

Fellow Rosarians,

When in Rome this year I visited the church of St. Ambrose and noticed the leaflet THE HOLY ROSARY : I found this of such interest that I thought that each of you would too. So having obtained permission from the parish priest I came home with a copy for each of you. I do hope that you will find it useful - perhaps to interest others in the Rosary.

Some years ago a Carthusian nun lay dying in the convent of Holy Cross at Beauregard in the Dauphine in France. It had always been her practice to show every mark of love to our Blessed Lady. Above all else she was faithful in reciting the Holy Rosary, meditating on the mysteries and contemplating the queen of Virgins.

As she lay dying it was noticed by the sisters that her eyes rested with joy upon a certain spot from which she could not withdraw her gaze. The sisters asked her what it was that she saw. "Oh, do you not see and admire", she replied, "that wonderful succession of rosaries which form a ladder by which I hope to reach heaven?"

I was meditating on this story this morning, which I found in A MONTH WITH MARY compiled by a Carthusian monk of Parkminster and translated from the French. It was published in 1964. The fruit of my meditation was that this mystical ladder is within reach of us all, and we mount a step of it every time we say our daily decade and pray with fervour:

"Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners, now and at the hour of our death."

With my blessing and prayers,

Father Dominic

