

After a brief period of not meeting, we returned to our regular schedule tonight. Tonight's main topic was regarding the Rosary. Specifically, the handout grid that lists the mysteries of the rosaries and a column to write "How do I relate to the mystery".

Michael facilitated the group tonight and started discussing how the rosary came into his life. He told us about the experience he had with his mom when he was around a young boy but wasn't until later in life that he started to pray the rosary on a routine basis. As he says the rosary, he prays for different intentions, like people and general intentions. We all joined in the discussion indicating how we came to pray the rosary and how we do pray it.

There were various ways that each one of us prays the rosary. Some like to do it in a quiet place, sitting or meditating each decade. Others pray it like doing activities like walking or outside work.

There was also a discussion on when do you pray the rosary. Again, there were different ways that each one does, some have a routine of saying it in the morning or evening, some spread it out during the day, some do it at various times during the day.

The concensus was you need to pray the rosary that fits your lifestyle, devotion and routine.

Les mentioned the 15 Promises of the Virgin Mary to those who pray the Rosary. These 15 promises are:

15 Promises of The Blessed Mother for those who pray the Rosary:

1. Those who faithfully serve me by the recitation of the Rosary shall receive signal graces.
2. I promise my special protection and the greatest graces to all those who shall recite the Rosary.
3. The Rosary shall be a powerful armor against hell. It will destroy vice, decrease sin, and defeat heresies.
4. The recitation of the Rosary will cause virtue and good works to flourish. It will obtain for souls the abundant mercy of God. It will withdraw the hearts of men from the love of the world and its vanities, and will lift them to the desire of eternal things. Oh, that souls would sanctify themselves by this means.
5. The soul which recommends itself to me by the recitation of the Rosary shall not perish.
6. Those who recite my Rosary devoutly, applying themselves to the consideration of its sacred mysteries, shall never be conquered by misfortune. In his justice, God will not chastise them; nor shall they perish by an unprovided death, i.e., be unprepared for heaven. Sinners shall convert. The just shall persevere in grace and become worthy of eternal life.
7. Those who have a true devotion to the Rosary shall not die without the sacraments of the Church.
8. Those who faithfully recite the Rosary shall have, during their life and at their death, the light of God and the plenitude of his graces. At the moment of death, they shall participate in the merits of the saints in paradise.
9. I shall deliver from purgatory those who have been devoted to the Rosary.
10. The faithful children of the Rosary shall merit a high degree of glory in heaven.
11. By the recitation of the Rosary you shall obtain all that you ask of me.
12. Those who propagate the holy Rosary shall be aided by me in their necessities.
13. I have obtained from my Divine Son that all the advocates of the Rosary shall have for intercessors the entire celestial court during their life and at the hour of their death.

14. All who recite the Rosary are my beloved children and the brothers and sisters of my only Son, Jesus Christ.

15. Devotion for my Rosary is a great sign of predestination. (Given to St. Dominic and Bl. Alan de la Roche

After all this discussion, we never got into the rosary grid, but we will follow up on the at our next gathering.

The next meeting will be Tuesday, April 21st at 5:30 p.m.

Eastertime Blessings

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