OUR ROSARY'S PURPOSE: TO WORSHIP GOD, HONOR MARY, ADVANCE UNITY

The Hail Ecumenical Mary, Mother of All Christians! Facebook group, initiator of the Ecumenical Mary & Jesus Rosary, does not subscribe to conventional "wisdom" that Mary and Marian devotion are inherent obstacles to Christian unity.

The historical reality is that without Mary, there is no Christianity; without acknowledging the Blessed Virgin, ecumenism risks miscarrying; without including the Mother of our Redeemer in its prayer life, the universal church, however defined, is simply incomprehensible.

However titled, she remains <u>a</u> central figure in the life of Christ and His Church. So much so, that not having proper regard for her means not having a proper grasp Who and what Jesus was and is.

The Council of Ephesus, 431 AD, titled her *Theotokos* (God-bearer/Mother of God) to re-affirm that Jesus, her and God's son, was/is the God-man, the one Person capable of redeeming us all by His crucifixion. Mary is <u>a</u> key figure in the Incarnation and life of Christ, Mother to Him and, through Him, Mother to His Church and New Eve to all.

THUS, OURS IS NO MARY MINIMAL-IZED ROSARY; NOT A 'LESS MARY' OR MARY-LESS ROSARY. IT'S NOT A 'MARIAN-LITE' ROSARY!!!



It's decidedly Marian. Like the standard Rosary, it's also decidedly Christ-centered.

Its meditation-mysteries focus on Jesus and Mary's intertwined roles in scriptural accounts of His Redemption of all humankind, several scenes of which involved her or were heart-piercingly witnessed by her, including His crucifixion.