

# Friends of FATIMA

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## *A Word from Pope Francis*

*"In a few days  
time our hearts  
will be filled  
with the joy of the Lord's Birth. By  
leaving a spare place at the dinner  
table on the Vigil of Christmas,  
we remember the poor, the hungry,  
people who are alone, the homeless,  
the marginalized, the war weary,  
and especially children! Jesus, the  
Son of God made Man is present in  
all of them. Let us open our hearts  
in order that they may share in our  
joy. Praised be Jesus Christ."*

*In the families of the Little  
Shepherds of Fatima it was the  
custom for the youngest child to  
carry a basket of bread and meats  
to the neighbours who were in  
need. In this way the children  
learned the charity of Christ by  
sharing with the poor.*



*Dear Friends of Fatima,  
as we recall our blessings of this past  
year, your goodness and kindness to  
our Community must be acknowl-  
edged as among the greatest of these.  
With our heartfelt gratitude we have  
arranged a Solemn Christmas Novena  
of Masses and prayers to be offered  
for all of your needs and intentions  
from December 16 - 24.  
With joyful hearts we wish you every  
blessing and grace at this Christmas  
and the gift of an increase of Faith,  
Hope and Love throughout the  
New Year 2015!*

*Mother Prioress and Sisters*

## O Immaculata,

what were your thoughts when for the first time you placed  
the Divine Infant on his bed of straw? What feelings  
inundated your Heart while you wrapped him  
in swaddling clothes,

held him to your Heart, and nursed him at your breast?

You knew very well who that Child was, because the  
prophets had spoken of him, and you understood them better  
than all the Pharisees and the learned Scripture scholars. The  
Holy Spirit had given to you infinitely more enlightenment  
than to all other souls together.

Besides, how many of the mysteries of Jesus  
were revealed only and exclusively to your immaculate soul  
by the Divine Spirit that lived and operated in you!

Already, at the moment of the Annunciation, the Most Holy  
Trinity, through the ministry of an angel, had presented to  
you, in all its clarity, its plan of redemption, and had awaited  
your response. At that moment you knew perfectly to Whom  
your consent was being given and whose Mother you were to  
be! And there He was before you, in His newborn fragility.  
What feelings of humility, of love, and of gratitude must have  
filled your Heart ...

while you marvelled at the humility, the love, and the  
gratitude that God incarnate showed to you.

I beg you to fill my heart too with your humility,  
your love, and your gratitude!

*A Christmas Prayer by St. Maximillian Kolbe, OFM*

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## Solemn Profession of Sr. Grace Marie of the Holy Trinity, OP

Since our last *Friends of Fatima* was already being printed at the time of Sr. Grace Marie's Solemn Profession of Vows we wish to include here an account of that lovely day last December. On the beautiful solemnity of the Immaculate Conception in the presence of our Community, Sister's dear mother and all her family from Philippines and numerous friends from nearby, Sister pronounced her Solemn Vows placing the seal until death upon her offering to the Lord. Holy Mass was concelebrated by our Provincial Fr. Pedro Fernandes, OP, several of our Dominican Fathers, our Confessors and Fr. Joaquin Ferrer, SVD brother of Sr. Grace Marie. The music was accompanied by Sister's family with both organ and the singing of beautiful hymns from the Philippines.

In remembrance of this most special day Sister has written a reflection from which we quote: *"I will espouse you to me forever; I will espouse you...in love and in*



*mercy; I will espouse you in fidelity, and you shall know the Lord"* (Hosea 2: 21-22). "Spousal love is a wonderful image of the ardent and boundless love of God for mankind. In this love, God takes all the initiative: He has loved his bride 'with an everlasting love' (Jer. 31:3), loved her 'first' (1Jn.4:19). In exchange, he asks His bride to respond with steadfast faith and undivided love. As a bride, she belongs exclusively to Christ. She has given her YES to Him for the 'one thing necessary which will not be taken from her' (Lk. 10:42). Her veil reminds her of her total consecration and of her nuptial union with the Lord. From spousal love, she grows towards spiritual maternity where she longs to obtain an abundance of grace for everyone whom she loves, for the entire Church and for those people who are unknown to her but whom God has destined to be her spiritual children. She



## Order of Preachers - 8th Centenary

**Theme for the year 2015:** *"If you remain in my word, you will*

*truly be my disciples, and you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free"* (John 8:31-32);

*"For freedom Christ set us free"* (Gal 5:1): Dominic: Government, Spirituality and Freedom



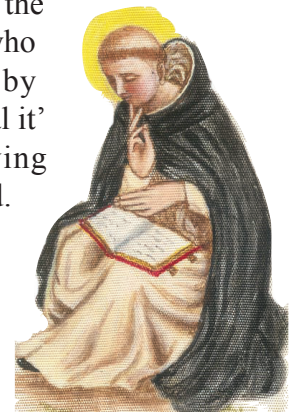
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Our spiritual journey continues towards the 8th centenary, which will be held from 7 November 2015 - feast of All the Saints of the Dominican Order until 21 January 2017. The general theme "Sent to preach the Gospel" reminds us that the grace of preaching opens hearts to receive the WORD, to convert, to be transformed. In the heart of the preacher a fire burns...a fire enkindled by a deep prayer life. Deep contemplative prayer is the fragrant wood that stokes the fire in the heart of the preacher. At the beginning of the second millennium the Lord said to St. Francis of Assisi: "Rebuild My Church." How was this to be done? By poverty as in Bethlehem. At the same moment in history Jesus said to St. Dominic: "Go and preach My Word" How was this to be done but by restoring the itinerant apostolic life...in poverty...carrying no extra tunic ...this

would be their mark, their sign of authenticity... their identity as

Christ's disciples. St. Dominic, poor man of Christ sent his first brethren to preach, to win souls for Christ with no special equipment. He sent them only with the treasure of PRAYER. In a recent homily Pope Francis spoke of Christ's prayer: *"For Jesus, Peter's sin was not important: he was looking at his heart. To be able to find this heart and heal it, he prayed. Jesus who prays and Jesus who heals. It is something he does for each of us. We cannot understand the Church without Jesus who prays and heals. May the Holy Spirit help us understand that this Church has its strength in Jesus' prayer that can heal us all."* The preacher

seeks to 'find the heart of one who is wounded by sin and to heal it' with the saving Word of God. Imitating the Master, the preacher who prays is the preacher who heals.



**Holy Father St. Dominic, pray for us!**



## Fatima Apparitions - 1st Centenary

### Theme for the year 2015:

*Sanctified in Christ*

*August Apparition: Pray, pray very much and make sacrifices for sinners.*



We are now only two full years from the first centenary of the Apparitions of Our Lady in Fatima. The Church, most notably in the person of the Holy Father, has on numerous occasions proclaimed publicly that these Apparitions and their Message are unprecedented in the history of the Church. They are a clear, urgent and prophetic call to **return to God!** If Our Lady said a century ago: *“Do not offend God anymore for He is already so much offended.”* (Oct. 13, 1917) - what would She say to us today? The theme for next year is related to the 4th Apparition when Our Lady said to the children in August 1917: *“Pray, pray very much and make sacrifices for sinners for many souls go to hell, because there are none to sacrifice themselves and to pray for them.”* The little children

took to heart this plea of Our Lady and became the Church’s youngest ‘missionaries’ of the Gospel message. Bl. Jacinta, just 6 years old would exclaim: *“If I could only put into the hearts of all, the fire that is burning within my own heart, and that makes me love the Hearts of Jesus and Mary so very much!”* For little Jacinta no prayer or sacrifice was too much for the eternal salvation of souls. Bl. Francisco, 9 years old, desired only to console the Heart of God Who was so sad because of so many sins. In daily life there are many opportunities to imitate Bl. Jacinta and Francisco offering prayers and sacrifices for the conversion of poor sinners and silent acts of love to console the Heart of God! *Blessed Jacinta and Blessed Francisco, pray for us!*



*“At a time when the human family was ready to sacrifice all that was most sacred on the altar of the petty and selfish interests of nations, races, ideologies, groups and individuals, our Blessed Mother came from heaven, offering to implant in the hearts of all those who trust in her the Love of God burning in her own heart. At that time it was only to three children, yet the example of their lives spread and multiplied, especially as a result of the travels of the Pilgrim Virgin,... May the seven years which separate us from the centenary of the apparitions hasten the fulfilment of the prophecy of the triumph of the Immaculate Heart of Mary, to the glory of the Most Holy Trinity.”*

*Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI 13 May 2010 Apostolic Visit in Fatima*

understands well that her whole “vocation is fully and totally apostolic: restricted in no way by limitations of place, or circumstance, or of times, it extends everywhere and at all times to all that touches, in any manner whatever the honor of her spouse and the salvation of souls” (Pope Pius XII). Although her contact with the outside world remains limited, she who is physically distant from her wounded brothers in

the world knows that through her fidelity to her Beloved Spouse, no distance can prevent her from dwelling in the Church’s mission fields through her prayer and the gift of herself. She longs to be a ‘daughter of the Church’, striving to win souls for God more effectively than she could in the world. Such a response to God’s call presupposes an unwavering faith in God, who cannot be outdone in generosity.”

## Year of Consecrated Life 30 November 2014 - 2 February 2016

*“...all those called by God to the practice of the evangelical counsels and who, faithfully responding to the call, undertake to observe the same, bind themselves to the Lord in a special way, following Christ, who chaste and poor (cf. Matt. 8:20; Luke 9:58) redeemed and sanctified men through obedience even to the death of the Cross (cf. Phil. 2:8). Driven by love with which the Holy Spirit floods their hearts (cf. Rom. 5:5) they live more and more for Christ and for His body which is the Church (cf. Col. 1:24). The more fervently, then, they are joined to Christ by this total life-long gift of themselves, the richer the life of the Church becomes and the more lively and successful its apostolate.”* (Perfectae caritatis, 1)

A year dedicated to the Consecrated Life will begin on 30 November: a year of reflection on the last 50 years of religious life since the promulgation of the document *Perfectae caritatis* (Perfection of Charity) which set out the renewal of Religious life from Vatican Council II. The foundation of this renewal was rooted in the return to the sources of the charism of



the Founder of each Order or Institute. Fifty years later the Church once again calls on all Religious “To awaken the world with prophetic witness that recalls the witness of our Founders”. The Church has designated three main objectives for this year: *first*: it is an occasion for ‘gratefully remembering the recent past’; *second*: a time ‘for embracing the future with hope’ and *third*:

it presents a strong call for ‘living the present passionately’ in relation to the Founder’s original charism - which constitutes their authentic identity in the Church.

Though the Church recognizes that the present moment is both ‘difficult and delicate’ it also continues to be motivated by the certainty that religious life will never disappear from the Church because ‘it was desired by Jesus Himself as an irremovable part of His Church’. *We ask all of our Friends of Fatima to please pray for all religious that they may grow in personal holiness which will prepare them to ‘live the present passionately’ for the glory of God and the eternal salvation of souls.*

***Pray the Rosary for new vocations!***

## With Mary's Gaze Upon Us

26 May - 2 June 2014

A plan of weekly visits of the Pilgrim Virgin statue to all the monasteries in Portugal began early in the year 2014. The purpose of this plan is to gather the prayers of those dedicated to the contemplative life in order to prepare the way for next year - 2015 - when the Pilgrim Virgin will

be taken to all the dioceses of Portugal as part of the new-evangelization and ongoing preparation for the centenary of the Apparitions. In the words of Pope St. John Paul II: "There is no evangelization without contemplation." More recently Pope Francis spoke of this also when he said: "Pastoral care without prayer and contemplation can never reach the heart of the people. It will stop at the surface without allowing the Word of God to take root, to sprout, to grow and bear fruit (Mt 13:1-23)."

It is well known and documented that wherever the Pilgrim Virgin image of Our Lady goes multitudes of souls are drawn to Christ in the Sacraments and find their faith and prayer life deepened or even restored. Some indeed find faith for the first time!

Thus, on May 26th we joyfully welcomed the beautiful image of MARY, our Queen and Mother and prepared a place for Her in our Choir - the heart of our monastery.



Fr. Joaquin Alonso, renowned theologian of Fatima, once wrote that the Pilgrim Virgin is 'God's own missionary'. To the cloister Mary came as Woman of prayer, the first contemplative, the one who believed the promises of the Lord, the one "who hears the WORD of God and keeps it" as Jesus proclaimed (Lk 11:28). Mary came as Mother and consoler and one who gently renews our strength and total commitment to Christ. Mary came as Mother of the WORD who is guide par excellence in our *Lectio divina*.

### To JESUS through MARY

Providentially, the Pilgrim Virgin was with us on May 31st, the feast of the Visitation of Our Lady to Elizabeth - the second Joyful Mystery of the Rosary. This favour caused us to ponder the words of St. Elizabeth: "Who am I that the Mother of my Lord should come to me" while Mary's Song of Praise (Magnificat) resounded continually in our hearts.

And how must the Pope be loved? Not in word alone, but in deed and in truth... if Our Lord Jesus Christ Himself said, "If anyone loves Me, he will keep my word", to show our love for the Pope we must obey him. And this is why, when we love the Pope, we do not dispute whether he commands or requires a thing, or seek to know where the strict obligation of obedience lies, or in what matter we must obey; when we love the Pope we do not say that he has not yet spoken clearly-as if he were required to speak his will in every man's ear; and to utter it not only by word of mouth but in letters and other public documents as well. Nor do we cast doubt on his orders, alleging the pretext which comes easily to the man who does not want to obey, that it is not the Pope who is commanding, but some one in his entourage... we do not oppose to the Pope's authority that of other persons no matter how learned-who differ from the Pope. For whatever may be their learning, they are not holy, for where there is holiness there cannot be disagreement with the Pope." (18 November 1912)



Today it seems, Pope Francis has also felt the need to address similar words to the Bishops quoting Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI and Canon Law. In his final Message at the recent Extraordinary Synod on the Family in Rome the Holy Father said: "We will speak a little bit about the Pope, now, in relation to the Bishops. So, the duty of the Pope is that of guaranteeing the unity of the Church;

it is that of reminding the faithful of their duty to faithfully follow the Gospel of Christ; it is that of reminding the pastors that their first duty is to nourish the flock - to nourish the flock - that the Lord has entrusted to them, and to seek to welcome with fatherly care and mercy, and without false fears the lost sheep. I made a mistake here. I said welcome: [rather] to go out and find them... The Pope,...is the "servant of the servants of God"; the guarantor of the obedience and the conformity of the Church to the will of God, to the Gospel of Christ, and to the Tradition of the Church, putting aside every personal whim, despite being by the will of Christ Himself the "supreme Pastor and Teacher of all the faithful" (Can. 749) and despite enjoying "supreme, full, immediate, and universal ordinary power in the Church" (cf. Cann. 331-334).

The Little Shepherds of Fatima, taught by Our Lady, used to remember the Holy Father in every prayer and sacrifice they offered. And today every one knows with what words Pope Francis so often ends his homilies, meetings and catecheses: "Pray for me, I need your prayers!" and also, your love!

"May the Lord preserve the Holy Father, Pope Francis, and give him life, keep him safe on earth and deliver him not into the hands of his enemies."





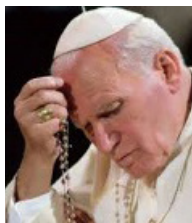
## *“To Love the Pope”*

This year 2014, following immediately the *Year of Faith*, has been tumultuous in so many ways. It has also been a time when the world and the Church marked various significant anniversaries: the 50th anniversary of the proclamation of MARY Mother of the Church by Pope Paul VI; the 30th anniversary of



the Act of Consecration to the Immaculate Heart of Mary made by Pope John Paul II as requested by Our Lady of Fatima and 25 years since the fall of the Soviet Union. In this year

we have also seen the strong witness to the Faith of no less than five Popes. Pope Francis serves today as Vicar of Christ while his predecessor Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI, in his current monastic life in the Vatican, prays continually for the Church. On April 27 Pope John XXIII and Pope John Paul II were canonized. On October 19th Pope Paul VI was Be- atified. We could say that it is a *year of five Popes*. Consequently and providentially, the Papacy is highlighted in this year following the Year of Faith.



These are difficult times for the Papacy and for the whole Church. The most recent Popes have suffered greatly from both public and private criticisms. Christ Himself endured many attempts by some to catch Him with His own



words in order to have a case against Him and to discredit Him in the eyes of believers. In Fatima Our Lady had said: “The Holy Father will have much to suffer...” and later on little Bl. Jacinta

recounted this vision to her cousin: “I don’t know how it was, but I saw the Holy Father in a very big house, kneeling by a table, with his head buried in his hands, and he was weeping. Outside the house, there were many people. Some of them were throwing stones, others were cursing him and using bad language. Poor Holy Father, we must pray very much for him.” (Fatima in Lucia’s Own Words)

A century ago Pope St. Pius X made this appeal: “To love the Pope, it is sufficient to reflect who he is. The Pope is the guardian of dogma and morals; he is the depository of the principles which ensure the integrity of the family, the grandeur of nations, the sanctity of souls. He is the councillor of princes and peoples; he is the chief under whose sway none feels tyrannized, because he represents God Himself. He is par excellence the father who unites in Himself all that is loving, tender and divine. It seems incredible, and yet it is a sad fact, that there are priests to whom this recommendation must be made; but We are nonetheless in Our times under the hard, the unhappy necessity to say to priests: Love the Pope!

Speaking of the mystery of the Visitation Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI once said: “...In a certain sense, we can say that Mary’s trip [Visitation] was...the first Eucharistic procession in history...Is not this the joy of the Church, which receives Christ in the Holy Eucharist and takes Him to the world with the testimony of active charity, full of faith and hope? Yes, to receive Jesus and to take Him to others is the true joy of the Christian! Let us follow and imitate Mary, profoundly Eucharistic soul, and our whole life will become a Magnificat.”

In union with all the cloistered contemplative communities in Portugal we shall continue to pray for graces for a new-evangelization through the Pilgrim Virgin of Fatima as we prepare for the Centenary of Our Lady’s Apparitions in 2017.



“Jesus said to His disciple: **‘This is your Mother.’** And from that moment the disciple made a place for Her in his home” (Jn19:27).

## *History of the First Pilgrim Virgin Statue*

In 1945, shortly after the end of World War II a parish priest from Berlin proposed that an image of Our Lady of Fatima should travel to all the capitals and Episcopal Sees of Europe right up to the borders of Russia. In 1946 this idea was revisited by a representative from Luxembourg on the International Council of Young Women. In the following year on 13 May 1947 the image was crowned in Fatima and immediately began to travel across Europe - then just beginning the long recovery from war, the most difficult part of which was reconciliation between nations that had fought against each other. Our Lady passed through all the post-war barriers and brought the needed message of peace, love, mercy and new hope. In the next 50 years this statue, “God’s own missionary” travelled over the entire world. In the presence of this Pilgrim Virgin statue countless souls have found conversion through Her most pure and maternal Heart - that is, *Her Love!*

## First Profession of Vows



On May 31st, feast of the Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary, our Sister Maria John Paul of Divine Mercy pronounced her First Vows in the hands of our Prioress, Mother Angela Marie. Looking down upon Sister was the beautiful Pilgrim Virgin statue of Our Lady of Fatima which we had received into our cloister just a few days before. The Holy Mass was celebrated by our Prior, Fr. Virgilio, OP with Fr. José Carlos, OP and our faithful confessor Fr. Aventino, imc concelebrating. By her Vows the Sister pronounces publicly her unconditional YES to all that Christ her Spouse may ask of her.

### *Prayer to obtain a Miracle for the Beatification of Ven. Pope Pius XII*

**O Jesus, eternal High Priest,**  
Who didst deign to raise Thy faithful servant, Pius XII, to the supreme dignity of Thy Vicar on earth and to grant him the grace to be a fearless defender of the faith, a valiant champion of justice and peace, zealous in proclaiming the glory of Thy Most holy Mother, a shining example of charity and all virtues, deign now to grant us, in view of his merits, the graces we ask of Thee; so that, made certain of his efficacious intercession with Thee, we may one day see him raised to the honours of our altars.  
Amen.

IMPRIMATUR + João, Bispo de Leiria

## Monastery Pius XII 60 Years in Fatima

On June 16th our Community celebrated the 60th anniversary of the foundation of our Monastery. Holy Mass of Thanksgiving, always the centre of every celebration, was presided by Fr. Pedro Fernandes, OP our Provincial with Fr. Thomas Jordan, OP our Vicar. Our beloved Fr. Alberto Carvalho, OP was able to be present after having been ill. Father was a novice at the time of the monastery foundation. He still recounts various episodes about the days when our Foundress, Mother Mary Louis Bertrand Neally worked so tirelessly and with very limited funds to bring this foundation to completion. It was Fr. Pius Marie Gaudrault, OP who invited Mother Louis Bertrand to come here to found a Dominican Monastery of the Perpetual Rosary. How grateful we are today for her vision and commitment to poverty.

From this little dwelling place of God in the heart of the Church our prayers continue for the Church, the Order and for all who have so kindly sacrificed themselves to support God's work here.



Rev. Mother  
Mary Louis Bertrand, OP

## Sr. Mary Bernadette of Lourdes, OP

29 November 1931 – 11 August 2014



On Monday August 11 our dear Sister Mary Bernadette of Lourdes returned to the Father's House. The

last year had been difficult for her health-wise but she was quite active until Sunday August 10th when she had a serious fall here in the Monastery. Her heart already weakened was not able to overcome the strain of the effects of the fall. After receiving treatment at the hospital Sister returned home. She was awake and alert until one hour before her death. Our Dominican Prior, Fr. Virgilio came at noon time to administer the Sacrament of the Sick to which she responded with great joy and gratitude. As the afternoon progressed her condition weakened more and it was thought best to return to the hospital. Before this could be done the Divine Bridegroom came to call Sister to Himself. The whole Community was

with her praying the prayers of the dying and finally singing the Salve Regina which is our Dominican custom, and the Ave of Lourdes!

Sr. M. Bernadette entered our monastery from her native Dublin (Ireland). As a Child of Mary from her teenage years she was very dedicated to Our Lady and the Holy Rosary which she prayed with deep and constant fidelity. She was also a member of Our Lady's Choral Society in Dublin. Sister served our Community as organist and seamstress for many years.

The funeral was held on August 13th with several members of her family present including her brother Seamus, her niece Emer, Paul and Mary. Holy Mass was concelebrated by four Priests. Because it was the 13th many pilgrims were in Fatima from Ireland and other countries and these friends filled the chapel which brought strength and consolation to all. In your kindness please pray for the precious soul of our Sister.

*Requiescat in pace.*

**"Be still, and know that I am God." Psalm 45(46)**  
*This was one of Sr. M. Bernadette's favorite Psalms*



Dear Rosarians,



*Blessed  
Christmas  
and  
Holy New  
Year 2015!*

St. Paul writing to the Romans begins: “..To all of you who are God’s beloved in Rome, called to be saints, may God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ send grace and peace.”

Called to be saints...called to be holy... this is the universal call of every member of the Church. We send this same greeting to all of you dear Rosarians with our deep gratitude for your fidelity to Our Lady’s Perpetual Rosary Association. The prayer of the Rosary, for so many reasons, leads us on the path toward holiness. Here are two different stories of the Rosary from the Dachau concentration camp where thousands of priests and religious were held prisoner.

*A story of hatred for the Rosary...*

“One day the first German prisoner priest arrived. His name was Fr. Fritz and he was

received with a “special ceremony”: an SS officer put a Rosary on his head with the crucifix hanging down on his forehead and then proceeded to beat and kick the priest while marching him around the whole camp shouting: Finally, the first priest has arrived. Afterwards the great priest from Rome will also arrive and then the Catholic farce will end once and for all.” (Source: beato Giuseppe Girotti, un domenicano martire by Fr. Massimo Rossi, OP, p. 25)



*A story of love for the Rosary...*

“ In an exposition on the Rosary, held in the Vatican Gardens, where one could find both simple and sumptuous Rosaries from many centuries ago, one Rosary moved me extraordinarily and profoundly and still impresses me today. It was a Rosary of a prisoner from the concentration camp of

Dachau, made from the most precious material that he had at his disposal: crumbs of bread. With the threads of his prisoner’s uniform he joined the ‘beads’ from the crumbs he had saved. Such was the strength of the Rosary, that a prisoner of Dachau formed it from the bread that was for him so necessary for survival!” (Quereis oferecer-vos a Deus? by Fr. Luis Kondor, SVD, p. 181)

Called to be saints...let us take this appeal to heart as so many have done before us on the path of the contemplative prayer of the Rosary - the sure path to holiness because it is the Gospel, because it is centred in Christ and because His Mother and ours will not allow us to be lost on the way. When we take up our beads we ought to hold especially the Crucifix with love and gratitude to let JESUS know how grateful we are for His supreme sacrifice for us.

Thank you dear Rosarians. In the New Year please try to invite someone in your family or friends to join the Perpetual Rosary Association.

It’s a Gift of GRACE!

*United in the prayer of the Rosary,  
Your devoted Sisters in Fatima*



**Bl. Giuseppe  
Girotti, OP**  
Dominican Preacher  
and Martyr  
1905 - 1945

Biblical scholar and  
helper of the poor Fr.  
Giuseppe was arrested

for assisting the persecuted Jews in Italy. On the 5<sup>th</sup> of October 1944, he was taken to Dachau, Germany. According to Don Angelo Dalmasso, another priest with whom he was imprisoned, Girotti stood out for his generosity and openness toward the other inmates with whom he frequently shared the Word of God. He was imprisoned in Cabin 26 with a thousand other priests in a space that was originally meant for 180 inmates. Due to this condition, he became ill and was admitted to the infirmary.

On Easter Sunday, April 1, 1945, at barely 40 years old, Girotti died. His death was probably aided by a lethal injection of gasoline as was the custom then. On his bunk, his fellow inmates wrote, “Here slept Saint Guiseppe Girotti”.

***“Everything I do is for charity”***

*Bl. Giuseppe was declared  
Blessed on 26 April 2014*

*Blessed Giuseppe, pray for all preachers of  
the Word of God.*

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Won't you join?  
**NEW MEMBERS**

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I promise to form a part of Our Lady’s Guard of Honor by joining the Perpetual Rosary Association, and pledge myself to an Hour of Guard once a month:

Day of month (1st; 5th, etc.) \_\_\_\_\_ Hour chosen \_\_\_\_\_ am  
pm

Christian and Surname \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

*(If you are a member of the Perpetual Rosary Association already, you do not need to enroll again.  
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