



In the small village of El Factor in the Dominican Republic, the students are praying a Hail Mary for the Children in Philadelphia after receiving World Mission Rosaries. All around the world, children in Mission lands are praying to the Blessed Mother during the Month of May, just like we do here in Philadelphia.

Jesus' First Missionary, *Mary*

Devotion to the Blessed Mother is deep and strong in many Mission lands, as they recognize Mary as the Queen of Missions, especially in the month of May.



Mary was an incredibly perceptive woman and she paid close attention to Jesus' every word and action. The subtleties of His teaching were not lost on her; she progressively came to realize the unfolding mystery of her own unique motherhood. As the Mission of her Son grew clearer to her eyes and spirit, Mary herself, as a mother, became ever more open to that new dimension of motherhood which was to constitute her "*part*" beside her Son.

Mary's faith and example is a model for Missionaries throughout the world. She not only shows the need for prayer, as she consistently "*ponders*" what she is seeing and experiencing throughout the life of her beloved Son, Jesus, but also reaches outside herself and serves.

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MAY 2019 • MONTHLY MISSION RESOURCE

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FOR ELEMENTARY SCHOOL AGE STUDENTS:

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FOR SECONDARY & HIGH SCHOOL AGE STUDENTS:

- † Follow the *Living the Easter Call: Discipleship and Mission Lesson* on Pentecost. This can be found **HERE**.
- † Watch a video of this **Marian Procession in the Philippines**. Ask your students if they ever participated in a May Procession honoring our Blessed Mother. How does this differ? Can we do more to honor Mary, Jesus’ Mother?
- † Include the Holy Father’s May Prayer Intention for Evangelization: *That the Church in Africa, through the commitment of its members, may be the seed of unity among her peoples and a sign of hope for this continent.*

Is your Parish hosting a Vacation Bible School?



Sister Ellen, MSHR, at St. Joseph's Church in Aston



Monsignor Keveny at Our Lady Sacred Heart VBS



MCA can visit Your Camp to:



- Help the children make **World Mission Rosaries** for other children around the globe
- Show pictures of Missionary children, hear about their lives and also learn a song in Spanish during **“Sing and Play” Station**
- Take over the **“Kidvid Cinema” Station** and **show a Mission Video!**

Call or email today to bring Mission to your VBS!



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Dios te salve, Maria. Llena eres de gracia: El Señor es contigo. Bendita tú eres entre todas las mujeres. Y bendito es el fruto de tu vientre: Jesús. Santa María, Madre de Dios, ruega por nosotros pecadores, ahora y en la hora de nuestra muerte. Amén.

Color this picture of **Our Lady of Guadalupe**. Practice saying the **Hail Mary in Spanish**, like the children from the Dominican Republic pictured on Page One. **BONUS FACT** :The word Rosary comes from Latin and means a “*garland of roses*”, the rose being one of the flowers used to symbolize the Virgin Mary. Color the roses in the same colors used on a World Mission Rosary! **RED, YELLOW, GREEN, WHITE and BLUE**

See the different portraits of Mary from mission areas of the World Mission Rosary, Pray one *"Hail Mary"* each week in May for each Mission area.
World Mission Rosary.



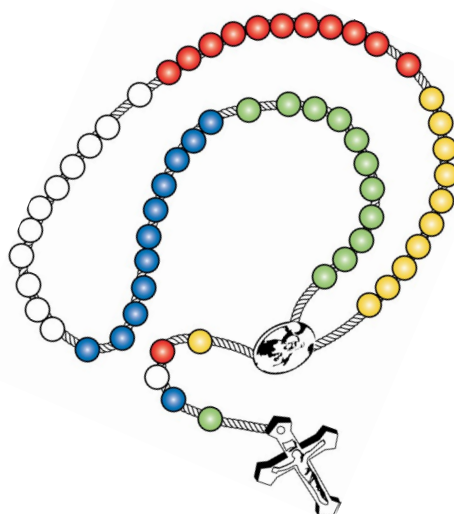
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•Our Lady of Kibeho•
Rwanda•Africa

Classroom Activity

Have the students work in small groups to discuss the differences they see in these images of the Blessed Mother. Students can also research more images of the Blessed Mother online from Mission Lands that aren't shown here. Compare and Contrast the differences and similarities from continent to continent!

Venerable Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen

“She existed in the Divine Mind as an Eternal Thought before there were any Mothers. She is the Mother of Mothers—she is the world’s first love.”

-Venerable Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen on Mary, Mother of Jesus

Even though he is not a Saint [yet, he is a Venerable or Blessed] the Missionary Saint Spotlight of this Month is on Archbishop Fulton Sheen, who’s cause for canonization was officially opened in 2002. Celebrating his birthday in May, Fulton Sheen is a key figure for the **Missionary Childhood Association** because he was the first to develop the **World Mission Rosary**.

As National Director of the **Pontifical Mission Societies**, Venerable Archbishop Sheen, in a February 1951 radio address, inaugurated the **World Mission Rosary**. “We must pray, and not for ourselves, but for the world. To this end I have designed the **World Mission Rosary**.”



Praying the Rosary, Archbishop Sheen said, would “aid the Holy Father and his **Societies** by supplying him with practical support, as well as prayers, for the poor Mission territories of the world.”

He clearly and effectively communicated the Catholic Church’s message and Mission on the radio and

television, as well as through his many writings. Through inspiring stories of the Missions, Sheen told of the love and the joy of those serving the poor in Mission areas of the world. In 1951, Archbishop Fulton Sheen also founded **MISSION** Magazine. Today, more than 68 years after that inaugural issue – **MISSION** Magazine continues to introduce readers to the Mission story.



“The poor Missions of the world need the comfortable to supply roofs for their churches, medicine for their hospitals, and clothes for their backs, but the comfortable need the poor in order that they may have the blessing of God in their hearts, the charity of Christ in their souls, and the intercession of the poor who are the friends of God.”



Birth: May 8, 1895

Death: December 9, 1979

Beatified: Nov. 17, 1889

Canonized: Hopefully coming Soon!

Quick Quiz Question!

As you just learned, Venerable Archbishop Fulton Sheen developed the **World Mission Rosary**. Which five colors are on the Rosary and which color represents each Mission area?

Mission Focus: Ecuador & Malawi

Ecuador • Because of **Missionary Children like you**, the Parish of Jesucristo, Pan de Vida [*Jesus Christ, Bread of Life*] located outside Guayaquil, Ecuador, the parish now boasts a four-room schoolhouse and a beautiful parish church.

As you prepare for the Sacraments, and especially those



preparing for their First Holy Communion, we ask that you remember the children who are receiving their same Sacrament at this Ecuadoran parish.

Every year over 100 students prepare for First Holy Communion! They spend a year attending a two-hour-long class each Saturday morning. Like you, they receive the support of their parents and are also expected to attend Mass each weekend where they would learn more about their faith and the mystery of what they were preparing to receive.



Malawi, Africa • Children [*usually 8 or 9 years old*] make their First Communion on Christmas Day or during the weeks immediately following!

They begin catechesis in the parish in February or March. Instruction is given in their native language every Sunday afternoon.

In November, the parish priest visits each church and gives each child an oral exam. Anyone who fails or whose attendance record shows they have not attended catechesis regularly, does not receive First Communion that year.

Sometimes the parents come for the oral exam as well, to reinforce the need to teach children in the household.



Guayaquil,
Ecuador



Malawi, Africa

† Encourage **your students** to say a **Hail Mary each day in the Summer** for children like those in Ecuador and Malawi who are receiving their Sacraments during in the **EXTRAORDINARY YEAR OF MISSION**.

† Ask **your class** to Sacrifice to help Missionaries bringing our faith and the word of Jesus to children in need of the Sacraments? **Could they give something for June, July & August?**



Orphans in Nicaragua

As we celebrate Mary in the month of May, especially pray for children in the Mission Lands who are living in orphanages. These children, without the love of their parents, need your prayers and sacrifices.

Pray that the Blessed Mother watches over them and takes them into her loving care, just as she did with her son, Jesus.



Nyamone Orphanage



Sisters of St. John Orphanage in Madagascar

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