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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, 2020

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, July 11, 2020

An Online Virtual Meeting

An invitation has been sent to all registered Parish Reps and Committee members. New Parish Reps may submit a registration form from the web site or contact Bill McEwen at arcprocreg@comcast.net

NEXT PLANNING MEETING **PHOENIX**

Saturday, July 11, 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**

August 8, 2020	Diocesan Pastoral Center
September 5, 2020	Diocesan Pastoral Center
October 3, 2020	Diocesan Pastoral Center

Future Meeting Dates – Phoenix

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

Yes, we are still planning for Rosary Celebration 2020. The Executive Committee is working to make this Celebration to honor Our Lady, Undoer of Knots one to remember. It is challenging in view of the current restriction as far as meetings, social distancing, masks, hand sanitizers etc. You are probably wondering - "How can these people think this event is going to happen"? I lay awake nights thinking about it.

Look at Marian title that we have chosen for this year. We need to have confidence that Mary will undo the knots so that this event will take place.

Our co-chairs in Phoenix and Tucson are working with their respective committees to get the myriad number of 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, at least as of this writing, are set. But the situation is dynamic and may change. Continue to check our web site for the latest information.

If circumstances dictate that we cannot meet as the Faithful in groups at these venues, we are looking at possible 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. In the Phoenix Diocese, as of this writing, we are planning to have the parish Rep. Meeting at the Knights of Columbus Hall, 8066 N 49th Ave, Glendale on July 11, 2020. Masks WILL be required.

Karen and Bill McEwen are planning the meetings for the Tucson Diocese and will issue guidance as needed.

We must ALL be mindful of protecting one another from the virus as we go about our planning efforts to make this a successful event.

As we prepare for AZ 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.

As I write this missive and ponder what the future will bring, I cannot help but wonder why we are suffering with this pandemic. Over history, we have seen plagues, wars, diseases, and schisms that threatened the world at the time. And what did people do? I remember, though somewhat vaguely as I was only a youngster, that people went to churches in droves daily to pray for an end to World War II and the safe return of family members. I think we should think about that. This world we live in today is too much concerned with the "me" syndrome and what "I can do for myself." Maybe the Lord is not happy with that attitude on the part of people and maybe it is time to pray seriously to Our Lady, Undoer of Knots that the world will turn back to Jesus, obey the commandments and respect one another.

PRAYER CAMPAIGN

More than ever, prayers are needed during this time of uncertainty with COVID-19. We pray for the intercession of Our Lady Undoer of Knots to help us through this pandemic and to guide us as we plan for a successful 2020 Arizona Rosary Celebration.

In July, we can also ask for St. Ann, the mother of our Blessed Mother and the grandmother of Jesus, to intercede that our celebration for her daughter, Our Lady Undoer of Knots, will be memorable and successful. St. Ann's feast day is July 26.

St. Ann and Our Lady Undoer of Knots, pray for us!

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

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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 17, 10:00 a.m. to 12:15 p.m., at Saint Augustine Cathedral, 192 S. Stone Ave. Tucson, AZ 85701. The Most Rev. Edward J. Weisenburger, Bishop of Tucson, will preside.

Please plan to attend one of the Tucson Steering Committee/Parish Representatives Meetings. The July Arizona Rosary Celebration 2020 planning meeting (an on-line, virtual meeting) is scheduled for Saturday, July 11, 2020, beginning at 10:00 a.m. An email has been sent to all committee members and known parish reps with the invitation to join our virtual meeting. If you are a new parish rep this year, be sure to contact Bill (arcprocreg@comcast.net) or Karen McEwen (ksmcewen@comcast.net) to be included on the invite.

The August 8, September 5 and October 3 planning meetings will be held at the diocesan pastoral center.

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

Message from the Chairmen

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Danny Haywood & Greg Mattingly

We are in the process of putting all the pieces together for this year's Arizona Rosary Celebration. It is going to be a little more difficult to do this year because of the fact we cannot get together as easily as in the past. But we will be working to get it done.

Our plan is to have our celebration at the Phoenix Convention Center. But if we cannot on account of the Covid-19, we will be putting together an alternative plan. With the help of Our Lady Undoer of Knots, we will get the job done. We will need help from all our Steering Committee Chairpersons and our Parish Representatives to get the word out. We are still having our Representative Meeting at the Knights of Columbus Hall on Northern and 49th Avenue, Glendale, on July 11th at 9:00 a.m. We will have our Steering Committee Meeting on Thursday, July 9, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. It will be a virtual meeting as was our last Steering Meeting. We will let you know if there are any changes in the future.

So please pray the Rosary for the safety of all. God bless you and keep you safe.

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.

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Parish Representatives

The Parish Representative is very much a key teammate for the success of the Arizona Rosary Celebration. Having a Parish Representative helps us to provide timely information about the Arizona Rosary Celebration 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.

Promotion of the Rosary Celebration is one of the keys to it being a success. The website www.AzRosary.net provides an early start with promotion ahead of printed material that will be available at meetings.

For any questions regarding the parish representative and how they can help make the Arizona Rosary Celebration a success, contact: **Karen McEwen** at ksmcewen@comcast.net, 520-870-5122.

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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 will be 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, carrying a rose, 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 the closer to the front). We are reviewing the impact of Covid-19 and will adjust the procession according to the then current issues and restrictions to protect the health of all participants. For information, please contact **Bill McEwen**:
Email: AzKnights@q.com, Phone: 520-579-0779

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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.

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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Holy Hour and Friday Dinner

This year the Holy Hour and Friday Dinner following will not be held due to the current COVID-19 situation. We hope to be able to celebrate fully with a Holy Hour next year in 2021.

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Altar Servers

ATTENTION: All Altar Server Ministry Leaders, Altar Servers, and Altar Server Families in the Diocese of Tucson

Once again, your joyful participation is requested for our Arizona Rosary Celebration.

Joining a tradition of the past 44 years in the Diocese of Phoenix, in 2011 the Diocese of Tucson became part of this major celebration to become the Arizona Rosary Celebration honoring Our Lord and His Blessed Mother in October each year. We have grown to be one of the largest prayerful, gatherings of Catholics in Arizona as well as a memorable event for all who attend. The Altar Servers in procession are a feature that enhance the beauty and spirit of each Rosary Celebration.

Each Altar Server will have an important role in this celebration and will be part of the Bishop's entrance procession. We hope to gather a record number of Altar Servers (attired in their own Altar Server alb, or cassock and surplice, and cincture) which is always an impressive highlight of the celebration as noted above. After the celebration, every Altar Server in the procession will be gifted with a Blessed Miraculous Medal. The medals will be presented by Bishop Weisenburger and photographs of the Altar Servers with our Bishop will be taken.

"Tucson Altar Server Coordinator" and "Tucson Altar Server Individual" registration forms will be available for download in the "events" pull down on our Arizona Rosary Celebration website www.AzRosary.net home page.

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 email RosaryServer@comcast.net.

*Pray for the Success of
Arizona Rosary
Celebration*

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Altar Servers

**WOULD YOU LIKE TO SERVE THE LORD *AND*
DO YOU NEED SERVICE HOURS?**

Altar Servers, please consider processing in at the Annual Rosary Celebration on October 18th. We will be honoring Mary Under Her Title Our Lady Undoer of Knots.

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.
- It is a privilege to be part of this wonderful ministry.
- You will meet other altar servers throughout the diocese.
- Each altar server 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)*

**You can find more Altar Server Information @
<https://www.azrosary.net/>**

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

DO NOT FORGET TO PRAY DAILY.

Suggested Four Month Plan of Prayer.

To meet this prayer challenge, we present this request that everyone, family, friends, and others make a prayer commitment each month until the event. We offer these suggestions: In July- Light a Votive Candle, August- Make a Holy Hour, September-Pray an Extra Rosary, October- Offer a Mass.

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