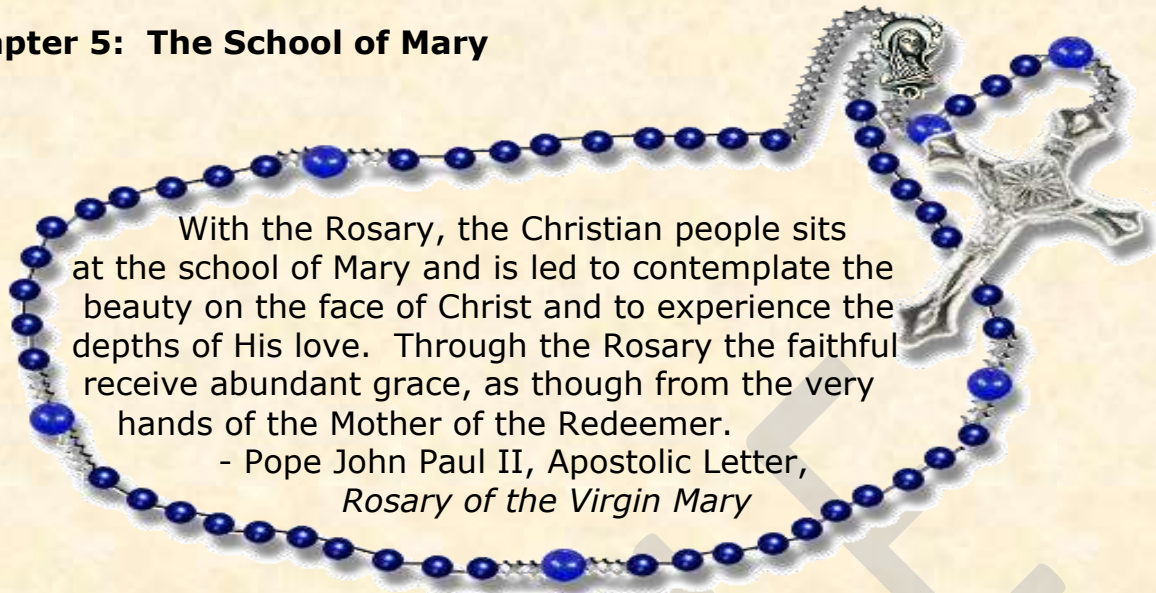


Chapter 5: The School of Mary



With the Rosary, the Christian people sits at the school of Mary and is led to contemplate the beauty on the face of Christ and to experience the depths of His love. Through the Rosary the faithful receive abundant grace, as though from the very hands of the Mother of the Redeemer.

- Pope John Paul II, Apostolic Letter,
Rosary of the Virgin Mary

According to Robert Feeney, (author of The Rosary "The Little Summa") Mary's School of the Rosary has three levels: Beginner, Intermediate and Advanced. At the beginner stage, students learn the basic prayers of the Rosary, along with the mysteries. Meditation on the mysteries is a new skill that requires frequent practice to master.

The middle (or intermediate) class of Mary's school of the Rosary teaches students to attain a deeper knowledge by studying the Gospels. An intermediate student should not simply read the gospels, but truly study them by taking a Bible Study class, reading Catholic books on Bible interpretation or studying the works of the Early Church Fathers.

Finally, the highest (advanced) class of Mary's school leads the student to realize that the Rosary is a "rule of life" which challenges them to practice the virtues embedded in each mystery. These scholars are actually living the gospels! Through many years of prayer and dedication to the Rosary, it is possible to model our own lives after those of Jesus and His Blessed Mother.

When you enroll in Mary's School of the Rosary, you are beginning an education that will last a lifetime. Imagine the rich blessings obtained through this school, whose graduates are granted "a never fading crown of glory" in heaven.