



My Dear Parishioners,

Praised be Jesus Christ! It's not uncommon that certain months of the year are designated for various causes, themes and movements. February, for example, is Black History Month; April is Child Abuse Awareness month and the list goes on. In the

Church, we do something similar and in this month of October, we mark both the Month of the Holy Rosary and Respect Life. More than causes, themes or movements, however, these two realities of the Rosary and Respect Life highlight essential aspects of our faith. Things that are part and parcel of what we believe and who we are. And so, for this week and next, I'd like to unpack these two aspects of our faith. Let's start with the Rosary.

When it comes to the Rosary, at times Catholics may be accused of superstition. And even among Catholics, we ourselves may not properly understand this prayer. Far from a good luck charm, the rosary is a Christ-centered Prayer, rooted in Scripture, recalling events in the Life of Christ. The repetition of the "Hail Mary" serves as the background music for those mysteries as speak again Gabriel's words to Mary of Nazareth.

A terrific website for more information about the rosary is: [www.thepoweroftherosary.com](http://www.thepoweroftherosary.com) I encourage you to visit that site and learn more. Finally, let these quotes from up and down the centuries of time, provoke all of us to pray the rosary with renewed devotion in this special month.

Peace,

Fr. Rogers

#### QUOTES OF THE ROSARY

The Rosary is a powerful weapon to put the demons to flight and to keep oneself from sin...If you desire peace in your hearts, in your homes, and in your country, assemble each evening to recite the Rosary. Let not even one day pass without saying it, no matter how burdened you may be with many cares and labors. Pope Pius XI

If you say the Rosary faithfully until death, I do assure you that, in spite of the gravity of your sins, you shall receive a never fading crown of glory. For even if you are now on the brink of damnation, even if you have one foot in hell, even if you have sold your soul to the devil...sooner or later you will be converted and will amend your life and save your soul. If—you say the Rosary devoutly every day of your life. St. Louis De Montfort

The Rosary is the most excellent form of prayer and the most efficacious means of attaining eternal life. It is the remedy for all our evils, the root of all our blessings. There is no more excellent way of praying. Pope Leo XIII

The Rosary is my favorite prayer. St. Pope John Paul II

The greatest method of praying is to pray the Rosary. Saint Francis de Sales

When the Holy Rosary is said well, it gives Jesus and Mary more glory and is more meritorious than any other prayer. Saint Louis de Montfort

The Holy Rosary is the storehouse of countless blessing.~Blessed Alan de la Roche

One day, through the Rosary and the Scapular, Our Lady will save the world.~Saint Dominic

Never will anyone who says his Rosary every day be led astray. This is a statement that I would gladly sign with my blood.~Saint Louis de Montfort

The Rosary is the most beautiful and the most rich in graces of all prayers; it is the prayer that touches most the Heart of the Mother of God...and if you wish peace to reign in your homes, recite the family Rosary.~Pope Saint Pius X

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