

# NOTES:

1 -- Most of our Ecumenical Rosary's Byzantine-sourced (B) meditation quotes are excerpted and compressed from *"We Fly to Thy Patronage: Praying the Rosary : an Ecumenical Guide for Catholics and Orthodox"* inspired by the Message of Fatima, first published in 1992 by Kirche in Not/Ostpriesterhilfe e.V. Republished in 1997 and distributed by Aid to the Church in Need. Most of our rosary's Byzantine-sourced prayers are from a devotional PDF in the adult education series at St. Mary's Byzantine Church, Hillsborough, NJ, and from other *Rule of the Theotokos*-based texts found on the web. Acknowledging these sources in no way implies their endorsement of this intra-faith Rosary.

2 -- For a print copy of a 4-page explanation of our Rosary's premise, purpose, and method, mail a self-addressed stamped business envelope folded inside a stamped business envelope addressed to **A.M. Travis-McCarthy, 338 Jericho Tpke. Box # 316, Syosset, N. Y. 11791**. Follow the same procedure for a 4-page print copy of the prayers and meditations.

3 -- Don't send money. But much appreciated would be your prayers, word-of-mouth promotion and electronic sharing of this initiative that seeks to honor Mary, to worship God's Son and hers, Jesus, humanity's Redeemer, and to advance Christian unity through intra-faith Rosary prayer and meditation.

4 – The ***Hail Ecumenical Mary, Mother of All Christians!*** Facebook group page announced the rosary project initiation during the Pontifical Council for Promoting Christian Unity and World Council of Churches' Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, in Jan., 2021.

5 -Redundancy Acknowledged: Those of us who pray the standard Roman Rosary see it as also an ***Ecumenical Mary and Jesus Rosary***, in that its Hail Mary “pray for us sinners” verse embraces all humanity, its meditation mysteries chiefly focus on Jesus. Its Lord’s Prayer, Apostles Creed, and “Glory Be” doxology also are variously inclusive. Acknowledged. But our Rosary arrangement’s title spotlights those aspects for fellow Christians not aware of them but who, through participating in this intra-faith Rosary to honor her and worship Him, will discover them.

6 – The *Hail Ecumenical Mary, Mother of All Christians!* group plans to ask Rev. Dennis DiMauro’s permission to post a link on the group’s Facebook page and on this Rosary’s website to his insightful 1/1/2019 *Mary, Model of Humility* sermon cited on Slide 37.

7 -- Yes, many issues divide Christians besides intercessory prayer. But if our Rosary can help ease concerns, even a little, on that issue, we hope the positive spirit engendered thereby may impact the other issues as well.

8 – Fostering diverse Christians to develop prayerful relationships with the Mother of Jesus and Her Divine Son through intra-faith rosary devotions, bridging the denominational divides, would seem desirable on its own merits in any era. It doesn’t need a crisis to justify undertaking to promote such ecumenical prayer. But the undeniable fact is that humankind appears poised at a pivot point, hovering in place before plunging ahead to self destruct civilization or proceeding more cautiously to preserve the good of the past and the present while striving for future good. Strengthening bonds among Christians through ecumenical prayers such as the intra-faith rosary now takes on special urgency.