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Newsletter of Holy Cross Family Ministries, South India

Provincial's Message

Mary kept all these things, pondering them in her heart.

Lk 2:19

When Mary said “YES” to Angel Gabriel, perhaps she was not fully aware of the consequences of the “YES”. She would have to repeat that “YES” again and again. She did not know that her “YES” would lead her to many difficult situations. She could have outrightly withdrawn that commitment and have an easy way. But she chose to be faithful, always trying to understand God’s plans even in the wake of trials and sorrows. She would keep pondering but would never give up! She lived in the awareness that God had especially chosen her despite her lowliness.

Prayer is living in the awareness of God’s presence in us and among us. Prayer is not just asking God for our various needs but living in his presence.

When we ask God for something, he may say ‘Yes’, ‘No’ or ‘Wait’. What prayer does is, it makes us understand and accept God’s will. On pondering and understanding God’s will, we will be more inclined to fulfil it. Let it be done according to your Word.



When I live in the awareness of God’s presence, I will be confident of placing before him my needs and feelings of gratitude will flow. Mary’s gratitude is seen in the Magnificat – My soul glorifies the Lord.. As we continue to honour Mary, let us imbibe the spirit of prayer from her, the spirit that led her to live a life of gratitude, a life of surrender to God! May our life of prayer transform us to be true disciples!

Wishing all our readers a Very Happy Feast of the Our Lady!



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Provincial Superior.*



Prayer Transforms Life



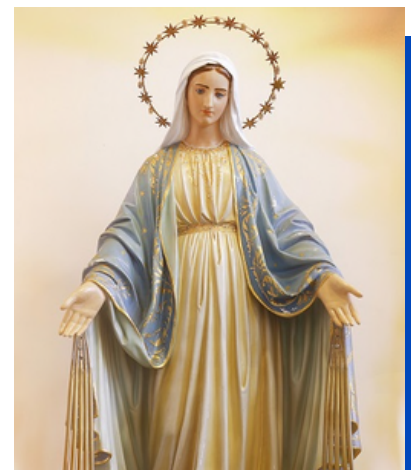
The Nativity of the Blessed Mother Mary: A celebration of Faith and Hope. It is a fitting tribute to our Blessed Mother Mary to bring out this issue of family light as we 'celebrate with joy the Nativity of the Blessed Mother Mary, for from her rose the Sun of Justice, Christ our God.'

Recently, Dicastery for the Doctrine of the Faith (DDF) has recognized the devotion at the sanctuary of Our Lady of Good Health at Vailankanni, Tamil Nadu. This site is renowned for reported apparitions of the virgin Mary in the 16th Century. Approximately 20 million pilgrims visit the shrine each year, especially these days of celebration in honor of the nativity of Mother Mary. She attracts her children to Jesus and is a refuge in times of difficulties and trials. It is our experience that 'anyone who fled to her protection, implored her help or sought her intercession was left unaided.' Thus, she protects her children from the evil designs of the world.

On the other hand, we have a grim picture of the present generation moving away from God. There are stories of people doing anything to gain name and fame. A recent tragedy involved a 27-year-old Mumbai-based travel and lifestyle influencer Aanvi Kamdar, who died on July 16, 2024, after falling into a 300ft gorge while recording a video near Kumbhe waterfall in Mangaon in Maharashtra's Raigad District. This is just one of the latest casualties of selfie and reel culture, we hear many such tragedies around us.

It is indeed an era of digital technology: an era of selfies, reel, WhatsApp, Facebook, Instagram.... etc. Positively it has helped us to be more global, yet we are paying a high price. It is destroying relationships and families. It is hindering the spirit of prayer in our Christian families. Many people find no time for prayer and other spiritual activities, to hear and listen to the whispering of God.

Ven. Patrick Peyton believed that nothing is more precious than the family, which is our greatest treasure. Therefore, Christian families should free themselves from the bondage of this digital age. 'We are out just like sheep to a pack of wolves. Therefore, we must be cautious as snakes and gentle as doves' to know the dangers of time. We abide in the Lord and live in union with Him. Prayer helps us to abide in the Lord. Ven. Patrick Peyton says 'prayer is God's weakness and my strength. He wants to guide us and lead us closer to Himself.' Prayer points to the notion of necessity and dependence in our lives.





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Jesus says 'ask and it will be given to you, seek and you will find, knock and it will be opened to you.' Ask, Seek and knock these words indicate a continual process and constant action. We must keep on asking, seeking and knocking. Rosary is one of the meditative prayers based on Scripture. When we pray the Rosary, we ask Mary our Mother to pray for us as we seek to grow closer to her Son Jesus by contemplating His life, death, and resurrection. In the words of Ven. Patrick Peyton, 'the Rosary has saved the world in the past, and it will save the world again by saving the family. The family Rosary is a practical way to strengthen the unity of family life so easily weakened by the modern way of living.' He often reminded the people that 'the family is the greatest treasure the earth possesses. God is the greatest treasure of heaven. The Rosary is the link of steel that has the power to unite them both together for time and eternity.' The rosary will

definitely transform our life as the saying goes true 'no one can live continually in sin and continue to say the rosary. Either they will give up the sin or they will give up the rosary.' Therefore, we resolve to live like our mother, seeking God's will at all times, reaching out to people in joyful service and praying the rosary. The awesome story of our salvation is encapsulated in the Holy Rosary. Let us pray the rosary, be transformed and be freed from the dangers of this time.



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by Yesudas Nayak



Mary Our Icon of Prayer



Mary mother of Jesus, exemplifies her faith in Divine Providence through her prayer journey. Her parents instilled in her the seeds of openness and sensitivity to the Word of God. She allows herself to be touched, magnetized, and captivated by God. Her prayer depicts a journey with many roads, stages, and paths—a journey she travels with Joseph and Jesus. Her contemplative prayer permits her to rejoice with God, count on God, appreciate God, and to reproduce God's life and attitudes. Since Mary was in close relationship with Jesus, she received from Him the knowledge of the heart, which deepened her faith. By her experience as a mother, Mary became the woman of faith who made room for God in her heart and in her plans.

Mary's intimacy with God in prayer is apparent in her openness to change her plans into God's plans, her ways into God's ways, her priority into God's priority. This conversion was centered on God. It fostered Mary's dependence on God. Mary encounters were occasions of conversions in her prayer journey, and this endless series of large and small conversions, leads her to acquire the heart, mind, and spirit of God. Often, we, lack the intensity in letting God shape us, stretch us, and lead us to new depths of trust, love, forgiveness, compassion, justice and freedom.

Mary's prayer journey is punctuated by struggles along the way. Her first struggle came in terms of accepting her call to be the mother of Jesus. It was not easy to fathom the proposal of God to be the mother of Jesus. She encounters a period of darkness because she did not know how to fathom God's call and plans. Like Abraham, she was asked to walk a pilgrim's journey of faith and trust to a destination she did not know, a destination which God revealed in time. With our human intelligence, we are incapable of penetrating God's ways as God can be only reached by the grace of his love in prayer.



Another element, in Mary's prayer life is her surrender to God that fosters integrity, to be wholly who God calls her to be, that is, to become her real and best self. This is not a seeking of self-fulfillment, but a summons to let her interior self, become congruent with her exterior public self. Her integrity enabled her to rid herself of the temptation to be someone she was not. We learn from Mary to do our best and leave the rest to God. If we fail to surrender to God we tend to surrender to idols, and false gods. Through her prayer journey Mary discovered that surrender is the only way to live the mystery of life.



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We discover gradually that the greatest hurdle to God's blessings in our life do not come from others, but our own self through our personal motivations, arrogance, and self-will. If we fail to surrender to God we surrender to the opinions of others. Worries and fears will not leave till we surrender ourselves to God's Will in all things. Finally, Mary's prayer life led her to express her concern for others, in love, compassion and justice. When we fail to perceive the signs and events in the world and are unable to lighten the burdens of others, our prayer life sounds empty.



We notice this in Mary's visitation to Elizabeth, the wedding at Cana and many other occasions. Through these gestures, she participates in reaching a helping hand to others. If our prayer life does not lead us to reach out to others in love, compassion, and justice it is a sign that we share neither the mind nor the heart of Christ. We realize that the highest form of love is not simply to love God but to share in his love for others. Then, we will no longer seek to love like Christ but to love with Him, and in Him and through Him and our Blessed Mother. What takes place with Mary also takes place within us, spiritually, when we receive the word of God with a good and sincere heart and put it into practice.

May Mary continue to be an icon of God's wisdom, openness, surrender, concern for others, with a joyful hope. We need to turn to Mary often, for she is a mighty intercessor and a faithful companion for us in our prayer journey.



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"Eucharistic Blessing on Family Through Jesus"

By Lloyd Dias



God Makes The Impossible Possible

(Rev. Joseph Thermadam csc, is the first Holy Cross and second Asian deaf priest. He explains how prayer helped him in his journey to the priesthood).

Angel Gabriel told Mary, 'For there is nothing that God cannot do.' I was born deaf in Thrissur, Kerala, but grew up in Mumbai, Maharashtra, because of my father's work there. As a newly married couple, my parents Thomas and Rosy eagerly longed for their first child. When the first child, Stalin was born, they realized that the child was deaf. They were taken by surprise but sought strength through prayer. As they began to reconcile and accept the event, their second child Joseph also was born but deaf.

They met many doctors for a solution, travelled to many places seeking prayers and healing, but nothing seemed to work. One day, they were praying for the healing touch of the Lord on both the children, the retreat preacher Fr. Jose Vettiyanal VC told them that Joseph the secondchild would become someone unique for the Lord. With this in mind, they accepted their deaf children and supported them wholeheartedly. Throughout these challenges, the importance of prayer stood out, helping them to accept and overcome these difficult situations.

We prayed regularly at home and participated in the church activities. I have two uncle priests, Fr. George Thermadom and Fr. Joy Vellattukara, and three cousin nuns: Sr. Jency Thermadom, CSS, Sr. Mary Stella, CHF, and Sr. Binila Emmanuel, CMC. During my childhood, they served as my role models. Observing their lives, I initially thought that only hearing people could become priests and religious.



Though I wished to become a priest, I set aside my dream due to my deafness. My family, regularly attended parish activities and participated in various church events which inspired me to do the same. However, my brother and I did not receive any accessibility or accommodations from the church to understand the Mass, Catechism, and other religious teachings. Despite this, we continued to attend Mass and Catechism classes faithfully.

I struggled in Catechism classes, often failing in the exams. When preparing for my First Holy Communion, I sat for the Catechism exam but couldn't answer any of the questions, which made me cry. My Catechism teacher, Mrs. Smitha Ruffin, consoled me and helped me prepare better, assisting me to finally receive my First Holy Communion. Although I continued to get low marks in exams, one day, I participated in the Catechism Scholarship examination and received a scholarship certificate.

This certificate showed that the church acknowledged me as a knowledgeable student,



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even though I did not receive any accessibility or accommodations due to my deafness. I thanked God for helping me succeed in Catechism, and this experience made me realize that I could become a priest. When I approached my parents about becoming a priest, they initially told me that handicapped people cannot become priests. I put my dream aside once again but continued attending Catechism classes.

During my final Catechism Scholarship examination in the 12th standard, I ranked first among about 100 hearing students from across the Diocese of Kalyan, despite being the only deaf student. This was a sign that I could study in the seminary, though I accepted my deafness.

Before completing my B.Sc. in Zoology, my mother informed me that a blind man had become a priest in Kerala. I then told my parents that I also wanted to become a priest. They supported me, and we approached the parish priest, Fr. Thomas Puthiyaparambil, who immediately supported me. The main intention of our daily family Rosary was to find someone who would accept me into the priesthood. I searched for seminaries in India, but none had the faculty or facilities to accommodate deaf seminarians.

At that time, my elder brother Stalin was studying at Gallaudet University in the USA, where he encountered a Catholic Deaf priest. I then reached out to Fr. Thomas Coughlin, OP Miss, the first deaf priest in North America. He accepted me, and I became a member of the Dominican Missionaries for the Deaf Apostolate in 2008. In 2015, I completed my postgraduate degree in Theology and wished to serve in the deaf ministry in India. After my religious visa in the USA expired, I returned to India.

I continued my search in India. It was not that easy. My parents also struggled along with me to find a place in India to become a priest. Many listened to my story and rejected me. I felt discouraged sometimes, yet kept praying. Then I met Fr. Biju Moolakkara, CSC, the vocation promoter of the Congregation of Holy Cross in the South India Province. He was involved in the deaf ministry. I applied to the Congregation of Holy Cross, and they accepted me to live in the Holy Cross house in Aymanam, Kerala, as part of the “Come and See” program in 2017. Initially it was not easy to live among the hearing. I then went through various stages of formation, including community experience at Holy Cross Seminary, Pune, in 2018, the Novitiate at Yercaud, TN, in 2019, Regency at Aymanam from 2020-2021, teaching at Little Flower High School for the Deaf, Karunapuram, in 2022, making my final vows on September 18th, 2023, and becoming a Deacon the next day. On May 2nd, 2024, Archbishop Andrews Thazhath of Thrissur ordained me a priest. It was a moment of dream come true and answers to thousands of prayers raised to heaven.

During my vocation journey, I encountered many ups and downs across the world, but my faithful prayer life helped me persevere. I participated in daily Holy Mass and prayed various prayers, such as the Rosary, Divine Mercy, and Stations of the Cross. I inherited this prayerful life from my parents, who taught me to pray faithfully. Seeing my parents work hard for my brother and me, their prayers helped them support us in our endeavours. Prayer is the most important aspect of our lives. Thanks be to God for answering our prayers, and I will continue to pray as a faithful and holy priest.

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“The Family That Prays Together, Stays Together.”

It was in 1947 for the family Theator of the air radio series, Ven. Fr. Patrick Peyton wrote the famous slogan, 'the family that prays together stays together.' it was heard weekly and became a household phrase. We are blessed with five wonderful children who keep our lives active and full of joy. Each of our kids aged 18, 15, 8, 5 years and our angel in heaven bring their own unique spark to our family dynamic, making every day an adventure. We love spending time together, whether it's meal out, or simply sharing stories and laughter at home and our day is not complete without the family coming together for prayer.

We have been fortunate to go as a family for daily mass. Receiving the Holy Eucharist daily has been the source of our strength, healing (both physical and emotional) and protection. As parents we are convinced that receiving the Holy Eucharist daily will give the children a special connect with Jesus and ample protection from different kinds of dangers. “The courage and strength that are in me are not of me, but of Him who lives in me - it is the Eucharist” St. Faustina

Our Family prayer in the evenings also holds a special place in our lives as it is the source of grace and protection in our life. Even when there is chaos at home, we ensure that it happens as we feel a special peace and bonding in the family through prayer. Most of our prayers have been answered when we have prayed together - like going on a holiday, getting payments on time or getting a house with all our specifications and so on.

Once, when we had to move to a new house on rent, the children very specifically prayed for a

house they wanted with a place to play, and a swimming pool and God just answered our prayers and that too within our budget. Many such incidents have increased our faith in the power of praying together as a family.

Our 30-minute family prayer includes the Holy Rosary, thanksgiving for the days providence and protection, intercession and bible reading. It's a moment when we come together to reflect, express gratitude, seek guidance, and strengthening our bond as a family. Through our daily Rosaries, we know that Mother Mary takes care of our family lives, our children and all our needs.

Like every other family, we also have our different kinds of struggles, but we believe that God definitely works through all these prayers, setting things right, giving hope and strength to keep going. In times of our joy or challenges, family prayer provides comfort and reassurance that God is in charge and that He will take over. We believe that ultimately receiving the Holy Eucharist and praying the Holy Rosary are building up treasures in heaven.



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Rejoice Always, Pray Continually,

St. Paul in his first epistle to Thessalonians chapter five, verse 16 says, “Rejoice always, pray continually, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God’s will for you in Christ Jesus. Come to him with thanksgiving.” Prayer is not what we ask for and put conditions if God fulfill our wish, and we do something for him like taking vows. It’s like when you sit to pray you are sitting with your Heavenly Father as you are sitting with a friend. “The Lord is near to all who call on Him, to all who call on Him in truth.” (Ps: 145:18) Talk your heart out with him, just don’t tell him what you want but share with him your challenges and ask the Holy Spirit to give you wisdom and help you to pray, the Lord knows your heart, but he is happy when you open to him. Whenever you pray make sure you ask his will to be done. As he knows the best for us. Likewise, the Spirit also helps us in our infirmities: for we know not what we should pray for as we ought: but the Spirit itself makes intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered. There will be times where no matter how much we are praying but nothing is working out this is the time the Lord is actually working; he just wants you to have faith and do not give up. ‘No testing has overtaken you that is not common to everyone.’ (1Cor. 10:13) God is faithful, and he will not let you be tested beyond your strength, but with the testing he will also provide the way out so that you may be able to endure it. I was a Punjabi, and I got converted as I had seen lot of changes in my life, but the beautiful part was when he taught me to pray. I used to attend mass daily, and it strengthened my faith more. Nobody had told me this, but the Holy Spirit guided me when I used to pray using the word of God. When I needed a job, I started praying for people who were unemployed and in no time, I got a job.

When I saw fights in my house I started praying for broken families and I experienced peace in my home. And this way I used to pray for all my intentions not only for me but for the world in my Divine Mercy prayer. And I have seen answers coming. ‘I urge, then, first of all, that petitions, prayers, intercession and thanksgiving be made for all people—for kings and all those in authority, that we may live peaceful and quiet lives in all godliness and holiness.’ God desires you to pray for people in leadership.

After our child was born, I didn’t pray at all for getting back to work for few years, but my husband told me to try and see if I can manage and Lord made a way in a way I never thought. It’s very important to accept what the Lord has given, when you value what you have and love people around, even if they have hurt you.

‘If you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? Even sinners love those who love them. And if you do good to those who are good to you, what credit is that to you? Even sinners do that.’ (Lk 6:32)

He wants you to enjoy life to the fullest. Ups and downs are always going to be there, but prayer is the only key. “Therefore, I tell you, whatever you ask in prayer, believe that you have received it, and it will be yours.” (Mk 11:24) His grace will keep us going as his word says, ‘I will instruct you and teach you in the way you should go, I will guide you with My eye.’ (Ps 32:8) Friends have faith and they will do things as per His will and time. “And whatever you ask in prayer, you will receive, if you have faith.” (Mt. 21:22)



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Four Days With Mama Mary

A four-day retreat was mainly organized for the children of St. Joseph church, chengalam, Kerala to help them reorient their lives with the help of Mother Mary and holy rosary. The main objective of the retreat was to explore their talents in the light of the Holy rosary. It was attended by 135 children. The resource persons were well experienced. The activities were conducted in four groups. Various competitions based on Biblical stories, Bible quiz, skit presentations and chart making made the retreat more exciting and participative. It was life-changing days for many of them and it was so joyful the way they expressed their joy.



“The Four days long Marian retreat was a delightful journey with Mother Mary. During the retreat days and after that too I began praying rosary intently and I felt that Mother Mary was holding my hands. Our family prayer time is now the most wonderful moment in the family together. I cherish daily the activities during the retreat, the action songs based on the Holy Bible and the mysteries of the Holy Rosary etc.” says Adon Manoj, a class 7 student of St Joseph Church, Chengalam.





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Ashil Prince, a class eight student of catechism shared his experience of attending this retreat. "I came for this retreat at the insistence of my parents but now I feel this was the best thing that happened to me. Now I lead my family prayer daily. I am inspired by the saying of Venerable Patrick Peyton who said, 'The family that prays together, stays together'. This has become a living reality in my family". Most number of students who had the problem of mobile addiction have changed their habits for good. "From class four to ten the mobile phone was my constant companion, and I believed that I could never part with it. It consumed most of my time and energy. But this retreat has helped me to have Mother Mary as my best companion and use the mobile moderately"- says Hebziba. She attributes her good results in class ten exams to the intercession of Mother Mary.



Adon Manoj



Ashil Prince



Hebziba



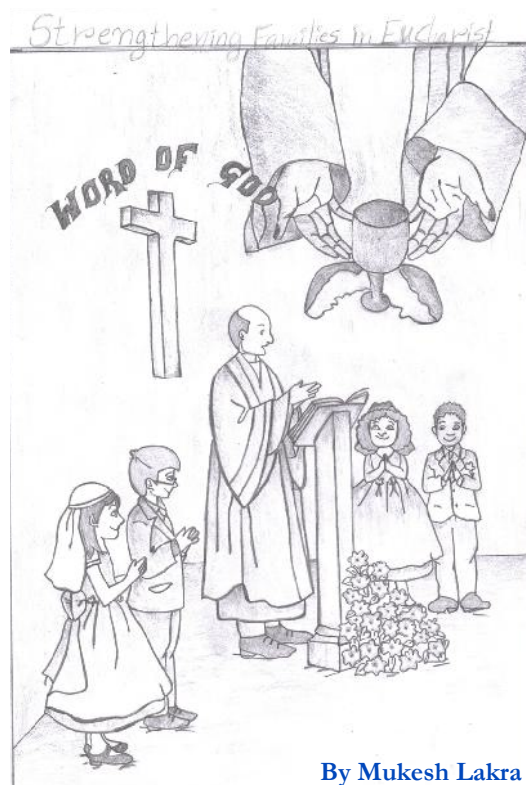
The parents of these children were extremely grateful to the team for organizing this retreat for their children. Many of them personally expressed their gratitude and are looking forward to have many such spiritually nourishing events. I wish and pray that the Holy Spirit inspires these children to remain steadfast in their faith and become a role model in their families and society. The parish and the parents of the children are grateful to the Holy Cross family ministry for helping them to reorient their life through the Family ministries.



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One Eucharistic Family Radiates Christ's Love

In the celebration of the Eucharist, our hearts align,
One Eucharistic family, a sacred sign.
From diverse lands and stories old,
In Christ's embrace, we all behold.

The table set with bread and wine,
Transformed by love, a gift divine.
His body given, blood outpoured,
A covenant of peace restored.

Across the world, in every tongue,
The hymn of unity is sung.
Though oceans wide may us divide,
In Christ, we all are unified.

No longer strangers, friends, or foes,
The grace of God within us flows.

In every heart, His light does shine,
One faith, one hope, in love we bind.

We gather here, no longer alone,
In this communion, love has grown.
With hands outreached and hearts so wide,
We stand as one, with Christ our guide.

A family born of sacred meal,
In this truth, our souls reveal.
For in the Eucharist, we see,
The boundless depth of unity.

One Eucharistic family, strong and free,
Bound by His love, eternally.
Together we walk, together we stand,
One holy family, hand in hand.

By Karan Nayak



Eucharistic Family Unites All Domestic Families

In the breaking of the bread, a sacred story told,
A family united, in the warmth of Christ's fold.
From diverse lands we gather, hearts open, hands free,
Bound by love eternal, one Eucharistic family.

Bread and wine transform, a mystery profound,
In this holy meal, true unity is found.
No borders or divisions, no walls to confine,
In the feast of the Savior, we find love's design.
We share in the body, we drink of the cup,
In this sacrament of grace, we are lifted up.
Different tongues, one voice, in harmony we sing,
Praising Christ our Redeemer, our eternal King.

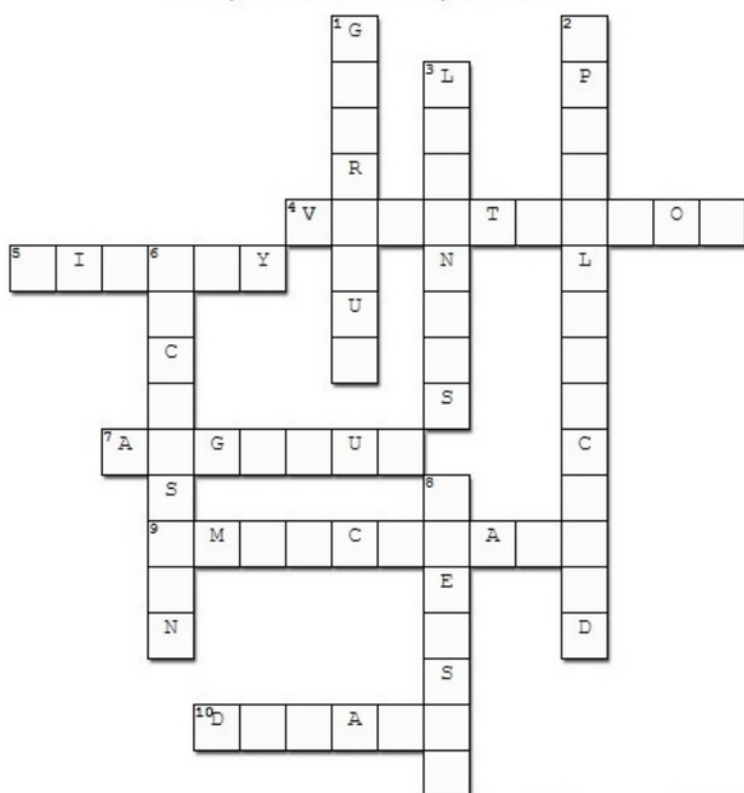
In service and compassion, His love we extend,
To the broken and weary, our hearts we lend.
We are one in His presence, our lives intertwined,
In the light of the Eucharist, our souls are aligned.

Together we journey, through joy and through strife,
Carrying the message of His sacrificial life.
In every act of kindness, His love we proclaim,
One Eucharistic family, united in His name.

So let us break the bread, and lift the cup high,
With faith as our anchor, and love as our guide.
For in this holy union, we are truly free,
One body, one spirit, one Eucharistic family.

By Rahula Kumar Nayak

HOW WELL DO YOU KNOW THE ROSARY



Down:

1. Recited on Wednesdays and Sundays
2. Profession of Faith
3. Rosary mysteries on the public ministry of Jesus
6. Christ's departure to Heaven
8. Title of Mary

Across:

4. Mary's journey to Elizabeth
5. Invocations to Mary and the saints
7. Angel Gabriel's greeting
9. Sinless from conception
10. Ten Hail Marys



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One Eucharistic Family Transcends Borders of All Sorts

The Eucharist is central to Christian faith, embodying the presence of Christ and his sacrificial love for humanity. Within the broader scope of Christianity, the theme of being “one Eucharistic family” underscores a profound unity and communion among believers. This unity transcends individual, cultural, and denominational boundaries, uniting Christians in a single family bonded by faith and the sacrament of the Eucharist.



The Eucharist is not merely a ritual; it represents a tangible expression of God’s love, a means of grace, and a call to unity. The Eucharist calls Christians to a profound sense of community. This communal aspect is vital, as it signifies that all believers are interconnected. As one Eucharistic family, Christians are called to live out the virtues of love, forgiveness, and service, reflecting the sacrificial love of Christ. This sense of family transcends personal differences, inviting all to the same table regardless of social, economic, or cultural status. The breaking of bread symbolizes the breaking down of barriers, fostering a spirit of inclusivity and unity.

The theme of one Eucharistic family encapsulates a vision of unity, love, and service grounded in the sacrament of the Eucharist. It calls Christians to a deeper understanding of their faith and a more profound commitment to living out that faith in the world. By recognizing themselves as part of this universal family, believers are inspired to break down barriers, foster inclusivity, and work towards a more just and compassionate society.



By Anil Kanta Nayak



One Eucharistic Family as an Icon of Jesus' Love

The concept of “One Eucharistic Family” encapsulates the profound unity and community inherent in the Christian practice of the Eucharist. This idea is rooted in the belief that the Eucharist, also known as Holy Communion or the Lord’s Supper, is not merely a ritual but a profound mystery that unites believers with Christ and with each other in a spiritual and communal bond.



The act of partaking in the Eucharist is a profound expression of faith, obedience, and unity among Christians. It symbolizes the believer’s acceptance of Christ’s sacrifice and their incorporation into the body of Christ, the Church. The notion of a Eucharistic family underscores the idea that, despite diverse backgrounds, cultures, and personal histories, all believers are united in Christ through the Eucharist. In receiving the Eucharist, Christians affirm their commitment to live according to the teachings of Jesus, fostering love, compassion, and service to others. It is a communal act that strengthens the bonds among believers, making them a family in the truest spiritual sense.

The Eucharistic family encourages the Church to be a place of welcome and belonging for all. It calls for communities that are open and hospitable, where every individual is respected, valued, and loved. The idea of “One Eucharistic Family” is a powerful testament to spread the love of Jesus through the Eucharist. It calls believers to live out their faith in the world that reflects the inclusive, reconciling, and self-giving love of Christ.





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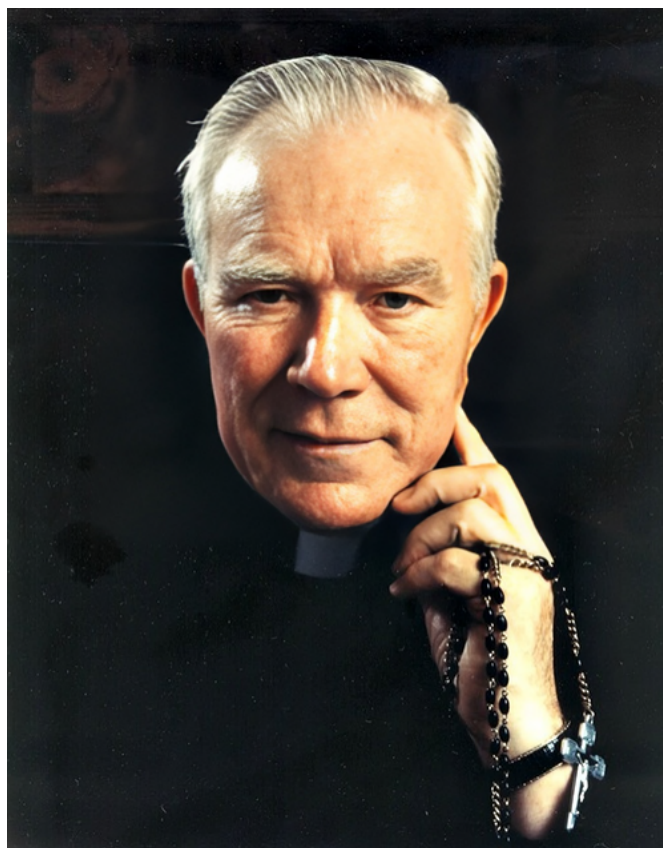
Glimpses of Rosary Rally at St. Patrick Church, Bangalore.



[Click here to watch the video :](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IKPecoeqQYU)

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Prayer for Beatification of Venerable Fr. Patrick Peyton - the Rosary Priest.



Dear Jesus,

Father Peyton devoted his priestly life, to strengthening the families of the world
by calling them to pray together every day, especially the Rosary.

His message is as important for us now as it was during his life on earth.

We beg you, therefore, to hasten the day of his beatification,
so that your faithful people everywhere, will remember his message
that The Family That Prays Together Stays Together,
will imitate him in his devotion to your Mother and ours,
and will be inspired by his holy life, to draw ever closer to you
with childlike confidence and love. Amen.

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