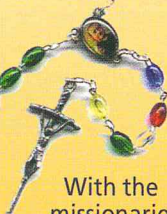


THE MISSIONARY ROSARY



Our Lady of Guadalupe
(Mexico City)



With the
missionaries
and Mary,
taking Jesus
to the whole world



with short reflections by
St. Guido Maria Conforti

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PRESENTATION

This booklet is offered as an incentive to pray for the coming of God's Kingdom on earth. It is dedicated to people whose health, or age, prevents them from going to distant mission lands, but who still feel the urgent invitation of Jesus to reach out to the whole world and proclaim his Gospel to all creatures. In the short reflections that accompany each mystery, we shall be guided by the words of St. Guido Maria Conforti, Bishop of Ravenna and Parma and Founder of the Xaverian Missionaries; Conforti was one of the greatest missionaries of the 20th century, even though he never actually worked in the missions himself (like St. Teresa of the Child Jesus, the patron saint of the missions!). Nevertheless, Conforti too felt the urgency of Jesus' command to go out to the whole world and preach the Gospel. The missionary action of Conforti could be summed up in these words: "All the faithful must reach out to those who do not believe". Welcoming the invitation of the holy bishop and Founder, through the Rosary we walk with Mary to take Jesus to the very ends of the earth. May Jesus gather the whole of humanity into one family and be a sign of hope for all. May he bring peace to the hearts of all the nations. Dear friends of the missions "Ad Gentes", we ask you to sustain us with the power of your prayer, together with Mary, so that the missionaries, like her, may always be moved by the Spirit of Jesus and bear much fruit. The missionary Rosary will enable many people to participate in the mission of the Xaverians Missionaries and, indeed, of all the missionaries throughout the world.



St. Guido M. Conforti
(1865 – 1931)

*Holy Father,
through the contemplation
of the cross, you filled the heart
of St. Guido Maria Conforti
with a burning zeal
for the proclamation of the Gospel
to all the peoples;
through his intercession,
grant us the grace we ask of you.
Through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.*

A BIOGRAPHICAL PROFILE OF ST. GUIDO MARIA CONFORTI

Guido Maria Conforti was born in Ravadese (Parma, Italy) on 30 March 1865. He joined the seminary of Parma, but he could not be ordained priest because of a serious illness. After he was miraculously healed through the intercession of Our Blessed Lady, he was ordained priest in 1888. He was already Vicar General of the diocese at the young age of thirty. Since he was unable to go to the missions, in 1895 he founded the Xaverian Missionaries, who are now working in twenty countries throughout the world. In 1902, at the age of 37, he was appointed Archbishop of Ravenna, a post he had to leave two years later on health grounds. In 1907 he became bishop of Parma until his holy death on 5 November 1931. In 1928 he visited his missionaries in China.

Pope John Paul II beatified him on 17 March 1996. He was canonized by Pope Benedict XVI in St. Peter's Basilica, Rome, on 23 October 2011.

St. Guido Maria Conforti was devoted to Our Lady and the Rosary

Conforti was very devoted to Our Blessed Lady and the rosary and he always spoke of Mary with great affection. He expressed his devotion to her through the rosary, meditation, pilgrimages to the various Marian sanctuaries of Italy (Fontanellato, Loreto, Pompei, Monte Berico, Caravaggio). He made many sacrifices in honor of Our Lady. He took every opportunity to recommend devotion to her: *"In order to be truly devoted to Our Lady, we must strive to imitate the virtues She left us with such a shining example, especially humility, purity, patience and love"*.

Two accounts of Conforti's devotion to Our Lady:

"Conforti prayed the rosary with us every evening after dinner, on his knees, in the chapel. When I, or other members of the staff of the bishop's house, left the chapel at the end of the rosary, he often remained there in prayer for a long time".

The whole of Conforti's life as a child, seminarian, bishop, founder and superior was marked by devotion to Mary. He was given Mary's name at his birth and his entire existence was lived under the patronage of Mary, 'Full of Grace'.

Conforti invites us to love Mary because:

"There is no illness so malign that Mary cannot heal, no bitterness that she cannot take away, no need for which she cannot provide ... nothing can be denied to this noble creature who is the object of God's delight. She can obtain all things from her Son". "Love Mary, love her especially for our great need of consolation. Love her because She is the one who consoles the afflicted, and all those who turn to her for comfort in this life will receive the guarantee of eternal happiness".

THE POPES RECOMMEND THE ROSARY

Paul VI: *"The Rosary deserves special attention. It unites the prayer of the "Our Father", "Hail Mary" and "Glory be" to the meditation of the events of our salvation. "If the rosary is not contemplative prayer, it becomes like a body without a soul".*

Blessed John Paul II: *"I invite everyone, children and adults, young and old people, families, parishes and religious communities to pray the Rosary". "If the Rosary accompanies us throughout our life, it can become a privileged instrument for building peace in the hearts of men and women, in families and among the nations. **With Mary we can obtain everything from her Son, Jesus. Sustained by Mary, we will not hesitate to dedicate ourselves generously to proclaiming the Gospel to the very ends of the earth"***

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Benedict XVI: *"In today's dispersive world, the rosary helps to put Christ at the center of our attention, just like the Virgin Mary did when she pondered in her heart all that was said about her Son, and all that he did and said. When we pray the Rosary, we relive the important events of salvation history; we recall the various stages of Christ's mission. With Mary our heart is aligned with the mystery of Jesus. We put Christ at the center of our life, our time and our cities, through the contemplation and meditation of the holy mysteries of joy, light, sorrow and glory".*

THE MISSIONARY ROSARY

The **Missionary Rosary** helps us to pray for the whole world, that the good news of the Kingdom may reach all nations.

The five colors of the missionary rosary represent the five continents:

Green represents **Africa** and its forests

Red represents the **Americas** and the American Indians, its first inhabitants.

White represents **Europe** and the Papacy (the white papal robes)

Blue represents **Oceania**, immersed in the blue waters of the Pacific Ocean

Yellow represents **Asia**, the skin color of many Asian people

HOW TO PRAY THE ROSARY

Introduction

- Sign of the Cross
- *O God, come to my assistance*
Lord, make haste to help me.
- *Glory be to the Father ...*

At every mystery:

- *Enunciation of the mystery*
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- The prayer recommended by Our Lady of Fatima: "*O my Jesus, forgive us our sins, Save us from the fires of hell. Lead all souls to heaven, especially those in most need of your mercy*"...
- *1 Our Father, 10 Hail Marys, 1 Glory be to the Father.*

After the five mysteries

- *Salve Regina*
- *Litany of Our Lady*
- *Prayer*

THE *Joyful* MYSTERIES

MARY GIVES US JESUS

(Monday and Saturday)

1° MYSTERY - The annunciation

The angel said to Mary: *“Rejoice, so highly favored! The Lord is with you. Mary, do not be afraid; you have won God’s favor. You are to conceive and bear a son, and you must name him Jesus. He will be great and will be called Son of the Most High”*... Mary said to the angel: *“I am the handmaid of the Lord, let what you have said be done to me”* (cfr Lk 1:26-38).



“Mary is a masterpiece of God’s omnipotence, a new creation of His wisdom and love, the compendium of all the wonders of the material and supernatural world”.

(St. Guido Maria Conforti)

GREEN BEADS

Let us pray for Africa: may the annunciation of Jesus' birth reach all the nations of this continent, and bring them peace and brotherhood.

2° MYSTERY: The visitation

"Mary set out at that time and went as quickly as she could to a town in the hill country of Judah. She went into Zechariah's house and greeted Elizabeth. Now as soon as Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the child leapt in her womb (Lk 1:39-41).

"First and foremost, Mary embodies love, which is the queen of virtues and the one most pleasing to God; love is the virtue proper to the Christian. In Our Lady love was sublime. When she was called upon to fulfill the duty of love, she left everything to help and comfort her cousin Elizabeth".

(St. Guido Maria Conforti)

RED BEADS

Let us pray for the American continent: may the Lord send many workers to proclaim his Word to the many peoples in America without ordained ministers.

3° MYSTERY: The nativity

While they were there the time came for Mary to have her child, and she gave birth to a son, her

first-born. She wrapped him in swaddling clothes and laid him in a manger (Lk 2:6-7).

“The birth of Christ, who came into the world embracing poverty, humility and suffering, is a rebuttal of the spirit of the world which seeks splendor, riches and enjoyment”.

(St. Guido Maria Conforti)

WHITE BEADS

Let us pray for Europe: may all new life be welcomed as a gift and be promoted, especially in accordance with the values of the spirit.

4° MYSTERY: The presentation

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Now in Jerusalem there was a man named Simeon. He was an upright and devout man; he took the child into his arms and blessed God; and he said: “Now, master, you can let your servant go in peace, because my eyes have seen your salvation... a light to enlighten the pagans and the glory of your people Israel” (cfr Lk 2:22-35).



“If the supernatural life to which Christ has generated us must be modeled upon his life, it must necessarily be a life of holiness and perfection”.

(*St. Guido Maria Conforti*)

BLUE BEADS

Let us pray for Oceania: may Jesus be received as the light of the world and the only Savior in the most remote parts of the globe.

5° MYSTERY: The finding in the temple

The boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem without his parents knowing it. ... Three days later they found him in the Temple, sitting among the doctors, listening to them, and asking them questions (Lk 2:43.46).

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“Joseph and Mary did not stop at tears: they went to look for Jesus among their relatives and friends; when they did not find him, they went back on the long return journey to Jerusalem. We too must seek him every time we lose sight of him”.

(*St. Guido Maria Conforti*)

YELLOW BEADS

Let us pray for Asia: may all its peoples receive light and hope in Christ.

Missionary prayer:

**Let us pray for missionary vocations**

*O Lord, you died for the salvation
of all peoples and
you founded the Church
to continue on earth your work of redemption;
increase the number of those
who announce the Gospel.
Intensify their zeal, sanctify their labors,
so that those who do not yet possess
the precious gift of faith,
may soon know and love you on earth
and share your glory forever in heaven.
You who live and reign forever and ever.
Amen.*

THE *Light* MYSTERIES

JESUS ANNOUNCES THE KINGDOM

(Thursday)

1° MYSTERY– Baptism in the Jordan

As soon as he was baptized, Jesus came up from the water, and suddenly the heavens opened and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and coming down on him. And a voice spoke from heaven: “This is my Son, the Beloved, my favor rests on him” (Mt 3:14-17).



“The voice of the Father was heard, the Holy Spirit was seen hovering over the head of the Word made flesh ..., thus was made visible to us the Spirit that makes our life fruitful with his virtue and renews the face of the earth” (*St. Guido Maria Conforti*).

GREEN BEADS

Let us pray for Africa; in fidelity to their Baptism, may all Africans open their

hearts to hospitality, solidarity and fraternity”.

2° MYSTERY – The wedding feast of Cana

Three days later there was a wedding feast at Cana in Galilee. The mother of Jesus was there, and Jesus and his disciples had also been invited. When they ran out of wine, since the wine provided for the wedding was all finished, the mother of Jesus said to him: “They have no wine” (Jn 2:1-3).

“Every Christian should be profoundly sad and turn to Jesus with the same words said by his mother at the wedding feast of Cana: “They have no wine”. O Lord, look upon the many millions of brothers and sisters who hunger for justice, truth, peace and love”.

(St. Guido Maria Conforti)

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RED BEADS

Let us pray for America: through the intercession of Mary, may the Lord bless its families and give them the gift of unity and the indissolubility of the marriage bond.

3° MYSTERY – The proclamation of God’s Kingdom

The time has come and the Kingdom of God is close at hand; repent and believe the Good News (Mk 1:15).

“How can we contribute to the coming of this universal sovereignty? First and foremost through pra-

yer, which exercises a gentle violence on God's heart. Prayer is holy, powerful and effective in itself, but when it is raised to the Eternal God together with the prayer of the Eucharistic Christ, who is within us and prays with us, it then becomes omnipotent".

(St. Guido Maria Conforti)

WHITE BEADS

Let us pray for Europe and for the conversion of those who have drifted away from the Kingdom of Christ.

4° MYSTERY – The transfiguration

"As he prayed, the aspect of his face was changed and his clothing became brilliant as lightning. Suddenly there were two men there talking to him: they were Moses and Elijah, appearing in glory, and they were speaking of his passing which he was to accomplish in Jerusalem... And a voice came from the cloud saying: "This is my Son, the Chosen One. Listen to him" (Lk 9:29-35).

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"Christ grants us so much light and strength to make us capable of the most noble virtues, without doing violence to our nature, raising it instead to the most sublime heights of Christian heroism".

(St. Guido Maria Conforti)

BLUE BEADS

Let us pray for Oceania: may the indigenous populations be recognized in their human and religious dignity.

5° MYSTERY – The institution of the Eucharist:

“As they were eating he took some bread, and when he had said the blessing he broke it and gave it to them: “Take it,” he said, “this is my body”. The he took a cup, and when he had returned thanks he gave it to them, and all drank from it, and he said to them, “This is my blood of the covenant, which is to be poured out for many” (Mk 14:22-25).

“Through holy Communion we are made one with Christ. At the Eucharistic banquet we should experience more intensely than usual the sentiment of universal fraternity, which is an unavoidable duty for every Christian”.

(St. Guido Maria Conforti)



YELLOW BEADS

Let us pray for Asia: may our many millions of brothers and sisters on that continent be assured of the Bread of life and their daily food.

Missionary prayer:

Let us pray that Jesus will make the work of those who announce the Gospel bear fruit

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O Jesus, the origin and perfection of our faith, you desire that love be the distinctive characteristic of your disciples: we recommend to you our brothers and sisters who proclaim your Gospel throughout the world.

Make their work fruitful by your Grace, defend them from all danger, and make them worthy to work and suffer for the glory of your name.

Grant us, through the intercession of St. Francis Xavier and St. Guido Maria Conforti, a participation in their work and their merits, that we might share with them your glory. You who live and reign forever and ever.

THE *Sorrowful* MYSTERIES

JESUS DIES FOR OUR SALVATION

(Tuesday and Friday)

1° MYSTERY – The agony in the garden

“Then Jesus came with them to a small estate called Gethsemane. He said to his disciples: ‘My soul is sorrowful to the point of death’; and he prayed: ‘My Father, if it is possible, let this cup pass me by. Nevertheless, let it be as you, not I, would have it’” (Mt 26:36.38-39).



“Everything is wonderful in the life of the man-God. From death he brings forth life, from humiliation, joy and from apparent defeat, triumph over suffering”.

(St. Guido Maria Conforti)

GREEN BEADS

Let us pray for our African brothers and sisters: may the suffering of Jesus give them strength to bear the many trials of hunger, marginalization and war.

2° MYSTERY - The scourging at the pillar:

“Pilate, anxious to placate the crowd, released Barabbas for them and, having ordered Jesus to be scourged, handed him over to be crucified” (Mk 15:15).

In vain did Pilate use the even more iniquitous excuse of having Jesus scourged in order to placate the crowd: the people shouted even more, crucify him, crucify him!” (St. Guido Maria Conforti).

RED BEADS

Let us pray for the American continent and for the many indigenous brothers and sisters who are still being “scourged” and offended in their human dignity.

3° MYSTERY – Jesus is crowned with thorns

“Then they stripped him and made him wear a scarlet cloak, and having twisted some thorns into a crown they put this on his head and placed a reed in his right hand. To make fun of him they knelt to him saying, Hail, king of the Jews” (Mt 27:28-29).

“Jesus is the One in whom God is well pleased. He submits to torture and to death, after foretelling his sufferings to his disciples; he submits freely to torture and death for our salvation”.

(St. Guido Maria Conforti)

WHITE BEADS

Let us pray for Europe: may it discover the most authentic and strong roots of its civilization in the Christian values.

4° MYSTERY – Jesus carries the cross

“They took charge of Jesus, and carrying his own cross he went out of the city to the place of the skull or, as it was called in Hebrew, Golgotha” (Jn 19:17).

“By his word and example, Jesus shows us the path we must follow in order to reach the full and never-ending happiness to which our poor heart incessantly aspires. Undoubtedly, it is a road full of trials and tribulations, but we must not be afraid because Christ has already traveled this road before us”.

(St. Guido Maria Conforti)

BLUE BEADS

Let us pray for the Christians of Oceania: may they practice solidarity with the poorest and most marginalized people.

5° MYSTERY – The crucifixion

“(The good thief) said: ‘Jesus, remember me when you come into your Kingdom. Jesus replied: ‘Indeed, I promise you, today you will be with me in paradise’. It was now about the sixth

hour and, with the sun eclipsed, a darkness came over the whole land until the ninth hour. The veil of the Temple was torn right down the middle; and when Jesus had cried out in a loud voice, he said: 'Father, into your hands I commend my spirit'. With these words he breathed his last" (Lk 23:42-46).



“A saint rightly wrote under the crucifix: this is true love. Jesus’ first words from the cross are in defense of those who crucify him: “Father forgive them for they do not know what they are doing”. The second is a word of comfort for the good thief: “Today you will be with me in Paradise”. He is the

Son of God, our life, our hope and our refuge”.

(St. Guido Maria Conforti)

YELLOW BEADS

Let us pray for Asia: may its Christians bear witness to Christ with a transparent and holy life.

Missionary prayer:

**Prayer of St. Francis Xavier**

*O God, Creator and Lord of the Universe,
you created man in your image and likeness
and redeemed him through the precious blood
of your Son:*

*look upon those who do not yet know you;
through the intercession of the saints
and the Church,*

draw them close to Jesus, our Lord.

*You who are merciful, forgive all idolatry and
infidelity and grant that all might come to know
the One you have sent,*

Jesus Christ, your Son and our Lord;

*he is our life, salvation and resurrection;
by him we have been freed and redeemed;
to Him be glory forever and ever. Amen*

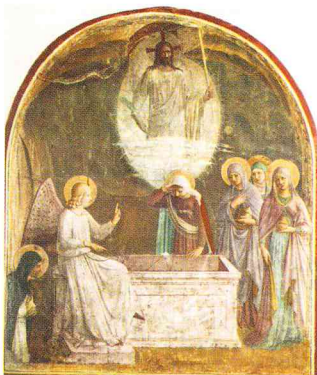
THE *Glorious* MYSTERIES

THE RISEN JESUS GIVES US ETERNAL LIFE

(Sunday and Wednesday)

1° MYSTERY – The resurrection

“The angel said to the women: ‘There is no need for you to be afraid. I know you are looking for Jesus, who was crucified. He is not here, for he has risen, as he said he would. Come and see the place where he lay, then go quickly and tell his disciples: he has risen from the dead and now he is going before you to Galilee; it is there you will see him’”
(Mt 28: 5-7).



one day be clothed with his wonderful gifts”.

(St. Guido Maria Conforti)

GREEN BEADS

Let us pray for Africa: may it remain faithful to the values and traditions that put God at the center of human life and the world.

2° MYSTERY – The ascension

“Jesus said to them: ‘Go out to the whole world; proclaim the Good News to all creation. He who believes and is baptized will be saved; he who does not believe will be condemned... The Lord Jesus, after he had spoken to them, was taken up into heaven: there at the right hand of God he took his place, while they, going out, preached everywhere, the Lord working with them and confirming the word by the signs that accompanied it’” (Mk 16:15-20).

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“Heaven is our inheritance and our true homeland because only there will we find our true happiness and the light and joy that know no end. This is why Christ sent his apostles into the whole world”.

(St. Guido Maria Conforti)

RED BEADS

Let us pray for the Christians of America: may they respond to the challenge of the sects with a living liturgy and a profound experience of community and brotherhood.

3° MYSTERY – The descent of the Holy Spirit

“Something appeared to them that seemed like tongues of fire; these separated and came to rest on the head of each of them. They were all filled with the Holy Spirit, and began to speak foreign languages as the Spirit gave them the gift of speech” (Acts 2:3-4).

“The Holy Spirit presides over all the works of sanctification, as well as the formation and the government of the Church. It is the Holy Spirit who transforms the apostles into new men, who guides them in their journeys, who fills the minds of the faithful with light and supernatural gifts and who sustains the martyrs” (*St. Guido Maria Conforti*).

WHITE BEADS

Let us pray for Europe: may its Christians, moved by the Spirit of Jesus, speak the language of love, which is peace, benevolence and openness to all peoples and races.

4° MYSTERY – The assumption

“May you be blessed, my daughter, by God Most High, beyond all women on earth; and may the Lord God be blessed, the Creator of heaven and earth, by whose guidance you cut off the head of the leader of our enemies” (Jdt 13:18-20).



“Mary exults and triumphs; on this day, let us raise up our mind and consider a better life, that life which many forget. Days of happiness and security have been prepared for us in the paradise that lasts forever” (*St. Guido Maria Conforti*).

BLUE BEADS

Let us pray for Oceania: may the Gospel penetrate society and offer it new guidelines and ethics.

5° MYSTERY – Mary is crowned queen of heaven and earth:

“A great sign appeared in heaven: a woman, adorned with the sun, standing on the moon, and with the twelve stars on her head for a crown” (Rev 12:1).



“Heaven is the Kingdom of glory; it is our ultimate fulfillment, our Highest Good, the perfect happiness of the soul and the body and the total fulfillment of all our desires”.

(*St. Guido Maria Conforti*)

YELLOW BEADS

Let us pray for Asia: may all our Asian brothers and sisters discover Christ and his message as a source of joy on this earth and as the hope of eternal happiness.

Missionary prayer:

Come Holy Spirit

*Come Holy Spirit and fill the world with hope.
Renew our hearts and make them capable
of loving without limits.
Come, Spirit of love, and enlighten the road
of peace and reconciliation among the peoples.
Come for all the poor of the world, for all those
who weep, and for those who hunger for justice.
Come, Spirit of life, and kindle in the hearts
of the young the desire for the missionary life.
Sustain the missionaries of the Gospel
with your love,
with your shining light and
with the power of your grace.
Strengthen our missionary
faith and make us
witnesses of hope.
Come, Spirit of God!*

Rosario Missionario
a cura di P. Guglielmo Camera s.x.



APPENDIX

HAIL, HOLY QUEEN, Mother of Mercy, hail, our life, our sweetness and our hope! To thee do we cry, poor banished children of Eve; to thee do we send up our sighs, mourning and weeping in this valley of tears.

Turn then, most gracious advocate, thine eyes of mercy toward us, and after this our exile, show unto us the blessed fruit of thy womb, Jesus. O clement, O loving, O sweet Virgin Mary.

LITANY OF OUR LADY

Lord, have mercy Lord, have mercy
Christ, have mercy Christ, have mercy
Lord, have mercy Lord, have mercy
Christ, hear us Christ, hear us
Christ, most graciously hear us
Christ, most graciously hear us
O God, our Heavenly Father, have mercy on us
O God, the Son and our Redeemer, have mercy on us
O God, the Holy Spirit, have mercy on us
Holy Trinity, one God, have mercy on us
Holy Mary, pray for us
Holy Mother of God, pray for us
Holy Virgin of Virgins, pray for us
Mother of Christ, pray for us
Mother of the Church, pray for us
Mother of Divine Grace, pray for us
Mother most pure, pray for us
Mother most chaste, pray for us
Mother inviolate, pray for us
Mother undefiled, pray for us



Mother most amiable, pray for us
Mother most admirable, pray for us
Mother of good counsel, pray for us
Mother of our Creator, pray for us
Mother of our Savior, pray for us
Virgin most prudent, pray for us
Virgin most venerable, pray for us
Virgin most renowned, pray for us
Virgin most powerful, pray for us
Virgin most merciful, pray for us
Virgin most faithful, pray for us
Mirror of justice, pray for us
Seat of wisdom, pray for us
Cause of our joy, pray for us
Spiritual vessel, pray for us
Vessel of honor, pray for us
Singular vessel of devotion, pray for us
Mystical rose, pray for us
Tower of David, pray for us
Tower of ivory, pray for us
House of gold, pray for us
Ark of the covenant, pray for us
Gate of heaven, pray for us
Morning star, pray for us
Health of the sick, pray for us
Refuge of sinners, pray for us
Comforter of the afflicted, pray for us
Help of Christians, pray for us
Queen of angels, pray for us
Queen of patriarchs, pray for us
Queen of prophets, pray for us
Queen of apostles, pray for us
Queen of martyrs, pray for us
Queen of confessors, pray for us
Queen of virgins, pray for us

Queen of all saints, pray for us
Queen conceived without original sin, pray for us
Queen assumed into heaven, pray for us
Queen of the most holy Rosary, pray for us
Queen of the family, pray for us
Queen of peace, pray for us.

- Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world,
Spare us, O Lord
- Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world,
Graciously hear us, O Lord
- Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world
Have mercy on us

- Pray for us, O Holy Mother of God,

That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

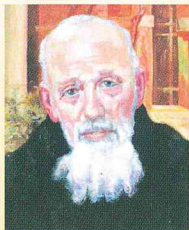
Let us pray

O God, through his life, death and resurrection,
your Son has gained eternal salvation for us;
through our veneration
of these Mysteries of the Rosary,
grant that we might imitate what they contain
and obtain what they promise.
Through Christ our Lord.
Amen

Was also very devoted to Mary and in love with the Rosary

Fr. PIETRO UCCELLI

Xaverian Missionary



*Holy Father, rich in mercy,
we thank you for the gifts of kindness and joy,
missionary zeal and love for all that you
bestowed upon your servant, Fr. Pietro
Uccelli. Through his intercession, grant us
the grace we ask of you...
Glorify your servant here on earth so that
we may more easily know and love you in
the wonders you continue to perform in*

*him. To you be glory and honor forever with your Son, Jesus
Christ and in the Holy Spirit.*

Amen.

Biographical profile of Fr. Uccelli

The Servant of God, Fr. Pietro Uccelli (1874-1954) – was born at Reggio Emilia, Italy. He spent 14 years as a missionary in China. When his Superior General, Guido Maria Conforti, called him back to Italy, he was assigned to Vicenza, where he worked for thirty-three years. The Bishop of Vicenza thus described him:

“His message to us is one of love for those who suffer and for the poor, especially in our own times of widespread egoism. This humble priest has shown us how to live thinking only of others. He visited every family where there was suffering, disappointments and illness, and brought them words of comfort. He stood out for his missionary spirit, which stretched far beyond the boundaries of the Institute and the Diocese”.

Fr. Uccelli was very devoted to St. Joseph and Our Blessed Lady.

He was in love with the Rosary. «When he was in China, Fr. Uccelli visited his Christians by boat, on foot or riding on the back of a mule. He prayed during his journey. The whole of the Honan district remembers Fr. Uccelli and his legendary rosary beads as he crossed fields and woods. He gave an example by his prayer and his love for others, especially towards the humble, the poor and the sick».

At Vicenza he rode his bicycle through the streets with his beads hanging from the handle bars, praying for the poor and sick who were waiting for him.

Our Lady of Guadalupe

The cover bears the miraculous image of Our Lady of Guadalupe that is venerated in the Marian Sanctuary in Mexico City, which receives the largest number of pilgrims in the world. Our Lady appeared on 9 December 1531 to St. Juan Diego and it seems that this apparition was a visible sign of God's blessing on the recently started work of the evangelization of the peoples of the New World.

The Virgin of Guadalupe has typical "Mexican" features. Under the silver scythe of the moon, an angel, whose wings are adorned with long red, white and green feathers, supports the Virgin, who is clothed in a green-blue cloak covered with golden stars, and a red tunic that is "embroidered" with budding flowers with golden contours; around her waist is a dark violet girdle which, for the Aztecs, symbolizes the pregnant woman and indicates that **the Virgin is about to give birth to the Savior of mankind.**

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