



Invitation from Archbishop Eamon Martin

OCTOBER FAMILY ROSARY CRUSADE AGAINST COVID

Dear brothers and sisters, I invite you to join with families all over Ireland this October in praying together the Rosary, or even a decade of the Rosary, in your homes each day for God's protection during this time of coronavirus.

These past six months have reminded us of the importance of the "domestic Church" – the Church of the sitting room and kitchen – the Church that meets every time a family stands or kneels down, or sits down to pray together!

It has also helped us realise how important is the vocation of parents to be the primary teachers and leaders of their children in faith and prayer.

That is why I am calling for a "Family Rosary Crusade against Covid" during October – encouraging you to pray the Rosary, or even a decade of the Rosary, each day during the month of October. Pray for your own family and loved ones and for all those whose health or livelihood is being seriously impacted by the coronavirus crisis.

Spread the word online using the #FamilyRosaryCrusade or #OctoberFamilyRosary and feel free to send in a picture with this hashtag or a short sound clip of your family saying a "Hail Mary", "Our Father" or "Glory Be"!

I was inspired to make this call during a visit to the Missionaries of Charity here in Armagh who reminded me of what Mother Teresa, St Teresa of Calcutta, once said:

"Cling to the Rosary as the creeper clings to the tree – for without Our Lady we cannot stand".

God bless you all

+ Eamon Martin

Archbishop of Armagh