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Parish Priest Message

Mother Mary for the devotion of Rosary

Dear brothers and sisters in Jesus Christ,

We are in the month of October and this month is dedicated to Mother Mary for the devotion of Rosary. No one really knows

the full story of how the Rosary came to be. It took several centuries for the evolution of present form of Rosary. While we are unsure about the development of the Rosary, we are sure about the power and beauty of the Rosary. Rosary is a most beautiful gift to give to Mother Mary every day for all who love her. The name "Rosary" means a garland of roses and it was given this name after a legend which spread all over Europe which stated that Our Lady was seen taking a rose from the lips of a young monk each time he prayed the Hail Mary. Gabriele Amorth, the exorcist for the diocese of Rome told once when he was performing an exorcism the demon said to him, "every Hail Mary is another blow on my head. If Christians knew the power of the Rosary, my power would be finished." So, in that sense we could say that every

Hail Mary of the Rosary is a rose being given

to Mother Mary. If we knew the power of the

Rosary, the power of Satan would be finished. Just like David conquered Goliath with a slingshot, we can conquer evil through the Rosary.

It is said, that when the atomic bomb was dropped in Hiroshima one entire household in Hiroshima survived. We may wonder how it is possible? The family claimed afterwards that it was due to their praying the Rosary. I think God allows events like this to occur in order to teach us if we have eyes to see and ears to hear.

The Rosary can help. And we know this because Mary herself told us this 100 years ago in Fátima, Portugal, when she appeared six times to three shepherd children once a month from May to October 1917. She told them repeatedly: "Recite the Rosary every day to obtain peace for the world and the end of the war."

We also know the great value of the Rosary because it has manifested its power time-and-again in the lives of men and women of faith throughout history. This, of course, isn't because the Rosary is magical; it's because it brings us to Jesus.

The Rosary brings us to the heart of the Gospel, the mysteries of Christ.

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The beloved St. John Paul II wrote in Rosarium Virginis Mariae, an apostolic letter on the Rosary, that the devotion of Rosary is "one of the traditional paths of Christian prayer directed to the contemplation of Christ's face." When we pray the

Rosary, we meditate on different moments of Jesus' life, all through the lens of His Holy Mother. This contemplation leads to a personal encounter, which sets us on the path to Christian discipleship and as true children of our Heavenly Mother.

I encourage you to pray the Rosary every day, especially during this month, dedicated to Rosary. While we pray the Rosary, we don't just say prayers, rather it helps us to enter into a spirit of deep prayer, contemplating twenty mysteries in the lives of Jesus and Mary - five joyful, five sorrowful, five glorious and five luminous. I encourage parents to help their children begin to pray the Rosary, even if only one decade at first. Praying Rosary should become part of our family prayer. Like any good mother, our heavenly Mother is

concerned for us, her family. But she needs our Rosaries to help her achieve her plans. Let us give a bouquet of roses to our heavenly Mother every day by praying the Rosary. The bouquet of roses will then be transformed by Mother Mary so that she can help people around the world.

Many of you are probably familiar with Father Patrick Peyton, who is also known as "the Rosary Priest." He's the one who coined the phrase, "The family that prays together, stays together." I am sure all of us who come together every day, to pray family prayers and especially the Rosary can testify that it has strengthened our family bond in faith and united strongly to Jesus Christ through Mother Mary.

There were many saints who had a special devotion to Rosary. A few among them are St. John XXIII, St. John Paul II, St. Teresa of Calcutta, St. Thérèse of Lisieux, St. Zelie Martin, Blessed John Henry Newman, and St. Louis de Montfort. Through their example, we find inspiration for ourselves to pray the Rosary

more often to draw closer in holiness through Mary and her Son.

Holy Mary, mother of God, pray for us sinners now and at the hour of our death. Amen.

Wish you a Blessed month of Rosary,

God bless you and Mother Mary accompany you on your journey of faith.

Fr. Maxim Cardoza, OFM. Cap Parish Priest-Musaffah



From the book of 'Acts of the Apostles'- Chapters 17 to 20

- 1) What inscription did Paul see in an altar while he was walking around the shrines in Athens?
- 2) Who had ordered all jews to leave Rome?
- 3) When Paul laid hands on the 12 men at Ephesus, whom did they receive?
- 4) What was the name of the young man who was raised back to life?
- 5) What did the Lord say to Paul in a vision at Corinth?

 Your answers along with your name, age and contact details shall be submitted at the parish office on or before 1st November 2023.

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Winners of Bible Quiz September-2023

1) S.Stefano 2) S. Stenaff 3) Ashlyn Theresa

Church Events

Oct 1: St. Therese of the Child Jesus

Oct 4: St. Francis of Assisi

Oct 7: Our Lady of the Rosary

Oct 18: St Luke the Evangelist

Oct 21-22: Mission Sunday

Oct 27: Wedding Anniversary Thanksgiving Mass

Oct 28: Ss. Simon and Jude, Apostles

Oct 29: Dedication of the Church (AVOSA)

We invite your Spiritual Messages, Testimonies,
Articles & Special Activity Photos of Prayer Groups &
Communities.

Please Contact Editorial Team, Parish Office

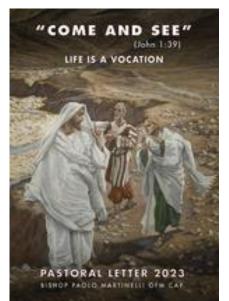
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BISHOP PAOLO RELEASES HIS FIRST PASTORAL LETTER 2023

September 30, 2023 Abu Dhabi.

Bishop Paolo Martinelli released his new Pastoral Letter 2023 titled, "Come and See" (John 1:39), 'Life is a Vocation' on 25 September, addressed to the faithful of the Apostolic Vicariate of Southern Arabia.



In his first pastoral letter after the appointment

and installation as the Apostolic Vicar of Southern Arabia in 2022, Bishop Paolo reflects on the theme of our life as a vocation, taking into account the passage from the first chapter of the Gospel of John where Jesus invites John and Andrew to "come and see" where he stayed. The Bishop reminds us that "Christianity begins with an encounter, with an invitation to be with Jesus".

"Dear young people", the Bishop invites, "let us avoid mediocracy and joyfully live life as a gift, as a response to the love of God, who calls us to do great things."

In addition to drawing our attention to the fundamental aspects of Christian life, Bishop Paolo shares with us his reflections on his meetings with the faithful during his first round of pastoral visits to the parishes of the Vicariate.



Please use below link to get the full text of the Pastoral Letter: https://avosa.org/news/bishop-paolo-releases-his-first-pastoral-letter-2023

Bishop Paolo Martinelli OFM Cap., Apostolic Vicar of Southern Arabia.

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Monti Fest Held on 10-Sep-2023





Feast of Archangels Held on 29-Sep-2023



Wedding Anniversary Mass during the month of September-2023



Custos Fr. Michael Fernandes





Appreciation to Former Catechism Coordinator Mr. Gordan for his 8 years of Services

