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Church in Need

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One Million Children Praying the Rosary 2024

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Dear friends of ACN,

For a number of years now, on October 18, ACN has been **organizing the prayer campaign *One Million Children Praying the Rosary***. In 2023, for the first time, more than one million children actually registered on our homepage. In doing, they confirmed what Pope Benedict had already written back in 2008: *"The prayer of the Rosary is no mere pious exercise that belongs to the past, as though it were some prayer from other times that we look back on nostalgically. On the contrary, the Rosary is experiencing a new springtime, as it were. This is undoubtedly one of the most eloquent signs of the love that the younger generation are showing for Jesus and his Mother Mary. In today's world, where there is so much distraction, this prayer helps to place Christ in the centre, just as the Virgin Mary did when she treasured everything that was said about her Son, and everything that He did and said, in the depths of her heart."*

It has so often been the experience of the Church, even in our modern times, that God grants special help and graces – especially graces of peace – through the intercession of Mary via the prayer of the Rosary. Consequently, ACN is very much committed to reviving and encouraging the devotion to the Rosary. For example, we ourselves pray the Holy Rosary daily in the chapel at our Königstein headquarters. And we would love to recruit you too, in regularly cultivating this prayer and working together with us to encourage the children to love and pray the Rosary. Great blessings will undoubtedly flow from this – for yourselves, for your children, and for our sorely troubled world as well.

"In order to be an apostle of the Rosary," Pope Benedict XVI said in Pompeii, *"we need to personally experience the beauty and depth of this prayer – so simple and accessible to everyone. Above all we must allow the Virgin Mary to lead us by the hand in contemplating the face of Christ, a joyful, luminous, sorrowful, and glorious face. Whoever, like Mary and together with her, embraces the Mysteries of Jesus and tirelessly contemplates them identifies more and more with what He thought and felt and becomes more and more like Him."*

Sister Lucy of Fatima wrote: *"In these last times in which we now live, the most Blessed Virgin has given a new power and effectiveness to the Rosary. And so there is no single problem, however serious [...] that we cannot solve through the prayer of the Rosary. By means of the Rosary, we will save and sanctify ourselves, console our Lord, and gain the salvation of many souls."*



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And so we would like to encourage you to join us in one (or both!) of the following ways:

1. Please pray the Rosary yourself, together with us on 18 October, for peace in the world.
2. Please get involved by using your energy and imagination to encourage Rosary prayer groups to come together wherever possible. Get in touch with youth groups, schools, prayer groups, radio and TV, digital platforms, social media... and encourage your own children and grandchildren to pray the Rosary with you. Maybe this could even become a regular children's prayer group?

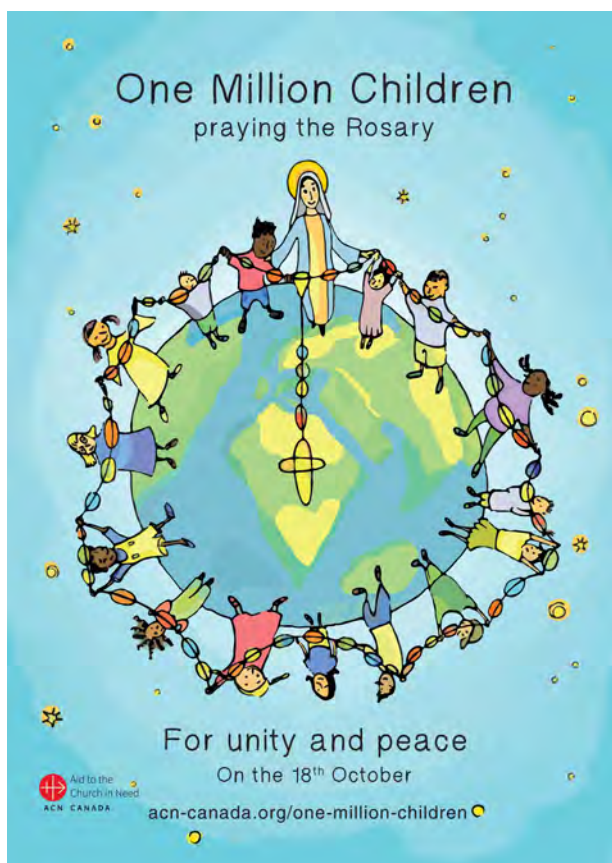
We are close to you in prayer, confident of your generous response.

May God bless you and all who are dear to you, and may the Blessed Virgin Mary protect you!

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More information and material on the campaign material can be found at: <https://acn-canada.org/one-million-children/>



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