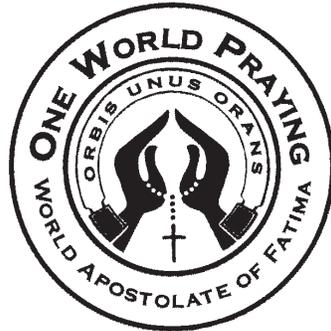


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*"I invoke upon you ... all Erie Diocesan Blue Army members ... joy and peace ... and my Apostolic Blessing."* Pope John Paul II

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## THE POWER OF THE "HAIL MARY" PRAYER

Catholics through the centuries have prayed the Hail Mary either as a single prayer, or as part of the Rosary prayer. The Hail Mary is, by far, one of the most beautiful and familiar Catholic prayers of our Universal Church. There are many Christians who do not realize that the Hail Mary is very much rooted in Scripture. The "Hail Mary" is actually a three part prayer. The first two parts come from the recorded words of Sacred Scripture in the Gospel of Luke 1:19-42.



Hail Mary full of Grace,  
the Lord is with you.  
Blessed are you among women  
and blessed is the fruit  
of your womb Jesus.  
Holy Mary Mother of God,  
pray for us sinners now  
and at the hour of our death.  
Amen.

more graces from God than a thousand Hail Mary's thoughtlessly said.

With the Hail Mary, it's not how many you say (quantity) as much as how well you say each one (quality). Above all, while our Blessed Mother loves quantity, she also prefers quality first and foremost. Remember the famous saying: "It's not what you say but how you say it." How you say the Hail Mary makes all the difference in the world to the Blessed Mother.

St. Jerome tells us that "the truths contained in the Hail Mary are so sublime, so wonderful, that no man or Angel could fully understand them."

St. Thomas Aquinas, the Prince of Theologians, "the wisest of Saints and holiest of wise men," as Pope Leo XIII called him, preached for 40 days in Rome on the Hail Mary, filling his listeners with great joy.

Father F. Suarez, a holy and very learned Jesuit, declared while he was dying that he would willingly give all the many learned books he had written, all his life's work for the merit of one Hail Mary said prayerfully and devoutly.

St. Mechtilde, who had great devotion and love to and for our Blessed Mother was one day striving to compose a beautiful prayer in her honor. Our Blessed Lady appeared to her with the golden letters on her breast that said: "Hail Mary full of grace." Mary said to her: "Desist, dear daughter, from your labor for no prayer you could possibly compose would give me the joy and delight than the Hail Mary.

These stories show us how much devotion to our Blessed Mother was valued, and the power attributed to a Hail Mary devoutly prayed. Now just imagine this. Multiplying that one Hail Mary by one hundred and fifty. It's like placing 150 roses, the rose being a sign of life and love, before the woman who conceived and gave birth to God in this world. A woman who was hailed by God and an Angel. A woman who was called blessed by her cousin Elizabeth. A woman who recognized the blessedness of "the fruit of her womb" (the unborn child). A woman who was conceived perfectly and conceived a child perfectly too. A woman who prays for us sinners. A woman who intercedes for us both now while we are living on earth and at the hour of our death, so our soul may be safely delivered to God's Heavenly Kingdom. That's the power of just one Hail Mary, often times multiplied one hundred and fifty times in a day's time.

In part one of the "Hail Mary" we repeat the words of the Angel Gabriel first spoken to Mary at the Annunciation... "Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee..." (Luke 1:19). "Hail Mary" is the title we give the prayer. It is a greeting, a salutation, a salute to Mary made by God through an Angel Messenger, Gabriel.

If that's not enough in demonstrating the power of saying the Hail Mary, we also repeat the words of Mary's cousin, Elizabeth, at the Visitation (Luke 1:42). Those words are power packed with multiple meanings as well. That is part two of the Hail Mary Prayer. It is the part where two pregnant women, who happen to be two relatives, with two unborn children, who are meeting for the very first time to celebrate their "miraculous conceptions" and their "motherhood", remind those reflecting on the moment and the whole world, that all Human Life is a precious gift from God worth celebrating, most especially under what would have been considered to be impossible odds and impossible circumstances. Elizabeth gives testimony to the "Blessedness" of Mary as the Blessed Mother and also the "Blessedness" of the fruit of her womb, the unborn life within her, namely, the unborn, newly conceived Jesus.

Part three of the Hail Mary Prayer was added on by the Catholic Church during the Middle Ages by 1538 with various forms appearing during the 1300's a.d. (14<sup>th</sup> century). "Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners, now and at the hour of our death. Amen!" By those words we are reminded as we've always known that Mary is Holy and Mary is the Mother of God. These two faith statements were well known since the time of the early Church Fathers during the first 300 years of Christianity.

We are blessed whenever we say even just one "Hail Mary". But some say it so quickly, without ever even giving a single thought or reflection to the great significance of the very words they are saying. One Hail Mary well said gives our Blessed Mother reason to rejoice. One Hail Mary well said is like gold mine that can never be exhausted. It gives us

**FATHER JERRY S. PRISCARO,**

*Spiritual Director / World Apostolate of Fatima / Diocese of Erie*

# HOME ENTHRONEMENT PROGRAM

*Welcome the Hearts of Jesus and Mary into your Home today ...*



May you feel the loving, gentle tug in your heart to have your Home Enthroned today. Jesus stands at the door and knocks, it is up to you to invite our dear Lord and Blessed Mother in. You can do this in a very real way by getting your Home Enthroned to the Sacred Heart of Jesus with Consecration to Mary. With the spiritual and worldly attacks on the natural and spiritual family the Home Enthronement is essential to withstand the blows. Jesus takes over as being King, Lord and Intimate Friend of your family and Mary Queen of Heaven, Angels and of your home and family. The Sacred Hearts will be with you during every joyous occasion in the family, a baby, new job, grace and love in the family and friendships. The Sacred Hearts will also be there in times of sorrow and struggles, with illnesses, disappointments, and fears Jesus will hold your hand, lift you up, and provide you with all that is needed for that very moment. The Blessed Mother will wrap Her loving Mantle around your most precious family. As both Jesus and Mary become active Members in your home and family and you lay your trust in Them for all things, just wait to see the miracles and graces about to occur for each member of your family! Your home will become a domestic church a loving and praying family. You grow deeper in faith and loving trust as They guide and lead every decision that must be made. More importantly they become a vital member and real part of your family dynamics you cannot separate from yourselves. Your home becomes a true domestic church which contains three vital components: the sacramental marriage, the blessed home, and the consecrated family. *"Through the Enthronement ceremony, the Sacred Heart of Jesus, pulsing with the life of God and nurturing each family member with a superabundance of graces, becomes the spiritual heart of the Catholic home."* - Bishop Schneider.

Pope Pius XII, in his many addresses to newlyweds, was fond of recommending the Enthronement ceremony as one of the first acts to be undertaken in the Catholic home, ensuring that each new family was under the protective graces of Our Lord's Sacred Heart:

"Therefore, dear newlyweds, the image of the Sacred Heart of Jesus – the Heart that so loved mankind – must be installed and adored in your homes as would the image of a closest and most beloved relative. This

image will pour forth the fullness of His blessing upon you and your children. Installed means that this image should not be made to watch over your rest in a quiet room, but must rather reside in a true place of honor, such as above the entrance to the dining room or in some other place where there is much going in and out. As Our Lord says, 'Everyone, therefore, that shall confess Me before men, I will also confess him before My Father who is in heaven.' Adored means that, from time to time, a loving hand should place a few flowers, light a candle, or keep a lamp burning before the costly statue or simple image of the Most Sacred Heart as a continual sign of faith and love. Further, it means that the family should gather around this image every evening to adore it together and to pray for a renewal of its blessing. In a word, the house wherein the Most Sacred Heart is properly adored is that in which it is recognized by all as the King of Love."

When is the best time to conduct this ceremony in your home? Now! Ideally it is a beautiful way to begin a new marriage, but anytime is perfect. The Enthronement is for all families, and those whom wish to walk intimately with The Sacred Heart of Jesus and Immaculate Heart of Mary.

**Please call to schedule your Enthronement today by contacting Kristin Stravinsky, Home Enthronement Chairperson @ 903-495-2020. A priest will then be reached to conduct the ceremony in your home.**



We would like to congratulate the following family on having their Home Enthroned

Mrs. Diane Niebauer on the feast day of the Sacred Heart of Jesus. A special thank you to Father Jerry Priscaro for conducting the ceremony.

## PRAYER GROUPS YOU MIGHT LIKE TO JOIN:

- **Adult Fatima Apostolate Rosary** on Monday evening from 6 to 7 at Sacred Heart Church in St. Marys.
- **First Saturday Fatima Children's prayer group** at Mrs. Bonnie Housler's home from 10 until 11 am, call 814-834-3214; this is a new cell for the children.
- **A "Rosary walk for Souls"** in St. Marys prays the Rosary together on Wednesday evening at 7 pm at the cemetery for the poor souls. This Rosary was postponed in October for the winter but has resumed.
- **Rosary said at 8 am Sunday mornings** at Sts. Cyril and Methodius Byzantine Catholic Church in Girard, Pa.
- **Rosary for the children** at the Walsh residence at 5916 Carriage Hill Dr., Erie every 3rd Thursday at 7 pm for 45 minutes.
- **Rosary at St. George parish** every 1st Saturday at the 8 o'clock Mass with confession, Communion and fifteen minutes for private meditation; all being offered in reparation for the five blasphemies committed against the Immaculate of Mary.
- **St. Gregory parish prays the Rosary and Chaplet of Divine Mercy** M T W - F, Thursday is in Church or at Mercyhurst Chapel. Rosary after 1st Saturday Mass honoring the Immaculate Heart of Mary.
- **Punxsutawney Rosary cell** meets every Tuesday evening at 6 pm, cell leader Mary McSteen.
- **Rosary at Our Lady of Peace** every 1st Saturday after the 8 am Mass and every day Monday thru Friday at 11:40 before the 12:10 Mass.
- **Rosary cell at St. Michael Church** in Fryburg at 7 pm, 2nd Tuesday of the month.

## NATIONAL PILGRIM VIRGIN STATUE VISITS PARMA, OHIO BYZANTINE RITE CATHOLIC DIOCESE

The NPVS will tour the Parma, Ohio Diocese from **September 25th through October 20th**; it will be in **Hermitage, Ohio (just over the border from Sharon, PA) on October 15th at St. Michael Byzantine Catholic Church**. For more information and the schedule, please contact Mrs. Dr. Katie Moran at 330-647-3833 or email [kmoran@bluearmy.com](mailto:kmoran@bluearmy.com).



### "Fatima Prayer Cell Program" and "Lucia Speaks" flip book.

Contains Luminous Mysteries also; much nicer than the old small booklet. These can be purchased for \$5 ea. plus shipping by calling the Gift Shop, OR our Division can order them at a 20% discount, OR we can get a 40% discount if we order 50 or more. We can pick them up at the Shrine September 19th and I will have them here at the office.

**You must call 814-790-2046 before then if interested!**

**"But in the end  
My Immaculate Heart will Triumph"**

There is a book written in four volumes by a nun, Venerable Sister Mary of Agreda called *The Mystical City of God*. She wrote it twice, once beginning in 1625 and destroyed it at the request of a confessor "in the absence of her regular confessor" – she burned everything .

"By divine favor" she began writing everything again on Dec. 8th, 1655 which is the feast of the Immaculate Conception. She said, "I saw a great and mysterious sign in heaven; I saw a Woman, a most beautiful Lady and Queen, crowned with the stars, clothed with the sun, and the moon was at her feet (Apoc. 12, 1). The holy angels spoke to me: 'This is that blessed Woman, whom Saint John saw in the Apocalypse, and in whom are enclosed, deposited and sealed up the wonderful mysteries of the Redemption. So much has the most high and powerful God favored this Creature, that we, his angelic spirits, are full of astonishment. Contemplate and admire her prerogatives, record them in writing, because that is the purpose for which, according to the measure suitable to thy circumstances, they will be made manifest to thee.'

Forty years after the City of God was written it was submitted to the Universities in Europe and at least sixteen religious orders to review. "As a sample of what these witnesses said concerning the wonderful 'Ciudad de Dios', we here select the official approbation of the University of Louvain, one of the great Universities of Europe. After pointing out that God's power of giving private revelations to whom He chooses, must not be circumscribed, and after referring to some general rules in regard to private revelations, the document proceeds to say: 'This History explains more than a thousand difficulties in holy Scripture, in a manner equally natural and wonderful... 'In addition thereto to instructions given by the most holy Virgin at the end of each chapter contain the purest morality, instruct, entertain, and at the same time sweetly inculcate the love of virtue and abhorrence of vice, painting them in the most vivid and natural colours.

Chapter X "The Victory of Christ over hell" describes the crucifixion and death of Christ. "Lucifer and his demons, as soon as they saw the Lord taking the Cross upon His sacred shoulders, wished to fly and cast themselves into hell; for at that moment they began to feel with greater force the operations of His divine power...."

"In the sixth word of the Lord: 'It is consummated!' Lucifer and his hordes were informed that the mystery of the Incarnation and Redemption was now accomplished and entirely perfected according to the decree of divine wisdom..."

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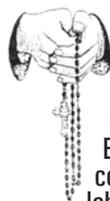
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✠ **John P. "Scotty" Campbell**, faithful member of Our Lady's Blue Army was 83 when he passed away on Thursday, May 23, 2019. John was the Father of **Father James** and **Father Joseph Campbell**, priests from the Erie Diocese and he led the Rosary many, many years at our annual Rosary March in Erie. Our condolences to his wife, **Delores**, and family. Eternal rest, eternal memory.

Pray for **Mrs. Agnes Priscaro**, mother of **Father Jerry Priscaro**, **Mrs. Anne Scherer**, past Home Enthronement co-ordinator and **Mrs. Mary Terrill**, mother of our Home Enthronement Director, **Kristin Stravinsky**.

**PRAY THE ROSARY DAILY, WEAR THE BROWN SCAPULAR, OFFER YOUR DAILY DUTIES**

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**FATIMA'S 102<sup>ND</sup> YEAR ANNIVERSARY**

**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 13, 2019 - 2:00 PM**

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**THE ROSARY MARCH THIS YEAR FALLS ON THE DAY AND MONTH OF  
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is taking place.*