



Ta' Pinu Shrine

Our Lady, Queen of the Family

A CALL TO PRAYER



"Blessed Rosary of Mary, sweet chain linking us to God"

Excerpt from the Apostolic Letter "ROSARIUM VIRGINIS MARIAE" declared during the twenty- fifth year of Pope John Paul II's Pontificate.

...**The Holy Rosary** is an echo of the prayer of Mary, her perennial "*Magnificat*" for the work of the redemptive Incarnation which began in her virginal womb. With the Rosary, the Christian people sits at the school of Mary and is led to contemplate the beauty on the face of Christ and to experience the depths of his love. Through the Rosary the faithful receive abundant grace, as though from the very hands of the Mother of the Redeemer.

The Church has always attributed particular efficacy to this prayer, entrusting to the Rosary, to its choral recitation and to its constant practice, the most difficult problems. At times when Christianity itself seemed under threat, its deliverance was attributed to the power of this prayer, and Our Lady of the Rosary was acclaimed as the one whose intercession brought salvation.

In October 2002, at the Shrine built for the Virgin Mary by Blessed Bartolo Longo, the apostle of the Rosary. St John Paul II started his address on the Most Holy Rosary, with the following exclamation:

"How many graces have I received in these years from the Blessed Virgin through the Holy Rosary "MAGNIFICAT ANIMA MEA DOMINUM!" I wish to lift up my thanks to the Lord in the words of his Most Holy Mother, under whose protection I have placed my Petrine ministry: Totus Tutus!"

*"Today I willingly entrust to the power of this prayer **The cause of peace in the world and The cause of the family**"*

The Rosary is by its nature a prayer for peace, since it consists in the contemplation of Christ, the Prince of Peace, the one who is "our peace" (Eph 2:14). Anyone who assimilates the mystery of Christ – and this is clearly the goal of the Rosary – learns the secret of peace and makes it his life's project. Moreover, by virtue of its meditative character, with the tranquil succession of Hail Marys, the Rosary has a peaceful effect on those who pray it, disposing them to receive and experience in their innermost depths, and to spread around them, that true peace which is the special gift of the Risen Lord (cf. Jn 14:27; 20:21).

The Rosary is also a prayer for peace because of the fruits of charity which it produces. When prayed well in a truly meditative way, the Rosary leads to an encounter with Christ in his mysteries and so cannot fail to draw attention to the face of Christ in others, especially in the most afflicted. In a word, by focusing our eyes on Christ, the Rosary also makes us peacemakers in the

world. **The Rosary allows us to hope** that, even today, the difficult "battle" for peace can be won. Far from offering an escape from the problems of the world, the Rosary obliges us to see them with responsible and generous eyes, and obtains for us the strength to face them with the certainty of God's help and the firm intention of bearing witness in every situation to "love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony" (Col 3:14).

The family: PARENTS...As a prayer for peace, the Rosary is also, and always has been, a prayer of and for the family. At one time this prayer was particularly dear to Christian families, and it certainly brought them closer together. *The family that prays together stays together.* The Holy Rosary, by age-old tradition, has shown itself particularly effective as a prayer which brings the family together. Individual family members, in turning their eyes towards Jesus, also regain the ability to look one another in the eye, to communicate, to show solidarity, to forgive one another and to see their covenant of love renewed in the Spirit of God. The family that recites the

Rosary together reproduces something of the atmosphere of the household of Nazareth: its members place Jesus at the centre, they share his joys and sorrows, they place their needs and their plans in his hands, they draw from him the hope and the strength to go on. ... **AND CHILDREN** : It is also beautiful and fruitful to entrust to this prayer the growth and development of children. Parents are finding it ever more difficult to follow the lives of their children as they grow to maturity. In a society of advanced technology, of mass communications and globalization, everything has become hurried, and the cultural distance between generations is growing ever greater. To pray the Rosary for children, and even more, with children, training them from their earliest years to experience this daily "pause for prayer" with the family, is admittedly not the solution to every problem, but it is a spiritual aid which should not be underestimated.

St John-Paul II concluded with *"May this appeal of mine not go unheard!"* making his own the touching words with which Blessed Bartolo Longo, the apostle of the Rosary concluded his well-known Supplication to the Queen of the Holy Rosary:

"O Blessed Rosary of Mary, sweet chain which unites us to God, bond of love which unites us to the angels, tower of salvation against the assaults of Hell, safe port in our universal shipwreck, we will never abandon you.

You will be our comfort in the hour of death: yours our final kiss as life ebbs away.

And the last word from our lips will be your sweet name,

O Queen of the Rosary of Pompeii, O dearest Mother, O Refuge of Sinners, and O Sovereign Consoler of the Afflicted.

May you be everywhere blessed, today and always, on earth and in heaven".



'Queen of the Holy Rosary



Mary, Queen of Peace
Queen of All Nations

From the Catechism of the Catholic Church

COMMUNION IN SPIRITUAL GOODS

In the primitive community of Jerusalem, the disciples "devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of the bread and the prayers."

Communion in the faith. the faith of the faithful is the faith of the Church, received from the apostles. Faith is a treasure of life which is enriched by being shared.

Communion of the sacraments. "The fruit of all the sacraments belongs to all the faithful. All the sacraments are sacred links uniting them with one another and binding them to Jesus Christ, and above all Baptism, the gate by which we enter into the Church. the communion of saints must be understood as the communion of the sacraments.... the name 'communion' can be applied to all of them, for they unite us to God.... But this name is better suited to the Eucharist, because it is primarily the Eucharist that brings this communion about."

Communion of charisms. Within the communion of the Church, the Holy Spirit "distributes special graces among the faithful of every rank" for the building up of the Church.

Now, "to each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good." "They had everything in common." "Everything the true Christian has is to be regarded as a good possessed in common with everyone else.

All Christians should be ready and eager to come to the help of the needy . . . and of their neighbours in want."

A Christian is a steward of the Lord's goods.

Communion in charity. In the *sanctorum communio*, "None of us lives to himself, and none of us dies to himself." "If one member suffers, all suffer together; if one member is honoured, all rejoice together. Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it." "Charity does not insist on its own way."

In this solidarity with all men, living or dead, which is founded on the communion of saints, the least of our acts done in charity redounds to the profit of all. Every sin harms this communion.

Quote: Charm is deceitful and beauty is vain but a woman who fears the Lord is to be praised. Give her the fruits of her hands and let her works praise her in the gates (Prov 31: 30-31)



Gospel Reflection :



"Rabbuni, Master, let me see again".

Jesus said to the blind, "Go, your faith has saved you". (Mk.10:50).

Once Jesus was asked by some Pharisees, "Is it against the law for a man to divorce his wife?" Jesus answered, "From the beginning of creation, God made them male and female. This way a man must leave his father and mother and the two become one body.....So then, what God had united, man must not divide".

In various places the Holy Bible testifies that matrimony was instituted by God himself, for the benefit of man, to have company, and for the creation of new life. God ordered Adam and Eve, "Increase and multiply, and fill the earth!"

For this reason, God instilled in men and women a deep and beautiful attraction to each other so that they might cooperate with him in reproducing their very selves. For that same reason, He attached certain pleasure to the marriage act to compensate those who take the huge responsibility to raise a family. And God, over and over again, made it clear that this unique joy is restricted to those who are united in marriage.

A good marriage brings lots of blessing. We read in the book of Ecclesiasticus, *"Happy the husband of a good wife: for the number of his years is double. A loyal woman rejoiceth her husband, and shall complete the years of his life in peace. A good wife is a great blessing; she will be granted among the blessings of the man who fears the Lord. Whether rich or poor, his heart is glad and at all times his face is cheerful"* (Eccl.26:1-3)

It is man's duty to understand and keep in mind, that everything connected with the human body is good and holy, because God made it so. This was clearly affirmed by that woman who before a big crowd paid a big tribute to Jesus' mother ,Mary. *"Blessed is the womb that has bore you and the breasts you suck"*.

However, instantly Jesus, while not denying what the woman had expressed, he said, *"Blessed rather are those who bear the word of God and keep it"*. Do people, nowadays, bear the word of God regarding the human body, and marriage, and its duties and keep it? **...contd on PAGE 3**

Date	Liturgical Celebrations for October 2015	The Holy Father's Prayer Intentions for October 2015
Sat 3 rd October 2015	First Saturday of the Month Devotion at 2.00p.m Rosary procession, Confession, Holy Mass and Benediction Mass will be celebrated by Mons. Carmelo Refalo (Archpriest of Xaghra, Gozo) and Concelebrants will be Mons. Benedict Camilleri, Fr. Emmanuel Bonello and Fr. Simon Cachia (from Victoria, Gozo)	<p>"Let us pray that, setting aside our very selves, we may learn to be neighbours to those who find themselves on the margins of human life and society" was the prayer intention, Pope Francis entrusted to the world in August. The Pope commends to our prayers and actions, for this month of October, many of the challenges facing humanity, and the mission of the Church today</p> <p>Universal: That human trafficking, the modern form of slavery, may be eradicated.</p> <p>Evangelization: That with a missionary spirit the Christian communities of Asia may announce the Gospel to those who are still awaiting it.</p> <p>May the Lord help us to keep, every month, so deeply in our hearts these intentions commended to us that they may always accompany us in our lives and in our mission.</p>
SUN 4 TH OCTOBER	From 2p.m Feast of Our Lady of the HOLY ROSARY Santa Cruz (Fort Cochin) Community Rosary Procession, Holy Mass and Procession with the Blessed Sacrament in reparation to Our Lord for our offences he receives In the Holy Eucharist. Novena prayers & Benediction	
SAT 10 TH OCTOBER	Walk of 'Faith' Join in The pilgrimage walk of faith dedicated for those suffering with Cancer. Walk Starting 6.30am from Toolernvale General Store, 1486 Diggers Rest Toolernvale, and will conclude with Holy Mass at Our Lady Ta Pinu Shrine Bacchus Marsh. Fellowship then after.	
SAT 10 TH OCTOBER SUN 11 TH OCTOBER	Feast of Our Lady of Fatima From 7.00 p.m. Rosary Procession to & from the Oratory, Holy Mass Mass will be said in Portuguese From 9.30 a.m. Rosary Procession to & from the Oratory, Holy Mass	
	Main Events for November 2015	
SAT 14 TH AND SUN 15 TH NOVEMBER	COUPLES FOR CHRIST MARRIAGE RENEVAL VOWS (MRV) RETREAT START 9.00 A.M. ON SATURDAY TO CONCLUDE WITH HOLY MASS AT 4.00 P.M. SUNDAY	

On Tuesday 14 April 2015, POPE Francis bowed in front of the Holy Door in St Peter's Basilica to officially convene the next Jubilee, the **Holy Year of Mercy**. During this Holy Year, this door symbolically becomes a 'Door of Mercy', with millions of pilgrims crossing through it. We are pleased to announce that Archbishop Denis J Hart has gracefully accepted to honour us with his presence on Saturday 12th December 2015 for the official opening and blessing of "Our Oasis of Mercy" with its distinctive "Door of Mercy" where pilgrims will be invited to come and spend time in prayer and reflection with Jesus present in the Blessed Sacrament.



Saturday 12th December 2015
Feast of The Immaculate Conception & Start of Year of Mercy
Eucharistic Celebrations will be led by
His Grace Dr. Denis J Hart, DD, Archbishop of Melbourne
Together with leaders and members of the "All Nations Marian Family"



Contd... Our everyday experience shows just the opposite. The world has put aside the Word of God to replace it with the selling of sexual freedom and free love!

On the other hand, the world is greatly concerned about the frequent domestic violence...

After the answer given to the Pharisees, Jesus went on with the dramatic words, *"Whoever causes one of these little ones who believe in me to sin, it would be better for him to have a great millstone fastened round his neck and to be drowned into the depth of the sea"* (Mat. 18:6).

St Paul's writing to the Corinthians put it plainly, too: "Make no mistake, no fornicator, no idolater, no adulterer, no pervert, no thief, no slave of avarice, no drunkard, no addict of abusive language, no miser, will inherit the kingdom of God". (Cor.6:9-10).

Let each one, who might be slave to any of these vices, turn to Jesus and like the blind man, humbly ask him, *"Rabbuni, Master, let me see again"*.

JESUS IS READY TO GIVE YOU BACK YOUR SIGHT, TO SEE AND CURE YOUR MISTAKES, TO SAVE YOU!



Special Word from God

An inspirational story about the Eucharist

I love the celebration of the Eucharist and because of the kindness of the Lord, I have been able to attend daily Mass most of my adult life. It was through the Mass and the reception of the body and blood of Jesus that I was able to get through an extremely difficult period in my life.

During this time which was many years ago God chose to reveal His great love for me through His gift of the Eucharist. Had it not been for His love I don't think-no, I should say I know- I would not have made it. My whole world had fallen apart from something that I had no control over, and I became very depressed. I couldn't sleep or eat, and I had no energy. It seemed as if every drop of strength I ever had, was gone. Sometimes it felt as if I couldn't take one more step.

The only thing I had going for me was my attendance at daily Mass. I have to admit though, that my heart was so heavy that many times I was in a fog during the entire Mass, and at time I could barely focus. However, I continued going and after a short time, I realized what was happening. Our dear Lord in His mercy, was giving me eyes to see that He was indeed supporting me. At each Eucharistic celebration, there would be a *special word* spoken directly to me. Sometimes it was a Scripture passage from one of the readings; other times it was from one of the many beautiful prayers, we have in the Mass and sometimes my word from the Lord came in the homily through the words of the priest. When I heard it, I knew it! Throughout the day I would think about my *special word from God* and it would give me the encouragement and strength, I needed at that particular moment. It seemed like the Lord always gave me enough fuel at the morning mass to get through the day and just as my tank was about on empty, it was time to attend Mass again and be refueled with His love and mercy. **Yes**, it was through the Eucharist that I received the strength, grace, and power to get through each day. In spite of the pain I was in, it was exciting to receive His Word of comfort and I began to look forward to receiving them. I knew it was His special gift and He never failed me, not once. This went on for almost a year, and when the crisis was over, I was able to continue my journey with Him, knowing and believing that He would always be with me. I knew that even if my world might be crashing around me I could always find Him in the Eucharist.

Many years have now gone and I can never thank and praise our wonderful and awesome God enough for the way in which He nourished me daily with His gift of the Eucharist during that most painful time in my life. I am forever grateful to Him. And to think He chose to reveal His great love by speaking personally to me during the greatest prayer on earth- the Eucharist. How blessed was I then, and how blessed I am now. **Praise God !**

Anita Oberholtzer- Clearwater, Florida

The Love of the Blessed Virgin leads to the love of God and its depths. *Cardinal Charles Journet*

THE IMPORTANCE OF THE FAMILIES : POPE FRANCIS' ADDRESS AT THE FESTIVAL OF FAMILIES IN PHILADELPHIA ON 26TH SEPT. 2015

At the World Festival of Families, the pontiff, going off script from his prepared remarks, highlighted the importance of families. "All the love and beauty God has in himself, he gives it to the family," the pope said. "God sent Him [Jesus] amid a family. He could do this because **it was a family with a truly open heart.**" "You know what God likes most? He asked " To knock on the doors of families and to find the families who love each other, families who bring up their children to grow and help move forward to create, develop a society of truth, goodness and beauty," The pope even joked about family life not being easy and that he knows about the problems they face -- despite being a single man. "Families have the difficulties, families fight, *sometimes plates can fly*. Children bring headaches. I won't speak about mother-in-law's," he said.



"WITH FAMILIES, THERE IS ALWAYS LIGHT... THE FAMILY IS LIKE A FACTORY OF HOPE, A FACTORY OF RESURRECTION."

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