

Fellow Rosarians,

Those who pray the rosary with all their heart know from experience that the rosary is an outpouring of love. These are the words of Blessed John Paul II.

What evokes love in us is the face of the beloved gazing at us. I often use when at prayer the painting made by Sister Celine the sister of St. Therese of Lisieux and based upon the face of Christ depicted on the Shroud of Turin.

In contemplation while saying the sorrowful mysteries I think more of the agony of Christ. In every mystery we are helped as we follow the life, agony and glory of our Blessed Saviour.

With the rosary in our hands we sit at the school of Mary and are led to contemplate the beauty of the face of Christ in the Joyful mysteries the wisdom and compassion in the mysteries of light the agony and our redemption in the sorrowful mysteries and the glory in the glorious mysteries and and so we are led in the rosary to encounter Christ in all His life and mysteries; and so this encounter cannot fail to draw attention to his face in the afflicted for whom we are bound to pray.

Blessed John Paul II used and loved the rosary he said: "the rosary is an echo of the prayer of Mary, her perennial Magnificat for the work of the redemptive Incarnation which began in her virginal womb."

What could be better for each one of us members of the Living Rosary than to be caught up in our Lady's perennial Magnificat ? For here in the twenty mysteries do the life of Jesus and Mary appear so deeply joined.

May our Lady keep you in her care

Father Dominic

