



Friends of Jesus and Mary  
Amigos de Jesús y María



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Dear brothers and sisters:

The month of October is dedicated to the Holy Rosary. Let us tell our children the story of the Rosary and motivate them to pray with their hearts; Our Lady of Fatima has requested it so, and continues to do so till this day. The Rosary is the ideal prayer to pray with our families and to share the life and passion of the Christ.

**Feasts and Saints for this month:**

October 01	St. Theresa of the Child Jesus
October 02	Guardian Angels
October 04	St. Francis of Assisi
October 07	Our Lady of the Rosary
October 15	St. Teresa of Avila
October 16	St. Margaret Mary Alacoque
October 22	St Paul of the Cross
<b>October 21</b>	<b>Leaders Workshop</b>
<b>October 31</b>	<b>Party of All Hallows Eve (St. Agatha Church)</b>

**Included materials:**

- 1) Monthly Calendar
- 2) This month's Gospels
- 3) Activities:
  - A) Guardian Angels mobile
  - B) How to Pray the Rosary
  - C) Stories: 1) A Rosary of Love 2) A garden for Mary
  - D) Information of the book "Halloween and Silent night Holy Night
  - E) Two new saints to prepare the children for their consecration

**Suggested videos: (All available in the video club of the F.C.P)**

1. St. Francis of Assisi
2. The Mass for Children
3. Think Good Thoughts
4. Story of the Holy Rosary
5. My Secret Friend
6. Halloween (Only for Leaders)
7. The day of the Sun Danced
8. Audio the Rosary for Children and cd.
9. Saints and Heroes (SHKC)

**Our next meeting will be October 21. At St. Agatha Church at de 9:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. "Divine Mercy Room" Please come and share with us.**

We will like to thanks the group in Panama for their collaboration with the stories of saints for the consecration. Also Ramona Lagares form Santo Domingo for the Stories on this month activities, and Luli Varona for the translations.

*May God Bless You Always, Friends of Jesus and Mary.*



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 <small>Mc 9, 38-43.</small>  <i>Respect Life Sunday</i> 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time	2  <i>The Guardian Angels</i> Yom Kippur (Jewish Day of Atonement)	3	4  <i>St. Francis of Assisi</i> (Patron of Families)	5  <i>St. Faustina Kowalska</i>	6	7  <i>Our Lady of Rosary</i>
8 <small>Mc 10,2-16</small>  27th Sunday in Ordinary Time	9  <i>Thanksgiving Day</i> (Canada)	10	11	12	13	14
15 <small>Mc 10,17-30</small>  28th Sunday in Ordinary Time	16	17  <i>St. Ignatius of Antioch</i>	18  <i>St. Luke (Evangelist)</i>	19  <i>SS. John de Brebeuf, Isaac Jogues, &amp; Companions.</i>	20	21  <i>Leaders's Workshop</i> <i>St. Agatha Church</i>
22 <small>Mc 10, 35-45</small>  29th Sunday in Ordinary Time	23	24	25	26	27	28  <i>SS. Simon &amp; Jude (Apostles)</i>
29 <small>Mc 10,46-52</small>  30th Sunday in Ordinary Time	30	31  <b>HALLOW'S EVE</b> <b>ST AGATHA CHURCH</b>	<h1>October 2006</h1>			

# Jesus wants everyone to be with him

Num 11,25-29

James 5,1-6

Mark 9, 38-43. 45.47-48

October 1:  
26th Sunday of  
Ordinary Time

**Talk about the story.** Talk with the children about their experiences of teamwork. What did they like about the team effort? What did they dislike? Who do they feel uncomfortable working with? Why? What does Jesus have to say about working together?

Are there times in their lives when they feel tempted by someone else to do something wrong?

Talk about the different ways to serve others, such as helping around the house, listening to others, or playing with a younger brother or sister.

**Activities.** Have the children represent different types of community service through pantomime. The other children should guess what each action is.

**Final prayer.** After repeating each of the community service actions pantomimed, all respond: "When we (fill in the blank with each different action) we serve you, Jesus. We always want to follow you."

## Your are there

Are you bothered that Jesus wants to include others in his healing and service of others, although they are no part of his groups of friends?

What do you say to Jesus?

Are you sometimes bothered when you see someone whom you don't like do something good?

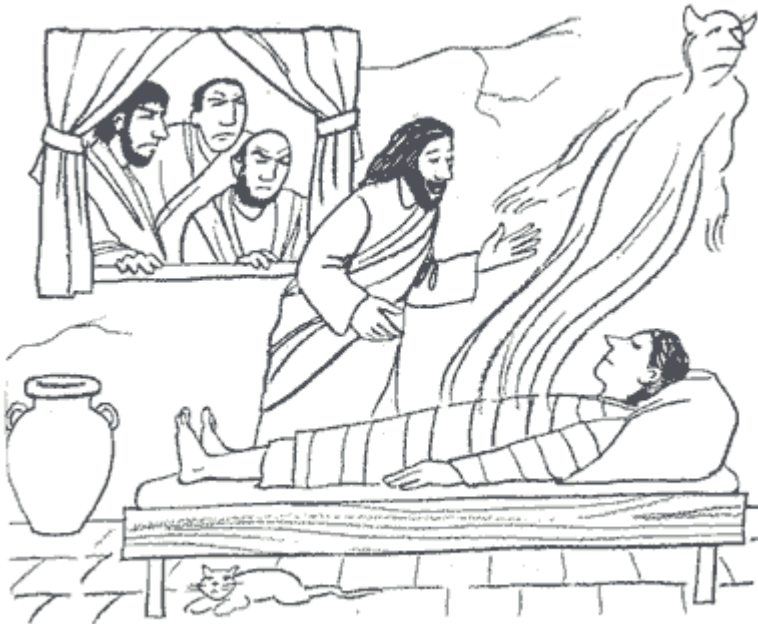
## Jesus, your friend, invites you:

- Jesus invites his friends to collaborate with others to do good.
- Jesus says that when you collaborate, everyone wins. Do you try to collaborate at school?
- Jesus tells his friends to get rid of whatever leads them to do wrong, even if they like it..

## What am I going to do?

Speak to Jesus and tell him about the groups you belong to. Tell him that you want to celebrate what other people do well. Tell him what you would like to do this week:

- For example: *I will stay away from someone who could lead me to do something wrong.*
- For example: *I will join a group in school that is foing good for others.*



**Q** The disciples get angry when a man heals someone in Jesus' name. But Jesus is happy that this man is helping him and spreading Jesus' message?

## WORD SEARCH

Find the following hidden words in Spanish and write a sentence using them:

Collaborate, Celebrate, Work, Together, Separate, Evil, Demons, Win, Name, Forbid

C E L E B R A R I G  
O L M A L P F T S A  
L S D E M O N I O S  
A E H I M S N A S A  
B P R I B I H O R P  
O A B R N E T R H E  
R R U E A N A Q N B  
A A R N U N B R E R  
R R A J A B A R T L  
A N O M B R E G E S

October 2



Today we celebrate God's messengers who protect us human beings. We see them throughout the Bible. Angels delivered messages from God, protected people from dangers and rescued them. The New Testament Acts of the Apostles tells in chapter 12 how St. Peter was led out of prison by an angel. The belief that we each have a guardian angel has been common to Christians for many centuries.

*We can say this brief prayer as often as we would like to throughout the day:*

*Angel of God, my guardian dear, to whom His love entrusts me here; ever this day be at my side, to light and guard, to rule and guide. Amen.*

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Figure A

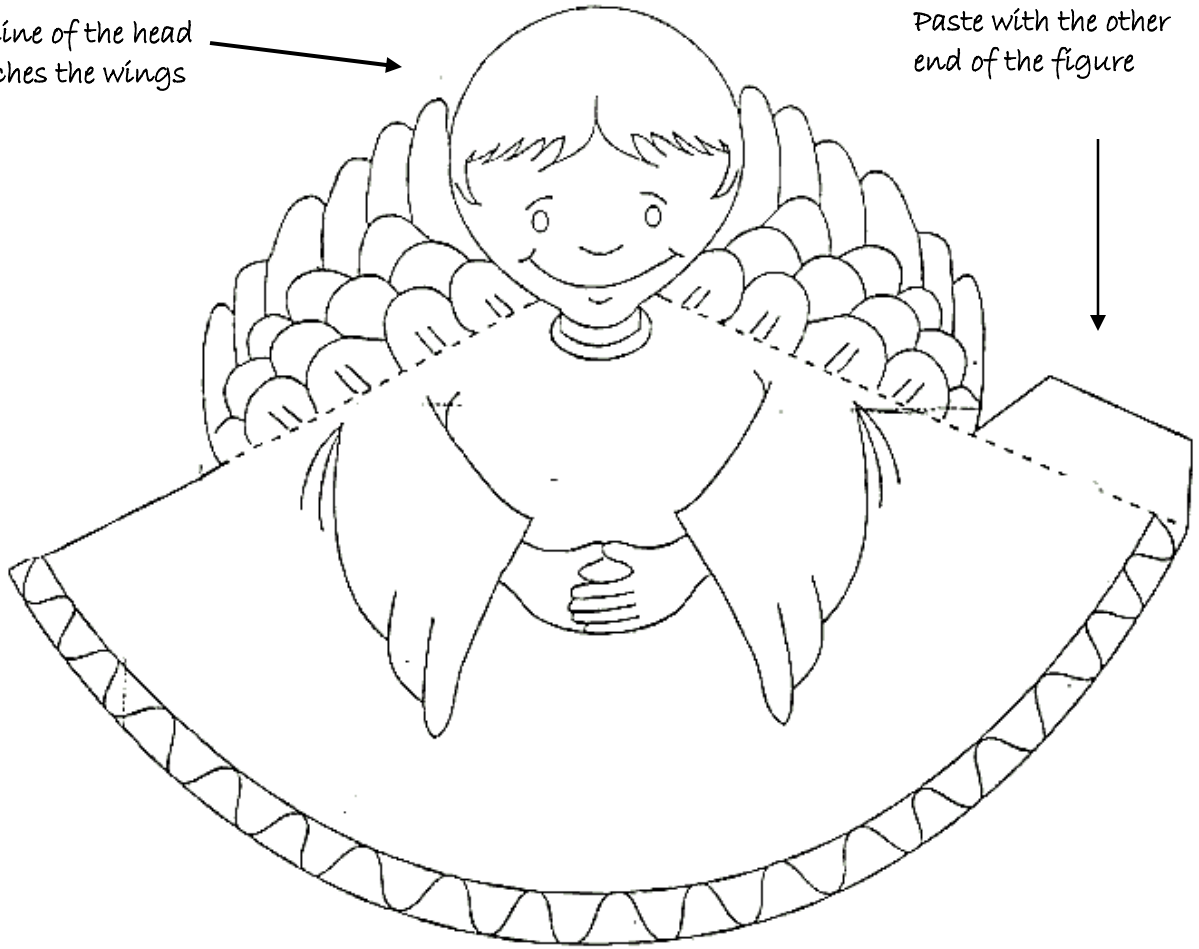
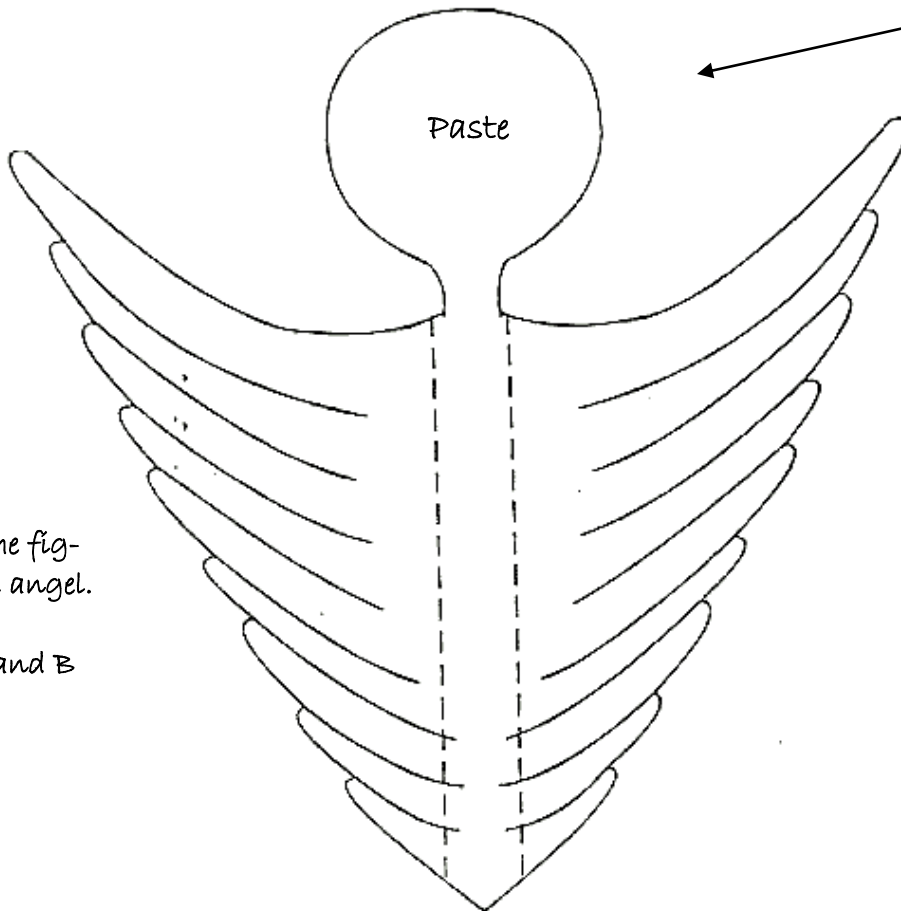


Figure B

Paste on back of the head figure A



Cut and color the figures to form the angel.

Paste figure A and B as directed.



# God does not like injustice

October 8:  
27th Sunday of  
Ordinary Time

Gn 2,18-24  
H6 2,9-11  
Mc 10,2-16

**Talk about the story.** Talk with the children about couples they know who have separated. How do they feel about divorce and separation? What does being made in the image of God mean? How do they picture God? Does God have a particular skin color? Does God have a body with legs or arms? If everyone is an image of God, how should people treat one another?

**Activities.** Ask the children to spread out throughout the classroom. Draw an image of Jesus and place this image in the middle of the room. Call each child, one at a time, to the middle of the room to form a circle by saying, "Jesus wants you to come to him". When all the children are all in the circle, being the prayer.

**Final prayer.** Ask each child to say his or her name out loud. All respond, "You are Jesus' friend".

## Your are there

Jesus tells the children to come to him. Do you trust in Jesus? Jesus says that God likes equality and does not like people abusing one another. Do you treat everyone equally?

## Jesus, your friend, invites you:

- Jesus entrusted people to care for the things God had created. How do you care for your pets or plants?

## What am I going to do?

Speak to Jesus and tell him about the things that worry you at home. Tell him how much you want people to respect and care for one another. Tell him what you would like to do this week:

- For example: *I will be caring to younger child or brother or sister.*
- For example: *I will talk with Jesus every night.*
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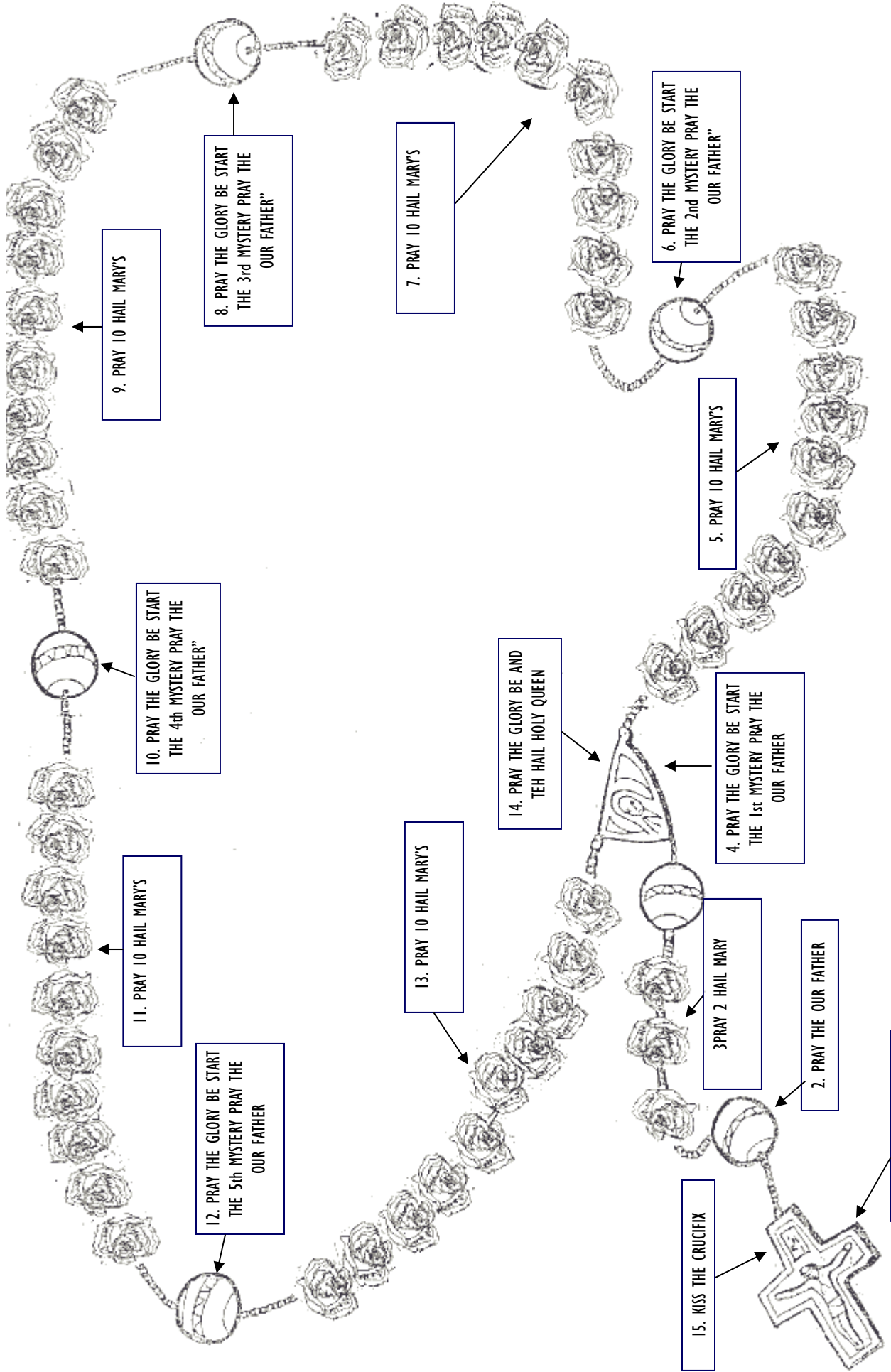
**Q** Jesus loves children and invites them to come and listen to him. Do you go to Jesus when you need someone to talk to?

## WORD SEARCH

Find the following hidden words in Spanish and write a sentence using them:

Husbands, Wives,  
Law, Equal, Image,  
Care Children, Crea-  
tion, Come, Marriage

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**HOW TO PRAY THE ROSARY**

1. Make the Sign of the cross and say the apostle's creed

2. PRAY THE OUR FATHER

3. PRAY 2 HAIL MARY

4. PRAY THE GLORY BE START THE 1st MYSTERY PRAY THE OUR FATHER

14. PRAY THE GLORY BE AND TEH HAIL HOLY QUEEN

5. PRAY 10 HAIL MARY'S

6. PRAY THE GLORY BE START THE 2nd MYSTERY PRAY THE OUR FATHER

7. PRAY 10 HAIL MARY'S

8. PRAY THE GLORY BE START THE 3rd MYSTERY PRAY THE OUR FATHER

9. PRAY 10 HAIL MARY'S

10. PRAY THE GLORY BE START THE 4th MYSTERY PRAY THE OUR FATHER

11. PRAY 10 HAIL MARY'S

12. PRAY THE GLORY BE START THE 5th MYSTERY PRAY THE OUR FATHER

13. PRAY 10 HAIL MARY'S

15. KISS THE CRUCIFIX

## A GARDEN FOR MARY

*Once upon a time, there was a girl who while asleep in her bed had a dream. The girl dreamed she was in a beautiful garden filled with many beautiful flowers. As she approached each flower, she observed that from each flower hung a pretty rosary.*

*The girl woke up full of happiness because of the nice dream. The day of catechism, she told her teacher about the dream.*

*Her teacher, amazed, told her, "That beautiful story represents a garden for the Virgin, because, every time girls and boys pray a rosary, a new flower is born in Our Blessed Mother's garden in heaven.*

*The girl exclaimed happily, "How wonderful! I will tell everyone this dream because now we know that when girls and boys pray the rosary, we place a beautiful perfumed flower in Mary's garden!"*

### Discussion Questions

What did the girl dream?

How were the flowers?

What did each flower have?

What did the teacher say?

What did the girl say at the end of the story?

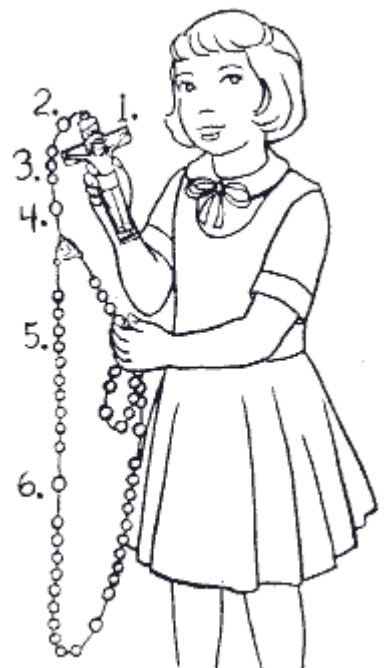
What is the rosary?

It is praying with Mary; while, meditating on the life of Jesus.

It is a flower planted in the heavenly garden.

When we pray the rosary, we please Mary and gain her favor.

Let's pray the rosary to gain heaven.





## A ROSARY OF LOVE

Once there was a girl who wanted to give her friends a very special gift. One day the girl went out with her mom shopping to a toy store filled with many beautiful and colorful toys. "How wonderful!" the little girl exclaimed happily and added, "Here I will find the gifts for my friends." Enthusiastically she searched the store for the gifts. After a while, she said, "I cannot find anything here. I want something really special".

The girl and her mother continued shopping. They arrived at a store filled with beautiful children's clothing. "How wonderful!" she exclaimed happily. " I will surely find gifts for my friends here". But after much searching, the girl said, "Everything is very nice but I still cannot find anything really special for my friends."

The girl and her mother continued until they arrived at a great book store. The first thing she saw when she arrived was a table filled with rosaries. "This really is a special gift." She exclaimed , "I will take one for each one of my friends and I will tell them, I give you this rosary of love because in praying it, you show Our Blessed Mother and the Mother of God, the Virgin Mary, that you love her and she will guard you in her love."

### Discussion Questions

What did the girl want to buy?

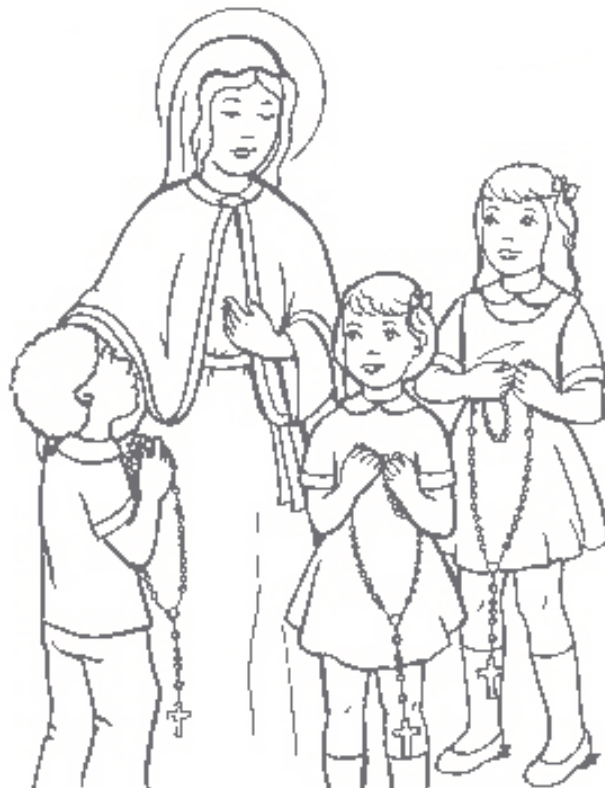
Where did she go the first time?

Where did she go the second time?

What did she find in the book store?

What she say to her friends when she gave them her gift?

What happens when we pray the rosary?



## EXTRACTS OF THE APOSTOLIC LETTER ROSARIUM VIRGINIS MARIE ROSARIUM VIRGINIS MARIE DEL SUMO PONTIFICE JUAN PABLO II

The Rosary of the Virgin Mary, which gradually took form in the second millennium under the guidance of the Spirit of God, is a prayer loved by countless Saints and encouraged by the Magisterium. Simple yet profound, it still remains, at the dawn of this third millennium, a prayer of great significance, destined to bring forth a harvest of holiness. It blends easily into the spiritual journey of the Christian life, which, after two thousand years, has lost none of the freshness of its beginnings and feels drawn by the Spirit of God to “set out into the deep” (*Duc in altum!*) in order once more to proclaim, and even cry out, before the world that Jesus Christ is Lord and Savior, “the way, and the truth and the life” (JN 14:6), “the goal of human history and the point on which the desires of history and civilization turn”.

The Rosary, though clearly Marian in character, is at heart a Christocentric prayer. In the sobriety of its elements, it has all *the depth of the Gospel message in its entirety*, of which it can be said to be a compendium. It is an echo of the prayer of Mary, her perennial *Magnificat* for the work of the redemptive Incarnation which began in her virginal womb. With the Rosary, the Christian people *sits at the school of Mary* and is led to contemplate the beauty on the face of Christ and to experience the depths of his love. Through the Rosary the faithful receive abundant grace, as though from the very hands of the Mother of the Redeemer.

Apostolic Letter Rosarium Virginis Mariae 18.

The Rosary is one of the traditional paths of Christian prayer directed to the contemplation of Christ’s face. Pope Paul VI described it in these words: “As a Gospel prayer, centered on the mystery of the redemptive Incarnation, the Rosary is a prayer with a clearly Christological orientation. Its most characteristic element, in fact, the litany – like succession of *Hail Marys*, becomes in itself an unceasing praise of Christ, who is the ultimate object both of the Angel’s announcement and of the greeting of the Mother of John the Baptist: ‘Blessed is the fruit of your womb’ (*Lk 1:42*). We would go further and say that the succession of *Hail Marys* constitutes the warp on which is woven the contemplation of the mysteries. The Jesus that each *Hail Mary* recalls is the same Jesus whom the succession of mysteries proposes to us now as the Son of God, now as the Son of the Virgin”

Apostolic Letter Rosarium Virginis Mariae 19

I believe, however, that to bring out fully the Christological depth of the Rosary it would be suitable to make an addition to the traditional pattern which, while left to the freedom of individuals and communities, could broaden it to include *the mysteries of Christ’s public ministry between his Baptism and his Passion*. In the course of those mysteries we contemplate important aspects of the person of Christ as the definitive revelation of God. Declared the beloved Son of the Father at Baptism in the Jordan, Christ is the one who announces the coming of the Kingdom, bears witness to it in his works and proclaims its demands. It is during the years of his public ministry that *the mystery of Christ is most evidently a mystery of light*: “while I am in the world, I am the light of the world” (*Jn 9:5*).

Consequently, for the Rosary to become more fully a “compendium of the Gospel”, it is fitting to add, following reflection on the Incarnation and the hidden life of Christ (*the joyful mysteries*) and before focusing on the sufferings of his Passion (*the sorrowful mysteries*) and the triumph of his Resurrection (*the glorious mysteries*), a meditation on certain particularly significant moments in his public ministry (*the mysteries of light*). This addition of these new mysteries, without prejudice to any essential aspect of the prayer’s traditional format, is meant to give it fresh life and to doorway to the depths of the Heart of Christ, ocean of joy and of light, of suffering and of glory.



*The Blessed Mother appeared at Fatima, in Portugal, to three shepherd children, Lucia dos Santos, Francisco and Jacinta Marto, on six occasions between May 13th and October 13th in 1917. Mary revealed herself as Our Lady of the Rosary and called for conversion in the lives of all God's people. May is the month of the Blessed Mother and October is the month of the Rosary*

After these events Fatima became a very popular place for prayer. A large church was build near the place where Mary visited the three children. Two of the children, Jacinta and Francisco, died soon after Mary's visits. Lucia, however, grew up and became a sister. We remember Mary's visits and celebrate her title as Our Lady of the Rosary on October 7.

# God does not like injustice

October 15:  
28th Sunday of  
Ordinary Time

Sab 7,7-11  
Hb 4,12-13  
Mc 10,17-30

**Talk about the story.** Talk with the children about the story of this young person. Why was he sad? Have they ever met a rich person? What do the children have that perhaps they would have to leave behind in order to follow Jesus (things might include bad habits, tantrums, refusing to share something ... ?

**Activities.** Dramatize the story of the rich man. Choose one child to be the young man. The child should make a list of the many things he or she cannot leave behind to follow Jesus. Have this child then read his or her list to the class. You, as teacher, or one of the children should ask the class, "Isn't it better to be happy with Jesus than to own lots of things and be lonely?" Ask the children to add different endings to the story.

**Final prayer.** As the children express their commitment for the week, all say: "Jesus, teach us to share".

## Your are there

Do you think asking for so much is an exaggeration of Jesus?

Imagine you are the young man. What does Jesus tell you?

## Jesus, your friend, invites you:

- The rich young man was nice but he still couldn't share what he had. What's hard for you to share?
- Jesus says that it is hard for rich people to follow him. Why is that?

## What am I going to do?

Speak to Jesus and tell him about the things you have that you really don't like to share. Ask him to help you to be generous. Tell him what you would like to do this week:

- For example: *I will some tie with a person who is lonely.*
- For example: *I will volunteer for a group at school, and I'll help as much as I can.*



**Q** Jesus tells a rich young that to follow him he must give up all his belongings. What would you do if Jesus told you to give up everything you own? Why is it hard for some rich people

## WORD SEARCH

Find the following hidden words in Spanish and write a sentence using them:

Rich, Camel, Poor, Needle, Young Man, Laws, Share, Affection, Money, Belongings

A C O M P A R T I R  
M A M A O G F R S T  
I R L N S U A C D L  
G I H D J J O V E N  
O Ñ R A I A T Y X L  
P O B R R E E G H E  
J H U I S S S Q N B  
V E R C A M E L L O  
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N O D I N E R O V R

# OCTOBER 15 *St. Teresa of Jesús*

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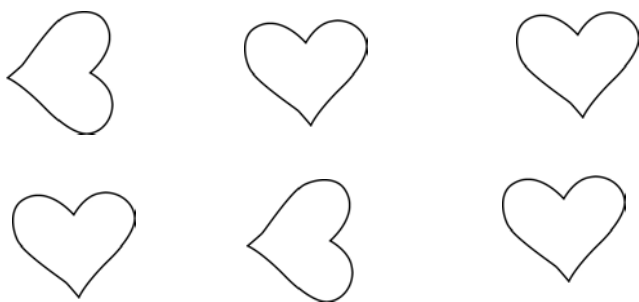
*Exceptional writer of many teaching books*

*Religious, because she gave herself to Jesus forever*

*Elect by God to found many convents*

*Saint because she always said "Yes"*

*A Friend of Jesus and of the whole world*



Teresa was born in Avila, Spain, on March 28, 1515. As a little girl in her parent's rich home, Teresa and her brother Rodrigo loved to read the lives of the saints and martyrs. It seemed to them that the martyrs got to heaven an easy way. The two children set out secretly to go to the land of the Moors. As they walked along, they prayed that they might die for Christ. But they had not gotten far when they met an uncle. He took them back to their worried mother at once. Next the children decided to be hermits in their garden. This didn't work out either. They could not get enough stories together to build their huts.

St. Teresa herself wrote down these amusing stories of her childhood. The fact is that when she grew to be a teenager, however, she changed. Teresa read so many novels and foolish romances that she lost much of her love for prayer. She began to think more of dressing up to look pretty. But after she recovered from a bad illness, Teresa read a book about the great St. Jerome. Then and there, she made up her mind to become a bride of Christ. As a nun, Teresa often found it hard to pray. Besides that, she had poor health.

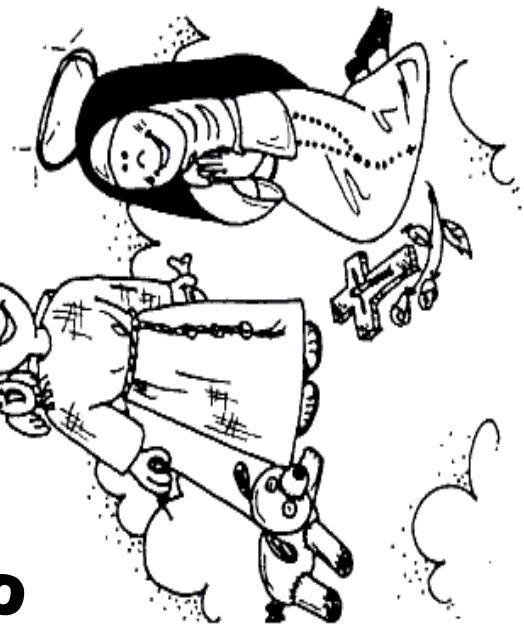
Teresa wasted time every day in long, foolish conversations. But one day, in front of a picture of Jesus, she felt great sorrow that she did not love God more. She started then to live for Jesus alone, no matter what sacrifice had to be made. In return for her love, the Lord gave St. Teresa the privilege of hearing him talk to her. She learned to pray in a marvelous way, too. St. Teresa of Avila is famous for having opened new Carmelite convents. These convents were filled with sisters who wanted to live holy lives. They made many sacrifices for Jesus. Teresa herself gave them the example. She prayed with great love and worked hard at the convent tasks.

St. Teresa was a great leader and true lover of Jesus and his Church. She died in 1582 and was proclaimed a saint by Pope Gregory XV in 1622.

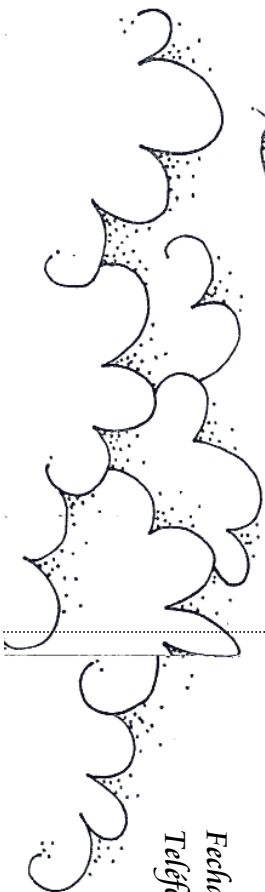
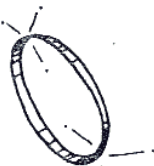
She was declared a Doctor of the Church by Pope Paul VI in 1970.

When we ever need a little "spiritual push" to pray at Mass with more love, we can ask St. Teresa. We can ask her to help us keep our mind on our prayers. She will also show to love St. Joseph as she did.

**Come to a Holy-ween Party!**



*Celebrating the true meaning of  
Halloween: All Hallows' Eve*



*Come dressed as your favorite saint for  
All Hallows' Eve*

Lugar: \_\_\_\_\_

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Fecha: \_\_\_\_\_

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*Te esperamos, no faltes!*

# Jesus power is service

Jr 31,7-9  
Hb 5,1-6  
Mc 10,46-52

October 22:  
29th Sunday of  
Ordinary Time

**Talk about the story.** Talk with the children about who is important to them. Who do they admire? What do those people do? What would they like to be when they grow up? For whom do they feel compassion? How do they show compassion and understanding toward others?

**Activities.** Children should make lists of their parents' or guardians' daily activities. Next to each activity, they should write a P (for power or authority) or an S (for service). How many S's or P's do they have? At the Offertory, or at home, ask the children to approach their families and thank them for all their S's (acts of service).

**Final prayer.** As each child expresses his or her commitment for the week, all respond: "Jesus, you became the servant of all. Thank you!".

## Your are there

What do you think? Are you willing to serve everyone so that you will be close to Jesus? What would you get in return?

## Jesus, your friend, invites you:

- Jesus became human to understand all of our problems. Do you try to understand the problems of the people around you?
- Jesus says that the people closest to him are those who serve others. Are you thankful for all the things your parents and relatives do for you?
- Do you appreciate the many sacrifices they make so you can have what you need?

## What am I going to do?

Speak to Jesus and tell him what you have done this week to help others. Tell him what you would like to do this week:

- For example: *I will be grateful for the things people do for me.*
- For example: *I will try to be understanding when someone complains about their problems.*
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**Q** Jesus told his friends that to follow him they must try to help and serve as many people as they can. Do you try to help others? Do you try to understand other people's problems?

## WORD SEARCH

Find the following hidden words in Spanish and write a sentence using them:

Servants, Cup, Power, Right, Left, Help, Listen, Understand

T A M M P A R C I R  
C O M P A S I O N A  
I S L E S I A N D C  
E C E I J S N F E E  
G U R G J E R I C O  
O R B M U E A A H L  
J I U E S I S N U B  
V D R D V E R Z B R  
P A R A D U Y A R A  
N D P Q R C T U V R

# Jesus, help me to see!

October 29:  
30th Sunday of  
Ordinary Time

Is 53,10-11  
Hb 4,14-16  
Mc 10, 35-45

**Talk about the story.** Talk with the children about what seeing with the heart means. Do they know any blind people? Does that mean that person doesn't understand certain things? What other ways, besides with our eyes, do we see? Was Bartimeus completely blind? What about Jesus could he clearly see?

**Activities.** Play the "trust" game. Blindfold some of the children and ask the others to lead them around the classroom. Then have them change places. Talk about how they felt when they were blindfolded and being led. Did they trust the person who was leading them? What does trust mean?

**Final prayer.** As each child should express what he or she would like to see or understand better. All respond: "Jesus, teach us to see".

## Your are there

Do you think Bartimeus is crazy when he goes chasing after Jesus?

## Jesus, your friend, invites you:

- Sometimes, when are in doubt about something or don't know what to do about a problem, we say we aren't seeing things clearly. What we mean is that we don't understand something? Is there something you would like to "see" or understand more clearly? Do you tell Jesus about your problems?
- Bartimeus was able to see because he trusted in Jesus. Do you trust Jesus and talk to him when you have problems?
- Bartimeus decided to follow Jesus even when he sometimes asks difficult things. How about you?

## What am I going to do?

Speak to Jesus and tell him about the things you don't always understand at home or in school. Ask him to help you see and understand. Tell him what you would like to do this week:

- For example: *I will trust Jesus and go to him when I have to make a decision.*
- For example: *I will help someone who doesn't understand something to see it more*
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## WORD SEARCH

Find the following hidden words in Spanish and write a sentence using them:

Blind, Jericho, Trust, Follow, See, Light, Darkness, Faith, Help, Compassion

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R	E	R	D	O	N	A	R	L	A
I	Z	Q	U	I	E	R	D	A	R

**Q** Bartimeus has so much trust in Jesus that he is cured of this blindness. Do you trust Jesus that much? Do you talk to him when you don't understand something or don't know how to solve a problem?



**SAINTS TO PREPARE THE  
CHILDRN FOR THE  
CONSECRATION**

1) Consecrate your body, your five senses, and all you have ...

**St. Francis of Assisi**      **October 4**

He was born in a wealthy family. His father owned a nice clothing store. He had more than enough money. He wasn't interested in studying, only in parties and music. But he never turned his back on a poor person.

When he was 20 years old, he went to war and was imprisoned. When he was freed, he bought himself the best armor and horse and went back to war. On his way back, he encountered a poor soldier who didn't have the money to buy armor and a horse. Francis was moved and gave the poor soldier his own.

That night he dreamed that in exchange for that gesture, he would receive better armor to fight the enemies of the spirit. He never made it to the battlefield because he became ill.

He heard a voice say to him, "Instead of serving men, why don't you consecrate yourself and serve the Supreme Chief of all?"

He returned home silently and thought about his future. He was not the same Francis as before. He was very silent and pensive.

Thanks to an inspiration by God he gave everything away and went to live amidst the poor.

One day he encountered a leper and was disgusted. He heard a voice say to him that to be a saint, you must dominate your instincts and tame your senses. He kissed the leper's sores and from then on dedicated himself to visiting the sick.

He took some of his dad's materials and sold them to fix the village church. His dad was furious and disowned him.

Since he had given away all his clothes, the Bishop gave him a robe of the farm workers with a rope to tie around his waist. This would be his clothes for always.

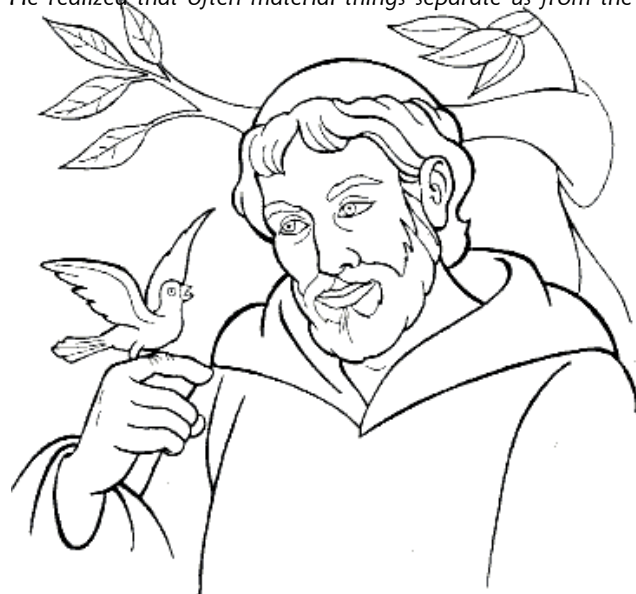
He dedicated his life to prayer and to the poor and the sick.

He was often attacked by impure sensations of the senses. To conquer these bodily passions (overeating, seeing or listening to vulgarities, saying bad words) he once rolled in thorns. He would say, "I treat my body harshly, because my body wants to treat my soul harshly." He dominated his senses.

Many people and animals followed him. The doves followed him and formed a cross over him while he preached. Even a ferocious wolf converted and became tame.

He invited people to love Jesus.

He loved poverty. He realized that often material things separate us from the path to God.



**VIRTUE  
HUMILITY**

*Discussion*

What is humility?

It is simplicity of heart, and of spirit.

It is to learn from Jesus and learn of His greatness

It is not believe ourselves greater than others.

Humility is, like Mary, to say "Yes" to God.

**SAINTS TO PREPARE THE  
CHILDRN FOR THE  
CONSECRATION**

2) Consecrate our memory, intelligence, imagination, words, and all of our gifts

**St. Henry of Osso**      *January 27*



He was the youngest of 3 brothers.

He was from a middle class family. His father wanted him to dedicate himself to business. His mother wanted him to be a priest. He wanted to be a teacher.

They were a very devout family. They lived with piety, serenity, joy, and peace.

His mother died when he was fourteen years old. Before she died, she asked him to become priest. He wanted to follow her advice, but before doing so he put this in the hands of the Virgin Mary saying, "I always want to belong to Jesus". This was his first offering.

Before doing anything, he would ask, "Does God want this? Does Jesus want this?" He would act, converse, talk and love as Jesus would. He always accepted the will of God.

He was a priest for 26 years.

In his first mass he said, "I remember my to mothers: Immaculate Mary and mama Micaela".

His model was St. Teresa of Avila.

He wrote much to spread the doctrine and message of loving Jesus and Mary: books, magazines, newspapers. He also founded institutions for children (Friends of Jesus), young adults, and adults.

He would say: "Give freely what was given to you freely".

His virtue: Faith. He was attacked often by the envy of others. But he never criticized them nor lost confidence in the Lord. He always defended truth and justice. He knew God would not abandon him.

His motto was, "Be silent, pray and wait". He would always wait for God's response to his prayers.

In the face of problems, prayer would support him and give him strength to be silent with patience.

He is the patron saint of the Friends of Jesus and Mary.

**VIRTUE**

**FAITH**

Discussion

What is Faith?

Faith is to believe before seeing.

Faith is to pray and to have confidence in Jesus.

Faith is, ... like the Virgin Mary, to ask from Jesus and His favor to receive.

Faith is to follow Jesus

And in Jesus and Mary live



# Conclusions for Congress IV Friends of Jesus and Mary 2006

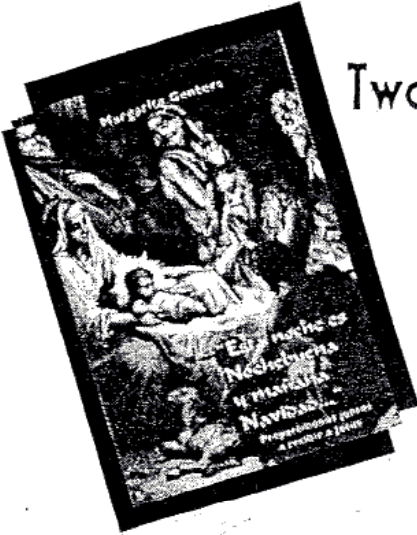
The fourth International Congress of Friends of Jesus and Mary took place on June 30, through July 2, 2006. Ten countries were represented: Aruba, Bonaire, Costa Rica, Curacao, El Salvador, Spain, United States, Panama, and the Dominican Republic. The leaders of each country met and examined the needs and accomplishments of each country since the last congress. As a result, the leaders came up with the following conclusions:

## **The next congress will be held in Panama in 2008.**

- ♥ The formulation of a prayer manual for all the prayer groups needs to be developed. Each country will contribute two prayers. In order to include the prayers in the manual, send the prayers to the Florida Center for Peace no later than September 30, 2006.
- ♥ Nicaragua developed the first Song Book Friends of Jesus and Mary given that no other country sent songs. All countries had promised to help with the first edition of the song book. For the next edition, each country will contribute at least two songs in whatever language. The songs must be sent to the Florida Center for Peace by September 30, 2006.
- ♥ We need to find a way to keep the adolescents that have been in our groups for many years. In these two years, our prayers and efforts should be for the ages 12 and on. We should develop a guide for the pre-adolescents and the adolescents. Our goal is to make them the future leaders of our groups.
- ♥ The need to find uniforms for the children and the leaders for special occasions was brought to our attention. Each country promised to design a uniform by September 30, 2006. We will vote on the best one and the winner will be announced in December.
- ♥ Many voiced the need for an International Congress for children. We all agreed to place this need in prayer and to explore the possibilities of making this dream come true.
- ♥ The minimum contribution of \$25 per country will continue to be collected. We ask all countries to continue sending the contribution because the funds are necessary to continue operations.
- ♥ We need a Spiritual Director for the movement. We asked Father Manuel Hernandez to help us and he promised to give us an answer. All countries should pray much so that God sends us a Spiritual Director.
- ♥ We reminded all countries that the Formation Training Session for new leaders is available. A country in need of a Training Session should contact the Florida Center for Peace at least six months in advance.
- ♥ We ask all countries that belong to this movement to continue praying for the countries that do not speak Spanish as a primary language and that we continue helping each other in daily prayer. This is a movement of Jesus and Mary. We are simple instruments. We must always remember that they are the head.
- ♥

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