

**VOCATION NEWS
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And Mary said:

**"My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord;
my spirit rejoices in God my savior.
For he has looked upon his handmaid's lowliness;
behold, from now on all ages will call me blessed."**

Luke 1: 46-48

Dear **:**

As we embrace and celebrate this month of May, let us take a moment to reflect on the gift of mothers, our earthly mothers and our Blessed Mother. During the entire month of May, the Church honors Mary, the Mother of God and on the second Sunday of May, we honor our earthly mothers.

Mary is celebrated in many different ways, from the recitation of the Rosary to May Crownings, where a statue of Mary is crowned with "beautiful blossoms representing Mary's beauty and virtue. It's also a reminder to the faithful to strive to imitate our Blessed Mother's virtue in our own lives."

Mary is the mother and model of vocations, of whom John Paul II noted was "the human being who has responded better than any other to God's call. Mary became both the servant and the disciple of the Word to the point of conceiving, in her heart and in her flesh, the Word made man, so as to give him to mankind."

On Mother's Day, we celebrate our mothers and all mother figures who have nurtured us, encouraged us, and believed in us. We pray for the safety, wisdom, patience, strength, health of those who have cared for us as mothers and that God will bless them for the love they have bestowed on us.

May you find love, hope, and inspiration in your comings and goings. May God's peace surround you in your search to understand God's will for you.

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Dominicans and the Rosary

It is believed that the form of the rosary we use today was promoted by our Holy Father St. Dominic and our early Dominican itinerant preachers. It is said that when one Friar preached, the other prayed the Rosary to ask for the intercession of Our Blessed Mother and God.

However, the use of beads in prayer is much older than he, and not only a Christian ritual. The Buddhists, for example, use a string that is similar of 108 beads called a Mala on which they recite mantras.

To a Dominican, however, the rosary is truly a form of contemplative prayer, which calls to mind and heart the very realities of the life of our Christ -- from Mother Mary's Fiat in the Joyful Mysteries, to the Ascension of the Lord in the Glorious Mysteries of the Rosary, tell the story of all which was accomplished by the Savior for our salvation. Tradition tells us that Mary made various promises to all who recite the rosary. Many graces shall be theirs in life, and at death, and they shall participate in the merits of the Saints in paradise.

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Come and See Retreat
September 7--9, 2018
St. Catharine, KY

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The Vatican's Pope Video

We join the universal Church and Pope Francis as we pray for this month's intentions which you can listen to and watch via this video [here](#).

Pope Francis on the Call to Holiness

Be sure to read Pope Francis' apostolic exhortation, *Gaudete et Exsultate*, on the Call to Holiness in Today's World, accessible from the Vatican website as shown [here](#). Or, you can read or watch a brief synopsis [here](#) of five key points to take away from this exhortation



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