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“Mysteries of Light”

The Luminous Mysteries of the Rosary!

Vatican City — On 16 October 2002, in anticipation of the 120th Anniversary of the Encyclical of Pope Leo XIII, *Supremi Apostolatus Officio* (September 2003), Pope John Paul II issued his Apostolic Letter, *The Rosary of the Virgin Mary*. In this letter the pope writes that the Rosary contains “the depth of the Gospel message in its entirety.”

In this Apostolic Letter Pope John Paul II continues to urge the faithful to follow Christ even more intimately as the Third Millennium of Christianity unfolds.

He repeats that for centuries the Rosary has offered Christians three sets of Mysteries, upon which to reflect: Joyful, Sorrowful and Glorious. Pope John Paul II boldly proposes a new set of Mysteries for the Rosary: **The Luminous Mysteries**. These new mysteries, like the more traditional ones, are rooted in the Sacred Scriptures. They are meant to include “the mysteries of Christ’s public ministry between his Baptism and his Passion.”

These new **Mysteries of Light** are: (1) Jesus Reveals his Baptism in the Jordan, (2) Jesus Reveals his Divinity in his first Miracle at Cana, (3) Jesus Reveals the Kingdom of God with the Call to Conversion, (4) Jesus Reveals the Glory of his Godhead at his Trans-figuration on Mount Tabor, and (5) Jesus Reveals the Eucharist as the Sacramental Expression of the Paschal Mystery.

“The Year of the Rosary”

Vatican City — In October of 2002, Pope John Paul II proclaimed his Jubilee Year, the twenty-fifth year of his service as Successor of Peter, to be “The Year of the Rosary.”

In this Apostolic Letter, *The Rosary of the Virgin Mary*, Pope John Paul II reemphasizes the Marian character as well as Christocentric heart of the Rosary.

In this letter, Pope John Paul II again encourages all to pray the Rosary for peace and for the family, especially in the light of the “terrifying attacks” of 11 September 2001.

He continues by saying that, while we pray the Rosary, we contemplate Christ with Mary: “In contemplating the face of Christ we become open to receiving the mystery of the Life of the Trinity, experiencing ever anew the love of the Father and delighting in the joy of the Holy Spirit.”

Pope John Paul II begs all to pray for peace and reminds us that the Rosary is “of and for the family.” He urges all to pray the Rosary, not only “for” children, but also “with” children. He wraps up by repeating familiar words to us: “the family that prays together stays together.”

Pope John Paul II ends with the exhortation: “Confidently take up the Rosary again!”

Letter from the Director

Winter 2003

Dear Friend of Our Lady and Saint Jude,

Praised Be Jesus Christ!

Recently Pope John Paul II presented an Apostolic Letter to the Church: *The Rosary of the Virgin Mary*. In this letter he proposes five new Mysteries of the Rosary, **Mysteries of Light**. What is the significance of “The Luminous Mysteries of the Rosary?”

The significance of “The Luminous Mysteries of the Rosary” is this: in each of these events in his public life, Jesus reveals or sheds light on some aspect of himself or his mission.

In “The First Luminous Mystery of the Rosary,” *The Baptism of Jesus in the Jordan*, Jesus reveals his Baptism. His Baptism is more than “the remission of sins.” Through his Baptism we enter into a permanent relationship with God as our Father. We are his adopted sons and daughters.

In “The Second Luminous Mystery of the Rosary,” *The Self-manifestation of Jesus at the Wedding at Cana*, Jesus reveals his divinity, his divine power, in this first miracle.

In “The Third Luminous Mystery of the Rosary,” *The Proclamation of the Kingdom of God with the Call to Conversion*, Jesus reveals that his Kingdom is not “just” in heaven, in the future; but that his Kingdom is now, on earth. He reveals that all may enter into that Kingdom through ongoing conversion.

In “The Fourth Luminous Mystery of the Rosary,” *The Transfiguration on Mount Tabor*, Jesus reveals the mystery of his Godhead: he is the Light of Light. He is the Light that scatters the darkness: the darkness of fear, the darkness of sin and death.

In “The Fifth Luminous Mystery of the Rosary,” *The Institution of the Eucharist as the Sacramental Expression of the Paschal Mystery*, Jesus reveals the depth of his love for us. Here he reveals that his love knows no bounds, for he is now with us, in the Eucharist, “until the end of time.”

In Our Lady and Saint Jude,

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PS: Through the intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary, may the Living God — Father, Son and Holy Spirit — continue

to bless and strengthen us as we meditate on “The Luminous Mysteries of the Rosary.”

“Thank You Notes!”

Over the past several months clients of *The Rosary Shrine of Saint Jude* have sent these “notes of thanks” to me. Here are some unsolicited testimonies of “signs of Christ” today — signs which many of the faithful truly believe are miracles.

I have received many favors through the intercession of Saint Jude and the Blessed Mother. The latest ones are the remission of my husband’s cancer and the sale of my son’s house. Thank you Saint Jude for these miracles!

Beverly MA

Thank you, Saint Jude for favors granted! The day I started the novena my daughter sold her car and the day before the novena ended she sold the boat. [My daughter’s husband died a year ago and left her with two little children. She really needed the money.] All thanks Great Saint Jude!

Kentwood MI

Thank you, Saint Jude for helping me to find my checkbook.

Winona MN

My son took a Film Production Course. He had to take the train both ways each day. I prayed to Saint Jude that he would be safe and pass the course. He did! Thank you Saint Jude for answering my prayers. PS: Now he needs a job!

Wallingford CT

Thank you Saint Jude for the sale of my house!

Kalamazoo MI

Recently I was quite sick with an infection and I prayed to Saint Jude to help me. My prayers were answered and I am feeling better. Thank you, Saint Jude!

Buffalo NY

Thank you, Saint Jude, for helping me to find my lost papers.

Vero Beach FL

Thank you, Saint Jude for a favor you granted to me!

Rockville Center NY

Thank you, Saint Jude, for getting insurance for the house in Pennsylvania.

Jersey City NJ

Thank you, Blessed Mary and Saint Jude, for helping my daughter through her very difficult surgery.

Elwood IN

Please send me 20 copies of the Saint Jude novena. I promote Saint Jude and he works miracles.

Granville OH

Thank you, Blessed Mother, for watching over and caring for my mother.

Catonsville MD

Thank you, Saint Jude, for answering my prayers!

Albuquerque NM

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| <p>Many of you have been granted favors through the intercession of the Blessed Mother and Saint Jude Thaddeus. I would like to</p> |
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publish your testimony on this page. Please write and tell me your story.

The Rosary Shrine of Saint Jude

[Schedule of Shrine Activities for 2003]

Infant of Prague Novena

Novena of Masses: 6-14 January 2003

Our Lady of Lourdes / Saint Jude Novena

Preached Novena: 3-11 February 2003

Reverend John Albert Langlois, OP

Lenten Remembrance

5 March 2003 through 20 April 2003

Easter Novena

Novena of Masses: 20-28 April 2003

Fatima / Saint Jude Novena [Mother's Day]

Preached Novena: 3-11 May 2003

Reverend Michael Joseph McCormack, OP

Father's Day Novena

Novena of Masses: 7-15 June 2003

Saint Anne / Saint Jude Novena

Novena of Masses: 18-26 July 2003

Saint Dominic / Assumption / Novena

Preached Novena: 7-15 August 2003

Reverend Norman Alfred Haddad, OP

Blessed Mother's Birthday Novena

Novena of Masses: 8-16 September 2003

The Holy Rosary / Saint Jude Novena

Preached Novena: 20-28 October 2003

Very Reverend James Bernard Muller, OP

Poor Souls Remembrance

Thirty Masses: 1-30 November 2003

Christmas Novena [Holy Land]

Novena of Masses: 25 December 2003 through 2 January 2004