



# OCTOBER IS THE MONTH OF THE ROSARY

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**SAIN'T MARJA GORETTI CATHOLIC MEN'S FELLOWSHIP**

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### ABOUT US

The Saint Maria Goretti Catholic Men's fellowship is a group where men explore the faith together, help each to grow spiritually, learn from each other, explore what it means to be a catholic man in today's world, and enable men to mature spiritually and live a fuller expression of the catholic faith in the context of other like-minded men. The group meets bi-weekly and sponsors events throughout the year where men share and grow spiritually. The Saint Maria Goretti Catholic Men's Fellowship group is affiliated with the National Fellowship of Catholic Men.

### Change in Seasons



Its, that time of year again! That time of year when the days get shorter and the nights get longer, when the leaves on the trees turn from green to shades of brown; and here in the south the humidity drops and the temperature is pleasant as we await a few days of cold weather. We marvel at the beauty of God's paint brush as we watch summer slowly wander off into the distance as autumn approaches. We revel in the change in season. Just as nature undergoes a change in season so can we. Who among us hasn't given thought to making changes in our life? Some of us think about changing our exercise routine, some think about eating healthier, others want to re-engage in a hobby, and others want to take a few more minutes of me time to spend time focusing on ourselves. All of these are good things to do, but, is it a season of change in our spiritual life? We need only ask ourselves one question to determine the season for a spiritual change is now. That question is: If I were to stand before Jesus today will He know me welcome me or will he say "I do not know you."? If we're not sure that He will know us, then it's time for a change. The change can be as simple as spending 5-10 more in prayer every day, spending a few minutes reading and meditating on scripture every day, or even reading one verse of scripture in the morning and one before bed. We can also avail ourselves to more frequent reception of the sacraments especially reconciliation and Eucharist. Of course just like any relationship, we have to spend time with Jesus even if it's only 15-30 minutes in the silence of Eucharistic Adoration in the presence of Jesus fully present body, blood, soul, and divinity in the Blessed Sacrament where in the silence we can sit in His presence and listen for his voice. As the Book of Ecclesiastes tells us "for everything there is a season"; is this our season of change?



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-POPE PIUS XI

### Actions Speak Louder Than Words

Admit it, you began to sing the song in your head as you read the title. But, we're not talking about the 70s song by Chocolate milk, we're talking about our actions or reactions to today's challenges. In our world today, it seems as though civility has been replaced with hostility, compassion replaced with condemnation, mercy replaced with vengeance, and love replaced with hate. Our news feeds are filled with videos of people shouting derogatory names at minorities, law enforcement abusing citizens, mass shootings, perpetrators of mass shootings proudly exclaiming that their goal was to kill Hispanics. We even see videos of people at the president's campaign rally shouting "Send Her Back" in reference to a Congresswoman who is a woman of color, and even the president of the United States calling the free press enemies of the people and shouting disparaging things about those who criticize him. The lack of civility and tolerance can wear all of us down. But as men of faith we must resist the urge to retaliate with anger. We must resist the temptation to utter just one disparaging word that will hurt or offend others. We must dig deep within our souls and submit to the Holy Spirit and live the commandment that Jesus gave us; to love one another. We must look beyond the words and actions of those who dislike or disparage us to see God's creation not a hater and to pray for the person and yes to love them. Our conduct must always reflect the ways of our Savior not of the world. Of course, we know this is not easy for us, but it is for God and in the end it is worth the effort. As Jesus says, "For the Son of Man will come with his angels in his Father's glory, and then he will repay everyone according to his conduct" (Mt 16:27)

### Somebody Prayed For Me



Pray for me and I'll pray for you; something that many of us have said at one time or another in life. Many of us are self-proclaimed prayer warriors maintain an ever growing list of people that we pray for, both living and dead, everyday. Some of us have a group of prayer warriors that we call upon at times when we believe that our prayers may not be enough so we call in reinforcements. We'll pray for family, friends, acquaintances, strangers, folks asking for prayers on social media, and unfortunately for victims of mass shootings and natural disasters. Often times we're hesitant in asking others to pray for us in our time of need. The bad news is that we don't ask for prayers when we're in need, but, the good news is that somebody prayed for all us nearly 2000years ago. As Jesus prayed in Gethsemane, He prayed for all of us believers down through the ages as He prayed, "I pray not only for them, but also for those who will believe in me through their word, so that they may all be one, as you, Father, are in me and I in you, that they also may be in us, that the world may believe that you sent me." (Jn 17:20-21) So rejoice prayer warrior, we are all united in Christ and through Christ with the Father and that as we unit in prayer for others that somebody, the Son of God, prayed for us.

## The Seven Sorrows of Mary

September is dedicated to the Seven Sorrows of Mary. So what is this devotion? The purpose of the Devotion of the Seven Sorrows is to promote union with the sufferings of Christ through union with the special suffering that Our Lady endured because she was the Mother of God. By uniting ourselves with both the Passion of Christ and His holy Mother, we enter into Jesus' Heart and honor Him greatly; He is more honored because we have so honored His Mother. The Seven Dolours are taken from Scripture events and the devotion has a long history, although it was not officially promulgated by the Church until the early nineteenth century. Before Pope Pius VII's formal approval, the Servite Order had permission in 1668 to celebrate the Feast of the Seven Dolours because the Order was instrumental in popularizing the Seven Sorrows Devotion. These are the Seven Sorrows:

1. The prophecy of Simeon. (St. Luke 2:34, 35)
2. The flight into Egypt. (St. Matthew 2:13, 14)
3. The loss of the Child Jesus in the temple. (St. Luke 2: 43-45)
4. The meeting of Jesus and Mary on the Way of the Cross.
5. The Crucifixion.
6. The taking down of the Body of Jesus from the Cross.
7. The burial of Jesus.

### HERE ARE THE SEVEN GRACES:

1. I will grant peace to their families.
2. They will be enlightened about the divine mysteries.
3. I will console them in their pains and I will accompany them in their work.
4. I will give them as much as they ask for as long as it does not oppose the adorable will of my divine Son or the sanctification of their souls.
5. I will defend them in their spiritual battles with the infernal enemy and I will protect them at every instant of their lives.
6. I will visibly help them at the moment of their death; they will see the face of their Mother.
7. I have obtained from my divine Son, that those who propagate this devotion to my tears and Dolours, will be taken directly from this earthly life to eternal happiness since all their sins will be forgiven and my Son and I will be their eternal consolation and joy.

### CONTEST GIVE AWAY WIN THIS STAND UP CRUCIFIX



The first person to answer the question below correctly wins the crucifix. Email your answer to [catholicmens@smgnola.com](mailto:catholicmens@smgnola.com). Before midnight 30 September, include your full name and phone number in the email.

**What two documents summarize the Catholic Christian faith?**

#### PRAYER CORNER

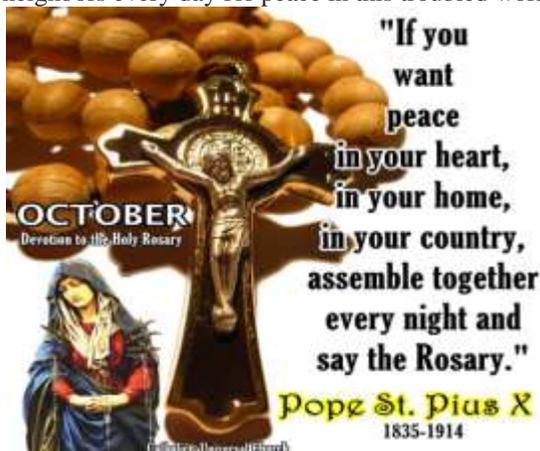
##### Prayer of St. Gertrude the Great

Eternal Father, I offer Thee the most precious Blood of Thy Divine Son in union with all the Masses said throughout the world today for all the Holy Souls in Purgatory. For sinners everywhere, for sinners in the universal church, those in my own home and within my family. Amen

## She's Asked For Over 100 Years



Though out the last century, our Blessed Mother has called out to mankind, asking us to pray. She did it at Fatima, then at Beauraing and Banneux, Belgium, then at Akita, Japan, again at Kibeho, Rwanda, and San Nicolas, Argentina. Each time our Blessed Mother appeared from 1917 to 1985 her message was the same; pray the rosary everyday for peace. She warned us of more wars at Fatima, of many deaths and war at Beauraing and Banneux, of the Father being angry at his children and a sign and punishment to come at Akita, and of rivers of blood at Kibeho if man did not repent and pray the rosary everyday for peace. We know how things turned out because we didn't obey our mother. World War II happened after Fatima, Beauraing, and Banneux. The Rwandan genocide of 800,000 Tutsis happened after Kibeho. But the warning of a great sign in the sky for the world to see followed by a chance to repent and pray has not occurred yet. If mankind ignores that it is said that the living will envy the dead. But our Blessed Mother continues with her plea to us to repent, pray the rosary everyday for peace. This October, the Month of the Rosary, let each of us commit to answering our Mother's call and pray the rosary either individually, as a family, or with a group of friends and neighbors every day for peace in this troubled world.



### COMING EVENTS

September 6, 2019-Men's Rosary for Peace- 6:00pm – Chapel  
 September 7, 2019-Lord teach me to Pray-8:00am Library-  
 September 11, 2019- Meeting; 7:00pm - Center library  
 September 14, 2019-Lord teach me to Pray-8:00am -Library  
 September 21, 2019- Lord teach me to Pray-8:00am -Library  
 September 25, 2019- Meeting; 7:00pm - Center library  
 September 28, 2019- Lord teach me to Pray-8:00am -Library  
 October 4, 2019-Men's Rosary for Peace; 6:00pm- Chapel  
 October 5, 2019- Lord teach me to Pray-8:00am Library  
 October 9, 2018- Meeting; 7:00pm - Center library  
 October 19, 2019- Lord teach me to Pray-8:00am Library  
 October 19, 2019- International Rosary 11:00am -Chapel  
 October 23, 2019- Meeting; 7:00pm - Center library  
 October 26, 2019- Lord teach me to Pray-8:00am Library