



Block Rosary Alert Action Program

*Your help is necessary to publicize
Block Rosary!*

- * Start your little group.
- * Copy literature and distribute to friends far and wide.
- * Post on bulletin boards.
- * Call talk shows.
- * Write letters to the editor.
- * Find organizations to sponsor billboards in every town.
- * Have Masses said for the success of Block Rosary

*** "...with the new efficacy Our Lady has given to the Rosary, there is no problem in the life of anyone which cannot be solved by frequently praying the Rosary..."

-Sr. Lucia

*** "One day through the Rosary and the scapular the world will be saved."

-St. Dominic

Please copy and distribute this leaflet throughout the country.

BLOCK ROSARY

by Nicholas J. Schorn

THE answer to the atheist's question "Where is your God?" is being sent out from Heaven with such frequency in these, our times, that only those remain deaf referred to in Our Lord's complaint to St. Theresa of Avila: "I would speak to many souls, but the world makes so much noise in their hearts that they cannot hear My voice."

That the retribution ahead for the world will be more terrible than anything before, since the foundation of the world, because mankind is suffo-

1964 Denver Register
news note:

Vatican City — (Special)
—Behind the stirring stand of Council Fathers from the Church of Silence in favor of honor to the Blessed Virgin is the fact that she has proved the "kernel of devotion" that Christian families have clung to behind the Iron Curtain.

From this "kernel of devotion" will spread the leaven of fraternal love which will eventually force even Communist regimes to accept the overwhelming influence of Christianity in the world today, these prelates believe.

These prelates are inspired by the fact that their Catholic families, gathered in the privacy of their homes reciting the Rosary, here felt in close contact with one another and didn't feel alone and abandoned. Thus love and hope which have spread between families will eventually unite the Red-ruled nations in an overwhelming demand for all freedom.

rating in sin, must be clear to all who think, even superficially, of the frequency with which our Most Sorrowful Mother has been pleading for Rosaries, Penance, Sacrifices and more worthy Holy Communions.

At Fatima, she pleaded with the world, announcing that if her requests were not heeded, entire nations would be wiped out. World War II was the result of our neglect.

In 1945, She appeared to a humble soul in Detroit, and outlined a devotion by which neighbors, through their united prayers, could combat the 'block' and 'cell' program of atheistic communists.

Of necessity the Church must proceed cautiously in accepting the validity of these alleged manifestations.

Therefore, in conformity with the decrees of Pope Urban VIII, the author formally declares that seemingly supernatural facts recorded rest on purely human authority, and in no wise imply that they have been examined or approved nor does he wish to anticipate any future decisions of lawful Church authority as to their nature.

Therefore, it is on the personal belief of the author, that the following facts are related.

On February 25, 1945, Our Blessed and Most Sorrowful Mother requested a humble housewife in Detroit who remains anonymous, that she get her groups together. With this, this lady was shown women, kneeling in a circle, reciting the Rosary.

Our Blessed Mother appeared with tears in Her eyes, Her forehead wrinkled, and Her face reflecting such grief as though a thousand swords were piercing Her heart. She said; "Wherever these groups meet . . . I will be in their midst . . . I will bless their homes . . . You will take them the first week; another the next . . . once a week . . . house by house; street by street."

Her strict admonition was that such

group meetings must never interfere with any Church service, and further, that after the Rosary has been recited the people return to their homes. It was not to be a social gathering.

On March 4, 1945, she gathered ten of her neighbors in her modest home. Today the devotion is known on all six continents, even taken, as reported to the author, by an explorer, a Carmelite, into the blockless jungles of South America.

In some places, radio stations announce the meetings, especially when new groups are forming, and one announcer invites "all people of all faiths" to join. A Baptist minister told his congregation that the members should surely accept an invitation from their Catholic neighbors to join in the Block Rosary, "as nobody prays enough," and this particularly today, when the world so sorely needs the peace of God.

The Bishop in one diocese stated that the first thing he does is to look in the diocesan paper to see where new BLOCK ROSARY groups have been formed, and a letter received from Illinois said that: "Brother Jerome told me that he received word from California that Protestants there are asking their Catholic friends to join their BLOCK ROSARY groups. That really is news to sleeping Catholics. It should be the other way — the Catholics should be inviting the Protestants."

The *Block Rosary* is a providential means of restoring the virtue of neighborliness and charity in places where persons living side by side in houses or apartments have been nothing more than strangers to each other.

In Detroit, a Protestant lady told the author that: "The Rosary is such a beautiful prayer when it is explained and one understands it, that everyone should be reciting it."

The practice of rotating weekly from

home to home is creating a mass religious consciousness that is bringing many indifferent Catholics back to the Sacraments. One case that came to the attention of the writer was that of a man who joined a BLOCK ROSARY group. A short time later, his neighbors were edified when they saw him at confession and receiving Holy Communion. He had been 'absent' thirty-seven years.

In many places there have been baptisms directly attributed to joining with neighbors in reciting MARY'S beads.

A splendid fruit of the devotion has been that the peace which comes from a keener realization of God's indwelling in souls has been that it has made many front line apostles.

Several Bishops, and many priests, are known to be praying for the success of the BLOCK ROSARY LAY APOSTOLATE, as this is another one of the movements of the laity which is helping to fill one of the crying needs of a day when priests find their hours far too few to answer the demands on their time.

That Our Blessed Mother is pleased with these gatherings of neighbors is clearly indicated by the almost miraculous development in five short years.

Let us take to heart the words of Bishop Fulton J. Sheen, when he made a comparison of the forces of good and evil; "We have the Truth . . . they have the zeal . . . We have the light . . . they have the heat."

And Msgr. William McGrath insisting that we are our brothers' keepers stated emphatically: "You and I and all of us have an inescapable responsibility."

Remember! MARY demands penances, sacrifices, Holy Communions, Prayers . . . and of all prayers — THE ROSARY.

That we and our neighbors cooperate with MARY in Her effort to save Her children — is our "inescapable responsibility." ●●●●●●●●●●

Block Rosary's Necessity Evident

The practice of the *Block Rosary* is a wonderful fulfillment of the urgent requests of our Blessed Mother.

That this devotion be promoted and spread is a great wish of Our Lady as evident from the fact that from our headquarters here in Detroit material has been requested and sent to over sixty countries on all six continents, and in the neighborhood of 20,000,000 or more pieces.

Requests have come from Mexico, Brazil, Nigeria, and just in, a request from a priest in Bombay, India, for enough material to enlist all of his people in his far flung parish.

In our own country requests come from Florida to Oregon, from Maine and Massachusetts to California.

Rt. Rev. Msgr. William C. McGrath, S.F.M., pointed out in an article in the Brooklyn TABLET: "Despite all of Bishop Sheen's telecasts, the Fatima Crusade, the Rosary Crusade, etc., I do not find Catholics in general recognizing that there are serious dangers to their souls, their homes, their families, their way of life. I draw attention to what I know, and they look at me with a blank, dubious stare. Human beings do not come to their senses until they suffer themselves."

He notes a little encouragement, for later in the article he says: "Thank heaven not all people have given up. A few brave souls in America are trying to arouse the country from its sleep of death."

But it appears that the great majority have forgotten the threat

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voiced by a communist official in Red China when, releasing a priest long in their hellish captivity: "We were not cruel enough in Russia; we have been ten times as cruel in China. We will be one hundred times as cruel when we take over the United States of America."

Clergy Can't; We Must

Pope Pius XII said: "I can write encyclicals; I can speak over the radio; I can write about social doctrine; but I cannot go into the factories, into the shops, into the mines . . . nor can bishops nor priests, for these places are closed to them. Therefore the Church needs thousands and thousands of militant lay missionaries."

Our Blessed Mother has warned: "Dreadful days are approaching."

Launch forth into the world a message to make known that the scourge is at hand."

Expressions such as those of the communists of China who are determined to take over America betray a strategy that is diabolic. The sum total of the powers that government has acquired over the personal lives of the citizens is tremendous.

The world is steeped in vice and pride. The very foundations of our great nation are threatened by those who would dethrone God.

Pope Pius XII warned: "Now is the moment when everyone who still treasures in the depths of his soul a spark of Christian spirit must WAKE UP. This awakening may painfully disturb the smug tranquility of those to whom the daylight of reality points inexorably to sacrifice and change, to which, in their slumbers, they have given no thought, and from which they can no longer escape."

If there is any hope of our salvation, spiritually, or even hope of

our staying alive, it will be by hanging onto the apron strings of our Blessed Mother who promised at Fatima to save us.

The forces of satan are organized, and never before have they possessed such enormous powers of destruction nor exercised it so persistently on individuals who challenge its work. The devil is enjoying a figurative holiday because millions are doing his work. Not only Christianity but our entire civilization faces disaster.

Why Not With Others?

As the Most Reverend Bishop Woznicki expressed it: "Block Rosary has the virtue of creating spiritual unity among neighbors, sadly missing today." Since Blue Army members all say the Rosary, why not say it with your neighbors and thus turn whole neighborhoods into Marian families?

Accepting the leadership of the Mother of God the battle can be won and we will share in the triumph.

But it is up to YOU. Are you going to "flunk"? Are you one of those spiritual zombies who by refusing her plea for help in the greatest crises the world has ever known, are walking unthinkingly into eternity? Pray God that you are not!

To one of her servants Our Lady said: "Join MY Block Rosary."

The question Our Lord directed to St. Peter when he was about to leave Rome is now directed to YOU:

QUO VADIS? (Where are you going?)

What is your answer?

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