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The Indulgences On Your Rosary

All the rosaries distributed by the Prefects of religion or brought to them are indulgenced with five different indulgences. It's easy to remember these indulgences as the A-B-C-D and Way of the Cross Indulgences. All these indulgences can be gained by the person using the rosary; they are not limited to the owner.

- "A" The Apostolic Indulgence, commonly called the Happy Death Indulgence. (This indulgence is attached to crucifixes whether joined to a rosary of not) Any dying person who kisses the crucifix and pronounces on his lips the Holy Name of Jesus, having the love of God in his heart and sorrow for his sins, gains a plenary indulgence the instant he dies. (If the dying person is not able to pronounce the Holy Name on his lips, it suffices for him to say it in his heart.)
- "B" Brigittine Indulgence. In virtue of this indulgence 100 days is gained for every Our Father and Hail Mary said. Thus one gains 5500 days indulgence for saying the five decades of the resary.
- "C" Crozier Indulgence. In virtue of this indulgence 500 days is gained for every Our Father and Hail Mary said. Thus one gains 27,500 days for saying the five decades of the resary.
- "D" Dominican Indulgence. The indulgence is the same as the Brigittine in regard to the number of days gained: 100 for each Our Father and Hail Mary, with a total of 5500 days for the entire resary of five decades.
- Way of the Cross Indulgence. (Like the Happy Death Indulgence, this one is attached to the crucifix alone whether it is a part of a resary or not.)

If one meditates on the Stations in some church or chapel, he gains a plenary indulgence. (Two plenary indulgences are gained if Holy Communion was received on the day the Stations were made.)

When one desires to gain the plenary indulgence by making the Way of the Cross, and yet no chapel or church is available, as in the case of those who are traveling, those detained in prison, the sick and others legitimately impeded from making the Way of the Cross in the ordinary manner, the plenary indulgence can be gained in the following manner:

- a) By holding the crucifix in the hand (unless manual labor or some other reasonable cause prevents the use of the hands, and then it suffices to have the crucifix on the person in any way whatsoever, and . . .
- b) By reciting 20 Our Fathers, Hail Marys, and Glory Be To The Fathers, namely one of each of these prayers for each of the fourteen Stations, five in honor of Our Lord's sufferings, and one for the intentions of the Pope.

NOTE: Those who by reason of their sickness cannot without grave inconvenience or difficulty say the 20 Our Fathers, etc. can gain the indulgence by kissing on looking with love and contrition on the specially blessed crucifix and reciting some short prayer of ejaculation in memory of the suffering and death of Our Blessed Lord.