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Welcome to Arizona Rosary Celebration 2021 Honoring Mary under Her Title: Our Lady of Sorrows

DIOCESE OF TUCSON

October 16, 2021

10:00 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.

St. Augustine Cathedral

192 S. Stone Ave. Tucson, AZ 85701

Most Rev. Edward J. Weisenburger, Presiding

DIOCESE OF PHOENIX

October 17, 2021

2:00 p.m. – 4:15 p.m.

Phoenix Convention Center

33 S. 3rd St. - Halls F & G, Phoenix, AZ 85004

Most Rev. Thomas J. Olmsted, Presiding

COMMITTEE HEADS PLANNING MEETING *TUCSON*

Saturday, July 10, 2021

10:00 a.m. to 12:00 Noon

Diocesan Pastoral Center, Cathedral Square,
192 S. Stone Ave., Bldg. 2, Tucson, AZ 85701

NEXT PLANNING MEETING *PHOENIX*

Saturday, July 10, 2021

9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

Diocesan Pastoral Center
400 E Monroe St, Phoenix, AZ 85004

COMMITTEE MTGS INCLUDING PARISH REPS Future Meeting Dates - Tucson

August 14, 2021 Diocesan Pastoral Center

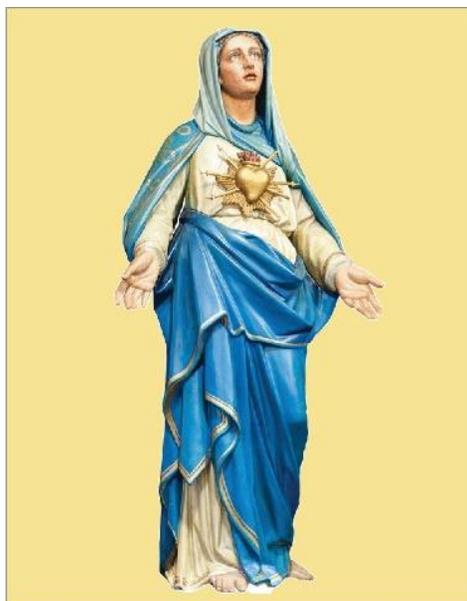
September 12, 2021 Diocesan Pastoral Center

October 9, 2021 Diocesan Pastoral Center

Future Meeting Dates – Phoenix

August 7, 2021 Diocesan Pastoral Center

September 4, 2021 To Be Determined



LATE BREAKING NEWS AND UPDATE ON PHOENIX ROSARY CELEBRATION

The During discussions with Phoenix Convention Center Representatives, we were advised of the lifting of restrictions on the use of the facility. Our prayers have been answered and we will be able to go forward with a full Rosary Celebration Program for this year in Phoenix. Please read the article by Phoenix co-chairs to get the latest updated information.

Message ARIZONA ROSARY CELEBRATION Chairman Lawrence G. Costanzo General Chairman, Arizona Rosary Celebration

Planning for this year's Arizona Rosary Celebration, honoring Mary under her title "Our Lady of Sorrows", is progressing with the anticipation of having the event at the Cathedral in Tucson and the Convention Center in Phoenix. Please keep praying to Our Lady of Sorrows to intercede for us in eradicating this dreaded illness. It would be a joyful time if our Rosary Celebration could include prayers of thanks for bringing all of us out of this pandemic. In the meantime, we are planning for a live presentation at both venues.

"What's the Plan?"

Our plan for both the Tucson and the Phoenix events looks like this:

- Saturday, October 16th. The Tucson event will be held in St. Augustine Cathedral, under the Diocesan participation and health restrictions in force at the time. Committee planning meetings have begun.
- Sunday, October 17th. The Phoenix event will be held at the Phoenix Convention Center under the Diocesan participation and health restrictions in force at the time. The first Committee Chairperson meetings have been scheduled and are posted elsewhere in this Newsletter.

"Who's the Guest Speaker?"

Reverend Wilfred Raymond, CSC, President of Holy Cross Family Ministries, headquartered in Easton, MA, will be our guest speaker this year. Ordained in 1971, he is celebrating 50 years as a Holy Cross Father this year. Our Lady of Sorrows happens to be a patron of the Congregation of the Holy Cross (CSC) priests and religious, so it is especially fitting to have Fr. Willy as our guest speaker.



What to do now?

Bookmark the website www.AzRosary.net to get the latest information for this year's celebration and also see pictures from last year's event. You can also download last year's Program Book as a souvenir. The site is still being updated with this year's info as we conduct our planning meetings so keep checking back for the latest information. You will find venue details, guest speaker info, staff contact info and volunteer opportunities on this website. We need everyone to help us spread the word and share this website address so we can gather as many faithful as we can to Mary as we honor her this year as Our Lady of Sorrows.

Prayer Campaign Message

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An ongoing program of prayers for the success of the Arizona Rosary Celebration is led by Martha Flores. For information about the prayer campaign, please contact **Martha Flores** at **520-704-5047** or marthamarielflores@hotmail.com.

Also, visit the "Prayer Campaign" on www.azrosary.net in the "Resources" pull down on the main page for prayer campaign steps, monthly prayers and rosary promises. Prayer Intentions will be collected at parishes and brought to the Rosary Celebration on October 16, 2021 where they will be prayed for. After Tucson's event the Prayer Intentions are taken to the Santa Rita Abbey in Sonoita where the intentions will be prayed for throughout the year.

Keep Praying all summer. If you go on vacation, we hope your prayers for our Rosary Celebration will go with you. Please continue praying that Arizona Rosary Celebration 2021 will be a success!

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Three special July requests --1. Everyone PLEASE INVITE FAMILY, FRIENDS, AND OTHERS to make a prayer commitment. 2. In July each try to learn and PRAY THE ROSARY OF THE SEVEN SORROWS Many websites have the diagram and prayers available. Hard copies will be available at the July meeting in Phoenix. 3. Pray to St. Anne.

Message from the Co-Chairs
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Bill & Karen McEwen

Last year we were happy to be able to hold ARC virtually and include participants from as far away as Canada and the Philippines. People from several states throughout the US joined us in praying the rosary in 2020. We looked for the good last year when the pandemic stopped us from hosting the celebration live and had more participants than ever before. We also learned from last year and plan to live stream the Arizona Rosary Celebration 2021 as we hold the celebration live on October 16, 2021, at 10:00 a.m. The event will take place at St Augustine Cathedral, 192 S Stone Avenue, Tucson AZ 85701. The Most Reverend Edward J. Weisenburger, Bishop of Tucson, will preside.

We will honor Our Blessed Mother under her title Our Lady of Sorrows. The past year and a half have been challenging, but we are resilient people, continuing to pray through the intercession of Our Blessed Mother. Our Lady of Sorrows knows what it is to suffer as she stood by the cross. We ask her to stand by us and care for us with our many needs. Our Lady of Sorrows, pray for us!

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Altar Servers

We hope to gather Altar Servers throughout the Diocese of Tucson to participate in the Bishop's Procession. Following diocesan compliance standards, the servers are sequestered in the ballroom prior to the event and chaperoned by volunteers who follow safe environment protocol. Since servers have not been able to serve at Mass throughout the pandemic, we are hoping some will be able to participate in our October event.

Every year each server is gifted with a handmade rosary and following the event has his or her picture taken with Bishop Weisenburger. The servers also receive a miraculous medal which has been blessed by the pope.

Katheryn Hutchinson has been our Altar Servers' Chair since we began Arizona Rosary Celebration in the Tucson Diocese. She is currently updating the Altar Server forms and they will be available on the website shortly. For more information regarding Altar Server participation from the Diocese of Tucson in the Arizona Rosary Celebration, please contact **Katheryn Hutchinson** via **520-419-4889** or **RosaryServer@comcast.net**.

Message from the Chairmen
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Skip Hopler & Greg Mattingly

Great news for our Arizona Rosary Celebration in Phoenix. We just got word this morning from a City of Phoenix representative that we will be able to proceed with holding our celebration at the Civic Center without any restrictions on the number of attendees. We will have one restriction and that is to wear a mask if you have not been fully vaccinated. We will also be providing sanitizing stations around the center for your protection and convenience. In addition to the Rosary recitation and Benediction, the procession, the altar server luncheon, confessions, tables, all the normal events will be allowed.

This is the green light that we needed to rev up the engines on our programs. We need to energize and implement our plans for all the things that we would have done by this time in a normal year. We are now working on hard copy flyers, post cards, etc. and will have a distribution plan in place shortly and the website will be updated. This all means that we will have lots to talk about at our July 1, 2021, Committee meeting at the Columbian Hall on 49th and Northern.

Even more important will be the discussions and handouts that will be available at the July 10, 2021, Parish Representative meeting at the Diocesan Pastoral Center (DPC). We encourage all our committee members and volunteers to spread the word that this will be the best Rosary Celebration ever as we continue to recover from the devastating effects of the pandemic. After almost 16 agonizing months of being shut in we are going to celebrate our return to community gathering for public witness and pray for continued progress toward totally eradicating this deadly virus. How appropriate that we are given this chance to thank Our Lady of Sorrows for being with us during this trying time. If you are a parish representative, please make a determined effort to come to this meeting. If your parish does not have a rep, volunteer to become one and we will help you with materials, sample bulletin announcements, posters, and information resources. What a powerful opportunity to evangelize and share our faith with each other. ***Let's not let it slip by us.***

On another note, there has been a change in contacts for the Phoenix Committee. Danny Haywood has moved up to become Larry Costanzo's assistant and Skip Hopler is the Phoenix Chairman.

If any Chairpersons have any questions or need any help contact me **Skip Hopler** at **602-979-2029** or **ehopler@cox.net** or co-chairman **Greg Mattingly**, **623-910-8414** or **gmattingly3855@live.com**. We will be glad to help you.

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Parish Representatives

The Parish Representative is key for the success of the Arizona Rosary Celebration. Having a Parish Representative helps us to provide timely information about the event to the parish. It has proven to be the best means for getting information to the various ministries within the parish. Early registration of a representative helps with scheduling and plans for parish participation in our October celebration for Our Blessed Mother.

Please plan to attend the next Tucson Steering Committee/Parish Representative Meeting on Saturday, July 10, 2021, beginning at 10:00 a.m. It will be held at the Diocese Pastoral Center, Building #2, Cathedral Square, 192 S. Stone Ave., Tucson AZ 85701. Free parking behind the cathedral.

We encourage every Parish Rep to visit the Arizona Rosary Celebration website: www.AzRosary.net. There is a wealth of information already uploaded about this year's event. Use the pull-down menu buttons to find donation/ad forms, a full color flyer with Our Lady of Sorrows & information about the event, Blessing Procession forms, our Keynote Speaker's picture and background, prayer suggestions, and much more. The website is constantly being updated so visit it regularly. Bulletin announcements, Prayer Intention forms, Altar Server forms, the Family Activity Booklet, full color posters and more will be available shortly.

For information contact: **Karen McEwen**,
ksmcewen@comcast.net 520-870-5122.

*Pray for the Success of
Arizona Rosary
Celebration*

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Parish Representatives

Arizona Rosary Celebration Representatives Great News this year's Arizona Rosary Celebration will be held Sunday, October 17, 2021, in the Phoenix Convention Center 2:00 p.m. – 4:15 p.m.

Once again as Parish Representatives we have a key role in making Arizona Rosary Celebration a magnificent success. The following steps at this time that will help assure the success of another public event in honor of Our Lady.

Put this event on your parish and organization calendar within your parish: St. Vincent de Paul, men's and women's groups, youth group and young adult, etc.

Attend the Parish Rep. Meeting, Saturday, July 10, 2021, 9:00 am. Diocese of Phoenix, 400 E. Monroe Enter the parking garage off 5th St. between Van Buren and Monroe

If you have any questions or comments call **Dorothy Westfall** at **602-821-2523**. We have a most important role to play to ensure the success of Arizona Rosary Celebration 2021.

**Do not miss the Representatives Meeting Saturday,
July 10, 2021, 9:00 a.m. at the Diocese of Phoenix.
Look forward to seeing you.**

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Confessions

Last year we could not gather due to the pandemic. There was sadness in my heart because we could not gather in person. The Rosary Celebration for this year is in the works and we are planning to gather in person and honor our Mother. This year we will honor her as Our Lady of Sorrows. One of the greatest gifts we have during our celebration is the Sacrament of Reconciliation. There are many priests that have given of their time over the years so the faithful can receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation. I am asking for some help this year. This beautiful Sacrament allows us to heal and become closer to our Lord. In the past I have heard many attendees say, "I look forward to this opportunity every year". If you know of a priest that can give of his time from noon until 2:00 p.m. on Sunday, October 17, 2021, please let me know. They do not have to do the 2 hours. Any time they can give is a blessing for us. We have the stoles and will provide water for them. Contact **Frank Yanez** fmyfyanecz@gmail.com or at **602-402-4090**.

May Our Lady of Sorrows intercede for you and bring you to her Son.

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Supporting the Arizona Rosary Celebration

There is more than one way to support the Arizona Rosary Celebration. Many parishes, businesses, councils, and assemblies purchase advertising in our Program Book. Some ministries use Booster Ads allowing each member to add a line for as little as \$3.00 per line. Others want to be benefactors donating to support an event which has been in our diocese for the past 10 years. Please consider supporting this event with a monetary donation or advertisement (our main source of financial support.)

If you know of any business, organization or individual who would (or might) like to have an ad in our program book, please send their contact information to **Mary Ann Cleveland** at clevess@cox.net or via phone **520-574-7380**.

Forms for donations and ads can be found under the "Resources" tab on our website www.AzRosary.net.

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Holy Hour and Holy Hour Dinner

Arizona Rosary Celebration 2021 begins with the Holy Hour in Tucson on Friday, October 15, 2021, at 6:00 p.m. This year we will gather at Our Mother of Sorrows Parish, 1800 South Kolb Road, Tucson, AZ 85710. Together we will listen to scripture and a short homily, pray the rosary, and participate in Benediction. If you cannot make Arizona Rosary Celebration on Saturday, October 16, 2021, we highly recommend you attend the Holy Hour. Normally, approximately 100 people are in attendance, a much smaller crowd. The Holy Hour is open to all without cost.

If you wish to join us for dinner following the Holy Hour, the Knights of Columbus Regina Cleri Council 5133 will host our Holy Hour Dinner. The dinner menu has yet to be determined but the dinner normally runs between \$15.00 - \$20.00 per person. Our Keynote Speaker, Father Wilfred "Willy" Raymond, C.S.C., president of Holy Cross Ministries, is expected to participate in the Holy Hour and be present to visit with at the dinner. Father Willy aims to share Father Peyton's message, *"The family that prays together stays together."*

Soon the flyer with ticket information for the Holy Hour Dinner will be available on the **website:** www.AzRosary.net.

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Supporting the Arizona Rosary Celebration

The annual Arizona Rosary Celebration is Arizona's largest gathering of Catholics; over 8,000 attended previous celebrations from all over the State. The primary source of income for the celebration is revenue received through the sale of advertising in the souvenir program book. Every organization, parish, business, club and Knights of Columbus Council and Assembly, throughout the State, should purchase an advertisement to help support the Arizona Rosary Celebration. The souvenir program book has the potential to end up on every Catholic Coffee Table in the State of Arizona.

For information about program book ads and donations contact: **Rick Garrison**, Phone: **480-522-7064**, Email AzKnights@q.com, or **Joe Shanks** Phone: **253-468-0772**, Email: hotrodtiki@aol.com. Advertisement forms can also be found on the website www.AzRosary.net.

The deadline for Program Book ads is:
September 4, 2021

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Altar Servers

ATTENTION ALL ALTAR SERVERS!

- **Interested in participating in one of the largest annual rosary events in the state?**
- **Do you need service hours?** Since this is not an obligatory mass, this can count as 5 hours of community service! (*This will look good on many college applications in the future*)

Here are a few more reasons to serve at this year's Rosary Celebration:

- When we come together to pray the rosary, it has the power to impact the lives of our loved ones, our communities, and our nation. We pray for the hungry, lonely, and sick. We pray for the troubled and the chaos in the world. The altar servers are very instrumental to help others pray.
- You will receive a Miraculous Medal blessed by Pope Francis and a Rosary blessed by the Supreme Chaplain of the Knights of Columbus.
- You will get to meet other altar servers in the diocese.
- You get front row seats.

For more information, please go on the website: www.AzRosary.net or contact Dolores Whalen for any questions contact me dollortega@q.com or **602-565-7750**.

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Blessing Procession

This consists of various participating groups from throughout the diocese who process into the church following the Bishop's Procession and are blessed by the bishop as they process past his station at the front of the altar. Registration Forms for groups wishing to participate in the Blessing Procession are available on the website www.AzRosary.net and found in the "events" pull down on the main page. This includes the "Tucson Blessing Procession" registration form and the "Parish Family" registration form (for registering the family who will represent your parish as chosen by the Pastor). Each parish is invited to send a family to represent the parish in the Blessing Procession. The families precede the other participating groups. Placement order in the procession is decided by date the registration is received (i.e., the earlier received the closer to the front of church.)

For information, please contact **Bill McEwen**, AzKnights@q.com, 520-579-0779

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Poster Contest

We are again asking students in our Catholic schools, parish religious education programs and home schooled, grades Kindergarten through 8th grade, to participate in a poster contest. Winners will be invited to a pizza party with Bishop Weisenburger. Information regarding the contest including rules for materials, the theme, and submission location and deadline will be sent to school and religious education administrators. Poster Contest information, including a Tucson Diocese Poster Contest Flyer will soon be available on the Arizona Rosary Celebration website www.AzRosary.net in the "events" pull down on the main page.

For information regarding the poster contest, please contact: **Samuel Kiser**, skiser@diocesetucson.org or 520-838-2507.

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Ushers

We are seeking Catholic men and women to serve at this Rosary Celebration. A cell phone for that day may help with communication but still come if you do not have one. The event starts at 2:00 p.m. I am requesting all ushers to be on site at 11:00 a.m. for final instructions, as well as help set up easels and posters. Doors open at 12:00 Noon and that when the seating begins. If you can help, please send me an email or call. **Contact John Martin Email: johnfmartin.kofc@gmail.com or call, 702-610-1973 between 5:00 – 8:00 p.m.**

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Ministry Tables

If your Church or a Religious Group would like to tell people about their program, why not reserve a Ministry Table at the Arizona Rosary Celebration? The cost is only \$40.00. Your message will be delivered to thousands of people attending the Celebration. Act now, tables are going fast so do not wait till the last moment; they might not be available. Contact: **John McNulty 602-568-7047 or jmcrealty1@gmail.com.**

Blessing Procession & Family with Roses
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Each group in the Blessing Procession will be permitted 4 people in the procession. There may be several groups per Church. Please make sure each group is registered. Registration forms for the Procession as well as Family with Roses can be found on the website at www.AzRosary.net.

All groups must register upon arrival. The registration table closes at 1:00 p.m. All groups are required to sit in the procession area. If there is a handicapped person in your group, please call **Donna Wiedoff**. We ask that each Family with Roses bring one rose per family to place in the basket.

If you have any questions, please contact **Donna Wiedoff**, Phone: 602-292-1294 or Email dwiedoff@cox.net

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Prayer Intention Boxes

Parish reps should be sure a beautifully decorated Intention Box is placed in the Parish well before the Celebration. These are boxes will be placed before Our Lady's image at the Arizona Rosary Celebration. After the celebration, these intentions be taken by the Phoenix Charismatic Prayer Group They will then be prayed for throughout the year.

The intentions are to be brought to the rosary celebration on October 17, 2021, preferably in Ziplock bags. The intentions from each parish should be added to the large container located by the image of Our Lady of Guadalupe.

Prayer Intention Forms are available for download on www.AzRosary.net. Although optional for using, these are picturesque and will help gain attention along with a colorful, decorated intention box. We suggest not bringing the parish intention boxes to the Rosary Celebration – but to save for next year.

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