

MEETING with participants: **Annual FAMILY ROSARY CRUSADE**

- For anyone who stay for 3 or more hours of praying the Rosary (in honor of our Lord's suffering 3 hours for us), I will be giving away a free, signed print of this year's painting
- **Family Rosary Crusade – what is it all about?**
Combined the idea of the Rosary (Mary's Prayer) with the Seven Sorrows. This is the reason for the 7 hour Crusade. Incorporated intentions that complimented these Sorrows.
- **How the evening will proceed:**
 - a) Front left two rows in front of the Pulpit will be reserved for the groups leading the Rosary for their particular hour.
 - b) I will begin each hour with a short meditation from the pulpit from a separate sheet that will be available to all – which also contains a response. Those joining us will receive a brochure and a meditation sheet.
 - c) **I will** recite the Apostles' Creed, and then lead the first Our Father, 3 Hail Mary's, the Glory Be, and the Angel of Fatima Prayer. At this time the first family/group will begin their 5 decades and I leave to take my seat in the pews. Recite YOUR Mysteries and lead the **Rosary ALL together (as a family)**. This way, it will be loud enough for all to hear and the children will also be involved. I do not want to rush the Rosary but it should be said in a smooth manner and at an even pace in order to get all three in at around 50 minutes. The prayers to be said **AT THE CONCLUSION OF ALL 15 decades** can be found in the brochure and will only be said once, **NOT AFTER EVERY 5 DECADES**.
 - d) Please be here at least 5-10 minutes prior to your hour and I ask that your family stay for the entire hour – as we will be adoring our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament. At the conclusion of each hour Dave Heywood will play a Marian hymn on his violin. He will announce the hymn and page number for us to join in singing.
 - e) When the hour is about to end, I will proceed to the Altar area and sit in the lecture's chair. At this time, the present group will get up and either walk to leave the church or will find another seat if you plan on staying longer. (You may also scoot downstairs for refreshments and revive yourself if you wish.) The next group will then come and sit down in the order listed in the pamphlet. And then proceed with the same as above.
 - f) At the conclusion of the 12-1 am hour, the Crusade will end with Benediction.
 - g) I ask that anyone who wishes to drop off any goodies or snacks downstairs to please do so. The community room will be available for anyone who wishes to stay for more than one hour in order to 'rejuvenate' Also please check to see how coffee supply is doing etc... at the end of your hour, if you think of it.
 - h) We have a little gathering downstairs at the conclusion of the 12-1 hour as a celebration to the end of the Crusade. Feel free to join us and also 'feel free' to lend a helping hand at cleaning up afterwards.