



St. Dominic's Flame



DOMINICAN CONFRATERNITY OF THE HOLY ROSARY NEWSLETTER

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PROVINCE OF ST. JOSEPH THE WORKER

Introductory Note

Dear Brothers and Sisters in the Confraternity of the Most Holy Rosary, all who share in the spirituality and mission of the Dominican Family, and Christ's faithful people everywhere,

Grace and peace to you.

I greet you with joy as we launch St. Dominic's Flame, the newsletter of our Confraternity in our Province. Our aim is to promote the Rosary, to enroll faithful souls in the Confraternity, and to spread the sound teachings of the Church.

We desire to keep the fire of St. Dominic burning in your hearts; he who received the Rosary from the Blessed Virgin Mary and to remind you that you are not alone. You share in the prayers of millions. You are guarded by the special protection of the Mother of God. And you are loved by your fellow members, by the Dominican family, and by the One who gave His life for you.



There is no surer means of calling down God's blessings upon the family... than the daily recitation of the Rosary
— Pope Pius XII

Pope Gregory XIII declared with papal authority: "The Rosary had been instituted by St. Dominic to appease the anger of God and to implore the intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary." This is why the Confraternity exists; to gather souls under this heavenly instrument of mercy.

When you take up your beads, you take up heaven's instrument of mercy. May this flame warm you. May it guide you. May it never go out. Amen.

In St. Dominic,
Fr. Paschal Ngwu, O.P.
Promoter of the Holy Rosary





Bishop Ayo Maria

In the Province of St. Joseph the Worker, the flame of St. Dominic found a worthy bearer in Bishop Ayo-Maria Atoyebi, O.P. (1944–2025). A Dominican friar, a bishop, and a son of Mary until his last breath, he embodied the four pillars of our Order: prayer, study, community, and preaching. His life invites us to deeper devotion and look at his life and ask: What does it mean to contemplate the Rosary?

Who Can Join the Confraternity?

Requirements for Membership:

1. Be a baptized Catholic in good standing with the Church.
2. Pray twenty decades of the Rosary each week including the Luminous Mysteries
3. Include the intentions of all Confraternity members (living and deceased) in your prayers.
4. Be officially enrolled by having your name inscribed in the Confraternity's register by a Dominican friar or authorized priest..

Important Notes:

- The obligation does not bind under pain of sin — it is a commitment of love, not a legal burden.
- Membership is entirely free — Pope Leo XIII explicitly required that no subscription or payment be demanded.
- The deceased cannot be enrolled in the Confraternity, though members pray for departed fellow members

Spiritual Benefits of Membership - Members of the Confraternity share in extraordinary spiritual riches:

- **Special Protection of Our Lady:** The Blessed Virgin Mary's particular patronage and intercession.
- **Share in Worldwide Prayers:** A share in the prayers and good works of millions of Confraternity members across the globe — and even after death.
- **Share in Dominican Works:** Participation in the prayers, Masses, and apostolic works of the entire Order of Preachers.
- **Indulgences:** Plenary indulgences on the day of enrollment and on major feasts days.





Lenten Retreat for Confraternity Members



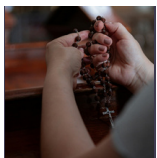
Mission of the Confraternity

“To praise and honor the Blessed Virgin Mary and to secure her patronage by the recitation of the Rosary for the mutual spiritual benefit of all the members throughout the world.”



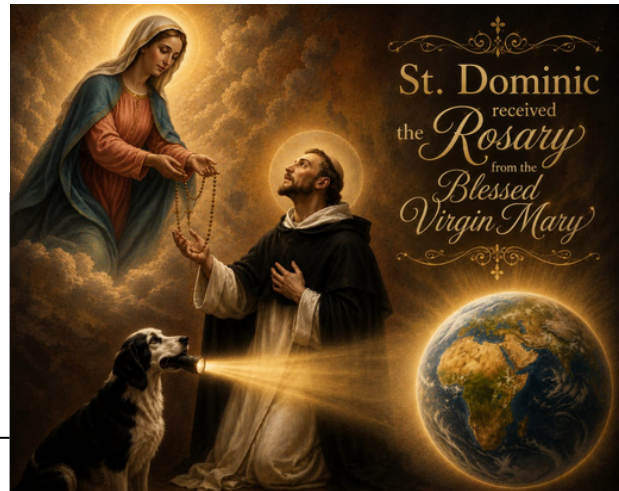
Apostolic privilege

In 1898, Pope Leo XIII reorganized the Confraternity through his Apostolic Constitution *Ubi Primum*, placing it formally under the authority of the Order of Preachers (Dominicans) a structure that remains in force today.



The Confraternity in the Province of St. Joseph the Worker, Nigeria and Ghana

The Dominican presence in Nigeria and Ghana began in 1951 when three friars from the Province of St. Albert the Great, USA arrived in Lagos at the invitation of Archbishop Leo H. Taylor. Almost immediately upon their arrival, the Rosary Confraternity was established, uniting the faithful across Nigeria, Ghana, Zambia and beyond in a living chain of prayer that connects them to millions of members worldwide and to the 800-year tradition of the Order of Preachers.



A Brief History of the Confraternity

The Confraternity of the Most Holy Rosary is one of the oldest and most venerated spiritual associations in the Catholic Church. St. Dominic de Guzmán received the Holy Rosary from the Blessed Virgin Mary in the 13th century as a spiritual weapon for the conversion of souls and the defense of the faith. St. Dominic as directed by the Blessed Virgin Mary called God's people to the praying of the Rosary.

The first formal Rosary Confraternity was established in the 1470s through the zealous preaching of Blessed Alan de la Roche, a Dominican friar who made the renewal of Rosary devotion his life's mission and for the good of the church. By 1475, he had enrolled over 100,000 members; by 1479, membership had grown to 500,000.



The Vision of a Burning Torch

Around 1170, Blessed Jane of Aza dreamed of a dog carrying a burning torch, setting the world ablaze with the light of the Gospel. Soon after, she gave birth to St. Dominic, whose vision became the reality of the Order of Preachers (Dominicans), founded in 1216.

During his missionary work in southern France, Dominic encountered people searching for truth but led astray by the Albigensian heresy. He responded not with force, but with prayer, poverty, study, and compassionate preaching.

For over 800 years, the Dominican Order has enriched the Church through preaching, scholarship, and holiness, giving the world great saints and teachers, including St. Thomas Aquinas, St. Catherine of Siena, St. Vincent Ferrer, St. Louis-Marie de Montfort, and many others who have shaped the life of the Church. The Church celebrates the Feast of St. Dominic on 8 August.



Rosary Procession

Mass Intentions/Prayer Request/Donation

Entrust your intentions to the Dominican Rosary Confraternity. Holy Mass and Novena prayers are offered for thanksgiving, and other special intentions.

Mass Offering

Petra Microfinance Bank

Account Name: Dominican Rosary Confraternity

Account Number: 1100078178

Your donation to support and promote the projects of the Dominican Rosary Apostolate is greatly appreciated.

“Nothing will be impossible with God.” (Luke 1:37)



Upcoming Activities

- Novena Mass in Honour of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, 6th - 14th August.
- Novena Mass in Honour of the Feast of St. Dominic, 30th July - 7th August.
- Induction and Consecration to the Immaculate Heart of Mary comes 27th September 2026. For more details reach out to the promoter.

CONTACT US

For enrollment, Marian retreat, parish novena, crusade and other enquiries contact the Provincial Promoter of the Holy Rosary for the Province of St. Joseph the Worker in Nigeria, Ghana & Zambia

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