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MARY & JESUS  
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*A 2-Way Beaded Bridge to Pray in and for Christian Unity.*

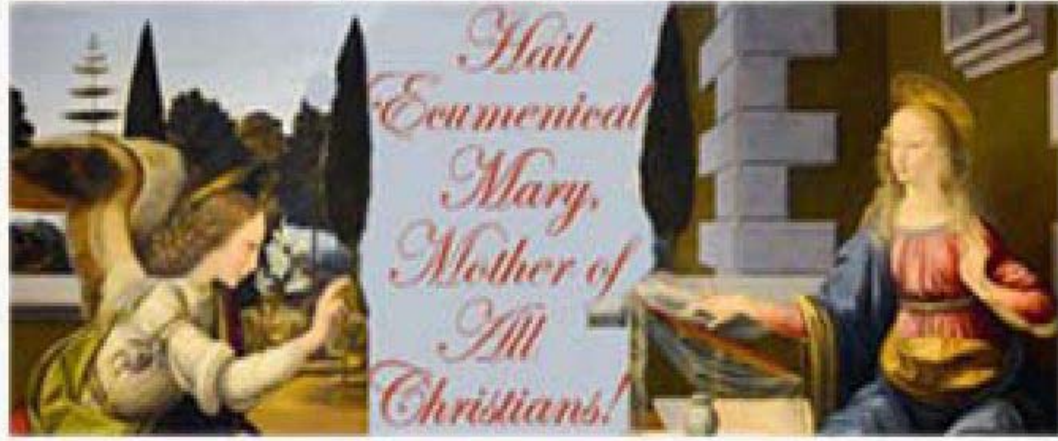


Our  group's mission: to advance the study and appreciation of her role in

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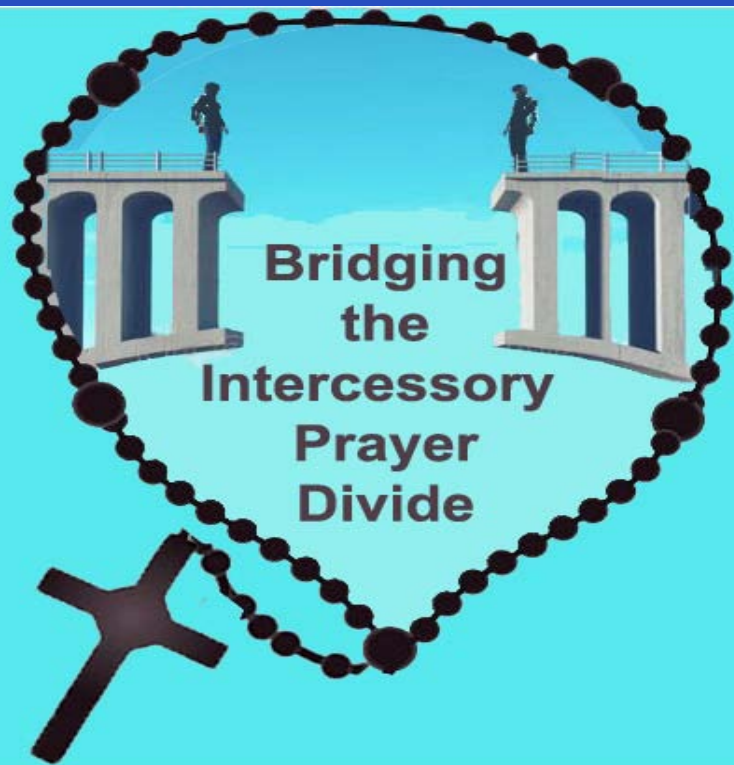
The Rosary's prayers



The Rosary's Meditations/ Mysteries

Ecumenism as the Mother of All Christians and as New Eve in Redemptive relation to all humanity.

# WHAT IS THIS ROSARY?



It's a mix of Roman (Latin) and Byzantine rite prayers and meditation-mysteries offered as a two-way beaded bridge to bring together diverse Christians to worship our Divine Redeemer, venerate (honor) His Blessed Mother (and ours in faith), while striving to fulfill Christ's prayer that His followers may be "as one."

From scripture, Protestants know that the Redeemer's dedicated Mother warrants our prayerful recognition. Many would otherwise welcome the opportunity to join

# WHY WAS THIS ROSARY ARRANGED?



in such intra-faith expression of appreciation, if they could do so without violating their conscientious objection to intercessory prayer, a stricture taught in childhood. This Rosary offers two ways of doing that without participants violating conscience.

The 1st way uses the *Hail, O Virgin Theotokos*, from the Byzantine rite which did not add the “*pray for us sinners, now and at the hour of our death*” verse



which the Roman rite inserted in the *Hail Mary* during 13<sup>th</sup> Century plagues.

The 2nd way uses that Roman version. Christians for whom its intercessory verse presents a problem of conscience would refrain from that verse. Those for whom the verse poses no problem would recite it.

HOW DOES THIS  
ROSARY SPAN  
'INTERCESSORY'  
DIVIDE?

# FOR WHOM HAS THIS ROSARY BEEN DESIGNED?

For those Christians who, because of

- its focus on Jesus' Redemptive mission,
- its Marian appreciation, and
- its Ecumenical spirit,

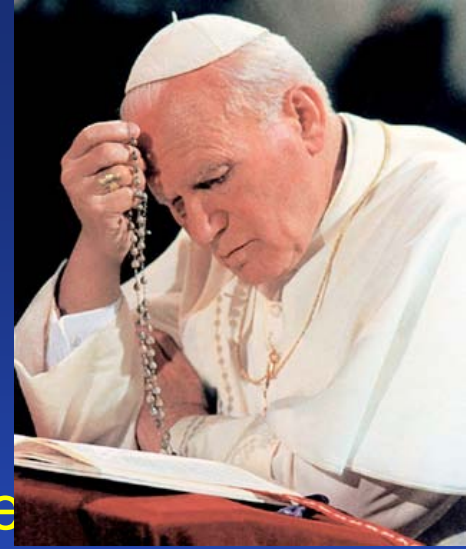
would be open to joining intra-faith prayer events (virtual during the pandemic) using this Rosary because it does not conflict with conscientiously - held differences on intercessory prayer. Christian couples with different denominational backgrounds could use it at home



where its prayer selection might encourage one partner to join the other in the Rosary. Existing intra-faith prayer groups could add it to their devotions list.

# ITS MEDITATIONS /MYSTERIES HELP MAKE THE ROSARY A CHRIST- CENTERED CONTEMPLATIVE PRAYER

The Rosary is “among the finest and most praiseworthy traditions of Christian contemplation. . . it is a typically meditative prayer, corresponding in some way to the ‘prayer of the heart’ or ‘Jesus prayer.’”



*Saint John Paul II*



*Saint Seraphim of Sarov*

Mystic, monk, ascetic and priest Seraphim of Sarov, recognized in 1903 by the Russian Orthodox Church as saint and called such by John Paul II, had revived interest in the *Prayer Rule of the Theotokos*, saying

in “keeping this rule, it is possible, to reach Christian perfection.” His disciple, St. Seraphim Zvezdinsky added to the Rule the meditative Remembrances..



Saint  
Seraphim  
Zvezdinsky.  
Martyred  
by Soviets

# THE ECUMENICAL MARY & JESUS ROSARY'S SESSION PREPARATION



- In advance, intra-faith Rosary session organizers work out the Meditation/Mysteries to be linked to the five prayer “decades” for the upcoming session. They need not follow the standard groupings tied to days of the week. They also choose a session leader to lead the opening and closing prayers, to make the choices involved, to announce the number of the decade to be prayed at that point in the session and its pre-selected Meditation/Mystery
- The organizers also work out in advance, with those planning to participate, who among them will lead particular decades, reading its relevant scriptural text and offering a suggested relevant meditation to ponder.