows grounds near here.

The community will have a five-story central building hub of a network of cottage-type residences connected by enclosed passageways. It will accommodate 250 residents, aged 62 and older, who will be provided with health and life insurance, a nursing program and complete dining, cultural and recreational facilities, Father Guild said.

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ers and their neighbors in the community. He said forthcoming changes in the Church's rituals, especially at Mass, will emphasize praying together. He cited Father Patrick Peyton's Rosary Crusade motto, "The family that prays together stays together."

"This is also true of your parish family," Bishop Kearney said.

"The spiritual bonds you forge at the altar in your church can be acted out here in this hall as you meet to discuss and solve your parish and community problems."

At St. Francis Xavier school, Bishop Kearney told parishioners their patron saint, famed sixteenth century missionary to the Far East who won distinction for his ability to master the wisdom of that area and to converse with the most brilliant scholars there, also put great stress on the importance of teaching the faith to children.

"Your new school is a fitting tribute in this century to your patron saint who lived so long and so far away," said the Bishop.



A Bishop's blessing and then pulling a crucifix in a place of honor highlighted dedication of a new catechetical center at St. Bridget's parish, East Bloomfield, two photos at left, and then at new St. Francis Xavier school, Rochester, two photos at right. Father James Moynihan, Bishop Kearney's secretary, assisted in the rites as did Father Ignatius Cameron and Father Joseph Beattini, pastors of the two parishes.