

Tonight at 6:45: Senior and graduate students mission continues.

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Tomorrow at 4:45: We begin Rosary Devotions in Sacred Heart Church.

The Month Of The Rosary

General Lew Wallace, author of Ben Hur, was not a Catholic, yet his favorite devotion was the Rosary. He used to take his beads with him to his Protestant church and say them during Services. He liked the Rosary because of its simplicity and its sublimity.

Here at Notre Dame, the Rosary re-built the Main Building after the fire of 1879. Father Sorin's devotion to Our Lady made him conceive the idea of placing her colossal statue where it stands upon its pedestal, a witness of faith to all the surrounding countryside. She is the Mother of all Notre Dame men, and we'd like for everyone to know it. Even more, we'd like to do something about it. And so, every day at 4:45 p.m. (Monday through Friday) during this month of October, we recite the Rosary publically in the Lady Chapel of Sacred Heart Church.

The Church dedicates the month of October to this devotion, and attaches numerous indulgences to the recitation of the Beads.

The Rosary is made up of the prayers we learned from Our Lord Himself, from the Angel Gabriel, and from Elizabeth, combined with the Apostles' Creed, the Doxology, and the Church's prayer to the Mother of God. You see, the Rosary has very good ancestors!

The Rosary came into existence through what is regarded as a private revelation of the Blessed Virgin to St. Dominic in the time of the Albigensian heresy. It suppressed the bloody work of the devil; and it has been working other miracles ever since that time. It was the Rosary, for instance, that kept the Faith in Ireland when the Mass was forbidden and there was a price on the head of a priest. It saved Christendom from Turkish domination when it won the battle of Lepanto.

According to recent revelations, we conclude it is highly regarded by the Blessed Virgin herself. When she appeared to Bernadette at Lourdes, she told the little girl to recite the Rosary. And she encouraged the three little children at Fatima in our own day to recite the Rosary, too.

And one of our Holy Cross priests, Father Patrick Peyton, is even now moving into the farthest corners of the world, begging millions of Catholic families to recite the Rosary in common every day of their lives. This Notre Dame man has made it his life's work to enlist the Catholic world's interest in the daily recitation of the Rosary. Surely, we on campus here should heed his message -- and his promise that families who say the Beads together every day will be preserved from all harm, and in it will find their salvation.

Should you be prevented from joining the group at the Church at 4:45 p.m. you can always gather in your hall chapel later in the evening. It will be a sound investment of ten minutes -- and a great opportunity for you to pray for yourself, and for your family. The spiritual commissioner in each hall, together with the rector, will make the necessary arrangements for the hall Family Rosary.

Coming Events - Next week Father John A. O'Brien will begin an Inquiry Class for Non-Catholics among the students, faculty, and the people of the area -- at the new Fatima Retreat House -- at 7:30, on Mondays and Thursdays, beginning October 7.

Prayers Requested: Deceased: friend of Bill McMahon of Pangborn; uncle of Jack Dolan of Pangborn; cousin of Jack Kriens of Dillon; Bill Pfister, '45; father of Pat Fleming, '52; father of Tom Harrigan of Lyons; aunt of Warren Albright of Dillon; friend of John Mack of Walsh. 2 special intentions.