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Welcome to Arizona Rosary Celebration 2020

Honoring Mary under Her Title Our Lady, Undoer of Knots

DIOCESE OF TUCSON

October 17, 2020

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 18, 2019

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

While Pope Francis has made popular the title for Mary Untier of Knots through his personal devotion to her under this title, *it* actually stretches back to the 17th century! The church of St. Peter in Perlock, Germany, houses a beautiful painting of Mary where she unties the knots woven by the sins of humanity. The painting was inspired by a meditation of St. Irenaeus who borrows from St. Paul's vision of Jesus as the New Adam. St. Irenaeus likewise depicts Mary as the New Eve. Irenaeus asserts that humanity's great knot of disgrace was tied through Eve. But through her great act of obedience, Mary has untied the knot! Inspired by this, faithful Catholics have fled to Mary under this title for generations, asking that she help to untie the knots of our lives caused by our sins, failings, or even circumstances beyond our control.

I look forward to joining with the faithful of Arizona to venerate our Blessed Mother, Untier of Knots. May our time together lead us more deeply into the mystery of Her great love for us and the call to love one another.

+Most Reverend Edward J. Weisenburger

This year's Arizona Rosary Celebration is honoring the Blessed Virgin Mary as Our Lady Undoer of Knots. The origin of this Marian title and devotion comes from the 16th Century when a young couple with marital problems presented their marriage ribbon to the Blessed Virgin and asked her to untie the "knots" of their marriage; and she did! Although this devotion is particularly helpful for couples facing marital problems, our Blessed Mother also invites us to bring other knots to her, like those associated with the struggles, hardships and sufferings in life. This year's celebration comes to us at a time when we greatly need Mary's powerful intercession. Living in such unprecedented times due to the COVID-19 pandemic, we are faced with many uncertainties and challenges concerning our health and that of our loved ones, especially the elderly and those who have suffered the loss of their jobs. In such times as these, we can confidently run to Our Blessed Mother for guidance and reaffirmation of our trust in God. May this year's Rosary Celebration inspire us to imitate her unwavering faith in the love and providence of God, who can untangle all the knots of our lives with His fatherly mercy and love.

+Most Reverend Thomas J. Olmsted

COMMITTEE HEADS PLANNING MEETING **TUCSON**

Saturday, June 13, 2020

Diocesan Pastoral Center

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

64 E Broadway Blvd, Tucson, AZ 85701

NEXT PLANNING MEETING **PHOENIX**

Saturday, June 13, 2020

Knights of Columbus Hall

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

8066 N 49th Ave, Glendale

COMMITTEE MTGS INCLUDING PARISH REPS

Future Meeting Dates - Tucson

July 11, 2020

Diocesan Pastoral Center

August 8, 2020

Diocesan Pastoral Center

September 5, 2020

Diocesan Pastoral Center

October 3, 2020

Diocesan Pastoral Center

Future Meeting Dates – Phoenix

July 11, 2020

Diocesan Pastoral Center

August 8, 2020

Diocesan Pastoral Center

September 5, 2020

Ss. Simon & Jude Cathedral

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

ROSARY CELEBRATION 2020 IS ALIVE

Yes, we are planning for Rosary Celebration 2020. The Executive Committee is working to make this Celebration to honor Our Lady, Undoer of Knots one to remember. In view of the current restriction as far as meetings, social distancing, masks, hand sanitizers etc. you are probably asking yourself - "How can these people think this event is going to happen"?

Well, look at Mary's title that we have chosen for this year. We need to have confidence that Mary will undo the knots so that the event happens. Pray to Mary that this event will take place.

Our co-chairs in Phoenix, Danny Haywood and Greg Mattingly, and in Tucson, Karen and Bill McEwen are working with their respective committees to get the 1001 tasks assigned and completed. Parish Representatives are being contacted to pass out information. The venues in Phoenix – Convention Center and in St Augustine Cathedral in Tucson are set.

We realize that there might still be some restrictions that we will have to contend with, but in the meantime, we are making plans to proceed as usual. If circumstances dictate that we cannot meet as the Faithful in groups at these venues, we are also planning alternatives to try to get the program to all in some virtual mode.

Our committee meetings will be held, but at what venue remains the question. As of this writing, we are planning to have the Phoenix parish Rep. Meeting at the Knights of Columbus Hall, 8066 N 49th Ave, Glendale on June 13, 2020. On the same day Tucson plans a Committee Head Planning meeting in the Diocesan Pastoral Center. The situation is dynamic, so please continue to watch the web site for changes.

I cannot say this enough, it takes \$80,000 per year to put on this event. We need councils and assemblies to step up now, not later. Brothers break out your checkbooks and purchase your ads for the celebration as soon as possible.

As we prepare for Arizona Rosary Celebration 2020, please contact friends, relatives, businesses etc. for donations to defray the cost of this event. It is an expensive program and is only funded by donations and advertising from many, many individuals, and enterprises.

Please pray the efforts of governments are effective in controlling the virus. Please also pray that our efforts will result in another successful tribute to Our Blessed Mother.

Prayer to Our Lady Undoer of Knots

Holy Mary, full of God's presence during the day of your life, you accepted with full humility the Father's will, and the devil was never capable of tying you up with his confusion.

Once with your Son you interceded for our difficulties, and full of kindness and patience, you gave us example of how to untie the knots in our life. By remaining forever Our Mother, you put in order and make more clear the ties that link us to the Lord.

Holy Mother, Mother of God and our Mother, to you who untie with a motherly heart the knots of our life, we pray to you to receive in your hands (the name of the person), and to free him/her of the knots and confusion with which our enemy attacks.

Through your grace, your intercession and your example deliver us from all evil, Our Lady, and untie the knots that prevent us from being united with God, so that we, free from sin and error, may find Him in all things, may have our hearts placed in Him, and may serve Him always in our brothers and sisters. **Amen.**

Financial Support for Rosary Celebration Needed Now!

Purchase of advertising in the Arizona Rosary Celebration Program Book is our main source of financial support for this annual celebration to honor Our Blessed Mother. Immediate sources for advertisements should be: Knights of Columbus Councils and Assemblies, parishes, parish ministries, supporters of parish bulletins, and individuals. Even though booster ads are a bargain at \$3.00 per line, with enough, they easily pay for an entire page. With the Catholic newspapers out of business in both dioceses, there are many sponsors who have advertising dollars that could be applied to our celebration. Think outside the box. We encourage early submission of the ad placements and donations as expenses are incurred prior to the date of the program and later receipt creates anxiety-causing cash flow issues. Our parish representatives and other team members can play a big role by canvassing potential advertisers in the areas surrounding their parish. Do not forget, donations are tax deductible as allowed by law. Our advertising chair for Tucson is **Mary Ann Cleveland** at cleves@cox.net. 520-248-8472, and in Phoenix, it is **Joe Shanks** at hotrodtiki@aol.com. 253-468-0772

Message from the Co Chairs

TUCSON

Bill & Karen McEwen

Arizona Rosary Celebration 2020, honoring Mary under Her title Our Lady, Undoer of Knots will be celebrated in Tucson on Saturday, October 17th from 10:00 a.m. to 12:15 p.m., at Saint Augustine Cathedral, 192 S. Stone Ave., Tucson, AZ 85701. The Most Reverend Edward J. Weisenburger, Bishop of Tucson, will preside.

Our first meeting in June will be for **Committee Heads only** as we are restricted to a total of 15 persons in attendance due to the current situation. The Arizona Rosary Celebration Planning Meetings in Tucson, which include Parish Representatives, are scheduled for: July 11, August 8th, September 5th and October 3rd from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 Noon. All planning meetings will be held at the Diocese Pastoral Center located at 192 S. Stone Ave., Tucson AZ 85701. The meeting rooms are on the first floor.

The Arizona Rosary Celebration 2020 guest speaker for this year's event is the Most Reverend Jorge Rodriguez, Auxiliary Bishop of the Archdiocese of Denver, Colorado. His biography is available on our website www.AzRosary.net. Bishop Rodriguez will also give a small talk at the Holy Hour on Friday, October 16 and will be available for individual greetings at the dinner that follows the Holy Hour.

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

Message from the Chairmen

PHOENIX

Danny Haywood & Greg Mattingly

It is time to get this year's Arizona Rosary Celebration up and running. We are going ahead as we have in the past even though we may have issues that we will have to deal with because of this pandemic. We had our first Steering Committee Meeting virtually. There was an amazing response from our chairman; their enthusiasm is awesome. Our next planned Steering Committee Meeting will be Thursday, June 4th at 7:00 p.m. at the Knights of Columbus at 8066 W Northern Ave, Glendale, AZ. On Saturday, June 8th at 9:00 a.m. our Parish Representative Meeting will be at the same address as the Steering Committee Meeting. Both meetings are tentative depending on clearance for in person meetings.

This year we are honoring Mary under her title of "Our Lady Undoer of Knots". With this year's pandemic problems, we can ask Our Lady to help us undo our own knots and problems. I ask you to go online and learn about how Our Lady of Undoer of Knots can help us help each other.

October 17th and 18th are the dates for this year's Celebration. A lot of hard and difficult work is ahead of us. We need us all to help with organizing this year's Celebration. We also need to start selling program book advertisements, as well as getting this information out to our parishes. If any of my Brother Knights can stand up to be Parish Representatives, please call me. This is a most important job and we need help filling these positions.

Our guest speaker for this year will be the Most Reverend Jorge Rodriguez, Auxiliary Bishop of Archdiocese of Denver, Colorado. We are anxious for him to speak.

If any Chairpersons have any questions or need any help contact me **Danny Haywood** at 602-469-0758 or dhaywood65@gmail.com or co-chairman **Greg Mattingly**, 623-910-8414 or gmattingly3855@live.com. We will be glad to help you.

TUCSON
Parish Representatives

The Parish Representative is a very important key to the success of the Arizona Rosary Celebration. Our goal is to have a Parish Representative on our team from every parish in the Diocese. Early registration of a representative ensures an early flow of information to the parish and aids with scheduling and planning for parish participation in our October celebration for Our Blessed Mother. We assume all Parish Reps are returning from last year. If you are not, please contact me.

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

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Blessing Procession

The Blessing Procession is another favorite event during the Arizona Rosary Celebration. This exciting procession follows the Bishop's Entrance Procession and includes representative families from every parish, plus parish and other Catholic organizations (e.g., Legion of Mary, Catholic Daughters of America, Knights of Columbus councils/assemblies, Right to Life and the always delightful Matachines). The Blessing Procession Registration Form and Parish Family Representative Registration Form (used "instead" of the Blessing Procession Registration Form for a parish representative family) are available on the website www.AzRosary.net.

The Tucson Contact Person for the Blessing Procession is: **Bill McEwen**. Email: AzKnights@q.com, or 520-579-0779

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Poster Contest

The annual poster contest will again be held in conjunction with the 2020 Arizona Rosary Celebration. The theme for this year's poster contest TBD. Posters submitted are to be from Kindergarten through 8th grade students of our Diocesan Catholic Schools, part of parish religious education programs or home schooled. Details for submitting the posters will be available on the website www.AzRosary.net, in the "Events" pull down from the main page. The Arizona Rosary Celebration Tucson Poster Contest information will be mailed to all parishes and catholic schools in our diocese.

The contest helps to bring the students closer to Our Lady as well as increasing faith and understanding of Mary's many images. In addition, the contest winners and their parents will attend parents a pizza party with Bishop Weisenburger. Winning posters will be displayed at the pizza party with the Bishop.

For information please contact: **Samuel Kiser**,
samuel@kisers.net, 520-820-5808.

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Parish Representatives

At this time of challenges, we are called to be instruments of hope. As Parish Representatives we are key to bringing the message of Arizona Rosary Celebration to our parishes and to whomever we meet.

Please take the following steps:

1. Please put this date on your parish calendar: Arizona Rosary Celebration, Sunday, October 18th, Phoenix Convention Center.
2. Notify the parish Altar Server Coordinator of this important upcoming event. Hopefully this will bring more altar server participation.
3. Encourage other organizations in your parish to The Save the Date and mark it on their calendars.
4. Pray for the success of Arizona Rosary Celebration.

Prayer Opportunity with Bishop Thomas Olmsted

June is the month of the Sacred Heart. Jesus pours out His love upon humanity. The Solemn Sacred Heart of Jesus Novena will be led by Bishop Thomas Olmsted on the Radio Family Rosary Program starting Thursday, June 11th through Friday, June 27th It will be aired on Relevant Radio 1310 AM and 102.9 FM on the Radio Family Rosary Program 6:00 a.m. and 9:30 p.m. Let us come together as a Diocesan Family, seeking assistance for this year's Arizona Rosary Celebration. Other intentions can be included: for our country and for our families. Sacred Heart Novena cards available on the internet or by calling **Dorothy Westfall at 602-944-6811**. Prayer is the key to the gateway of success.

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Rosary Leaders Needed

Please ask your Priests or Deacon if they would lead a decade for Arizona Rosary celebration in October. It was very difficult getting priest to obligate themselves last year. We need to get five Priests. If you get any leads please **contact me Susie Martin**. Email poochie1@gmail.com or phone 702-610-1963.

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Buses / Transportation

Please do not wait, do not hesitate, pick up the phone to reserve a bus for the Rosary Celebration!!

Please get in touch with the Knights of Columbus at your Parish if you need help, they may be able to lend a hand. For phone numbers or assistance, you can call me anytime. **Contact me Jim Reynolds call 602-653-5814 or email jbrey2@cox.net**. Let us have an enjoyable and prayerful Rosary Celebration!!!

TUCSON
Holy Hour and Friday Dinner

The 2020 Arizona Rosary Celebration will start in Tucson on Friday evening, October 16th with the Tucson Holy Hour followed by a dinner. As of this time, the venue has not been selected and will be announced in the upcoming newsletters. Councils/Assemblies wishing to be considered as host for the Holy Hour event should make their request known at chapter.

A combined Holy Hour and Dinner flyer will be available at a later date via website at www.AzRosary.net in the "events" pull down from the main page. The dinner portion includes a reservation form.

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Altar Servers

The joyful participation of Altar Servers from parishes throughout the Diocese of Tucson is a popular feature of the Arizona Rosary Celebration and we look forward to their being part of the Bishop's Procession in this memorable celebration for Our Blessed Mother. Registration packages with information will be distributed to parishes in August. Information regarding the Altar Servers participation, including registration and other details plus some photos, will be available on the website www.azrosary.net in the "Events" pull down from the main page. This can be used to make an early registration for your Altar Servers. For information regarding registration and participation for your Altar Servers, please contact **Katheryn Hutchinson** via **520-419-4889** or email RosaryServer@comcast.net.

*Pray for the
Success of
Arizona Rosary
Celebration*

PHOENIX
Confessions

We are living in strange time indeed. Many of us have thoughts going through our minds like never before. Some of these thoughts are good and some of them may be fueled by anger or frustration. I know I am in this situation. Some of these thoughts may take us to a place that is not good for us spiritually. Remember our thoughts can cause us to sin just as easily as what we do. As we plan towards the Arizona Rosary Celebration, I want us to think of something. We have the beautiful Sacrament of Reconciliation available to us. This is such a beautiful celebration for us to come and have our confession heard and receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation. The reason this is made possible is the sacrifice that many priests make for the 2 hours prior the official start of the AZ Rosary Celebration. I am asking for your help. If you know of any priest that may be able to give some time to hear confessions from noon to 2:00 p.m. on Sunday, October 18, 2020 at the Civic Center please let me know. I can reach me, **Frank Yanez** at fmyfyanecz@gmail.com and at **602-402-4090**. I am humbled by how our priests give of their time to serve us the faithful. Please pray and let The Holy Spirit guide you.

PHOENIX
Altar Servers

We need altar servers to process in the Annual Rosary Celebration on October 18th.

These are just a few of the many 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.
- The servers will be participating in one of the largest annual public rosary event held in the United States.
- They will receive a Miraculous Medal blessed by Pope Francis and a Rosary blessed by the Supreme Chaplain of the Knights of Columbus.
- Since this is not an obligatory mass, this can count as 6 hours of community service. This will look good on many college applications in the future. (I will be happy to sign for those who bring me service forms)
- They will get to meet other altar servers in the diocese.
- They get front row seats.

You can find more Altar Server Information www.AzRosary.net

If you are interested in serving this year, please do not hesitate to contact me **Dolores Whalen, Phone 602-565-7750** or Email dollortega@q.com.

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