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Pope Leo XIII experienced in his life-time the power of Rosary as a mighty weapon to fight against the powers of darkness. He started a special devotion for this prayer dedicating the month of October as the month of Rosary.

The Rosary was given to **Saint Dominic** in an apparition by the Blessed Virgin Mary in the year 1214. The Blessed Virgin Mary promised to Saint Dominic that "Whatever you ask in the Rosary will be granted". 15 promises were imparted to Saint Dominic **for those who devoutly pray the Rosary.**

- Whoever shall faithfully serve me by the recitation of the Rosary, shall receive signal graces.
- I promise my special protection and the greatest graces to all those who shall recite the Rosary.
- The Rosary shall be a powerful armor against hell; it will destroy vice, decrease sin, and defeat heresies.
- The Rosary will cause virtue and good works to flourish; it will obtain for souls the abundant mercy of God; it will withdraw the hearts of men from the love of the world and its vanities, and will lift them to the desire for eternal things. Oh, that souls would sanctify themselves by this means!
- The soul which recommends itself to me by the recitation of the Rosary shall not perish.
- Whoever shall recite the Rosary devoutly, applying himself to the consideration of its sacred mysteries shall never be conquered by misfortune. God will not chastise him in His justice, he shall not perish by an unprovided death; if he be just he shall remain in the grace of God, and become worthy of eternal life.

- Whoever shall have a true devotion for the Rosary shall not die without the sacraments of the Church.
- Those who are faithful to recite the Rosary shall have during their life and at their death the light of God and the plenitude of His graces; at the moment of death they shall participate in the merits of the saints in paradise.
- I shall deliver from Purgatory those who have been devoted to the Rosary.
- The faithful children of the Rosary shall merit a high degree of glory in Heaven.
- You shall obtain all you ask of me by the recitation of the Rosary
- All those who propagate the Holy Rosary shall be aided by me in their necessities.
- I have obtained from my Divine Son that all the advocates of the Rosary shall have for intercessors the entire celestial court during their life and at the hour of death.
- All who recite the Rosary are my sons and daughters, and brothers and sisters of my only Son Jesus Christ.
- Devotion of my Rosary is a great sign of predestination.

You may read an article on the 'Weapon of Rosary' in the page 'Catechesis'

Mary Pereira

**In tribute to Fella
Piccolomini**

TRIBUTE TO FELLA PICCOLOMINI

I HAVE FOUGHT THE GOOD FIGHT,
I HAVE FINISHED THE RACE,
I HAVE KEPT THE FAITH.
FROM NOW ON THERE IS RESERVED
FOR ME THE CROWN OF RIGHTEOUSNESS,
WHICH THE LORD, THE RIGHTEOUS JUDGE
WILL GIVE ME.
2 TIM 4, 7 - 8



God has called home our dear Fella Piccolomini on 17 th August 2018 who was the organizer of our Retreats in Europe for the past eighteen years. Even though she was quite busy with her work of translation, as she was a simultaneous translator to different languages like English, German, French, Spanish and Italian, she always made use of her talent and the opportunity to translate in different places. Based on our retreats she has written small booklets on various topics which are found very useful for people. A voracious reader that she was, she had an in depth knowledge of Church history and Theology.

In 1999, she accompanied a group of 45 Germans who came to India to attend our retreat in Kerala, brought by Sr. Margareta Valapila, and she was one of the translators. Thereafter she said: "I want my German-speaking people to experience this retreat". So very enthusiastically she took up the work of organizing our retreats from the hands of Sr.

Margareta Valapila, who had organized our retreats for the first three years. She was very patient and compassionate with the counselees who sought our help and was ever ready to sacrifice her time to bring people to the healing love of the Lord.

I can only thank the Lord for the gift of Fella for our ministry in Europe. Her house was a second home for us in Europe. She was seeing to all our travel details, within and outside Germany, booking our tickets and making sure that we are safe and sound. Even though her physical health was deteriorating since few months, she was very alert in her brain and mind and undertook all arrangements of our retreats till the last moment.

May her soul rest in peace and may she intercede for our ministry sitting in the glorious Presence of the Lord.

The funeral of the dear departed will be on the 27th of August at 11 at Sandkirche statt, Schlitz, Grabenberg.

Father James Mariakumar

*Als Gott sah, dass der Weg zu lang, der Hügel zu steil, das Atmen zu schwer wurde,
legte er seinen Arm um dich und sprach: „Komm heim!“*

In großem Gottvertrauen hat sie ihre schwere Krankheit tapfer ertragen
und wurde von Gott in sein himmlisches Reich gerufen.



Felicitas Gräfin Piccolomini

geb. von Morgen

* 14. Mai 1949 † 17. August 2018

In tiefer Trauer

Francesca Sharman

Giorgio Graf Piccolomini

Angela Wepper *geb. von Morgen*

und alle Angehörigen

Schlitz-Willina, am 22. August 2018

Die Trauerfeier findet am Montag, dem 27. August 2018, um 11 Uhr in der Sandkirche statt;
anschließend Beisetzung auf dem Friedhof in Schlitz.

I Firmly Confess and Believe

- That “I am the child of God, (1 Jn. 3.1, Jn 1. 12)
- That “I am precious, honored, and loved by God” (Is. 43. 4)
- That “my God loves me with an everlasting love and he continues his faithfulness to me” (Jer. 31.3)
- That “as a father has compassion for his children, so the Lord has compassion for those who fear him” (Ps.103. 13)
- That “as a mother comforts her child, so will my God comfort me”

(Is. 66.13)

□ That “my body is meant for the Lord and the Lord for my body”

(1 Cor.6.13); therefore I am not my own.

□ That “my body is the member of the body of Christ” and I am called for resurrection (1 Cor. 6.14)

□ That “I am called to be one spirit with Christ” (1 Cor.6 17)

□ That “ I am bought with the Precious Blood of Jesus and I will

glorify God in my body” (1 Cor.6.20)

□ That “I am called to set my mind on things above” (Col.3.2)

□ That “I am called to have the mind of Christ” (1 Cor.2.16; Phil.

2.5)

□ That “my citizenship is in heaven”(Phil. 3.20)

□ That “The Lord is good, a stronghold in the day of trouble; he

protects those who take refuge in him” (Nahum 1.7)

□ That “if I obey God’s voice and keep His covenant, I shall be his

treasured possession. (Ex. 19.5)

□ That “my Lord will be a wall of fire all around me” (Zech.

2.5) □ That “the book of the law shall not depart out of my mouth; I shall

meditate on it day and night, so that I may be careful to act in

accordance with all that is written in it. Then I shall make my way

prosperous, and then I shall be successful” (Josh. 1.8)

□ That “In all that I do, I will prosper, because my delight is in the

law of the Lord; I meditate on it day and night” (Ps. 1. 3. 2)

□ That “my Lord is a shield around me, my glory, and the one who

lifts up my head” (Ps. 3.3)

□ That “when the righteous cry for help, the Lord hears, and rescues

them from all their troubles” (Ps. 34.17)

□ That “if the glory of the Lord is my rear guard, when I call, the

Lord will answer; when I cry for help, he will say, Here I am” (Is.

58. 8,9)

□ That “If God is for us, who is against us” (Rom. 8.31)

□ That “The Lord is my helper; I will not be afraid. What can anyone

do to me?” (Heb. 13.6)

□ That “all things work together for good for those who love God,

who are called according to his purpose” (Rom. 8.28).

□ That “if my mother and father forsake me, the Lord will take me

up” (Ps.27.10)

□ That “the Lord my God teaches me for my own good, and leads me in the way I should go” (Is. 48.17)

□ That “my God will instruct me and teach me the way I should go;

He will counsel me with his eye upon me” (Ps. 32.8)

□ That “surely there is a future, and my hope will not be cut off”

(Prov. 23. 18) □ That “I will not be tested beyond my strength, but with every test

he will also provide the way out that I may be able to endure it” (1

Cor. 10.13)

□ That “the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing

with the glory about to be revealed to us” (Rom. 8.18)

□ That ‘no one and nothing will separate me from the love of Christ’

(Rom. 8.35)

□ That “Jesus Christ is my wisdom, righteousness, sanctification and

redemption” (1 Cor.1.30)

- That “our pride is in the name of the Lord our God” (Ps.20.7)
- That “in Jesus Christ every one of God’s promises is a Yes” for me. (2 Cor.1.20)
- That “I can do all things in Him who strengthens me” (Phil. 4.13)
- That “I can lie down and sleep; I can wake again, for the Lord sustains me.” (Ps. 3.5)
- That “I will both lie down and sleep in peace; for You alone, make me lie down in safety.” (Ps. 4.8)s
- That “My God will fully satisfy every need of mine according to his riches in glory in Christ Jesus” (Phil. 4.19)
- That “my God will strengthen me, he will help me, he will uphold me with his victorious right hand.” (Is. 41.10)
- That “my Lord has taken away the judgments against me, he has turned away my enemies.” (Zeph. 3.15)
- That ‘Jesus has disarmed and defeated the powers of darkness nailing them to the Cross’ (Col. 2.14,15)
- That “the one who is in me is greater than the one who is in the world” (1 Jn.4.4)
- That “my Lord will strengthen the weak hands and make firm the feeble knees” (Is. 35.4)
- That “I have no dread of my enemies, for the Lord my God, who is present with me, is great and awesome God” (Deut. 7.21)
- That “my Lord will cause my enemies to be defeated before me” (Deut. 28.7)

□ That “I do not fear or be dismayed, for it is the Lord who goes before me. He will be with me; he will not fail me or forsake me”

(Deut. 31.8)

□ That “the angel of the Lord encamps around those who fear him, and delivers them” (Ps. 34.7)

□ That “a thousand may fall at my side, ten thousand at my right hand, but it will not come near me”(Ps. 91.7)

□ That “in the shelter of Your presence you hide me from human plots, you hold me safe under Your shelter from contentious tongues” (Ps. 31.20)

□ That “no evil shall befall me, no scourge come near my tent, because I have made the Lord my refuge, the Most High my dwelling place” (Ps. 91. 10,9)

□ That “My God will command his angels to guard me in all my ways” (Ps.91. 11)

□ That “even if I walk through the darkest valley, I fear no evil; for

my God is with me and his rod and staff comfort me” (Ps.23.4)

□ That “no weapon that is fashioned against me shall prosper” (Is.

54.17)

□ That “we trust in the Almighty God, who is able with a single nod

to strike down those who are coming against us” (2 Macc. 8.18)

□ That “there is no enchantment against Jacob, no divination against

Israel” (Num. 23.23)

□ That “I am not afraid, I will stand firm, and see the deliverance

that the Lord will accomplish for me today. For the Lord will fight

for me” (Ex. 14.13,14)

□ That “the God of peace will shortly crush Satan under my feet”

(Rom. 16.20)

□ That “I take the shield of faith to quench all the flaming arrows of

the evil one” (Eph.6.16)

□ That “I am born of God and by my faith I have victory that conquers the world” (1 Jn. 5. 4)

□ That “God forgives all my iniquity and heals all my diseases” (Ps.

103.3)

□ That “By the wounds of Jesus I am healed” (Is. 53.5; 1 Pet.2.24)

□ That “I shall not die, but I shall live, and recount the deeds of the

Lord” (Ps.118. 17)

□ That “My God will sprinkle clean water upon me, and cleanse me

from all my uncleanness; He will give me a new heart and put a new spirit within me” (Ezk. 36.26)

□ That “The blood of Jesus cleanses me from all (my) sin” (1 Jn. 1.7)

□ That “If we confess our sins, he who is faithful and just will

forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all (our) unrighteousness”

(1 Jn. 1.9)

□ That “though my sins are like scarlet, they shall be white as

snow”(Is. 1.18)

□ That “my God will again have compassion on me; he will tread my

iniquities under foot. He will cast all my sins into the depths of the

sea” (Micah 7.9)

□ That “I will trust, and will not be afraid, for the Lord God

is my

strength and my might; he has become my salvation" (Is. 12.2)

□ That "there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ

Jesus" (Rom.8.1)

□ That "if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation : everything

old has passed away; everything has become new" (2 Cor. 5.17)

□ That "what is impossible for me is possible for God" (Lk. 18.27)

□ That "I am God's temple and that God's Spirit dwells in me" (1

Cor. 3.16)

□ That "the Holy Spirit who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in me,

he who raised Christ from the dead will give life to my mortal body

also" (Rom. 8.11)

□ That "by the power at work within me, God is able to accomplish

abundantly far more than all I can ask or imagine" (Eph. 3.20)

□ That "the Holy Spirit will convict me of my sins" (Jn.16.8)

□ That "the Holy spirit will lead me to the fullness of truth" (Jn.

16.13)

□ That "the Holy Spirit will teach me everything and remind me of

all that Jesus has said" (Jn. 14.26)

□ That 'the Holy Spirit helps me to understand Divine Mysteries'

(1 Cor.2.11)

□ That 'by the power of the Holy Spirit I can "put to death the deeds

of the body (Rom 8.13)

□ That 'by the power of the Holy Spirit I can accept sufferings

joyfully (Rom 5.3-5; 1 Pet 4.12,13)

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Prayer to the Holy Spirit

Come Holy Spirit, fill our hearts, enkindle in us, the fire of your love.

Come Holy Spirit, teach me to pray unceasingly (Eph. 6.18)

Come Holy Spirit, give me thirst for the Divine Word.

Come Holy Spirit, fill me with wisdom and enlighten my mind to understand the Divine Word.

Come Holy Spirit, deepen my faith in God and in His Word.

Come Holy Spirit, convict me of my sins and lead me to repentance where I fail to conform

my life according to God's word.

Come Holy Spirit, renew my mind according to God's word; let it penetrate my whole being and transform me.

Come Holy Spirit, give me courage and fortitude to live the values of the Kingdom of God, in thought, word and deed.

Come Holy Spirit, give me an intense thirst for a holy life.

Come Holy Spirit, help me to grow in your fruits (Gal.5.22, 23) so that I may become true witness of Christ.

Come Holy Spirit, help me to accept sufferings in the spirit of Christ with joy.

Come Holy Spirit, increase in me the theological virtues of Faith, Hope and Love

Come Holy Spirit, give me the gifts (Is. 11.2) and the charisms (1 Cor. 12.4-10) to make me and others true disciples of Christ.

Come Holy Spirit, help me to focus my gaze on heaven while journeying through this pilgrim land.

Claim the Promises of God

Jesus says to the believers: " If you continue in my word, you are

truly my disciples; and you will know the truth, and the truth will

make you free" (Jn. 8.31.32).

"Let me hear what God the Lord will speak, for he will speak peace to

his people, to his faithful, to those who turn to him in their hearts"

(Ps.85. 8). Quite often many people lead lives burdened with many

problems of life. But our loving God has an answer and solution for

all the crises we face. He speaks about it in His Word. Jesus pointed

out: "Is it not the reason that you are wrong, that you know

neither the Scriptures nor the power of God?" (Mk. 12.24.). Yes,

not only that we make mistakes, but also "we are destroyed for lack of

knowledge" (Hos. 4.6).

Our Creator God has 'a plan of welfare about our future' (Jer. 29.11),

but our enemy, the Satan wants to 'destroy, steal and kill' us (Jn.

10.10). God is Truth and His Word reveals the Truth about God, about

us, about our wellbeing, about our relationship with God, ourselves

and others...But the enemy, 'who is the father of lies' (Jn. 8.44)

distorts this Truth and injects lies and half truths into the mind of

human beings, thereby ruining their lives. As the Holy Spirit reveals:

"The unfolding of your words gives light; it imparts understanding to

the simple" (Ps. 119. 130). The word of God is powerful to remove all

darkness and to break all bondages from our lives. We should believe

firmly in God's word so that it will transform our lives. When St. Paul

preached the word of God to the Thessalonians, "they received it not

as a human word but what it really is, God's word" (1 Thess.2. 13)

So it is high time that we become more and more familiar with the

Truth of God's Word, believe in it, and affirm the Truth against all

the tactics of the evil one. The Holy Spirit reminds us through St.

Paul: "Take the shield of faith, with which you will be able to quench

all the flaming arrows of the evil one" (Eph. 6.16). Mother Mary is

called 'blessed' because "she believed that there would be a fulfillment of what was spoken to her by the Lord" (Lk. 1.45). She is

our model to 'treasure God's word and ponder them in our heart' (Lk.

2.19). May we invoke her powerful intercession, especially through

the weapon of Rosary and also pray to the Holy Spirit, the principal

author of all Scriptures (CCC 304) to help us to keep God's word as 'a

lamp to our feet and a light to our path' (Ps. 119.105) so that we may

not stumble in the darkness of sin, anxiety, fear, doubt, guilt,

depression, addictions, unbelief...and all that will 'steal, destroy and

kill' the blessings of the Lord in our lives.

Once Mother Theresa was at the air port .The Emigration staff was

enquiring with each traveler whether he/ she was carrying any

weapons. Mother Theresa's turn came. She was asked very politely by

the staff: "Mother, do you have any weapons?" In all humility she

replied: "Yes, I do have". The staff said a bit furiously: "Take it out".

Mother took out her Bible and Rosary and said: "These are my weapons". We have no human enemy but only the powers of darkness (Eph.6.12); and "our weapons of our warfare are not merely human, but they have divine power to destroy strongholds" (2 Cor.10.4). Since we fail to use our weapons in the right way, we become a prey to the attacks of the enemy.

This small booklet is a humble attempt to expose the Light of God's

Word against the darkness of ignorance and disbelief about God's

Truth, which is the cause of today's problems. Use God's Word as a

powerful weapon against the onslaughts of Satan. How blessed our

lives will be, if we read, believe and live by God's Word rather than

human words and human standards. "The law of the Lord is perfect,

reviving the soul; the decrees of the Lord are sure, making the simple

wise; the precepts of the Lord are right, rejoicing the heart; the

commandment of the Lord is clear, enlightening the eyes" (Ps.

19.7,8). Jesus defeated Satan in the desert by just quoting the

Scriptures with conviction. Against the three temptations, Jesus said:

“It is written” quoting Deut 8.3, 6.16 and 6.13. Yes he used the Sword

of the Spirit, the Word of God (Eph 6.17) ‘Rhema’, the spoken Word.

It is not our ‘intellectual faith or belief, but belief ‘from our heart’,

with conviction. God’s word says that we need to ‘believe with our

heart and confess with our mouth’ in order to be saved (Ro. 10.10).

Just by memorizing the Word or saying with our lips is not sufficient.

We need to believe with our heart, affirm the truth and confess and

proclaim with our mouth. Only then God’s Word will have its full

effect in us. Let this booklet help you to do that.

The more of God’s word is in my mind and heart, the less chance for

the enemy to deceive me with his lies. So let us read and meditate the

Word of God more and more when there is yet time for it, because

days will come when there will be a ‘famine for God’s word’.
“People

shall run to and fro, seeking the word of the Lord, but they shall not

find it" (Amos.8.11, 12).

The Bible scholars have pointed out that there are over 35,500 versus

in the Bible, out of which over 8000 versus are promises of God to us.

Our loving Father has given us these promises to guide us, strengthen

us, and to encourage us in our journey to our Father's House. We are

in a Covenant relationship with our living God and when we fulfill

the conditions attached to the promises, we will experience that all

these promises are 'Yes' in Jesus Christ for me. In other words, when

we live in Christ, all the promises of God will be fulfilled in us.

"Let us hold fast to the confession of our hope without wavering,

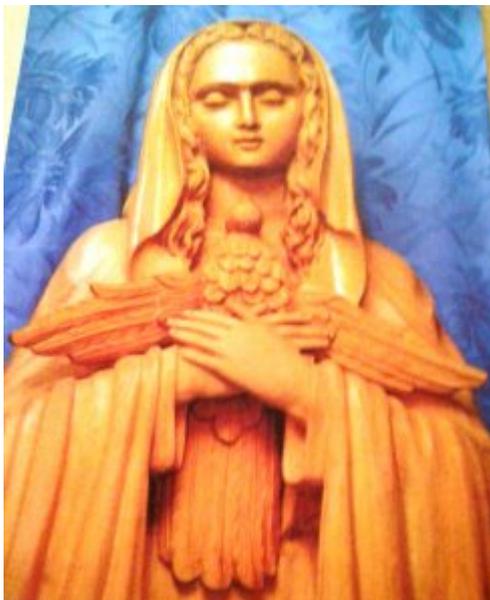
for he who has promised is faithful" (Heb. 10.23)

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Presentation of Blessed Virgin Mary

Today, the 21st of November the Church celebrates the Feast of Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary. God has chosen her to be the uncorrupted Ark of the dwelling place of His Son, our Saviour Lord Jesus Christ.

Mary sang in her 'Magnificat' (Song of Praise'): "Surely from now on all generations will call me blessed" (Lk. 1.48). The Church gives her due respect and honor because God has chosen her and honored her 'looking with favor on her lowliness'. Let us honor this 'gentle woman', 'Morning Star', 'Virgin most pure', 'the most beloved of the Holy Spirit. St. Louis de Montfort has said: "When the Holy Spirit finds Mary in a soul, He flies to it".



Recognise Christ in you

The Holy Spirit inspired St. Paul to tell: "God willed to make known to them the riches of the glory of his mysterious plan among the Gentile nations; it is Christ in you, your hope in glory" (Col.1.27)

The Spirit of Christ dwells in the heart of everyone who believes in Jesus Christ, the Savior of the world. "Believe in the Lord Jesus Christ and you and your household will be saved", St. Paul said to the jailer in Macedonia (Acts 16.31). There is no force of changing the culture, creed or religion. "If you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord and in your heart you believe that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved" (Rom 10.9)

The title of one of the books of St. Augustine is this: 'Love God and do what you like'. But it has a deeper meaning. When we love a person we will want to do only what that person likes. So Jesus said: "If you love me, obey my commandments"(Jn. 14.15). So loving the Lord means obeying the Commandments. "God's love requires us to keep his commandments"(1 Jn 5.3)

Please listen to the audio 'Recognise Christ in you' in the page Media (with Ukranian translation).

The weapon of Rosary



We have entered into the month of October in which the Church encourages the faithful to have special devotion to the powerful prayer of Rosary – powerful because, we are repeating the Word of God and meditating on the various events in the life of Jesus and Mother Mary. **Rosary is both vocal prayer and meditation.** In many apparitions Mother Mary has encouraged us to pray the Rosary devoutly so that we will have the strength to overcome

temptations. In one of her apparitions she said: “Mothers, recite the Rosary. It is such a powerful weapon for saving your children and bringing them all to heaven”.

Once Mother Theresa was at the airport. Checking for emigration was going on. They were asking the passengers whether they possess any weapons with them. Mother Theresa was in the queue and her turn came. Very politely the staff asked her the same question. She too said politely: “Yes, I have”. The staff said, “Take it out”. She took out her Bible and Rosary and said: “these are my weapons”.

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The Feast of our Lady of Sorrows



It was in the Tradition of the Church to honor our Lady of sorrows. The devotion to the seven sorrows of Our Lady has its roots in the Bible. When baby Jesus was taken to the church by Mother Mary and St. Joseph, Simeon said to Mother Mary: "This child will be a sign that will be opposed....and a sword will pierce your own soul also" (Lk. 2. 34,35). As Mary stood at the foot of the Cross of Jesus, the sword of sorrow which Simeon had foretold did really pierce through her heart. The devotion to Our Lady of Seven Sorrows (dolors) was passed on by St. Bridget (1303- 1373). Pope Pius VII, in 1817 extended this Feast of Our Lady of Sorrows to the universal Church. In 1913, Pope Pius X fixed the date on September 15. The Blessed Virgin Mary grants seven graces to the souls who honor her daily by praying seven Hail Mary's and meditating on her seven sorrows. The following are the seven swords that pierced her heart.

1. The prophecy of Simeon
2. The flight into Egypt
3. The loss of child Jesus in the temple
4. The meeting of Jesus and Mary on the way of the Cross
5. The Crucifixion
6. The taking down of the Body of Jesus from the Cross
7. The burial of Jesus.

The Lady of Seven Sorrows is the Patron of Slovakia.

As we honor our Mother with this devotion, let us also make up in our lives whatever is lacking in the sufferings of Christ for the good of the Church, which is the Body of Christ (Col.1.24). May all the sufferings of the persecuted Church be united with the sufferings of Jesus and of the sorrows of His Mother in producing fruits of Redemption for many.

Let us pray: 'Holy Mother, pierce me through in my heart, each wound renew of my Saviour Crucified'.

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