

A directive from the Pope...
from his *Apostolic Letter*

*Do You
Want to
Spread
the Rosary
Around
the World?*

That's what Our Lady's Rosary Crusade is doing, on behalf of all of us who listen to the successor to St. Peter and now the Vicar of Jesus Christ on earth, Pope John Paul II. This Pope proclaims that the Rosary is his favorite prayer*, and he adds:

The Rosary – *“is a prayer loved by countless saints and by the Magisterium.”*

The Rosary – *“helps us to be conformed ever more closely to Christ until we attain true holiness.”*

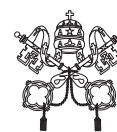
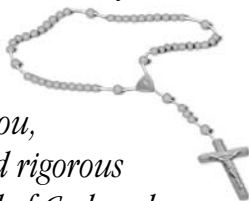
The Rosary – *“is nothing other than to contemplate with Mary the face of Christ.”*

“(Today) I willingly entrust to the power of (the Rosary) the cause of peace in the world and the cause of the family. It is also beautiful and fruitful to entrust to this prayer the growth and development of children”.

John Paul II leaves no room for doubt about his gentle but firm insistence that all Christians, through their own personal experience of praying the Rosary, “come to promote it with conviction”:

“I turn particularly to you, my dear Brother Bishops, priests and deacons, and to you, pastoral agents in your different ministries”.

“I also place my trust in you, theologians: by your sage and rigorous reflection, rooted in the word of God and sensitive to the lived experience of the Christian



*Our Supreme Pontiff
John Paul II*

people, may you help them to discover the Biblical foundations, the spiritual riches and the pastoral value of this traditional prayer”.

“I count on you, consecrated men and

women, called in a particular way to contemplate the face of Christ at the school of Mary”.

“I look to all of you, brothers and sisters of every state of life, to you, Christian families, to you, the sick and elderly, and to you, young people: confidently take up the Rosary once again. Rediscover the Rosary in the light of Scripture, in harmony with the Liturgy, and in the context of your daily lives”.

***“MAY THIS APPEAL OF MINE
NOT GO UNHEARD!”***

* From Apostolic Letter “*Rosarium Virginis Mariae*” of the Supreme Pontiff John Paul II, October 16th, 2002.



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