

## **Missionary Families of Christ**

### **MARY IN THE LIFE AND MISSION OF MFC**

MFC is consecrated to Our Lady of the Rosary (a.k.a. Our Lady of Victory). We look to our Mother Mary as the personification of and the model for living out our Core Values. Just as our Core Values function as our constant guideposts as we proceed with our life and mission, so Mary likewise is our guide.

Mary is at the very core of the life and mission of the Church quietly interceding and praying. Mary is also at the very heart of our community. But also, Mary is at the forefront of the spiritual war that is raging in the world today. We as holy warriors march under the banners of our Lord and our Lady.

More than ever, we would like to focus on Mary as our model for living out our life in community. She serves as our model of holiness, faith, humility, obedience, total trust in God, hope, joy and discipleship. She is our inspiration. We look to Mary as our help as she intercedes for us.

We therefore need to make an effort within ourselves, our families, and our community to ensure that Mary becomes an integral part of our lives. Our children need to experience Mary in our homes. Our community needs to put Mary in a place of honor during assemblies, conferences and communal activities. We also need to always remember to call on her to intercede for our community's needs.

#### *Practical Application in our Community Life*

##### A. Personal and Family Life

1. Make Mary our model of obedience and faith by following her virtues.
2. Raise our children in appreciating and following Mary's virtues and to look up to her as our Mother in heaven.
3. Read up on Marian books.<sup>1</sup>
4. Practice devotions and offer novenas to Mary.<sup>2</sup>
5. Make it a habit to pray the rosary regularly. Offer it for peace in our families, our community, our country and the whole world.
6. Always carry a rosary in our pocket.
7. Encourage the practice of family prayers by praying the rosary together as a family on a regular basis.
8. Have an image of the Blessed Mother on our home's altar.

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<sup>1</sup> Especially those written by our founder.

<sup>2</sup> Mother of Perpetual Help, Our Lady of Lourdes, Our lady of Guadalupe, Mary Mediatrix of All Graces, etc.

B. Parish Life

1. Actively participate in important Marian celebrations of the parish.
2. Support the diocese/parish in their communitarian praying of the rosary.

C. MFC Community Life

1. MFC assemblies may be preceded by the recitation of the rosary.
2. It is encouraged that the image of Our Lady should take a prominent position in all our assemblies.
3. It is encouraged that each Area and/or chapter have their own image of Our Lady.
4. The MFC prayer of consecration to Our Lady of the Rosary may be prayed during household meetings and assemblies.
5. Members of MFC should have teachings and formation on Mary.
6. All MFC members should know how to pray the Rosary.
7. The community will look to having a yearly Marian Pilgrimage.
8. The different Areas through their parishes and the MFC Kids should actively participate in the Children's Rosary Crusade Rally every October.

*Consecration to Our Lady of the Rosary*

O Blessed Virgin Mary, you with your Son Jesus crushed the head of the serpent. In the spiritual war that continues to rage in the heavens and on earth, you have already won the victory.

Your holy warriors stand before you, dear Mother Mary. We consecrate ourselves to the cause of your Son Jesus, the Redeemer of the world, and to you as his Co-Redemptrix. We dedicate ourselves to the task of winning souls for the Kingdom. We commit to do battle against all evil forces.

Cover us with your mantle of protection as you send us forth under your banner.  
Amen.

Hail Mary ....

Mary, Star of the New Evangelization, pray for us.

(SG. Oct 7, 2019)