

THE GIFT



The Marian Men's Movement

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The following instructions will give you the gift of tying Rosaries. Please follow the easy steps and begin giving hope and happiness to those in need. Please remember that religion does not make a difference when preparing a Rosary for someone.

The Rosary consists of 5 decades. Each decade consists of 10 Hail Mary knots and 1 Our Father knot. The Hail Mary knot is made with 3 continuous wraps tied together. The Our Father knot is made of 5 continuous wraps tied together.

The cross is made up of 4 continuous wraps tied together for the top of the cross, and 7 continuous wraps tied together for the bottom portion of the cross. An 8" piece of string that is left over while making the Rosary will be used for the cross section of the cross.

Please note that while learning to tie a Rosary, your teacher will show you the correct steps.

Step #1

- Purchase #36 100% Nylon string. (Figure 1)
- Nylon usually comes in white rolls. It can be dyed with dye for different colors.



Figure 1
#36 Nylon Spool

Step #2

- Have string blessed by a Catholic Priest prior to tying your first Rosary.

Step #3

- Cut 20-24' of Nylon string (melt ends with lighter so string will not unravel).
- Fold length of string in half and begin tying first Hail Mary knot. (Figure #2)
- When tying the first Hail Mary knot, wrap 3 full wraps around your index finger and pull the string through the coiled loops (Figure #3)



Figure 2
Hail Mary Knot

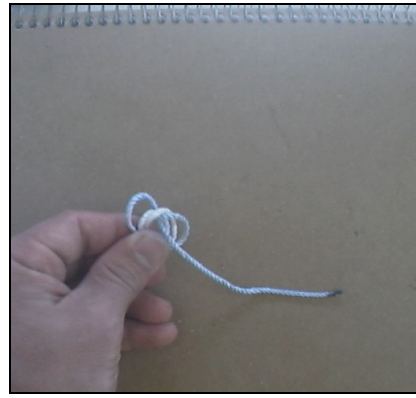


Figure 3
Pull 3 Wraps Through Coils

- Continue to tie a total number of 10 Hail Mary knots $\frac{1}{4}$ " apart
- Divide string into two sides that have 5 Hail Mary knots on each side (Figure 4)



Figure 4
10 Hail Mary Knots 5 on Each Side

- Make 1 Our Father knot (Figure 5) on each side of the string $\frac{3}{8}$ " from the last Hail Mary



Figure 5
Our Father Knot

- Continue making 10 more Hail Mary knot's on each side of the string followed by another Our Father on each side. (This will give you 3 full decades)
- Continue to tie 10 Hail Mary knots $\frac{1}{4}$ " apart followed by another Our Father on each side to complete all five decades. (Figure 6)

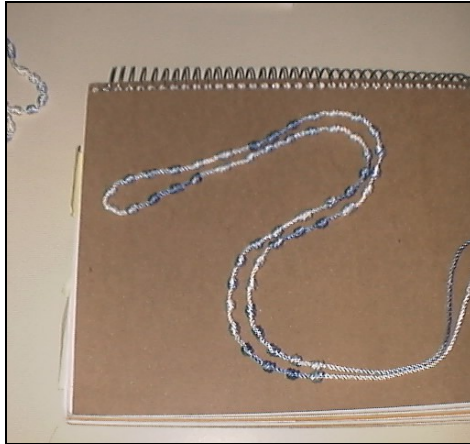


Figure 6
5 Decades Completed

Step #4

- Even out the two sides of the Rosary and make a 2 wrap knot with the untied portion of the string around your finger. Secure that knot and cut off one length of untied string. Save this portion of string for the cross section of the cross that will be made later. (Figure 7)

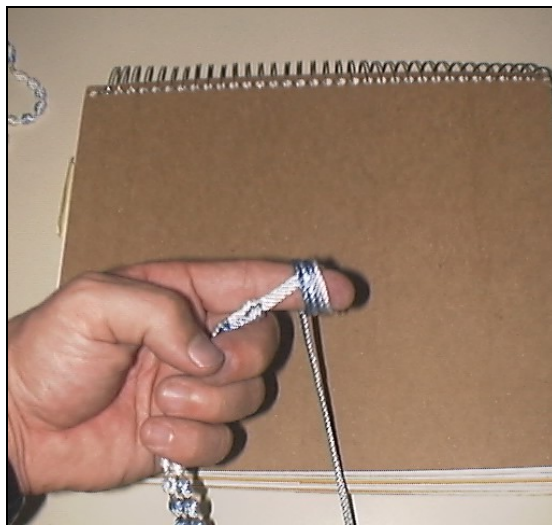


Figure 7
Tying 2 Wrap Knot

- Make another Our Father knot $\frac{1}{2}$ " down from the 2 wrap knot followed by 3 Hail Mary knots.
- Make 1 more Our Father knot to complete this portion of the Rosary.

Step #5

- Begin making the cross with a 4 wrap knot for top portion of the cross.
- Leave 1/8" between the top knot and the next 7 wrap knot that makes up the bottom portion of the cross. After the 7 wrap is completed, make sure all cross knots are tight. (Figure 8)

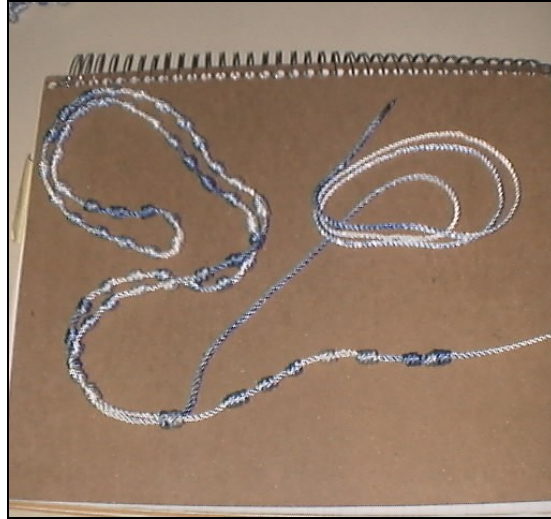


Figure 8

4 Wrap Knot (Top) 7 Wrap Knot (Bottom) of Cross

- Take excess string that was removed from the Rosary earlier and cut off 8" for the cross piece of the cross. (Figure 9)

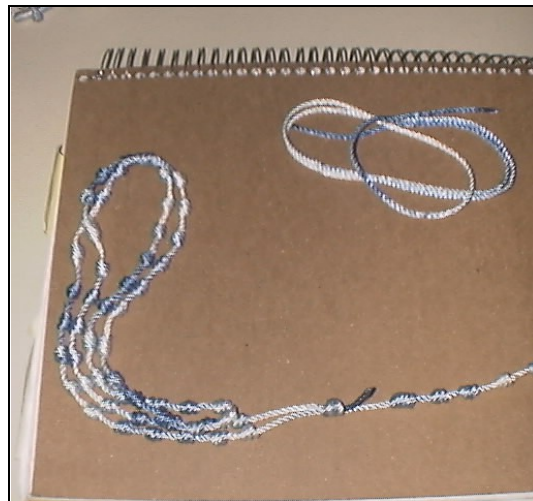


Figure 9

Excess String From Top Portion of Rosary

- Tie a regular knot one time in the 1/8" gap between the top and bottom portion of the cross. (Figure 10)



Figure 10
Regular Single Knot on Cross

- Once tightly secured, make a 3 knot wrap on each side of the cross and secure again. (Figure 11)

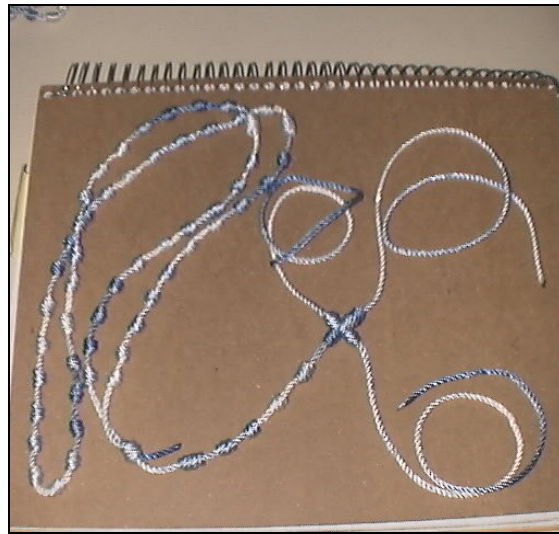


Figure 11
3 Knot Wrap on Each Side of Cross

- Cut excess string off of the cross section of the Rosary. Leave about 1/16" of an inch. (Figure 12)

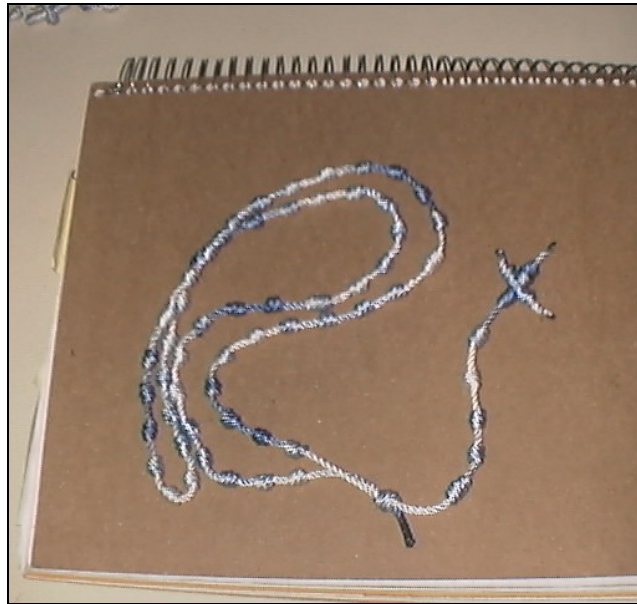


Figure 12
Cut Off Excess String

- Take lighter and melt ends to finish the Rosary. The Rosary is completed and ready to be delivered. (Figure 13)

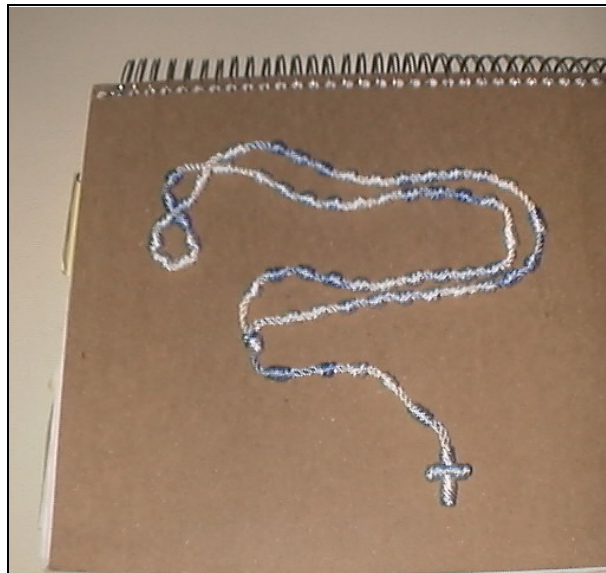


Figure 13
Completed Rosary

Please note that all excess string **must** be disposed of in the Ocean. It cannot be thrown in the trash once it has been blessed.

To date, thousands of Rosaries have been made and distributed throughout the world. Individuals who have received the gift of Rosary tying have passed on the blessing to others.

THE MARIAN MEN'S MOVEMENT

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THE MARIAN MEN'S MOVEMENT IS AN ORGANIZATION BEGUN BY OUR LORD FOR THE EXPRESS PURPOSE OF PRAYING AND INTERCEDING ON BEHALF OF PEOPLE THROUGHOUT THE WORLD.

THE STORY OF ITS BEGINNING AND SIMPLE GROWTH IS A TESTIMONY OF ITS ROOT IN CHRIST. THIS ORGANIZATION HAS NO OTHER PURPOSE THAN TO SERVE OUR LORD THROUGH HIS MOTHER--"ALL FOR JESUS THROUGH MARY IN UNION WITH ST. JOSEPH".

THE BEGINNING: WHILE PRAYING MY ROSARY ONE DAY OUR LORD PUT ON MY HEART THAT I NEEDED TO PRAY A ROSARY WITH A VERY GOOD FRIEND OF MINE "BECAUSE HE DOESN'T UNDERSTAND". THIS FRIEND IS A VERY DEVOUT METHODIST AND I WOULD NEVER DO ANYTHING TO IMPOSE ON HIM, BUT IT WAS SO CLEAR THAT I WENT TO DISCUSS THIS WITH HIM. HE AT ONCE SAID," YES, LET'S DO IT ON FRIDAY". HE EVEN SUGGESTED THAT WE SHOULD INVITE TWO GOOD FRIENDS TO JOIN US AND THAT WE SHOULD GO TO A FRIEND'S SHED FOR 7 A.M. TO PRAY.

THE FOUR OF US MET THERE AND PRAYED THE SIMPLEST OF ROSARIES. WE PRAYED THE ROSARY IN THE EXACT FORM THAT IT WAS GIVEN TO ME IN LATE '91 OR EARLY'92. JUST THE OUR FATHER, HAIL MARY(S) AND GLORY BE. WHEN WE FINISHED THESE CHILD-LIKE PRAYERS THE METHODIST OF THE GROUP SAID, "WE'RE TO DO THIS EVERY OTHER FRIDAY AND THIS IS TO BE CALLED THE MARIAN MEN'S MOVEMENT!"

WE HAVE CONTINUED TO PRAY THE ROSARY AND HAVE SEEN MUCH FRUIT OVER THE PAST SIX YEARS (EXACT START DATE IS NOT KNOWN). OTHER MEN HAVE JOINED US BUT THE GROWTH HAS BEEN MORE IN SPIRITUALITY THAN IN NUMBERS. NOW IT'S TIME TO SPREAD AND DIVIDE, SO WE SHARE OUR "MARIAN MEN'S MOVEMENT" WITH YOU.

THE GROWTH: AS WE CONTINUED TO PRAY TOGETHER OTHER MEN CAME TO JOIN US AND OTHER PRAYERS WERE ADDED. THE FIRST ADDITIONAL PRAYER WAS THE APOSTLES CREED. THEN WE BEGAN TO DWELL ON THE MYSTERIES. WE'VE CONTINUED TO ADD OTHER PRAYERS AND HAVE FOLLOWED THE LEAD OF THE HOLY SPIRIT IN ALL THINGS. WE HAVE BEEN DWELLING ON THE SORROWFUL MYSTERIES ONLY FOR THE PAST TWO OR THREE YEARS AND WILL CONTINUE UNTIL WE "TRULY UNDERSTAND THE SUFFERING AND SACRIFICE THAT WAS MADE OUT OF LOVE FOR US".

WE HAVE ALSO BEGUN TO PRAY THE ROSARY EVERY FRIDAY SINCE SOME OF US WORK AWAY. THIS WAY THERE IS NO CHANCE ANYONE WANTING TO PARTICIPATE CAN MISS THE “ EVERY OTHER FRIDAY”. THE EXACT WAY YOUR ROSARY GROUP WILL GROW WILL BE TOTALLY DEPENDENT ON OUR LORD’S WISHES.

HE DIRECTS ALL THINGS IN SUCH A SOFT LOVING MANNER THAT AT TIMES YOU WILL NOT EVEN NOTICE. BE ASSURED HIS HAND IS IN THE GROWTH YOU WILL SEE IF YOU STAY CLOSE TO HIS MOTHER. THAT BRINGS ABOUT QUESTIONS PERTAINING TO THE BLESSED MOTHER THAT I THINK MANY CATHOLICS HAVE AND PRACTICALLY ALL PROTESTANTS HAVE; “WHAT’S ALL THE FUSS OVER THE VIRGIN MARY?” OR “WHY SHOULD I BOTHER WITH HER WHEN I CAN GO DIRECTLY TO OUR LORD”?

THE FINAL ANSWER CAN ONLY BE FOUND IN THE QUIET OF OUR SOUL! THAT IS WHAT THE ROSARY, SCRIPTURE MEDITATION AND ALL OTHER FORMS OF PRAYER ARE FOR, TO HELP US BE QUIET IN OUR SOULS SO WE CAN HEAR EXACTLY WHAT OUR LORD WANTS OF US.

THE LAST WORDS SPOKEN BY THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY AND RECORDED IN SACRED SCRIPTURE WAS AT THE WEDDING FEAST OF CANNA WHEN SHE SAID “DO WHATEVER HE TELLS YOU”. LET THESE WORDS HELP YOU TO UNDERSTAND HIS LOVE FOR HIS MOTHER AND WHY WE SHOULD LOVE HER ALSO.

BE QUIET AND THEN DO WHATEVER HE TELLS YOU. MY QUESTION TO YOU IS, HOW HARD WOULD IT BE FOR YOU TO LOVE SOMEONE IF THEY SPOKE AGAINST YOUR MOTHER? WHY THEN SHOULD WE GRIEVE OUR LORD? SHE IS NOT DIVINE-- ONLY HE IS DIVINE, BUT IF YOU WANTED TO KNOW HOW TO LOVE SOMEONE, WHO BETTER TO SEE THAN THEIR MOTHER! ONCE YOU OPEN YOUR HEART TO OUR LORD THROUGH HIS MOTHER THEN SHE WILL SHOW YOU HOW TO LOVE HER SON IN A WAY YOU NEVER THOUGHT POSSIBLE.

THE PRESENT: OUR ROSARY ACTUALLY BEGINS AT 7:15 A.M. TO GIVE US TIME TO ATTEND MORNING MASS, PURCHASE A DOZEN DONUTS, GET TO THE SHED, AND START A POT OF COFFEE. ONCE WE ALL SIT TO BEGIN, EACH MAN HAS AN OPPORTUNITY TO OFFER THE ROSARY FOR ANYTHING OR ANYONE WHO HAS BEEN PLACED ON HIS HEART.

WE THEN BEGIN BY PRAYING IN UNISON (ALL TOGETHER). ONE PERSON WILL ANNOUNCE THE MYSTERIES AND THEN QUIET TIME IS GIVEN FOR EACH INDIVIDUAL TO OFFER UP THE PETITION OF HIS HEART.

THE TIME BETWEEN MYSTERIES ARE VERY IMPORTANT, BECAUSE THIS IS THE TIME SPENT RESPONDING TO THAT LOVING NUDGE BEING PLACED IN YOUR HEART WHILE PRAYING OR WHILE BEING QUIET.

PRAYING IS THE EASY PART AND ANYONE CAN BE TAUGHT TO PRAY. HEARING IS ANOTHER THING ALTOGETHER BECAUSE YOU REALLY HAVE TO BE QUIET INTO YOUR SOUL TO HEAR WHAT OUR LORD OR HIS MOTHER WANT OF YOU.

THE ONE THING THAT IS MOST IMPORTANT ABOUT THIS TIME OF PRAYER IS THAT YOU TURN OFF THE WORLD, JUST COME AS A CHILD. LOVE MUST BE THE DRIVING FORCE OF YOUR ROSARY GROUP OR IT WILL NOT LAST!

PRIOR TO CLOSING THE ROSARY WITH THE HAIL HOLY QUEEN, PLEASE OFFER THREE ADDITIONAL HAIL MARY(S) FOR OUR BLESSED MOTHER'S INTENTIONS, PEACE ON THE EARTH, AND FOR THE UNBORN.

AS THE ROSARY IS CLOSED, TAKE A LITTLE QUIET TIME PRIOR TO GOING BACK INTO THE WORLD. ONE IN THE GROUP WILL HAVE RECEIVED SOMETHING SPECIAL THAT THEY NEED TO SHARE, SO DON'T BE TOO ANXIOUS TO GET TO THE COFFEE AND DONUTS--*YOU WILL MISS A BLESSING.*

IN CONCLUSION: WE OFFER OURSELVES TO THE SERVICE OF OUR LORD THROUGH HIS MOTHER AND TO YOU. HOWEVER YOU FEEL THAT WE CAN HELP IN STARTING YOUR GROUP, PLEASE WRITE, CALL OR CONTACT US AT OUR E-MAIL ADDRESS.

WE ASK THAT IF YOU START A GROUP PLEASE REGISTER IT WITH US SO THE FRUIT CAN BE SHARED BY ALL. MAY OUR LORD BLESS YOU AND YOUR NEW GROUP. "ALL FOR JESUS THROUGH MARY IN UNION WITH ST. JOSEPH".

Our Father: *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; forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us, and lead us not into temptation; but deliverer us from evil, Amen.*

Hail Mary: *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*

Glory Be To The Father: *Glory be to the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end, Amen.*

GOD BLESS YOU