



# CRUSADERS of MARY

## PLEDGE CLUB NEWSLETTER

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### World Peace Conference

From October 11-18, staff and volunteers from the Apostolate were thrilled to take part in the Fourth International Fatima World Peace Conference.

To our delight, more than 400 Bishops, priests and laypeople from all around the world attended. Bishops came from India, Africa, Brazil and Rome. Over 60 priests were there from Russia, Australia, Fiji, India, Africa, Philippines, Croatia, England, and Scotland — as well as Canada and the United States. All priests in attendance came with the permission of their Bishops. Many talked about how renewed they felt in their commitment to their Faith and of the importance of the Message of Fatima.

One Bishop related he was brought back to the feeling which called him to the priesthood in the first place. He and the son of one of our staff became partners in Rosary distribution. The 12 year old is going on to teach his grade seven class to make Rosaries, and send them to the Bishop for the children in his

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schools.

How encouraging it was for conference organizers — and for Father Gruner — to see many people with deep devotion to Our Lady and a willingness to help spread Her Message at any cost.

We prayed the Rosary together every day. Masses were celebrated in three different rooms throughout the day. In the evenings we had well-attended Rosary-making demonstrations.

Many people visited the hospitality room to meet other people and socialize. It was wonderful to have so many like-minded individuals together.

All of the speakers did a tremendous job and I think a lot was learned by all present. It was an honor to have Archbishop Milingo from Vatican City there to speak. The Archbishop is a powerful speaker.

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Archbishop Milingo addressed the recent Fatima: World Peace 2000 Conference at Hamilton, Ontario, Canada.

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## St. Dominic - Crusader of Mary



## St. Dominic

### WORLD PEACE CONFERENCE *Continued from page one*

Cassette tapes of the entire conference speakers' line-up will soon be available through Our Lady's Book Service. These valuable recordings come highly recommended.

During the conference, we took a pilgrimage to Our Lady of Victory Basilica in Buffalo, NY. It's an amazingly-beautiful, inspiring church. We heard the story of Father Baker, its founder whose cause for beatification recently advanced a step forward.

We then took visitors to one of the world's seven wonders, Niagara Falls. For many, it was their first view of the mighty cataract. This wonder of the world certainly is a reminder of the majesty of the hand of God.

St. Dominic was born in 1170 in Spain. His full name is Dominic de Guzman. His mother, who is also a Saint (Blessed Jane of Aza), saw a brilliant star shining on his forehead as the waters of Baptism were poured over his head. In later life, according to Blessed Cecelia who wrote about him, he retained this same light.

During a vision of St. Peter and St. Paul, Dominic received the commission "Go and Preach, for to this ministry thou art called" and then he was given a staff and a book by the two Saints. Ever after St. Dominic travelled with a staff and the Epistles and the Gospels. People flocked to hear him and embraced the penance that he preached. St. Dominic went on to found the order of Preachers (the Dominicans).

Sometime before 1213 Our Lady appeared to St. Dominic at Toulouse, France, and gave the Rosary to him. The holy Rosary then became his great apostolate.

St. Dominic was so powerful in his faith that he raised the dead to life. In his battle with the Albigensian heretics his writings were twice set on fire and both times remained intact.

Queen Blanche of France requested his help with her barrenness. He recommended that she and her people pray the Rosary and a child was born as a result, "the child of the Rosary" was St. Louis, King of France.

St. Dominic died in 1221 at the age of 51.

### *Promises Given to St. Dominic by Our Lady to those who devoutly pray the Holy Rosary:*

- † To all those who recite My Psalter, I promise My special protection;
- † The Rosary will be a powerful weapon against the powers of hell; it will root out vices, destroy sin, and subjugate all heresies;
- † He who calls Me through the Rosary shall not perish;
- † Whoever recites devoutly the Rosary, meditates on its holy mysteries, will not be cast down by troubles nor perish by an unprovided death; but, if he is a sinner, he will be converted; if he is virtuous, he will increase in grace and become worthy of eternal life;
- † I will deliver from purgatory, in the space of a day, those souls devoted to My Rosary;
- † The true children of the Rosary will enjoy a great glory in Heaven;
- † Whatever you ask through My Rosary will be granted;
- † Those who propagate My Rosary will be helped by Me in all their necessities;
- † Devotion to My Rosary is a great sign of predestination.

# The Mysteries of the Rosary

The praying of each decade is accompanied by the meditation on one of the fifteen "Mysteries".

## Joyful Mysteries

**Mondays, Thursdays and Sundays**

First Joyful Mystery:

*The Annunciation*

Second Joyful Mystery:

*The Visitation*

Third Joyful Mystery:

*The Nativity*

Fourth Joyful Mystery:

*The Presentation*

Fifth Joyful Mystery:

*The Finding in the Temple*

## Sorrowful Mysteries

**Tuesdays and Fridays**

First Sorrowful Mystery:

*The Agony in the Garden*

Second Sorrowful Mystery:

*The Scourging at the Pillar*

Third Sorrowful Mystery:

*The Crowning with Thorns*

Fourth Sorrowful Mystery:

*The Carrying of the Cross*

Fifth Sorrowful Mystery:

*The Crucifixion*

## Glorious Mysteries

**Wednesdays, Saturdays, and Sundays**

First Glorious Mystery:

*The Resurrection*

Second Glorious Mystery:

*The Ascension*

Third Glorious Mystery:

*The Descent of the Holy Ghost*

Fourth Glorious Mystery:

*The Assumption*

Fifth Glorious Mystery:

*The Coronation*

## Oh My Jesus

O my Jesus, forgive us our sins. Save us from the fires of hell, and lead all souls to Heaven, especially those most in need.

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# The Prayers of the Rosary

## The Sign of the Cross

In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Ghost. Amen.

## The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Creator of Heaven and earth; and in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord; Who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He arose again from the dead. He ascended into Heaven, sitteth at the right hand of God, the Father Almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the living and the dead. *I believe in the Holy Ghost, the Holy Catholic Church, the communion of Saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting. Amen.*

## The Our Father

Our Father, Who art in Heaven, hallowed be Thy name: Thy Kingdom come; Thy Will be done on earth as it is in Heaven. *Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. Amen.*

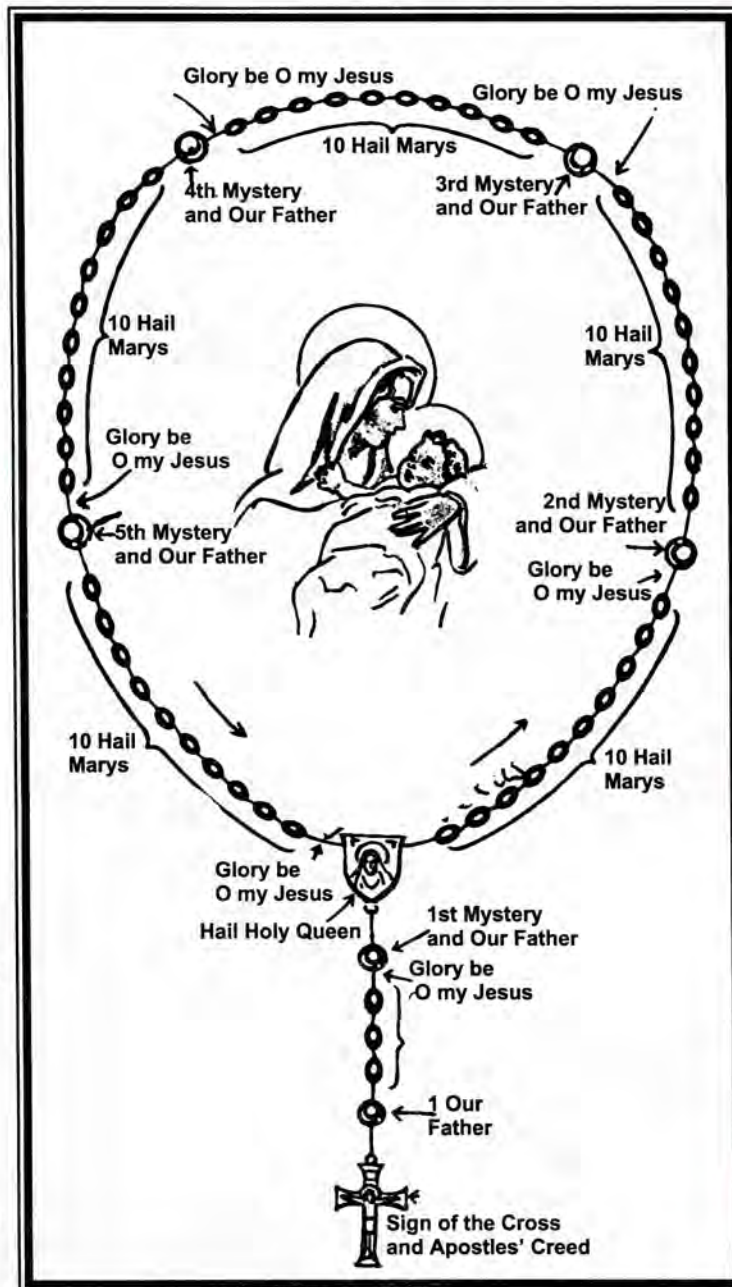
## The Hail Mary

Hail Mary, full of Grace, the Lord is with Thee. Blessed art Thou amongst women, and blessed is the fruit of Thy

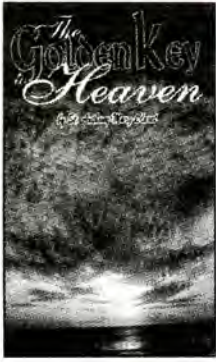
womb, Jesus. *Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners, now and at the hour of our death. Amen.*

## The Glory Be to the Father

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost. *As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.*



## Special Offer to Crusader of Mary Members



The feast day of St. Anthony Mary Claret is October 23. He is considered the greatest writer of the Spanish language of the 19<sup>th</sup> Century. You can order his book, *The Golden Key to Heaven*, for only \$7.95 with your Crusader of Mary discount.

We are also offering *The life of St. Dominic*, by Augusta Theodosia Drane for only \$9.95



## Reader Mail

Dear Father Gruner,

Just a line to let you know that we all appreciate what you're doing for Our Heavenly Mother, and to let you know that we are behind you in all your (and now our) endeavors. Keep up the good fight against the red tape re: the Third Secret. I am certain that we all will be victorious in the end.

Mr. and Mrs. T. ... Toronto, ON

Dear Father Gruner,

Thank you for sending me the book "Fatima Priest", and thank you for your wonderful work.

May God continue to bless you and all (your) Our Lady's workers and volunteers. I will continue to pray for you all, and I know Our Blessed Mother will never let us down. God bless you Father Gruner!

Yours Sincerely in Christ

B.R. ... Silver City, NM

Dear Father Gruner,

My name was given to you by one of my friends, to enlighten me about your apostolate. Thank you Father for writing to me about your work and what you people do there.

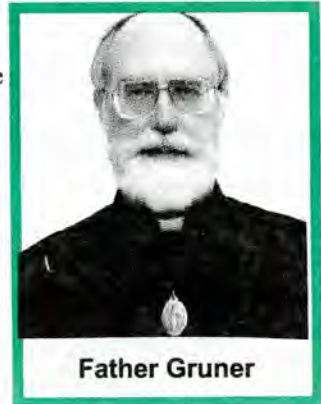
You people are doing a wonderful work over there, spreading the Fatima Message to different people all over the world. May Our Blessed Mother strengthen you in this soul-saving work.

I enjoyed your introductory issue of The Fatima Crusader and I would like to join in this soul-saving crusade. Father, if it will be possible I would like to receive other issues of The Fatima Crusader because they may bear interesting articles that I will like to read.

Mr. S. ... Amaehto, Umunkele

## Facts about Father Gruner

- Nicholas Nightingale Gruner was born on May 4, 1942, to Jessie Mullally and Malcolm Nightingale Gruner. (Nightingale was his father's mother's maiden name).
  - Father Gruner has four older brothers and two younger sisters.
  - Father Gruner was ordained at Frigento, Italy, on August 22, 1976.
  - Father taught high school math and religion, before beginning his apostolic work. (Some of Our Lady's workers think it would be a good idea if Father tutored our children if he ever had any spare time).
  - The first Fatima Crusader was published in the summer of 1978 and Father has worked tirelessly ever since to help Our Lady, and ensure that Her requests be granted.
- To learn more about the life of Father Nicholas Gruner call 1-800-263-8160 to order your copy of his biography "Fatima Priest"*



Father Gruner

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