



**MARY  
WOMEN  
CHURCH**

Drawing by Gene O'Neil

"...Mary is a special symbol for women, for only a woman was God's partner in the incarnation. God 'entrusted himself to ... the free and active ministry of a woman,' giving to Mary the word incarnate."

"Jesus enjoyed caring relationships with women."

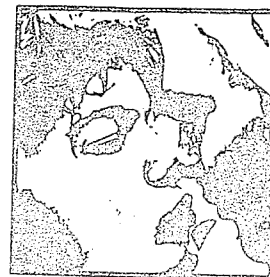
"Women ministered to and served with Jesus throughout his life."

The above are but a few quotes from the recent Draft Letter on Women by our bishops. During this year set aside to honor and reflect on Mary, The Mother of God, we are invited to reflect on Mary's place in our lives and on the equal place of women in our lives, in the Church, and in our every day relations. As men we have so much to ponder here and as women we can find ways to help men ponder these things as we seek our own proper place.

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Fifth Sunday of Easter  
May 1, 1988

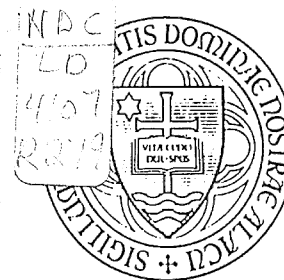
"My branches bear much fruit!"



**MARY, MAY, ROSARY  
PRAYER**

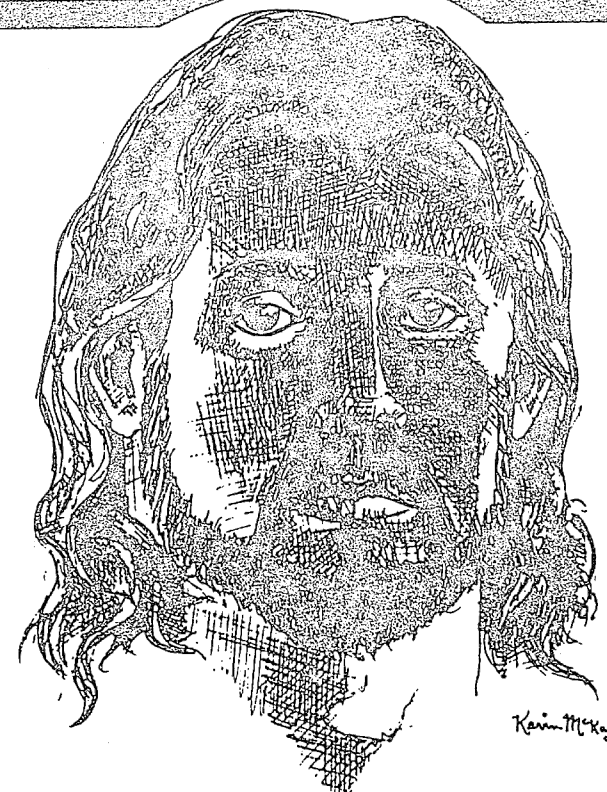
May is traditionally a time to consider and honor Mary, Our Mother, and to include her in our prayers. The Rosary continues to be a part of that tradition. Inside this bulletin is a guide to praying the Rosaries. Complimentary rosaries are available from both Campus Ministry Offices (Library or Badin Hall). While some may consider the Rosary a prayer of the past, the prayer of repetition continues to be a way of being prayerful and in communication with God. It is a way to say to Mary and Her Son, "I love you. Be with me." Further it is a way of enhancing God's presence in our lives.

Why not try praying the Rosary or a part of it during May?



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*"I am the vine, you are the  
branches.*

*The one who lives in me and I in  
that one,  
will produce abundantly,  
for apart from me you can do  
nothing."*

# How to say the ROSARY

The Rosary is divided into 5 decades. Each decade consists of the Our Father, ten Hail Marys, and the Glory Be.

You may add after each Glory Be: "Oh my Jesus, forgive us our sins, save us from the fires of hell, lead all souls to heaven, especially those who have most need of your mercy."

MYSTERIES OF THE ROSARY		
JOYFUL	SORROWFUL	GLORIOUS
Mondays and Thursdays and Sundays of Advent.	Tuesdays and Fridays and Sundays of Lent.	Wednesdays and Saturdays and Sundays outside of Advent and Lent.
1. The Annunciation	1. The Agony in the Garden	1. Resurrection
2. The Visitation	2. The Scourging at the Pillar	2. The Ascension
3. The Birth of Jesus	3. The Crowning with Thorns	3. The Descent of the Holy Ghost upon the Apostles
4. The Presentation	4. The Carrying of the Cross	4. The Assumption
5. The Finding of the Child Jesus in the Temple	5. The Crucifixion	5. The Crowning of Mary as Queen of Heaven
<b>THINK OF ONE MYSTERY WHILE SAYING A COMPLETE DECADE</b>		

## FINAL PRAYERS

**HAIL, HOLY QUEEN** Mother of mercy, our life, our sweetness, and our hope! To thee do we cry, poor banished children of Eve, to thee do we send up our sighs, mourning and weeping in this valley of tears. Turn then, most gracious advocate, thine eyes of mercy towards us; and after this our exile show unto us the blessed fruit of thy womb Jesus, O clement, O loving, O sweet Virgin Mary.

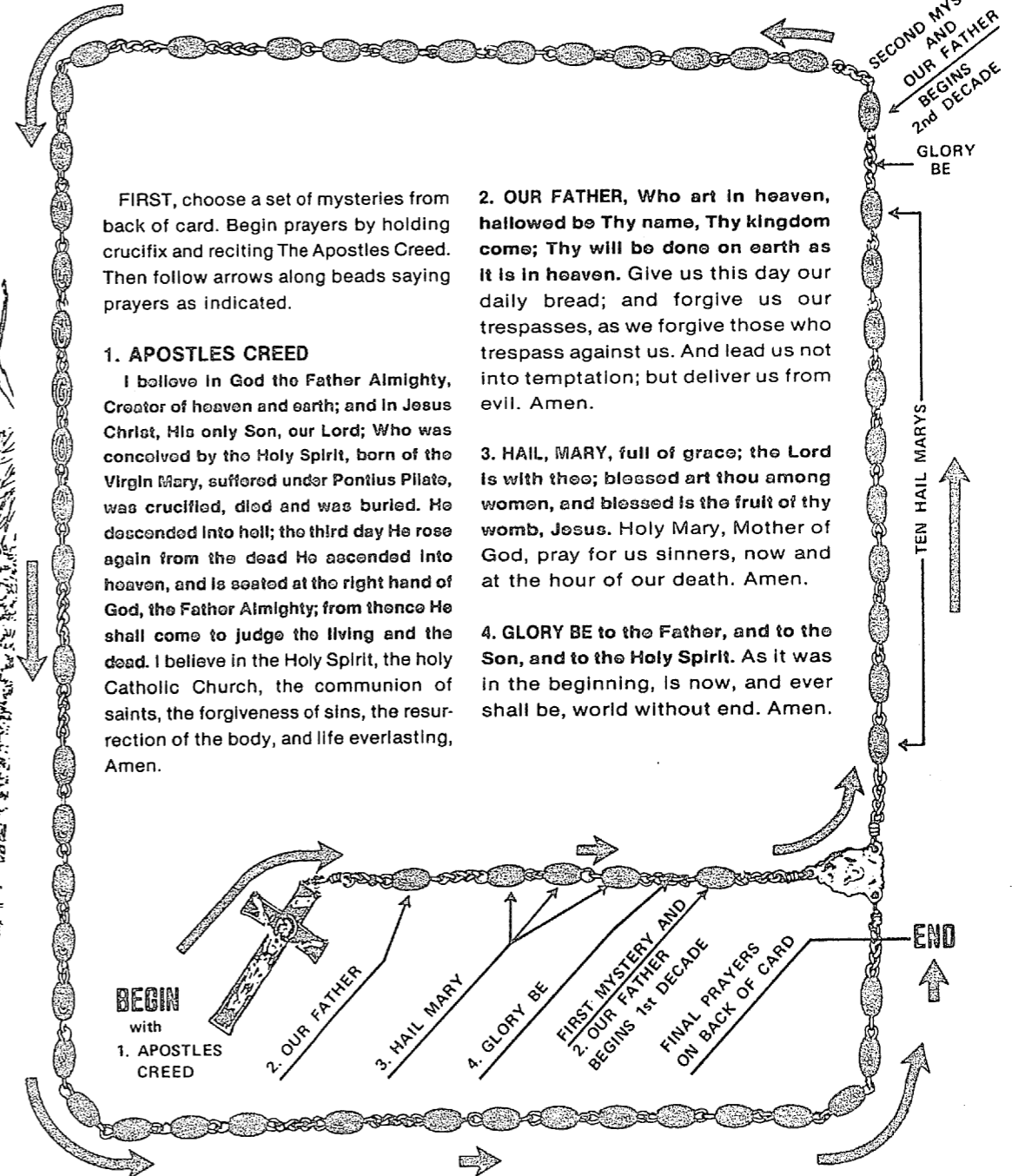
Pray for us, O holy Mother of God.

That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

Let us pray.

O GOD, whose only-begotten Son, by His life, death, and resurrection, has purchased for us the rewards of eternal salvation; grant we beseech Thee, that meditating upon these mysteries in the most holy Rosary of the Blessed Virgin Mary, we may imitate what they contain, and obtain what they promise. Through the same Christ Our Lord.

Amen.



FIRST, choose a set of mysteries from back of card. Begin prayers by holding crucifix and reciting The Apostles Creed. Then follow arrows along beads saying prayers as indicated.

### 1. APOSTLES CREED

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth; and in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord; Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell; the third day He rose again from the dead He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of God, the Father Almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting, Amen.

**2. OUR FATHER, Who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come; Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil. Amen.**

**3. HAIL, MARY, full of grace; the Lord is with thee; blessed art thou among women, and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus. Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners, now and at the hour of our death. Amen.**

**4. GLORY BE to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.**

NOTE: When two or more are saying the rosary together, the Leader recites the part of the prayers printed in heavy type and others recite the rest of the prayer together.