



EUCCHARISTIC REVIVAL ~ MARY'S WAY

"Gathering tinder in response to God's invitation for renewal, calling on the Holy Spirit to bring the flame."
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According to the US Bishops, "Our world is hurting. We all need healing, yet many Catholics are separated from the very source of our strength – the Holy Eucharist."

The Mission of the National Eucharistic Revival is "To renew the Church by enkindling a living relationship with the Lord Jesus Christ in the Holy Eucharist."

Pope St. John Paul II, asserted that "the Rosary offers to us the 'secret' which leads easily to a profound and inward knowledge of Christ. We might call it Mary's way." Apostolic Letter *Rosarium Virginis Mariae, (RVM) 24*

Most non-practicing but self-described Catholics, influenced by our modern culture do not believe that, in the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass, the bread and wine actually become and remain the Body and Blood of Jesus. Saint Dominic faced a similar challenge to belief in Christ as the Incarnate Son of God and in his Sacraments. When all of his efforts to preach these truths failed, he turned in prayer to the Blessed Mother. She appeared to him saying:

Wonder not that you have obtained so little fruit by your labors, you have spent them on barren soil, not yet watered with the dew of Divine grace. When God willed to renew the face of the earth, He began by sending down on it the



fertilizing rain of the Angelic Salutation, 'Hail full of grace'. Therefore, preach my Psalter composed of 150 Angelic Salutations and 15 Our Fathers, and you will obtain an abundant harvest." See, *The Power of One Hail Mary* on page 3

Our Mother gave to St. Dominic the secret of renewal: the Angelic Psalter, the Most Holy Rosary. This ultimate prayer of supplication couples the Angelic Salutation with the prayer that Jesus himself taught to us, the Our Father. As he declared to his disciples, "No one comes to me unless the Father draws him." Jn 6:44.

Then the Blessed Mother inspired St. Dominic to 'preach the life of Christ' by adding to Mary's Psalter meditations on the Joyous, Sorrowful and Glorious events of His life. Pope St. John Paul II explains their power: "Mary constantly sets before the faithful the 'mysteries' of her Son, with the desire that the contemplation of those mysteries will release all their saving power." RVM 11

From the moment of the Archangel's greeting, 'Hail full of grace', Mary lived with her eyes fixed on her Divine Son. The memories of Jesus, impressed upon her heart, were always with her, leading her to ponder, day by day, the events of his life as they unfolded before her. Our Holy Father declared, "In a way, those memories were to be the 'rosary' which she recited uninterruptedly

May 17, 2024 – July 16, 2024
In one of the largest Eucharistic pilgrimages in history, our nation will process with our Eucharistic Lord over 6,500 miles—through cities, along highways, and past rural towns—on his way to the 10th National Eucharistic Congress where 80,000 Catholics will gather for the first time in 83 years in Indianapolis, IN from July 17 to 21, 2024



throughout her earthly life.” RVM 11

As we pray the Rosary and recite each mystery, we unite ourselves with the memories and the contemplative gaze of Mary. By sitting peacefully with our Blessed Mother, we can ‘see’ the unfathomable riches of the mysteries of our Lord’s life as through her eyes. Cf. RVM 12

No one has ever devoted himself to the contemplation of the face of Christ as faithfully as Mary. The eyes of her heart already turned to him at the Annunciation, when she conceived him by the power of the Holy Spirit. In the months that followed she began to sense his presence and to picture his features. When at last she gave birth to him in Bethlehem, her eyes were able to gaze tenderly on the face of her Son, as she “wrapped him in swaddling cloths, and laid him in a manger.” Lk2:7 Cf. RVM 10

As we pray the Rosary and move from mystery to mystery, if we remember with his Mother each event of Christ’s life, the gaze of our hearts will be conformed to hers. Beginning with her gaze of adoration and wonder at the Annunciation, our gaze



can become her questioning gaze at the finding in the Temple. Then, perhaps, we can match her penetrating gaze at the Wedding Feast at Cana, when she reads her Son’s heart as she says to the servants, “Do whatever he tells you.” At the foot of the Cross, if our gaze

becomes her gaze of stricken grief, then on Easter morning it will become her gaze radiant with the joy of the Resurrection. Finally, pondering the day of Pentecost, our gaze may become her gaze set afire by the outpouring of the Holy Spirit. Acts 1:14 Cf. RVM 10

As we pray the Rosary, power is released when our contemplation of the mysteries becomes a ‘remembering’ as the Eucharist is a remembering.

Remembrance in the biblical sense, *zakar* is a ‘making present’ of the works brought about by God in the history of salvation. The whole of the Bible is an account of these saving events culminating in Mystery of Christ himself. Events held in memory belong not only to “yesterday” they are also part of the “today” of salvation. RVM 13

The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass is a memorial. After saying, “this is my Body, this is my Blood,” at the Last Supper, Jesus said “Do this in memory

of me.” The remembrance Jesus spoke of is not simply a “calling to mind” of a past event or the commemoration “in memory” of a person who has gone before us. This “remembrance” or “memorial” is “a living re-presentation before God, of the saving deeds he has accomplished in Christ, so that their fullness and power may be effective here and now.” The Roman Missal © 2010: Introduction to the Order of the Mass, 121

Mary’s contemplation was above all a remembering, a *zakar*, a making present. When we contemplate the mysteries of the Rosary with our Blessed Mother, we unite ourselves with her remembering. Because what God accomplished centuries ago did not only affect the direct witnesses of those events; it continues to affect people in every age with its gift of grace. Pope St. John Paul asserted, that to ‘remember’ the events of Salvation History in a spirit of faith and love is to be open to the grace which Christ won for us by the mysteries of his life, death and resurrection. Cf. RVM 13

St. Thomas Aquinas taught that contemplation is a type of knowledge that begins and ends in love; it is more experiential and intuitive than theoretical and discursive. Cf. *Summa Theologiae, IIa IIae, q. 188* He describes it as a ‘loving gaze’ and St. John of the Cross speaks of it as the loving awareness of God. Jordan Aumann, O.P. Since according to Saint Thomas, “You cannot love what you do not know,” we can depend on our Blessed Mother’s loving gaze to lead us into a deeper knowledge of her Son one mystery at a time.

During this last year of preparation for the 2024 Eucharistic Congress, let us pray the Rosary together expecting our Father to draw many to Jesus, knowing that every Hail Mary will ‘fertilize’ hearts with the softening dew of Divine grace, and trusting that our contemplation of the holy mysteries will release their saving power.

Thus through our united prayer, we can trust that ‘a living relationship with the Lord Jesus Christ in the Holy Eucharist, will be enkindled’ in every Catholic heart:

Mary’s way!



Have you ever prayed a quick Hail Mary, when someone asked for prayer, thinking, “Wow, I have just moved Heaven and Earth? Probably not. But perhaps these two stories will make you think again. The first was told by Joe Petrovich to Father Freedy, senior parochial vicar at Divine Mercy parish in Pittsburgh. One Saturday morning Joe was running for exercise. On his route, he passed a house with both front and garage doors open and an ambulance in the driveway.



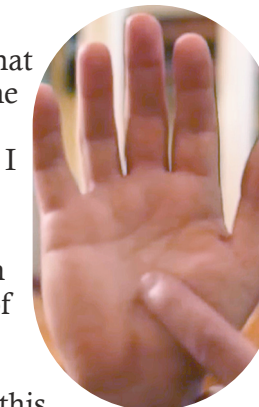
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Joe told Father, “Growing up, every time you heard any type of siren you made the Sign of the Cross and said a prayer for those in need and protection for those involved. That was second nature to me. This time one thing was different. I felt compelled to say a particular prayer, the Hail Mary.”

Joe wanted to stop and help, but since he has no first-aid training, he decided to keep running. As he began running again he prayed: “God, if that ambulance is still parked in that driveway when I run back, I will stop and see if I can help.” On his way back, he reported, “The ambulance was not there, the house was dark, the both garage and the front doors were shut.”

The following week, he went running in the same neighborhood. As he approached the house where he had seen the ambulance, a lady standing at the edge of the driveway started waving her hand as she called out, “Stop. Please stop.” When he reached her, she said, “Thank you for stopping, sir. I need to talk to you. I have to thank you because you saved my life.” Puzzled, Joe asked, “How did I save your life?”

She replied, “Let me tell you what happened to me last week. Alone at home, I suddenly started feeling strange and blacked out. I knew that I was dying.



But before finding myself in a hospital bed and about to regain consciousness, “I had a vision of Jesus who said, ‘It’s okay. Everything is going to be fine. You’re going to be fine because this person prayed for you.’”

“On the palm of his hand was your face - on Jesus’ hand!” she told Joe. “On seeing you today I had to

say, ‘Thank you for saving my life.’” “And how do you react to something like that?” Joe mused, “I was speechless. I didn’t know what to say, except, ‘Thank you.’”

The second story is told by one of our Nuns. Sister’s mother, who always had a rosary in her hand, was nearing death in a Nursing Home so Sister obtained permission to visit her. Mom was discouraged and distracted. So, remembering a story her mother loved to tell, Sister asked, “Mom did you see the Blessed Mother?”



“Yes, she answered. I was a young mother with four small children, on my way into emergency surgery. I was afraid that I would die, so, I prayed to the Blessed Mother, ‘Holy Mother help me at the hour of my death. I don’t want to leave my babies.’ Our Blessed Mother appeared to me and said, ‘Do not worry, everything will be all right.’” The Sister asked, “Mom, what color was her hair?” Mom said, “I could not see because of her veil.” “What color were her eyes? Sister asked. Mom paused, seemingly returning to that moment, and answered, “I don’t know. All I saw was love.”

Our Blessed Mother explained to St. Mechtilde that each “Hail Mary full of grace”, echoes the Archangel’s salutation to her on the day of the Annunciation when she was made Mother of the Son of God. Our Mother continued, “no prayer you could possibly compose would give me the joy and delight of the Hail Mary. When people say, ‘The Lord is with thee’, they renew the indescribable joy that was mine when the Eternal Word became incarnate in my womb.



St. Louis de Montfort, The Secret of the Rosary Cf. 44-45.

Dare we say, then, that even one devoutly prayed Hail Mary has the power to move Heaven and Earth?

Yes, because, each time we say ‘the Lord is with Thee’, all our Blessed Mother sees is Love!

MONASTERY HAPPENINGS



Our Lady with Jesus from the Mt. Thabor Monastery 'listened' to your prayers while Our Lady of Grace, from our Shrine, was getting a new look, *see page 6*. Our Lady the Queen is still listening from within the Cloister, outside our Infirmary. You can see her from the road as she keeps guard over the intersection of Middlebelt and 13 Mile Roads.



This beautiful Crucifix, sculpted by Suzanne Young, is one of a number of her pieces that blessed the grounds of the Ortonville Monastery. Now, from our breezeway, we can see Jesus beacon us to come and pray.



Recently we bid goodbye to our dear friend, Sr. Teresa of the Missionaries of Charity who visited with us for a few months. She is pictured below in our parlor with her mother and members of our Community. We have known Sister since she was discerning her vocation in high school. Her love and joy are always evident and we will miss her greatly. Our prayers will be with her wherever the Lord leads her.



Newly ordained, Fr. Brendan Baran, O.P., a Dominican Friar of the Province of St. Joseph, stopped in with his mother before leaving Michigan to return to Washington D.C. Father celebrated Mass for us. After Mass, he bestowed on us a 'first blessing.' It is a tradition of the Dominican Nuns to reverence the anointed hands of a new Priest. They are now the hands of Christ - to feed, to bless and to heal his people.



We have two dwarf peach trees, the harvest of the first tree filled a bushel basket. Not bad for a 'little' tree, considering that our apricot tree, five times its size, produced only 14 apricots.



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Thank you for your prayers during our July 21 -22 Discernment Retreat. Please keep these four women in prayer as they continue to seek the Lord and his will for their lives.



A RESTORED BLESSED MOTHER RETURNS TO HER SHRINE
O Mary, conceived without sin, pray for us who have recourse to thee.



Home! Our Lady has returned to the Shrine after a much-needed makeover. Thank you, Alexander of Ave Maria Landscape and Statuary for your loving care and attention. She looks wonderful!



Some of our sisters took a rare 'field trip' outside of the enclosure to welcome our Mother home. Each one took a moment to ask her for one of her special blessings.

2023 ROSARY TRIDUUM - OCTOBER 6 & 8
 Preacher: Father Albert Duggan, OP



Father Albert Duggan, OP will be our Triduum preacher. An Eastern Province Dominican Friar, Father is a native of Trenton, MI. He graduated from Brown University in 2003 with an A.B. in Biomedical Ethics. He entered the Dominican Order in 2007, received his M.Div./S.T.B from the Pontifical Faculty of the Immaculate Conception at the Dominican House of Studies in Washington, D.C.

Being ordained to the priesthood in 2013, Father was appointed the Catholic Chaplain at Brown & Rhode Island School of Design in 2015 after serving as a chaplain at the Johns Hopkins Hospital in Baltimore, Maryland. Currently he is the Prior of St. Vincent Ferrer Priory in New York city. We are looking forward to having Father Albert with us for these three nights.

Intentions: _____

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NINETEENTH ANNUAL SWEEPSTAKES

It's Sweepstakes time again at the Monastery of the Blessed Sacrament! The proceeds of this annual event help us to maintain our Monastery and the grounds. They provide us with peace of mind in the event that unexpected needs arise. And most importantly they allows us to continue our life of intercessory prayer and praise before Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament.

So, once again we turn to you, our faithful friends, to support our 2023 Sweepstakes effort. Enclosed in this issue of *Echoes* you will find nine tickets, which we believe the Lord will use, with your help, to make this years Sweepstakes a great success.

As in the past, the grand prize will be \$1,000.00. There will be one second prize of \$500.00 and five \$100.00 prizes for the third place winners.

On Thanksgiving Day
 the drawing will take place after our 7:15 AM Mass

You need not make a donation to be eligible to win.



Please, REMEMBER to write, *on every ticket*, the *name, address* and *phone number* of the person entering the Sweepstakes. You can't be a winner if your information is not on the ticket drawn!

“We thank our God every time we remember you.” Philippians 1:3

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ROSARY TRIDUUM ~ FRIDAY, OCTOBER 6TH THRU SUNDAY, OCTOBER 8TH

Please join us as we honor Our Lady of the Most Holy Rosary with three days of prayer and petition.

Friday & Saturday - October 6 & 7 starting at 7:00 PM:

*PRAY THE ROSARY,
RECITE THE TRIDUUM PRAYER
CELEBRATE HOLY MASS*

Followed by Compline, the Night Prayer of the Church,

Sunday - October 8 at 10:30 AM:

*PRAY THE ROSARY,
RECITE THE TRIDUUM PRAYER
CELEBRATE HOLY MASS*

Followed by the distribution of Blessed Rose-Petals

There will be no 7:15 AM Mass on any of these three days.

*On Friday and Saturday: The Chapel will be open from 8:00 AM-2:30 PM.
Our doors will reopen at 6:30 PM for the 7:00 PM the Rosary Triduum*

*Sunday the Chapel will open at 9:00 AM and
close at 2:30 PM*

**Father of holiness, for the journey
of your pilgrim Church on earth,
you have provided the
Virgin Mary as a sign and beacon.
Through her intercession, hear our
petitions, sustain our faith and
enliven our hope, that no
obstacle may divert us from the road
which brings us salvation. Grant this
through Christ Our Lord. Amen.**



** Please unite with us by
praying the rosary at home
if you are unable to
join us in our Chapel .*