

**Thirty years ago** only doctors and others whose jobs made them “on call” carried mobile phones. Geraldine Ferraro was the first woman placed on a Presidential Ballot.

Watching the latest movies at home required a trip to the video rental store with a membership card. Thirty years ago more people were employed and there were fewer *underemployed*. There were more choices in telecommunication services and banking. God and the American flag were still in most schools and guns were not. Prime time television was still censored and PTA meetings were still well attended.

Most offices required suits for men and appropriate dress for women included more skirts or dresses.

Thirty years later we shake our head and ask where have all the people gone in the churches? Ten year olds are efficient at operating the latest mobile app and more middle aged professionals have had to deplete their 401ks to cover costs of layoffs or *underemployment*. World peace is still debated only now acts of terror have entered the U.S. borders.

With all of these obstacles in such a short time, how is it that we cannot turn our eyes toward the Rosary and prayer for the sake of the family of man.....

## YOUR COMMITMENT

If ever our world needed prayer – it is now....The twentieth century proved to be the deadliest century in all of history and the twenty-first century has all the signs of following to become the same.

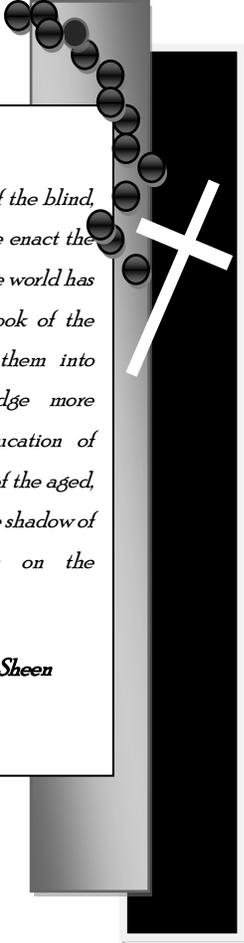
If you can make a pledge to say the Rosary on a daily basis – you can make a difference in your own personal world and worldwide. How low must our social mores go before we try to stop the bleeding?

Prayer can be a powerful weapon against evil if it is sincere and consistent. If you are raising children – teach your children to pray. If you alone – pray for all of mankind and for those who have no one to pray for them.

Regardless of your status in life or the size of your family please pray the Rosary and tell those you know to do the same.....*God Bless*

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## “SAVE THE FAMILY” ROSARY CHALLENGE



*“The rosary is the book of the blind, where souls see and there enact the greatest drama of love the world has ever known; it is the book of the simple, which initiates them into mysteries and knowledge more satisfying than the education of other men; it is the book of the aged, whose eyes close upon the shadow of this world, and open on the substance of the next.*

*-Archbishop Fulton Sheen*

## ORIGIN OF THE CRUSADE

Pray the Rosary for the salvation of souls. These were the words of Bishop Emeritus Robert Hermann as he closed the Annual Novena to Our Lady of Fatima this May. He reminded us that for centuries the Church has emphasized the importance of the Rosary. They encourage everyone to pray the Rosary daily.



As Catholics we should be praying for our world and for all of mankind. We should include our immediate family as well as the family of mankind. There is evil in the world and every minute of every day there are victims of evil acts and there are those who fall away from God and turn more toward evil.

Bishop Hermann's answer to how we can grow closer to Christ is by participating in this "Save the Family" Rosary Crusade.

He reminded us that for centuries the Church has encouraged everyone to pray the Rosary often. Our Lady's message to the children at Fatima was to pray the Rosary and to stop offending God by enabling evil. That message is just as relevant today with an increase in violent crimes, terrorist actions, crimes against humanity, war and war at home against pornography, drugs and social media that promotes these things.



## WHY PRAY THE ROSARY?

On October 13, 1917 the children at Fatima were told by the Lady to continue to pray the Rosary and to warn others not to offend the Lord. As she opened her hands the heavy rains of that day stopped. Nearly 70,000 pilgrims witnessed the sun shine brilliantly in many colors. It began to spiral out of the sky and fall toward earth. Thousands were changed by that vision that day. Even an atheist declared it to be a "miracle."

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In 1978 Ted Bundy, a serial killer, escaped from prison and entered a sorority house intending to bludgeon three students to death as they slept.

Before his execution Bundy confessed that he killed the first two girls easily. Upon entering the third girl's room he stopped. The girl's rosary beads were in her hand as she slept. Upon seeing the beads Bundy felt a strange and powerful force come over him.

He paused and dropped the weapon leaving immediately. The student who escaped death at Bundy's hand promised her grandmother she would pray the rosary while away at school. She kept that promise.

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On August 6, 1945 a bomber took off to drop the first atomic bomb in Hiroshima, Japan. A short distance from the bomb site a small group of Jesuit Fathers resided at Our Lady's Assumption home.

They prayed the Rosary daily and devoutly on a daily basis. The aftermath of the bomb was total devastation and radiation poisoning for generations.

Yet these Jesuit Fathers survived the bomb with absolutely no signs of radiation effects more than sixty-five years later. Scientists have no explanation for this.

## IN OTHER WORDS

Some people are so foolish they think they can go through life without the help of the Blessed Mother.....pray the Rosary for her Rosary is the weapon against the evils of the world today.....

-St. Padre Pio

Saying the Rosary. Blessed by that monotony of Hail Mary's which purifies the monotony of your sins!"

-St. Josemaria Escriva

Never will anyone who says the Rosary every day be led astray. This is a statement I would gladly sign with my blood.

- St. Louis de Montfort

**In the words of the Blessed Lady to St. Dominic:**

***"Whoever shall faithfully serve me by praying the Rosary, shall receive powerful graces."***

***"The faithful children of the Rosary shall merit a high degree of glory in Heaven."***

***"All who recite the Rosary are my children, and brothers and sisters of my only Son, Jesus Christ."***

***"Whoever shall have a true devotion for the Rosary shall not die without the Sacraments of the Church."***