



INTERNATIONAL FATIMA ROSARY CRUSADE Newsletter

HELP OUR LADY REACH OUT TO MILLIONS OF FAITHFUL SOULS

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A WORLDWIDE CHAIN OF PRAYER!

While not often publicized, one of the most important objectives of Our Lady's Apostolate is to form and strengthen an unbreakable "Chain of Prayer" with all of Her friends around the world.

The overriding purpose of this great circle of faith is to help protect the Church from all her enemies beyond and within, enemies whose sole aim is to annihilate Christ's Mystical Body and obscure the promise of hope that Our Lady gave to the world at

Fatima. In truth, the Immaculate Mother of God is the leader of this army of souls praying the Holy Rosary and, indeed, it will be through prayer and sacrifice that She will lead us to Her promised triumph and the blessed era of peace She prophesied at Fatima.

Eighty-one years ago, She brought Her Message of peace and hope to three shepherd children in a small village in Portugal. Today, that Message is, through your prayers and regular pledge offerings, reaching out to

many millions of souls around the world. Our Lady has placed Her trust in people like you to be Her modern messengers, bringing Her words of faith and love to souls across the face of the earth.

We remain deeply grateful for your continued prayers and financial assistance as we work to glorify the Holy Names of Jesus and Mary and to bring about that great triumph of Their Sacred and Immaculate Hearts. God bless you today and always for your faith and help.

*"One day,
through the
Rosary and the
Scapular, I will
save the world."*

— Our Lady

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We Want to Hear From YOU!

We are truly grateful for your support of the International Fatima Rosary Crusade, and we pray that you can continue to make your urgently-needed monthly offering in support of Our Lady's Apostolate. If you have stories, comments or ideas for future newsletters and would like to share them with other members, please feel free to write to us at one of the following addresses:

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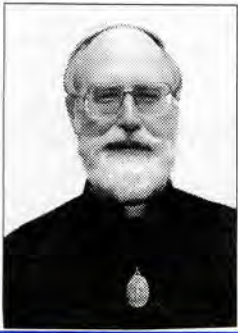
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**DON'T FORGET
TO SHARE
THIS
NEWSLETTER
WITH A FRIEND**

A Message from Father Gruner



Dear Friend of Our Lady,
The more I meditate and pray, the more I am astonished and moved by

the vast and limitless dimensions of Our Lady's love for Her children. Not content to suffer the loss of a single soul, She provides graces and gifts without number. Of these, perhaps the greatest is Her gift of the Rosary, that holy instrument of grace and help that She offers to all Her children, especially when they are beset by spiritual or temporal danger.

By reciting the Rosary fervently and well, while concentrating our hearts and minds on the mysteries it contains, we come to obtain all the graces and help necessary for our salvation. By the faithful recitation of the Rosary, we soon begin to experience a change of heart that slowly, but surely, transforms our entire life and, with time, becomes ever more profound and deep.

I would like to suggest that you consider adopting the pious habit of consecrating yourself daily to Our Lady before taking up your Rosary, surrendering yourself to Her Maternal love and mercy and offering your joys and sorrows, your strengths

and weaknesses, your whole self to Her. I think you will discover that this small, but powerful, act of devotion will produce wonderful results in your life and the lives of those around you almost immediately.

Again, thank you so much for your continuing prayers and all-important pledge support of Our Lady's Fatima Apostolate. May God richly bless you and keep you always.

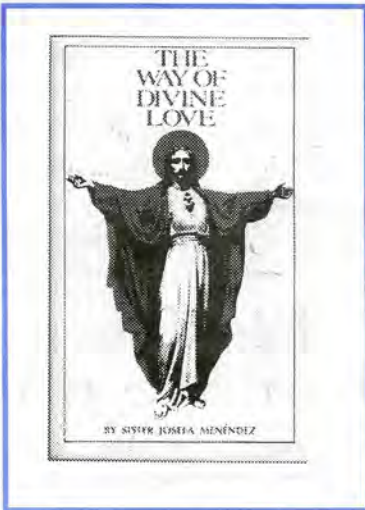
Yours in Jesus, Mary and Joseph,

Father Nicholas Gruner

LIMITED QUANTITIES AVAILABLE

The Way of Divine Love
by Sister Josefa Menéndez.

These revelations of Our Lord affirm His overwhelming love for all of mankind. Includes a biography of Sister Josefa who spent much of her young life in deep suffering and pain for the love of God. The regular price for this book is \$17.95 but the Special Price for members is \$12.50 US funds plus shipping.



of devotion. There is little doubt that St. Bernard knew the whole Bible by heart.

Not only are his quotations unerringly apt, but he draws out unsuspected mystical meanings from the most familiar verses.

This book is slightly aged, but still easy to read.

Free to those who request one, while supplies last.

To receive either of these books offered only to pledgors, call 1-800-263-8160 or write us at our address on page one of this newsletter.

Please state that you are a pledge member of the International Fatima Rosary Crusade.

St. Bernard's Sermons on the Blessed Virgin Mary is taken from a solid 1921 translation by a monk of Mt. Melleray Abbey from the original Latin of St. Bernard's sermons of the seasons. His sermons are remarkable for their energy of style, sublimity of thought and tenderness

Purposes and Goals of the International Fatima Rosary Crusade Pledgors

1. To promote — through prayer and sacrifice — the saving Message of hope and peace which the Mother of God brought to Fatima, vouchsafing to bring Her words to the world in all their fullness, without distortion or censorship.
2. To support with prayer and regular tithe offerings the general programs of Our Lady's Fatima Apostolate, including book and magazine publishing, TV and radio production, telephone ministry, mission outreach and youth education.
3. To encourage by means of prayer, petitions and lawful advocacy the immediate Consecration of Russia by the Pope and all the bishops of the world as Our Lady commanded in the Fatima Message and also the release to the Faithful of the Third Secret of Fatima.
4. To utilize the great power of collective faith and prayer in our struggle to defend our Holy Faith against all enemies and to encourage love for and devotion to the Sacred and Immaculate Hearts of Jesus and Mary.
5. To assist Our Lady's Fatima Apostolate in its evangelical efforts to promote devotion to the Immaculate Heart through educational and informational programming in mission countries.
6. To join together in a true community of prayer and sacrifice for all members of the Apostolate, praying for one another and for the sanctification of the world under the Mantle of Our Lady of Fatima.



AUTUMN 1998

† **Summer/Autumn Events.** It was a very busy summer and early autumn for Father Gruner and all Our Lady's workers. After months of work, the new Crusader was finally published and, in October, the new edition of Our Lady's Book Service Catalogue was sent to you and thousands of other friends. In addition, Father taped many new television and radio programs as well as traveled extensively to preach on the Message of Fatima. Father was a featured speaker at the Catholic Family News Conference in October and spoke on the sanctity of Jacinta and its meaning in our lives.

† **Best of Fatima Video.** And speaking of Our Lady's TV program, the broadcast department has just completed what is certain to be one of our most popular productions: The Best of...FATIMA, "The Moment Has Come," a compilation of many of our finest programs, including those that featured topics like: "Angels", "Miracles of the Rosary", "Miracles of the Brown Scapular", "The Rise of Anti-Catholicism" and many more. Stay tuned!

† **"Fatima Priest" New Edition.** The second big printing of Fatima Priest, the best-selling biography of Father Gruner by Francis Alban is expected to be released right around Christmas time. With a new foreword by Malachi Martin and updated material by Christopher Ferrara, this new edition may prove to be even more popular than the first.

† **New Fatima Center.** Since our last issue of the Newsletter, yet another Fatima Center has been opened overseas. After much hard work, Our Lady's workers have succeeded in opening a small office in Fatima, Portugal. This adds to the growing list of Fatima Centers around the world, with current locations in Rome, Ireland, India, the Philippines and now also in Africa. In several countries, Our Lady's Apostolate is also working to provide self-help programs for destitute children and their families. Through the generous, continuing financial support of Crusade members, many souls in some of the poorest areas of the world are receiving much-needed assistance. At present, these Mission projects are taking place in India, Brazil, the Philippines and in Tanzania, Africa.

PRAYER

THE MAGNIFICAT

**My soul doth magnify the Lord:
And my spirit hath rejoiced
in God my Savior.
Because He hath regarded the
humility of His handmaid:
for behold, from henceforth all
generations shall call Me blessed.
Because He that is mighty hath
done great things to Me:
and holy is His name.
And His mercy is from generation
unto generations, to
them that fear Him.
He hath showed might in His arm:
He hath scattered the
Proud in the conceit of their heart.
He hath put down the mighty
from their seat, and hath
Exalted the humble.
He hath filled the hungry with
good things:
and the rich
He hath sent empty away.
He hath received Israel His
servant,
being mindful of His Mercy:
As He spoke to our fathers,
to Abraham and to his seed
for ever.
Amen.**



A Special Selection from Secret of the ROSARY

By St. Louis de Montfort

“PREDESTINATE SOULS, you who are of God, cut yourselves adrift from those who are damning themselves by their impious lives, laziness and lack of devotion - and, without delay, recite often your Rosary, with faith, with humility, with confidence and with perseverance.

Our Lord, Jesus Christ, told us to follow His example and to pray always - because of our endless need of prayer, the darkness of our minds, our ignorance and weakness and because of the strength and number of our enemies. Anyone who really gives heed to this, Our Master’s commandment, will surely not be satisfied with saying the Rosary once a year (as the Perpetual Members do) or once a week (like the Ordinary Members) but will say it every day (as a member of the Daily Rosary) and

will never fail in this - even though the only obligation he has is that of saving his own soul.

“We ought always to pray and not to faint.” These are the eternal words of our Blessed Lord Himself. And we must believe His words and abide by them if we do not want to be damned. You can understand them in any way you like, as long as you do not interpret them as the world does, and only observe them in a worldly way.

Our Lord gave us the true explanation of His words - by means of the example He left us. “I have given you an example that as I have done to you, so you do also.” And “He passed the whole night in the prayer of God.” As though His days were not long enough, He used to spend the night in prayer. Over and over again He said to His Apostles: “Watch ye and pray”;

the flesh is weak, temptation is everywhere and always around you. If you do not keep up your prayers, you shall fall ... And because some of them evidently thought that these words of Our Lord constituted a counsel only, they completely missed their point. This is why they fell into temptation and sin, *even though they were in the company of Jesus Christ.*

It will indeed be a marvel of grace wrought by the Most Holy Rosary if you manage to keep out of the clutches of the world, the devil and the flesh, and avoid mortal sin and gain heaven! If you do not want to believe me, at least learn from your own experience. Now at last you must wake up and ... say your Rosary every day.”

“Queen of the Most Holy ROSARY, pray for us.”



Dear Father Gruner:

I was very pleased to hear from you. I know that for some time now you have been going through a great ordeal resulting in much suffering and anguish. Know that I think very highly of you. I am praying for you, your Holy Priesthood and Our Lady’s Apostolate. Because of your strong Faith, your love for Our Holy Mother the Church and your faithful devotion to Mary Immaculate, you have inspired and

strengthened me in my Faith.

Eileen C...Newfoundland

Dear Father Gruner:

Many thanks for your last letter. We found it very very informative. We had some copies done off and gave them to some of our interested friends. We also sent a copy with encouraging letters especially to our Archbishop and our own parish priest. We asked them to please read the letter with an open mind and to pray for you. We hope and pray they will. I hope you are enjoying good health. You are in our prayers daily with the Holy Rosary.

Mildred M...Canada

Dear Father Gruner:

Please know that my prayers and daily Mass are offered for you and your effort on behalf of Fatima. I am a 78-year-old Catholic who, because of the priests and nuns of my day and the wonderful parents God gave me, grew

up to love the Church and respect all members of the clergy. I’m sure you know how hard it is for the average Catholic to understand the infighting going on in the Church; not just the viciousness, but also the amount. I find the only thing to do is to concentrate on my standing with God. Everything else must take a backseat. I am very interested in Fatima and have read everything I can find on the subject. I pray every day that I live long enough to see the conclusion of the Fatima cycle. I gave my copy of *Fatima Priest* to my parish priest.

James M...Illinois

We are delighted to share some of the letters we’ve recently received from friends and supporters of Our Lady’s Apostolate. We encourage you to write with your ideas, opinions or experiences.