



# *Star of the Stormy Sea*

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“... When your souls suffer temptations and are immersed in grief ...turn to her with confidence and say, ‘Star of the stormy sea of my mortal life, May your light shine upon me so that I do not stray from the path that leads me to heaven.’” (Taken from “The Testament of Mother Mariana de Jesus Torres” January 16th, 1635)

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## THE CRUSADE OF THE HOLY ROSARY



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**This May, "Chiesa viva," joins the devotees of Mary Mediatrix of All Graces to initiate a call to the devotion to the Holy Rosary.**

**Pope Pius XII**, in his encyclical "**Ingruentium Malorum**," dated September 25, 1951, urged Catholics to make the Rosary the prayer of Christian families to defend themselves from the threats of modern life. In reciting this favorite prayer, the Christian, needs to meditate on the sweet "**mysteries**" of our Holy Faith which **will be an aid in the struggle to keep his baptismal promises of the Catholic Faith!** Therefore "**Chiesa viva**" perfectly agrees with Pope Pius XII in believing that the recitation of the Rosary is the most excellent tribute to the **Virgin Mary**. The Virgin, requesting the Rosary in all her authentic apparitions, ratifies the teachings of the Church, the official and infallible censor of Catholic devotions.

We know that from a very ancient tradition, the recitation of the Holy Rosary dates to **St. Dominic**, and was established under the inspiration of the Blessed Virgin. The Holy Rosary was

preached and spread by St. Dominic at the end of the twelfth century and early thirteenth century.

The Rosary has been sanctioned by many Popes with **Pope Leo XIII** standing in the forefront as the most prominent of Papal promoters. In the fifteenth century, **Pope St. Pius V** published five Apostolic Constitutions on the Holy Rosary.

In October 1571, after the **Victory of Lepanto** against the Muslims, **St. Pius V** instituted the great "**Feast of Our Lady of Victory,**" on **October 7<sup>th</sup> of every year** in gratitude to the **Blessed Virgin "Mary of the Rosary."** His successor, **Gregory XIII**, moved this Feast to the first Sunday in October, under the name of "**Feast of the Most Holy Rosary**".

These are the Catholic Foundations of the Holy Rosary!

Despite all of these upheavals that have created this tremendous storm that is waging throughout the Catholic Church, we dare to be sure that our future is in good hands. We are certain that the Civilization of Christian Charity founded on the principles of the Kingship of Christ is already under way as Our Lord said to Peter, "...the gates of hell shall not prevail against it."

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Now, having Jesus as our Head (Leader) and Mary to guide us to Him, we dare to have the certainty that our future also is in our own hands and that the civilisation of Christian charity has already begun in spite of the tremendous storm raging against the Catholic Church, as evidenced by the all the (recent) instances of intolerance and moral violence (against the Catholic Church) which testify to a general narrow-mindedness as does also the current (modern world) trivialization of truth and of human life together with its inalienable values.

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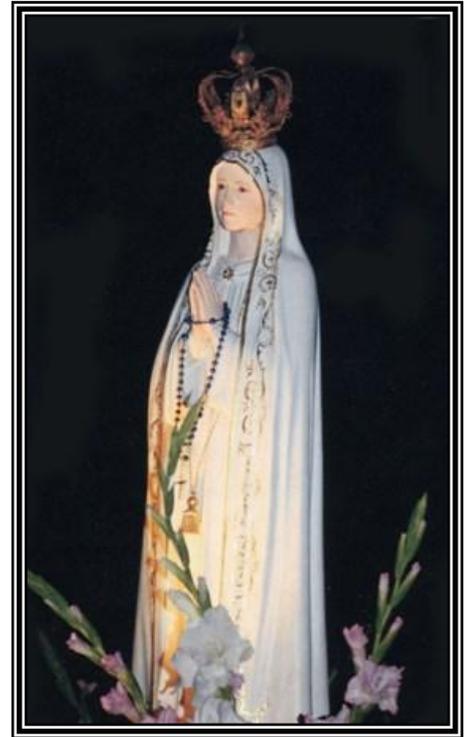
Even considering the present situation in the Church, at the school of Mary, **the Virgin Mother and Mediatrix dispenser of Graces and Mercy**, we learn that the final victory will be ours with the [faithful and daily] recitation of the **Holy Rosary!**

It has been thus throughout the centuries. After the successful Crusade against the Albigenses, the recitation of the Rosary became increasingly popular, especially in France, Spain and Italy.

Even as recent as the nineteenth and twentieth centuries, the extraordinary events of **Lourdes** and **Fatima** confirmed, by miracles, what the Church has always understood was necessary for the re-igniting of the Faith

Therefore, with this invitation to all its readers and benefactors to join in this **Crusade of the Holy Rosary**, "**Chiesa viva's**" purpose is not only to recommend the devotion of the **Holy Rosary**, but also to make the role of the Rosary clearer because, historically considered, **the Holy Rosary is not just a nice private devotion, but it is a powerful and infallible weapon, since it bears the imprint of a very strong spiritual crusade against the enemies of Christ and his Church.**

**In fact, the origins of the Rosary are on the battlefield!** It was organized as a wall of defense around the city of God to protect it from the invasion of heresies, through the invocation to the **Immaculate Virgin, the Woman crowned with twelve stars, whose virginal foot crushes the infernal dragon.** **Our Lady, Queen of the Church,** is strong as an army deployed in battle against legions of heretics and people without God!



Yes, in fact, the official title of Mary was "**Victorious Queen against heresies**"!

So, in our time, this crusade is most appropriate and even urgent! As **Pius XI** wrote in his encyclical "**Ingravescentibus Malis**", September 29<sup>th</sup>, 1937:

"... And as in the times of the Crusades, in all Europe there was raised one voice of the people, one supplication; so today, in all the world, the cities, and even the smallest villages, united with courage and strength, with filial and constant insistence, the people seek to obtain from the great Mother of God the defeat of the enemies of Christian and human civilization, to the end that true peace may shine again over tired and erring men!"

It is true: in place of the **Albigenses** and the **Turks**, today, we have other heretics sitting in powerful places who have started and have continued to wage a satanic offensive which began with the iniquitous Herod and that will only end with the glorious advent of Jesus Christ, King and Savior.

It is good and appropriate to recall, here, the major modern scourges: **the "heresies"**:

1. "**Destructive Materialism**" that has poisoned and dechristianized most of the people. It is a real deluge, red of blood and social hatred.
2. "**Secularism**" and "**Social Paganism**" that reaches the youth through secular schools and undermines the family with divorce and the sacrilegious desecration of the sacrament of Matrimony.

3. "**Modernity**" that is, today, **licentiousness** and **sensuality**. Drinking, dancing, drugs, fun, devoting oneself to every illicit pleasure without any concern for the final undeniable truths: **death, judgement, and eternity. Modernism** is a poisonous filthy swamp!
4. "**Secret Societies**" which, in the darkness of the underground, plot to put the Church in a ruinous state, opposing her laws with their secular legislation, such as the laws of divorce, abortion, secular schools, Secular State and the banning of God and His Son Jesus Christ. For this reason, **Leo XIII** wrote his wonderful encyclicals on the Rosary, and ordered the three "**Hail Mary's**" and the **prayer to St. Michael the Archangel** to be said after Mass because he knew of the presence of these diabolical Masonic Lodges and their evil works.

That is why with **the Crusade of the Rosary, "Chiesa viva", demonstrates the importance of the battle that we must wage** against Satan and his minions, because we must fight this war for the conversion of the lost sheep, with the help of Mary "**Refuge of sinners**"!

On March 6 1934, **His Holiness Pope Pius XI** wrote to the Minister General of the Dominicans:

*"We ardently desire that you religiously preserve and restore this custom, once practised by Christian families: the daily recitation of the Rosary."*

Let's remember the beautiful prayer attributed to **St. Bernard**:

**"Remember, O most gracious Virgin Mary, that never was it known that any one who fled to thy protection, implored thy help, and sought thy intercession was left unaided..."**

However, we must have a pure heart, like little **Bernadette**, Lily of the Pyrenees. Then, do "**penance**", that is crucify our flesh and mortify our instincts in order to obtain forgiveness and grace. And, finally, we must have a **most fervent love for Our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament**, recalling that Mary must always be the royal road that leads to Jesus.

**"Go to Mary"** the Church urges us. "**Oremus,**" -- Let us pray together:

*"Queen and Mother, stretch thy arms to us, raise us up to thy Immaculate and Sorrowful Heart. Allow us to rest our heads on thy heart and thus become saints and apostles! Queen of the Holy Rosary grant us the strength to fight thy enemies!"*

In this distressing and dramatic time of war against the Catholic Church and Christian Civilization, let our **Holy Rosary** be the sword of dazzling fire which will stop the stream of the "**Red Sea**" and will hasten **the victory of Christ the King and of His Church. Amen!**

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