

Recitation of Rosary daily  
at 5 P.M. in Lady Chapel.  
Family Rosary in halls.

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Coming events -- Friday is  
First Friday of the month.  
Sign up for Adoration.

Sudden Thought For October

This is the month for you to join the crowds "thumbing their way to Heaven on their Rosaries."

Rerum Novarum is, perhaps, the most famous of encyclicals written by Pope Leo XIII. However, his favorite topic, if we are to judge by numbers, was the Rosary. He issued ten letters to the whole Church on this subject. It was he who dedicated October as the Month of the Rosary. He urged families to say the Rosary in their homes. It was he who added the title, "Queen of the Most Holy Rosary", to the Litany of the Blessed Virgin.

Bishop Fulton Sheen insists that the Rosary is the prayer of the persecuted Church. Where Mass is forbidden, as in Eastern Europe and in many parts of China, the faithful may still pray their Rosaries for peace. It is also, he will tell you, the ideal family prayer. Every young couple that he has ever joined in marriage has been asked to say the Rosary together every night. "As you say the Family Rosary night after night", he tells them, "Mary will reveal to you the real secret of love."

Bishop Sheen has made well over twenty visits to our Lady's famous shrine at Lourdes in France. He prays to her before he speaks. He asks her help in winning converts. Recently, he told a small group of Americans in Rome: "Mary is to the modern world what the prophets were to the old world. The prophets came to warn the people and urge them to return to God. They came to beg God for mercy for their people. This is the role that Mary plays for us today in her apparitions."

The Communists insist they will be a hundred times more cruel when they take America, than they have been in China. Bishop Sheen has a sure-fire formula to help us stand up under such a strain, should it ever come. "First," he says, "pray to our Lady to show her power against evil. Then do penance as she asked at Fatima, by making a sacrifice for the spread of the faith in pagan lands." He knows that expiation, love and penance, offered in the name of Our Lady cannot go unrewarded. The Mother of God has come again to save the world.

In the little village of Cusercoli, Italy, nobody goes to Church. The three thousand inhabitants are almost all Communists. But strangely enough, these people make their living through an industry that was established by the parish priest some fifty years ago. They chain rosaries. You will see the womenfolk sitting in their doorways, their laps full of beads, as they manipulate pliers and wire. The men do not work in public. They ply their trade behind closed doors at night. But the "Rosary Ace" of Cusercoli, - the one who makes the best rosaries, and the most, - is a man. He is the head Communist of the village. Perhaps Cusercoli is one of Our Lady's undercover agents! Whether they know it or not, they are making weapons to overthrow the Red menace of Communism and bring lasting peace to the world.

Not You!

Overheard on the bus -- "Oh, you know the kind of a Catholic he is--the only time he ever says the Rosary is at a wake."

PRAYERS -- DECEASED: brother of Dick Brown of Dillon; Homer Strickler, '36; William Crowley, '41; Mike Seyfrit, '23; Charles F. Sollo, '25; Mike Needham, '26; Joe Gavin, '31.  
ILL: sister of Bob Dunegan (polio); Carlton McDougall, '38, and wife (accident); the father of Dave Link of Lyons. 2 Special Intentions.

Student Choir Practice - every Wednesday at 6:40 in Sacred Heart Church.