



# THE BEAUTY OF ROSARY

**OCTOBER 2023**  
**KIDS ASSEMBLY TOPIC**

## 2023 Kids Assembly Topic for April

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### OBJECTIVES

At the end of Kids Assembly, MFC Kids will be able to:

- Understand the meaning of the Holy Rosary
- Appreciate the reasons why we need to pray the Holy Rosary
- Pray the Holy Rosary as one MFC Kids

### MOTIVATION

**Activity: Why do we pray the Rosary?**

Watch this video:

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=\\_j7vOUP0LU4](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=_j7vOUP0LU4)

### Processing:

Praying the Rosary with Mother Mary is powerful because she truly understands how we feel and what we think. She loves us a lot and wants to help us talk to Jesus. So, when we pray, it's not just us speaking; it's like having Mother Mary right beside us, making our prayers strong and sending them straight to Jesus. She acts like a bridge, ensuring that all our love, worries, and dreams reach Jesus clearly.



## EXPANDED OUTLINE

### I. HEAD

October is a special month because we celebrate something beautiful called the Rosary. The Rosary is like a beautiful crown of roses for the Virgin Mary. When people pray the Rosary with love and devotion, it's like placing a beautiful crown of roses on Jesus and Mary's heads.

A long time ago, in the year 1221, a man named St. Dominic came up with the idea of the Rosary. He had a special vision of the Blessed Mother, and he wanted to use the Rosary to help people learn about their faith. He taught people to use a string of beads to help them remember the prayers in a special order. Therefore, the Rosary is like a special tool that kids can use to pray and remember the most important parts of their Catholic faith. And it is our way to show love and honor to Jesus and Mary.



## II. HEART

Because October is the month of rosary, we should know more about the reasons to pray the Rosary -

### **IT HELPS OUR FAITH GROW** (It's biblical)

The Rosary helps us think about important stories from the Bible. These stories are about Jesus and Mary, and they teach us valuable lessons about love, kindness, and faith. Each bead represents a different story from the Bible. There are four sets of mysteries, each with five main stories, making a total of twenty stories. These stories help us understand how Jesus lived, what He did, and how much He loves us. Some stories also tell us about Mary and the wonderful things she did. When we think about these stories while saying our prayers, we learn more about Jesus and Mary, and we understand what God wants us to do in our lives. The more we pray the Rosary, the closer we feel to these stories.

### **2. IT HELPS US TO BECOME HOLIER**

Praying the Rosary has been a great help to many in their path to holiness when prayed with devotion. Praying the Rosary is like having a special conversation with God and Mary. It's a powerful way to talk to them, and it can make our hearts feel really happy and peaceful. When we pray the Rosary, we think about all the beautiful things Jesus did when He was on Earth. This helps us get to know Him better and feel closer to Him.

When we keep praying the Rosary, it's like practicing and getting better at being friends with Jesus and Mary. We learn to trust them more and feel their love in our hearts. St. Padre Pio, St. Maximilian Kolbe, and Mother Teresa also loved praying the Rosary! So, every time we pray the Rosary, it's a way for us to become the kind and loving people God wants us to be.

### **3. IT HELPS OUR TRANSFORMATION**

(Mama Mary has asked us to pray the rosary)

In several Marian apparitions (as Fatima), our Mother has asked us to pray the Rosary for the world's salvation. Mary, who loves us like a caring mom, has told us in special moments (like the story of Fatima) that praying the Rosary is really important. When we pray the Rosary, it's not just for ourselves; it's like sending out waves of peace into the world. Our world can sometimes be a bit like a big and noisy puzzle, and the Rosary helps bring calm and harmony to this puzzle.

Every time we pray the Rosary, it's like planting seeds of goodness. These seeds can grow into changes in people's hearts, helping them turn away from doing wrong things. So, by praying the Rosary, we're not only helping ourselves, but we're also making the world a better, kinder place, one prayer at a time.

### **4. IT HELPS US TO AVOID SIN**

(Its powerful weapon against evil)

The Rosary has the effect of weakening the action of the devil in the world and in our lives. Rosary is like a shield, both for our hearts and the world. When we pray the Rosary, it's not just us talking to God and Mary; it's like joining a big team of people all over the world. We're all holding hands in a special way through our prayers.

Think of it like this: when we pray the Rosary, it's as if we're making a powerful prayer with millions of others. We're all saying, "God, we trust you, and we want to do what's right, just like Mary did." This strong, united prayer creates a protective shield around us. It keeps away temptations and helps us stay positive and strong against all the negativity in the world. So, the Rosary isn't just a prayer; it's our way of being holy warriors, fighting against bad things with the help of God and Mary. It's our secret weapon, making the world a better place for everyone.

Therefore, we can thank Mother Mary for this amazing gift! Every time we pray the Rosary, it's like we're holding her hand, and she's helping us get closer to Jesus. So, let's cherish this gift and keep praying the Rosary. It's our way of becoming kinder and stronger, all with the help of Mother Mary and her love for us.

### **MAIN ACTIVITY: Pray the Holy Rosary**

We ask the whole group - the Coordinators, Heart Champs, and all the kids, to **PRAY THE HOLY ROSARY**. As we celebrate this month of October, the Rosary Month, we honor Mother Mary by praying the Holy Rosary as one family here in MFC Kids.

The initiative is to create a continuous chain of praying the rosary for the whole month of October in our Kids Assemblies as we become part of the Children's Rosary Rally in our own respective areas and chapters. You may still do (or even opt to not do) the activities, coloring and arts & crafts, after praying the Holy Rosary.



### **III. HANDS**

#### **A. Kids at Play (3-4 years old)**

Activity: **NEVER LOSE HOPE COLORING PAGE (Appendix A)**

**Materials:** Coloring Materials

#### **Instructions:**

- Get your crayons or any of your coloring materials and start to put colors into the drawing page.

- Note to the facilitator: After doing the activity, before the assembly ends, call some representatives and let the kids share their work to the group.

## **B. FIRST STEPS (5-7 years old) & FOOTSTEPS (8-10 years old)**

Activity: **Paper Chain Rosary** (See Appendix B)

### **Materials:**

- Colored Paper
- Scissor
- Color Pens
- Glue or Stapler

### **Instructions:**

1. Cut the paper into narrow strips.
2. Write the names of the people you want to pray for on each strip. For example, Grandparents, siblings, or anyone who is sick.
3. Choose different colors of paper to represent the beads for the Apostle's Creed, Our Father, 3 Hail Marys, one Glory Be, and 10 Hail Marys.
4. Use a stapler to connect the strips together. You can follow a picture or diagram for a visual guide.
5. Cut out a cross shape and attach it to the linked strips. This completes your prayer chain.

## **C. STEP UP (11-12 years old)**

Activity: Household

### **Discussion Question:**

1. What are the things that you are praying for?
2. What are the things you love about rosary?

#### **IV. TAKE AWAY**

As MFC Kids, let's try praying the Rosary together, just like how Mother Mary did. She loved talking to God and her son, Jesus. When we pray the Rosary, it's like following in her footsteps, learning from her love and devotion. It's a beautiful journey, and you'll discover how amazing it feels, just like when Mother Mary felt the warmth of God's love. Praying the Rosary isn't just something we do; it's a lovely experience that brings us closer to God, just like it brought Mother Mary closer to Him.

#### **CONVICTION**

Hello Coordinators and Heart Champs!

Kindly instruct our MFC Kids members attending the assembly to write this conviction statement on their 2023 Conviction Statement Card after finishing their activity. The card will be their attendance tracker as they attend our Kids Assemblies every month.

**October:**

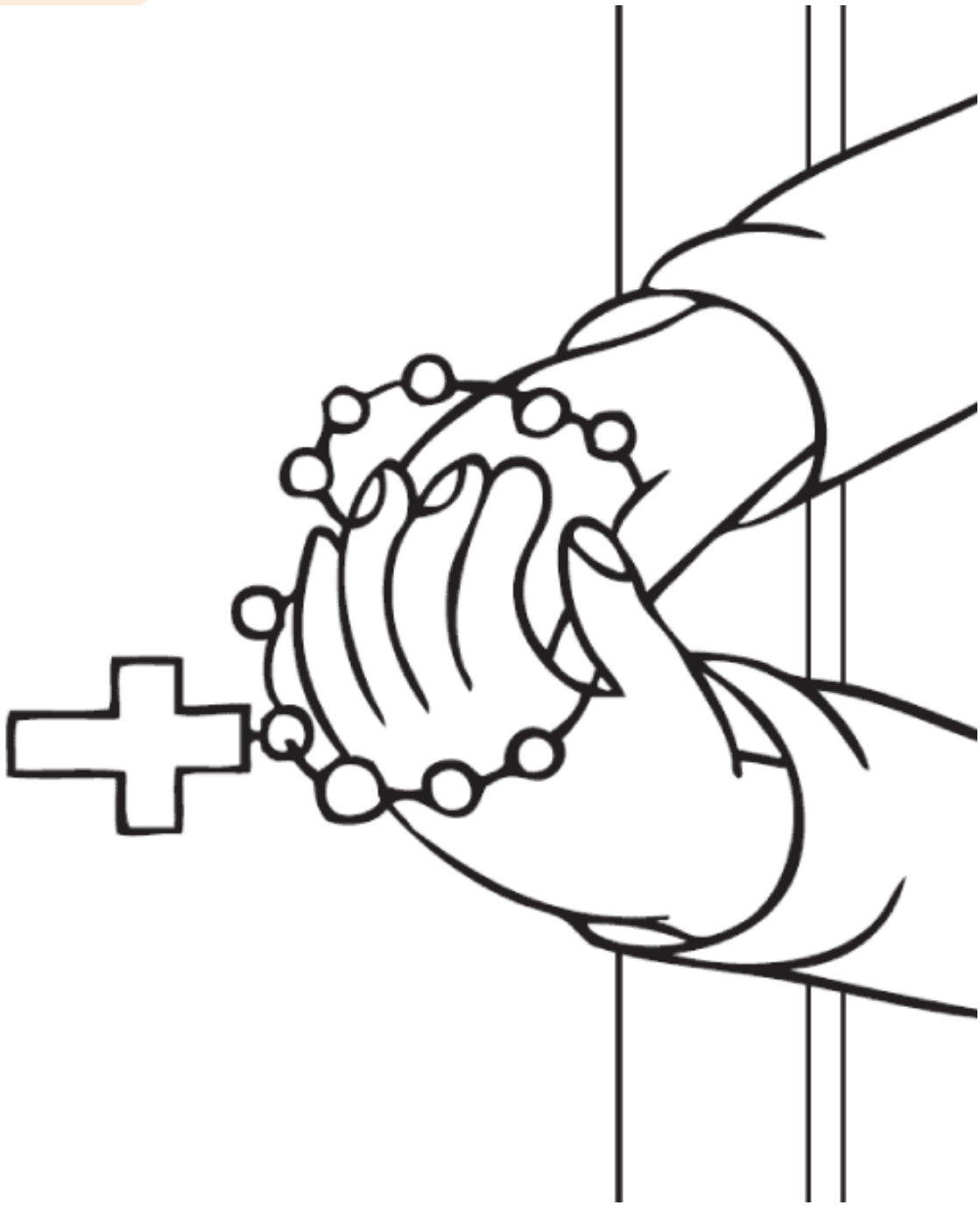
# **I WILL PRAY THE ROSARY!**



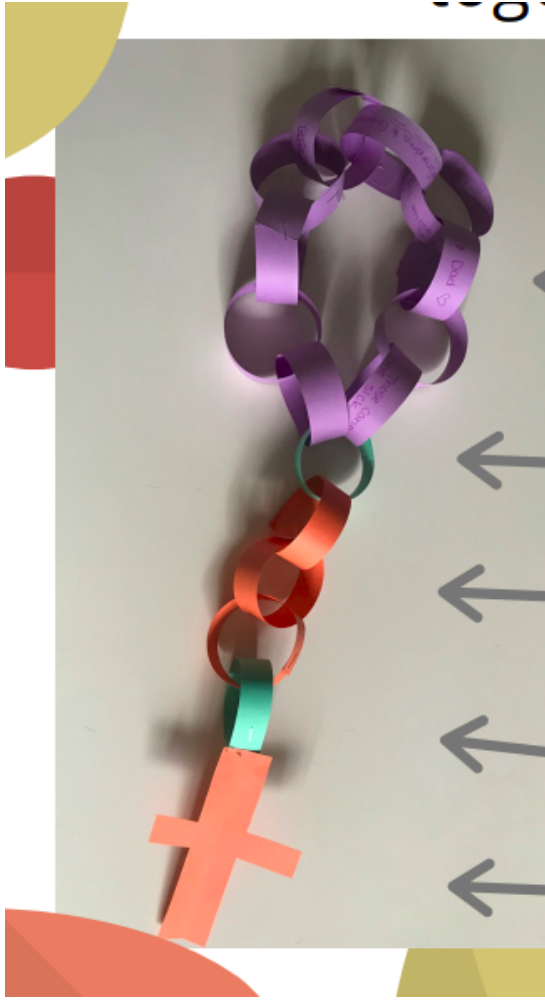
## **RECITATION OF MFC KIDS PROMISE**

- 1. I will imitate Jesus.**
  - I will pray to God and read the Bible every day.
  - I will make Jesus my role model by obeying rules and doing good in school.
  
- 2. I will be a good family member.**
  - I will be a good son/daughter to my parents by obeying and respecting them.
  - I will be a good sister/brother to my siblings through sharing and supporting them.
  
- 3. I will be an active member of MFC Kids**
  - I will always attend and participate in all MFC Kids activities.
  - I will share my time, talents, and treasures with others, especially with my brothers and sisters in MFC Kids
  - I will love, respect and be loyal to my MFC Kids family.
  
- 4. I will tell others about Jesus.**
  - I will love my brothers and sisters, relatives, and friends by doing good deeds every day that will reflect God's love.
  - I will serve in our Parish Church.
  - I will love the poor by sharing what I have with them

APPENDIX A



APPENDIX B



Instructions can be found at  
[www.st-therese.org/](http://www.st-therese.org/)

← **10 Hail Mary Links**

← **1 Our Father Link**

← **3 Hail Mary Links**

← **1 Our Father Link**

← **1 Cross for Nicene Creed**

**Dear Parents/Guardians,**

Thank you for letting your kids attend our Kids Assembly this month and for being one with us in believing that they are never too young to know Christ. We honor your love and passion in making your child/ren closer to the Lord.

This month, we're exploring the wonderful world of praying the Rosary. We've learned that when we pray, beautiful things happen, and we can receive the gift of hope from God. We can always trust in Him because He's faithful and caring to us. As parents, we can help our children appreciate the beauty of praying the Rosary by doing these activities together:

**1. Pray the Rosary as a Family:** Praying the Rosary together strengthens our family bond. In each mystery, take a moment to pray silently for different things:

- Family and Friends
- Teachers, Missionaries, and Leaders
- Government Officials and Medical Frontliners
- Those who are Weak, Sick, and those who have passed away
- Your own special intentions (like praying for your family)

**2. Create a Prayer Notebook:** Help your children make a special notebook where they can write down things they want to talk to Jesus about. They can use this list to guide their prayers, deepening their relationship with God.

**3. Design Your Own Rosary:** Explore the internet to find out how to create customized Rosary beads. Start with simple designs, and as you and your children get more interested, you can explore different styles, mix and match beads, and create your very own unique Rosary. It's a fun way to make your prayer time even more special!

After doing the activities, we encourage you to post these on your social media accounts so that you can inspire other parents and families to journey with their kids. Use these hashtags - #MFCKids #ParentChildActivity #MomentsThatMatter

Thank you very much and we hope to be with your kid/s next month!

**MFC Kids Team**