



“Among all the devotions approved by the church, none has been favoured by so many miracles as the Devotion of the Most Holy Rosary”

— Pope Pius XII

The Pope closed by holding up Mary as “a sign of hope and consolation,” entrusting to her intercession those communities most in need of comfort; among them the faithful enduring war in Ukraine and Russia, and those recovering from the recent earthquake in Colombia.

For our own prayer: As we meditate on the Assumption through the Rosary, let us ask Our Lady to help us see the beauty of love, not appearance — in the people and daily work around us, and to carry the needs of a suffering world into every Rosary we pray.

Source: Pope Leo XIV, Homily for the Solemnity of the Assumption, Pontifical Parish of Saint Thomas of Villanova, Castel Gandolfo, August 15, 2026. Full text available at vatican.va.

Mary, Our Consolation and Hope

A Reflection for the Solemnity of the Assumption

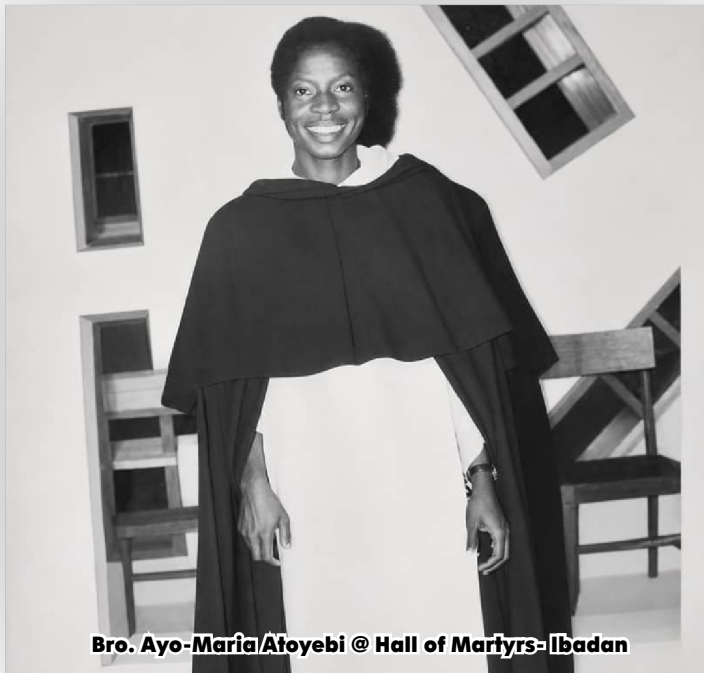
On August 15th, the Church celebrated the Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary. It is the mystery we recall each week in the fourth Glorious Mystery of the Rosary. This year, Pope Leo XIV offered the faithful gathered at Castel Gandolfo a homily well worth carrying with us into our own daily recitation of the Rosary.

The Holy Father began by reminding the congregation of the Church’s constant teaching: that Mary, “having completed the course of her earthly life, was assumed body and soul into heavenly glory.” He noted that sacred art has long depicted her as youthful and radiant even at the close of her life; an image that stands in sharp contrast to our own experience of aging and loss

But rather than reading this as a call to chase after youth or beauty in a worldly sense, Pope Leo turned the image toward something deeper. True beauty, he said, is not found in erasing the marks that time leaves on us, but in the love those marks reveal; love that “transfigures, transforms, ennobles and lifts us up.” He pointed to that beauty in ordinary places: in a father and mother coming home tired but glad to see their children, in grandparents who find new energy caring for grandchildren, in the quiet dignity of daily work.



Pope Leo XIV



Expelled in Disgrace, Triumphant in Grace: The Rosary Wins

Ayo-Maria was just a young seminarian when everything fell apart. One day while at Sacred Heart Seminary in Akure; the next, he was expelled along with some mates on the ground that he was accused of leading a school riot and with no one to defend him, no one to explain. So, he did the only thing he knew how to do. He prayed. When people whispered about his failure, he reached for his rosary beads. When his own mother gently suggested he find another path, he simply said, “I want to be a priest.”

He found comfort in books about the saints such as St. Jude, St. Dominic, St. Martin de Porres, St. Catherine of Siena. He noticed something they all shared: a deep love for the Rosary. Then one day, a small prayer leaflet from the St. Jude Society landed in his hands. On it was an address: the Dominican Order in Yaba, Lagos. A community devoted to the very prayer he clung to.

Lord,” he whispered, I pray that you make me be in this kind of Order where they say the rosary.

A priest tried to talk him out of it. “The Dominicans are intellectuals who read books alot, he warned. And you were expelled...” But Ayo-Maria wrote to them anyway. Then a surprise: his old seminary principal returned, cleared his name, and invited him back. A clean slate. A second chance. Everyone expected him to jump at it. He did not. “I have found where they say the Rosary,” he said. “That’s enough for me.”

Rev. Fr. Ambrose Winbacher, OP the then vocation director looked into his past, found nothing but honesty and faith, and opened the doors for him to join the Dominicans. What began as a boy’s last hope, kneeling alone with his beads, became a calling that shaped his entire life. Sometimes, all it takes is refusing to let go of what you love most. Do this with your ROSARY.



Cardinal Radcliffe on the Rosary

Cardinal Timothy Radcliffe, OP, former Master of the Order of Preachers (1992–2001). In his 1998 letter, *The Rosary*, and his conference at Lourdes, he explained why repetition in prayer is not mechanical. In his words: “If we love someone, we know that it is not enough to tell them ‘I love you’ just once. We will want to say it again and again, and we may hope that they wish to hear it again and again.” For Radcliffe, the Rosary is therefore an act of love. Repeating the Hail Mary is not empty repetition, but a way of remaining with Mary and contemplating the mysteries of Christ. By way of the Rosary return to Mary again and again, and let her lead you ever more deeply to Christ.



From Protestant Roots to Rome. Fr. Lew, OP meets the Pope

From Protestantism to Preaching the Rosary

Fr Lawrence Lew, OP, a Dominican friar from Malaysia and General Promoter of the Rosary for the Order of Preachers, has dedicated his ministry to preaching and promoting the Rosary throughout the world. His journey is itself a powerful testimony. Born into an evangelical Protestant family, Lawrence first encountered Catholicism as a teenager after his family moved to Singapore. But through studying the faith, he gradually discovered the truth and beauty of the Catholic Church and eventually became Catholic.

Interestingly, he admits that he initially did not think he needed Mary. He believed he needed only Jesus and the Trinity. But he came to understand that God chose Mary as part of His plan of salvation and that we are called to know and love Jesus through her. Today, the man who once questioned the place of Mary in Christian faith travels the world preaching the Rosary as Mary's gift to the entire Church. "Praying together brings people together."

For Fr Lawrence, the Rosary draws us into the heart of Christ, unites us with the universal Church, and becomes a prayer of grace for a wounded world.

His story challenges us: If the Rosary can lead a former Protestant skeptic to discover the beauty of Mary and the fullness of Catholic faith, what might happen when we take our own Rosary seriously?



Friar Raphael meet with Caroline Ifunanya Chukwuma

THIS YOUNG GENERATION

A Strategic Meeting on Promoting the Rosary and Youth Enrollment

As part of the ongoing mission to promote devotion to the Rosary and encourage young people to enroll in the Confraternity of the Holy Rosary, the assistant Promoter of the Rosary Confraternity recently met with a young secondary school student Caroline Ifunanya Chukwuma, and a vibrant and insightful young member of the Confraternity.

The meeting focused on finding creative ways to introduce more young people to the beauty and spiritual importance of the Rosary. Ifunanya made remarkable contributions, proposing outreach to secondary schools and tertiary institutions through the distribution of blessed Rosaries and simple catechetical pamphlets that explain the meaning and benefits of belonging to the Confraternity.

She also emphasized the need to strengthen the Confraternity's digital evangelization, expanding beyond Facebook and TikTok and exploring platforms such as Substack for deeper faith reflections, together with a refreshed and youth-friendly newsletter.

The encounter concluded with a renewed commitment to inspire young minds to embrace the Rosary, enroll in the Confraternity, and become joyful witnesses of Christ through the intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary.



Friar Ameh

Friar Raphael Ameh, OP Calls Catholics to Rediscover the Power of the Rosary

As Chaplain of the 2026 Extravagant Praise Concert at St. Dominic's Parish, Friar Raphael urged Catholics to embrace the Rosary as a daily, Christ-centered prayer that leads to holiness and Christian perfection.

Speaking at the concert themed "Love Letter of Thanksgiving to God," he highlighted the Rosary's connection with the Blessed Virgin Mary, St. Dominic, and the Dominican Order. He also unveiled Mary's song, "My Soul Magnifies the Lord," encouraging the faithful to imitate her spirit of praise, humility, and surrender to God. In the end he urged Catholics to join the Confraternity of the Holy Rosary.

Mass Intentions / Support

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

Mass Offering

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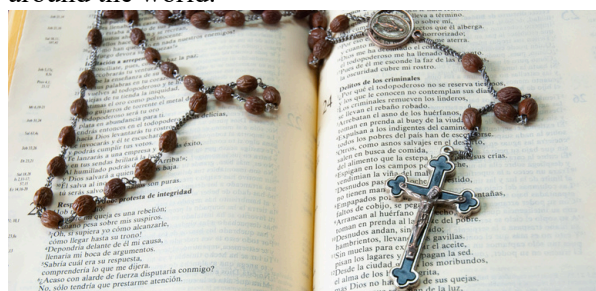
Your donation to support and promote the projects of the Dominican Rosary Apostolate is greatly appreciated.

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

Our Weekly Rosay Promise

As members of the Confraternity of the Holy Rosary, we have each made a simple promise: to pray twenty decades of the mysteries of the Rosary over the course of each week not necessarily all at once but spread across the days however fits our lives — and to hold our fellow members and their intentions in our prayers as we do.

This is a promise, not a vow, it does not bind under pain of sin, so there is no need for scruples if a week gets away from you. It is simply an invitation to let prayer become a steady rhythm, offered not just for ourselves but for every other member praying alongside us, seen and unseen, around the world.



If you have fallen out of the habit, there is no better time than this week to pick it back up. Even one decade prayed faithfully is a decade prayed in good company. Remember to register as a member is also to share in the prayers of the Dominican Order.

Upcoming Activities

- 27th September is the solemn enrolment of new members to the Confraternity of the Holy Rosary
- Novena in honor of our Lady of the Holy Rosary begins 28th September – 6th October
Feast Day: October 7th.

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