

## *The Fraternity of the Immaculate Heart of Mary*

Circular Letter for the Month of August  
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**D**ear Brothers and Sisters of Penance, the Lord give you peace!  
There is something wonderful about a mother who is proficient at taking a worn out old garment which is all torn, and mending it. Some of us may recall seeing our dear mothers hard at work at such a chore. There is something far, far more wonderful and amazing, in seeing that the good God has taken nothing of the mother out of the Mother of God, and the Mother of the Holy Church, the Blessed Virgin Mary. Indeed, the Blessed Virgin is our Mother and Her days of mending that which is torn are not over. She, the Woman clothed with the Sun, looks upon those souls in the Church, torn from the Mystical Body of Her Son by sin. With great pity She hastens, with burning charity, She hastens to condescend to the most deplorable sinners who call on Her with confidence, to put them back together again. But unlike the garments our dear mothers have sewn, the Immaculate One, when She mends a soul torn by sin, leaves nothing imperfect. She makes all She touches beautiful, and She wishes to transform all into Perfection Himself, Jesus.

St. Peter tells us that the Devil goes about seeking whom he may devour. Deo gratias, our beloved Mother of Mercy is also on the lookout for those She may devour, devour with immense love and tender protection! She longs to cover under Her mantle, even the most depraved and abominable sinners. She can be refused nothing She begs of Her Son, losing none of Her rights as the Mother of Jesus now that She reigns Queen of Heaven and Mediatrix of all grace. What confidence, dear brethren, we should have in Mary as our Mother!

The fruit of the tree shows that the season is ripe for picking, and the signs of the times tell us that this indeed is the age of Mary, and the eventual triumph of Her Immaculate Heart. In the approved apparitions of the Church we hear our Mother calling for penance and prayer. She warns us that mankind must stop offending God, and She has asked for a specific prayer to be said if we desire peace. This prayer is the Psalter of Mary, the most Holy Rosary. Who are we to dare to act as if we were deaf to Her requests?

*“The soul which recommends itself to me by the recitation of the Rosary, shall not perish.”* (Our Lady's Promise to Those Who Recite The Holy Rosary. \*)

The Rosary is a sublime prayer, sublime in its simplicity, sublime in its efficacy and sublime in its profundity. St. Louis de Montfort explains in his work, *The Secret of the Rosary*, that the Rosary “*is the Psalter of Jesus and Mary.*” This is because it has the same number of Angelic Salutations as there are psalms in the Book of the Psalms of David.” St. Louis continues and says that the Rosary is even more valuable than the Psalms of David because:

- “1. The Angelic Psalter bears a nobler fruit, that of the Word Incarnate, whereas David's Psalter only prophesies His coming; -*
- 2. Secondly, just as the real thing is more important than its prefiguration and as the body is more than its shadow, in the same way the Psalter of Our Lady is greater than David's Psalter which did not more than prefigure it;*
- 3. And thirdly, because Our Lady's Psalter (or the Rosary made up of the Our Father and Hail Mary) is the direct work of the Most Blessed Trinity and was not made through a human instrument.”* (1.)

The Rosary can be said by a small child and has enough spiritual food in its meditation for the most erudite theologian. It is composed of the Apostles Creed which contains everything a Catholic must believe to be saved. The Pater, Ave Maria and Gloria.

“The Our Father is the most excellent of all prayers because Jesus Christ Himself composed it and taught it to us; because it contains clearly and in a few words all we can hope for from God; and because it is the standard and model of all other prayers.” This doctrine comes directly from the Catechism of St. Pius X.(2.)

The Ave Maria or Hail Mary is the magnificent prayer said after the Pater in the Psalter of Our Lady. This prayer like the Pater comes directly from the Holy Scriptures. The Angel Gabriel coming with the proposal of becoming the Mother of God, the greeting by St. Elizabeth and the addition by Holy Church begging for the prayers of the most powerful Virgin make this prayer most efficacious and excellent.

To give glory to Almighty God is our great joy and purpose of our existence. At the end of each of the Psalms said by the priest in his breviary, the Gloria is chanted. It is a simple and marvellous prayer giving to God all glory and honour, which of course, He is all worthy of.

The prayer taught us by the Virgin of Fatima Herself is the “*O My Jesus, forgive us our sins, save us from the fires of Hell. Lead all souls to Heaven, especially those in most need of Thy mercy.*” This prayer is necessary because Heaven has requested it. It is necessary because it calls to our minds the eternal reality and consequence of sin. That is, Hell. It is also a supplication of great humility begging Our sweet Jesus, to forgive us, save us and to save others who are in most need of His Divine Mercy and may be perishing for eternity. It is a very perfect Catholic prayer indeed.

*“Whoever shall have a true devotion for the Rosary shall not die without the sacraments of the Church.”* (Our Lady's Promise To Those Who Recite The Holy Rosary. \*)

These prayers said while meditating on the Mysteries of the life, death and glory of the Divine Lamb of God are the body and soul of the Holy Rosary. We can conclude in their examination that they are perfect, powerful and weighty prayers which, if said with devotion, cause the Demons in Hell to tremble, precisely because they are prayers which come from God Himself and are given to us by the Virgo Fidelis for the salvation of our souls and those of our brothers and sisters.

Many Popes such as St. Pius V, St. Pius X, Leo XIII, Pius XI and Pius XII praised the prayer of the Holy Rosary and recommended its recitation to the Church. Many Saints have been famous for their love and prayer of the Rosary. You will allow me dear brethren to praise our beloved St. Padre Pio who was known to say an unbelievable number of Rosaries each day. He was seen everywhere with the Rosary beads in his hand. He recommended the Rosary to his children and loved to honour the Blessed Mother with its recitation. We may say it was the life line of the Padre, because he knew that as long as he said his Rosary, when the five decades were said, they were like the fingers of Our Lady reaching down to aid the soul in all its miseries. He knew that as long as souls held Her hand through this valley of tears, the Devil would be able to bark, but not bite them. The Padre knew first hand that the Rosary was the chain wherewith the soul is held fast to the Immaculate Heart of the Blessed Virgin Mary. St. Padre Pio found that the Devils fly at the sound of the prayers of the Rosary, and that is why he called it his weapon.

Our Rev. Fr. Jean O.F.M. Capuchin from the Convent of St. Francois in Morgon relates in an article written on St. Padre Pio that:

*“God wants to save the world by devotion to the Immaculate Heart of Mary, and there is no problem, material or spiritual, national or international, that cannot be solved by the holy Rosary and our sacrifices.”* He continued: *“This is also the last lesson that Padre Pio wanted to leave us by his example, and especially by his “prayer groups,” which he established throughout the world.”* “He was

*never without a Rosary, there was even one under his pillow. During the day he recited several dozens of Rosaries." A few hours before he died, as those around him urged him to speak a few more words, all he could say was: "Love the Blessed Virgin and make Her loved. Always say the Rosary!" (3.)*

*The Rosary shall be a powerful armor against hell, it will destroy vice, decrease sin, and defeat heresies. (Our Lady's Promise To Those Who Recite The Holy Rosary. \*)*

We may dearest Brothers and Sisters of Penance wish to renew our resolve to have a fervent devotion to the Blessed Virgin Mary and Her Psalter the Holy Rosary. In these times of confusion in the Church and the world, Mary, is the answer and our guide to the Eternal shores of life everlasting. She is the Woman who has crushed the head of the Serpent. Without Her we will be lost, for it is the Will of the Most High that devotion to Her Immaculate Heart be established beside that of the Sacred Heart of Jesus and She has told us through Sr. Lucy that "**Only I can help you.**" The Blessed Virgin, the vanquisher of all heresies, will keep us safe and sound from being swallowed up by the liberal, modernist spirit which has infected many in the Church. She will keep us under Her glorious mantle, protecting us from all the errors prevalent in our day, if we say our Rosary with faith

She cannot possibly approve of the de-throning of Christ the King, the promotion of the rights of man, collegiality which robs from the Pope his God given right to rule as Vicar and visible Head of the Church on earth over all the Bishops, clergy and faithful, and the false ecumenism still today (**do not be deceived**) in full force and promoted by the Vatican. This is the battle which we must continue to fight! These are the principles we must continue to battle without *any* compromise, and without any bitterness of spirit if we wish to be true children of the Blessed Virgin Mary!

May the Blessed Virgin, Virgo Fidelis, keep us all faithful to the fight begun by Archbishop Marcel Lefebvre and the SSPX, and may our Fraternity which has been solemnly consecrated to Her Immaculate Heart enjoy the protection of that same Heart. Amen.

Your little servant in the Immaculate Heart of Mary,

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1. The Secret of the Rosary. By St. Louis De Montfort. Pg. 25.

2. The Catechism of St. Pius X. ( <http://www.cin.org/users/james/ebooks/master/pius/ppray00.htm>)

3. Article on St. Padre Pio. By Fr. Jean OFM. Cap:

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(\*) Quotes Taken From: (<http://olrl.org/pray/15promises.shtml>)