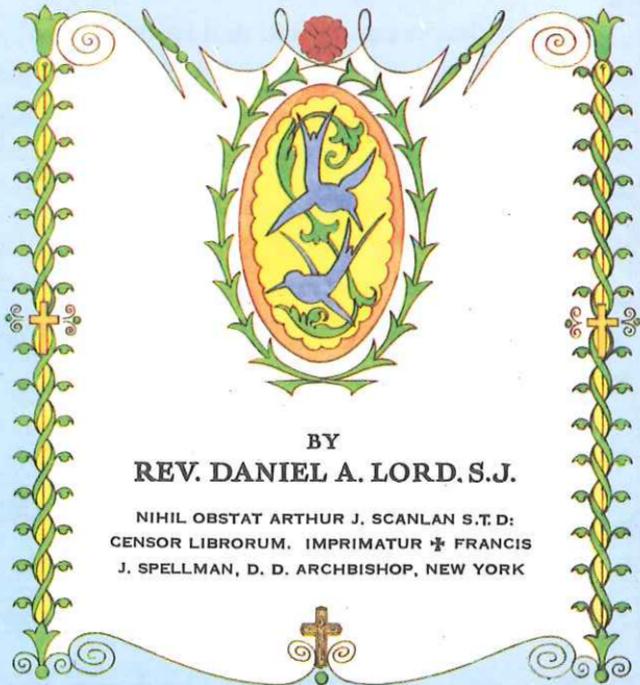


THE ROSARY
Roses of Prayer for
THE QUEEN of HEAVEN



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Flowers for the Queen

Mary is the lovely Mother of the world.
She is the beautiful Queen of Heaven.

Now the sweetest gift that people give to
a mother and a queen is a bouquet of flowers.

Mary, since that first Christmas, has been
wonderfully good to all her children.

So we love to give her roses.



Since she is in heaven, it is hard to give her
roses from our gardens.

Yet we do this when we decorate her
shrines.

Always we can give her our Rosary, a
beautiful bouquet of prayers.

So we lay the Rosary in the arms of our
Queen and Mother.

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Saint Dominic

Like all the great saints, Saint Dominic deeply
loved God's Mother, Mary.

He dedicated his splendid priests, the Dominicans,
to her.

Dominic taught men to love the name of
Jesus.

He longed to make them know and love the
sweet Mother of Jesus.

He wanted them to pray to her, to think of
her, to recall the wonderful life of Jesus and
Mary.

Mary loved her son, Dominic.

So she gave him a string of beads like a
necklace. She taught him how to use it. She
asked him to give it to the world.

And from that day on, men and women
have used the Rosary when they pray to
God's Mother.



The First Joyful Mystery

THE ANNUNCIATION

When Adam and Eve sinned in Paradise, they lost their right to happiness.

But God promised to send His only Son to regain this happiness for them.

Out of all the world, God chose Mary to be the Mother of His Son.

One day the Angel Gabriel from heaven appeared to her.

"Hail, full of grace!" he cried. And he told her that she was to be the Mother of the Most High.

Mary answered, "Behold the handmaid of the Lord!"

At that moment the Second Person of the Blessed Trinity, God's Son, entered the world.

This is called the Incarnation.

