

The Light of the Queen

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Queenship
of Mary



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In the enslavement
to Holy Mary,
resides the fullness
of your freedom”

Father Molina

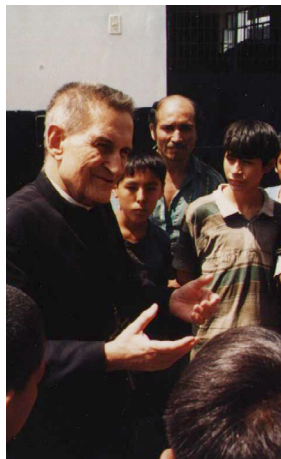
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FR. RODRIGO MOLINA IS THE
PRIESTLY SOUL THAT INSPIRED THE QUEENSHIP OF MARY

«For Saint Louis-Marie Grignon de Montfort, Marian slavery is the “secret” of God to the effectiveness of the apostolate of the apostles of the last times; is the “secret” of the Father to lead us to sanctity.

Hence, for Saint Louis María the most perfect consecration to Jesus is in the perfect devotion and consecration of oneself to Holy Mary. In Her was where the Holy Spirit created the Saint: “that holy thing which shall be born of thee shall be called the Son of God” (Luke 1:35).

Mary begot Christ. I, through the Marian consecration-slavery, being begotten by Mary through the Holy Spirit, become mystical Body of Christ.
(Fr. Rodrigo Molina).

To the Reader



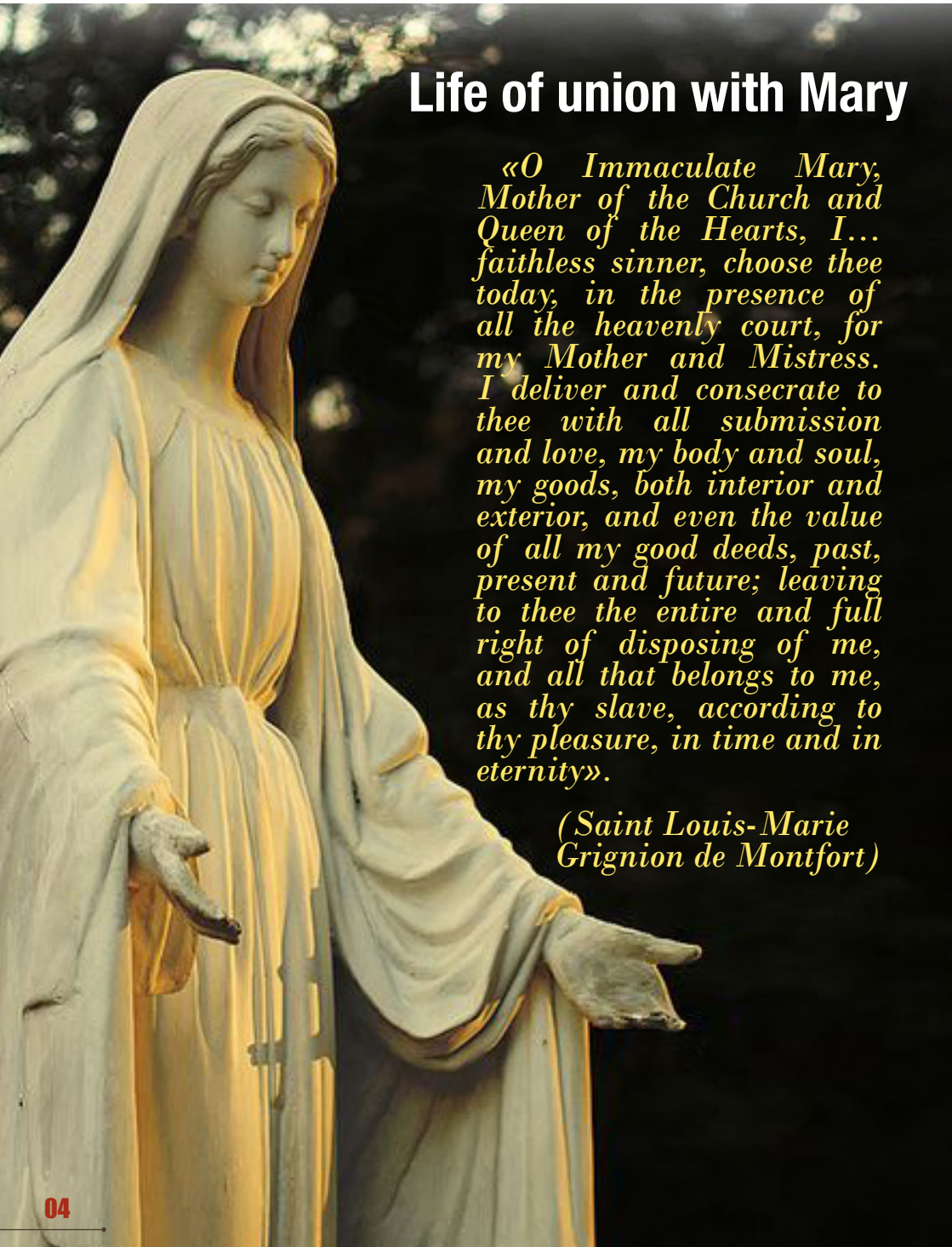
Our life is a pilgrimage, a growth towards God, towards heaven. And the Virgin walks alongside us. She goes by our side however arduous and difficult the path may be. It is always easier to walk with a guide: with Her beside us we do not get lost. She knows how to confront every situation. In our highest, in our darkest, in breeze and the storm... She is always next to us.

Therefore, let us assert the confidence in our Blessed Mother. To trust in Mary is an experience of «sweetness» or better yet of «tenderness». Tenderness that She communicates to us with Her own life because She is our Mother. Given that one has surrendered completely to Mary, She –says Saint Louis-Marie Grignon de Montfort– «gives herself entirely and ineffably to the one who gives everything to

Her...» How can we not trust Her, when we discover that not only we belong to Her, but that She has also become ours?

All the immense love that fills the Immaculate Heart of Mary is enough to perfectly love the entire world and all that love –that surpasses the love of all mothers– is constantly engaged with us. We are, mysteriously and unknowingly, the object of Her continuous requests and Her affection envelops us in an infinite net of maternal care. Certainly, in Her hands the world has a solution. And that solution is within our reach: it is MARY.

Totus tuus



Life of union with Mary

«O Immaculate Mary, Mother of the Church and Queen of the Hearts, I... faithless sinner, choose thee today, in the presence of all the heavenly court, for my Mother and Mistress. I deliver and consecrate to thee with all submission and love, my body and soul, my goods, both interior and exterior, and even the value of all my good deeds, past, present and future; leaving to thee the entire and full right of disposing of me, and all that belongs to me, as thy slave, according to thy pleasure, in time and in eternity».

(Saint Louis-Marie Grignon de Montfort)

The holy slavery

Saint Louis-Marie Grignon de Montfort invites us to fully give ourselves to the Blessed Virgin as slaves to be all of Jesus Christ through Her. That the soul, relies entirely on the Virgin, in such a way that is no longer the soul which lives, but Mary who lives in it.

And furthermore, Saint Louis-Marie asks that we lead an effective *Marian life by doing all things with Mary, in Mary, by Mary, and for Mary:*

To work **with** Mary, that is, to regard Mary as an accomplished mold of every virtue and perfection, for us to imitate Her according to our limited capacities. Imitate Her virtues, especially her profound humility, lively faith, blind obedience, continual prayer, universal mortification, divine purity, ardent charity, heroic patience, angelical sweetness, and divine wisdom. She is the divine mold, appropriate to deify us in a short time and with little sacrifice. (True Devotion 49. 108)

To work **in** Mary, by becoming accustomed to form within ourselves a spiritual portrait of the Virgin, through fidelity. And to remain in the fair interior of Mary with complacency, repose there in peace, lean our weight there in confidence, hide ourselves there with assurance, and lose



ourselves there without reserve. (TD 20. 261-264).

To work **by** Mary: For you, beloved Lady I do this, I suffer that... The slave of love is essentially a faithfully obedient soul to all its obligations: a soul that does not resist, that never opposes grace, that does not obstruct the direction of its Queen. The soul trains itself in this docility by a continuous self-renunciation, united with the abandonment in Mary. But joyful renunciation that launch us immediately into the arms and heart of Mary. (VD 258 -259)

To work **for** Mary, that is, for Her glory, we perform all our natural and supernatural acts for Her. We must renounce to the self-love that so often corrupts our better actions.

Mary, light of my eyes

And Mary accepts this empire, without false humility and exercises it without faintness, conscious of fulfilling, in this way, the mission entrusted to Her by God to sanctify the souls who abandon or give themselves to Her. On our part it entails a great purity of intention and a diligent spirit. Merits are earned and a great deal of prayers and sacrifices are placed in Her hands, so that She may be better known and better loved throughout the world. (TD 265)

Mary brings forth in the souls in which She lives, the purity of the heart and body, the purity of intention and the fruitfulness of the works.

“The true devotion to Mary is:

- *interior*, it comes from the spirit and from the heart.

- *tender*, full of trust in the Blessed Virgin, like the confidence a child has in its own mother.

- *holy*, it leads us to avoid sin and to imitate Her virtues.

- *constant*, it strengthens the soul in doing good.

- *disinterested*, inspires the soul to seek, not itself, but God alone, in His Blessed Mother.”.

The Scapular of Our Lady of Mount Carmel is a gift of protection and maternal affection of the Queen of Heaven to mankind:

It was break time in the hospital ward. Everything was in silence.

But Sergeant Terry Ross was not asleep. He knew it was nighttime. Ever since the military surgeon had insinuated that he would be permanently blind, his current situation seemed like a nightmare. And he was barely 23 years old!

Almost hopeless, not knowing how, he rubbed his hands against his throat, and touched something he squeezed hard. It was the scapular of Our Lady of Mount Carmel, which he had brought with him from his Homeland. In a low voice, he murmured a prayer:

— Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners now, and at the hour of our death...

And then when he almost gave up in despair, he felt the impression that a hand was clapping his, and a woman's voice asked him:

— “Are you calling for me Terry?” The poor boy clutched the nurse's hand:

— “No, but please keep me company for a while, I am feeling terribly lonely...” Terry expressed his sorrow. His words were pouring out, in a gush of confessions and outbursts. The sweet words of the nurse left him fully reassured.



The next day, when he woke up, he could make out the figure of a service worker, who, astonished, urgently called for the doctor. He confirmed that he would soon regain his sight. Ross asked anxiously about the nurse who was on duty the night before. They answered with certainty that there was no one. Ross shook his head. No, it had not been a dream. He had experienced the anguish of a deadly terror, and when despair was seizing upon his soul, he had prayed: Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners now... Dreaming or awake the Blessed Virgin had played the part of a nurse... and he was cured. He grabbed the blessed scapular again and kissed it with love and infinite gratitude.



Saint Louis-Marie Grignion de Montfort

APOSTLE PAR EXCELLENCE OF THE MARIAN SLAVERY



Saint Louis-Marie Grignion was born on January 31st., 1673 in Montfort, French Britain. He was the second of nineteen children of the Grignion family, who adopted their last son. He entered the Jesuit College in Rennes, where he became a Marian congregant. He completed his studies in the Seminary of Saint-Sulpice in Paris. He was ordained a priest; after a few years of apostolate, Clement XI gave him the title of missionary apostolic and he entirely consecrated the last ten years of his life to the popular missions in France, with extraordinary success in the conversion of sinners.

Saint Louis-Marie is one of most respected interpreters of the devotion to Our Lady. His two Marian works –among many others he wrote–: «The Secret of Mary» and «Treatise on the True Devotion to the Blessed Virgin», have immortalized his name throughout the world and inflamed the hearts in the Marian love. He passed away



on April 28th, 1716 in La Rochelle at the age of 42.

Two words express his complete belonging to Jesus by means of Mary: «*Tuus totus ego sum et omnia mea tua sunt*»: «*I am all thine, my dear Mistress, with all I have*». (TD 266).

The doctrine of this saint has had a profound influence on the Marian devotion of many other saints. It is about a lived doctrine, of remarkable ascetic and mystical depth, expressed in a lively style, often using images and symbols.

In a beautiful prayer to Mary, Father de Montfort expresses himself as follows: «Dearly beloved Mother, grant, if possible, that I may have no other spirit but thine to know Jesus and His divine will; that I may have no other

soul but thine to praise and Glorify the Lord; that I may have no other heart but thine to love God with a love as pure and ardent as thine» (SM 68).

Tireless apostle of the Holy Rosary, he wrote: «If you say the Rosary faithfully until death, I do assure you that, in spite of the gravity of your sins: you shall receive a never fading crown of glory. Even if you are on the brink of damnation, even if you have one foot in Hell, even if you have sold your soul to the devil, even if you are a heretic as obstinate as a devil, sooner or later you will be converted and saved, if (and mark well what I say) if you say the Holy Rosary devoutly every day until death for the purpose of knowing the truth and obtaining contrition and pardon for your sins». (SSR 4).

The second apparition of the **Angel** to the three little shepherds

We saw the Angel right beside us.

- "What are you doing? "Pray! Pray very much! The Hearts of Jesus and Mary have designs of mercy on you. Offer prayers and sacrifices constantly to the Most High."

- "Make of everything you can a sacrifice and offer it to God as an act of reparation for the sins by which He is offended, and in supplication for the conversion of sinners. You will thus draw down peace upon your country. I am its Guardian Angel, the Angel of Portugal. Above all, accept and bear with submission, the suffering which the Lord will send you."

- These words were indelibly impressed upon our minds. They were like a light which made us understand who God is, how He loves us and desires to be loved, and the value of sacrifice, how pleasing it is to Him and how, on account of it, He grants the grace of conversion to sinners. It was for this reason that we began, from then on, to offer to the Lord all that mortified us, without, however, seeking out other forms of mortification and penance, except that we remained for hours on end with our foreheads touching the ground, repeating the prayer the Angel had taught us.

Sister Lucia explains to us that is necessary to make sacrifices when required in order to fulfill our duty to God, to our neighbor and to ourselves. All the more so that it helps us avoid transgressing God's commandments. We must avoid sin. It is a requirement on which our eternal salvation

depends.

The Lord also asks us to sacrifice in the little thing of every day life: the weariness of our daily work, the setbacks that must be faced with serenity and patience: an unpleasant or irritating word, an ironic smile, a contempt.

We must also exercise generosity in the small things, get up a little earlier to go to church, turn off the television to pray the Holy Rosary. Offer God some sacrifice in our eating

habits, avoid complaints of cold or heat; dress modestly, without enslaving ourselves to the latest fashion trend.

Additionally, there are also external penances, such as praying with our arms crossed, in union with Christ crucified, or to prostrate with one's forehead touching the ground, thus abasing ourselves before God. In this way we strengthen our will, we make like more pleasant for others and, most importantly, we repair so many wrongs that are committed against our God and His Blessed Mother. (cf. Calls from the Message of Fatima).



**WORDS OF THE VIRGIN
IN THE APPARITION OF
THE MONTH OF JULY:**

«Sacrifice yourselves for sinners, and say many times, especially when you make some sacrifice: "O Jesus, it is for love of You, for the conversion of sinners, and in reparation for the sins committed against the Immaculate Heart of Mary"»

(July 13th, 1917).

The Scapular of Our Lady of Mount Carmel

THE VIRGIN HAS REQUESTED IN FATIMA, AS SIGN AND TESTIMONY OF THE CONSECRATION TO HER HEART, HER SCAPULAR OF CARMEN.

On October 13, 1917, while the crowd contemplated the great miracle of the sun, the three little shepherds of Fatima experienced several successive visions: Saint Joseph with Christ Child, Our Lady of Sorrows, and Our Lady of Mount Carmel with the scapular on the hand.

In September 1949, Sister Lucia explained to the Carmelite priest Donald O'Callaghan that most definitely «the scapular and the Rosary are inseparable» given that *«the scapular is a sign of consecration to Our Lady»*. She interpreted that the Virgin desired that its devotion be propagated.

«On October 15th, 1950, Father Howard Rafferty also declared of the messenger from Heaven: «Our Lady held the Scapular in Her hands because She wants us all to wear it».



The Feast of Our Lady of Mount Carmel is celebrated on July 16th.



Saint Simon Stock and the Scapular of the Our Lady of Mount Carmel .

The promise of Our Lady of Mount Carmel

In 1252 Our Lady with Child Jesus appeared to Saint Simon Stock, an English Carmelite, who was Prior General of the order. Offering Him a scapular She said: *«Receive, my beloved son, this habit of thy order: this shall be to thee and to all Carmelites a privilege, that whosoever dies clothed in this shall never suffer eternal fire. It shall be a sign of salvation, a protection in danger, and a pledge of peace».*

In 1314, the Mother of God appeared again, this time to Pope John XXII, confirming Her special protection to those who wore the scapular, and further promising that She would deliver them out of Purgatory on the first Saturday after their death.

The scapular is imposed with a particular rite of the Church, in which it is declared that it recalls the baptismal purpose to vest oneself of Christ, with

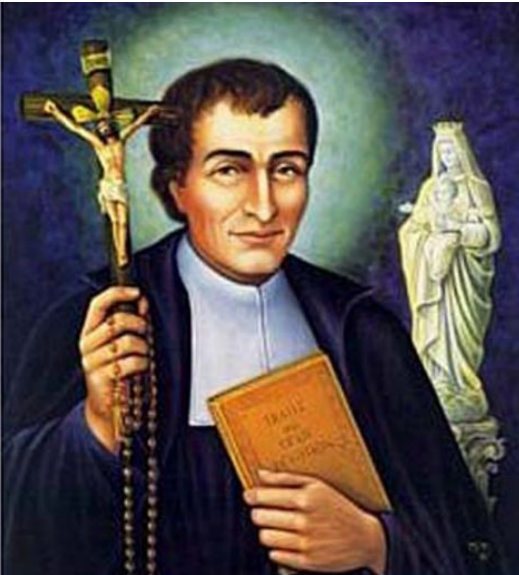
the aid of the Virgin Mother, so that wearing the bridal gown, we reach the heavenly homeland.

The truths evoked by the sign of the scapular are especially two:

☉ The constant protection of the Blessed Virgin, not only on one's life's journey, but also at the moment of passing into the fullness of eternal glory;

☉ The certainty that devotion to Her cannot be limited to prayers and tributes in Her honor on certain occasions, but must become a "habit", that is, a permanent orientation of one's own Christian conduct, imbued of prayer and interior life, through frequent practice of the sacraments and the spiritual and corporal works of mercy. In this way, the scapular becomes a sign of "covenant" and of communion between Mary and the faithful.

The love of the Eternal and Incarnate Wisdom

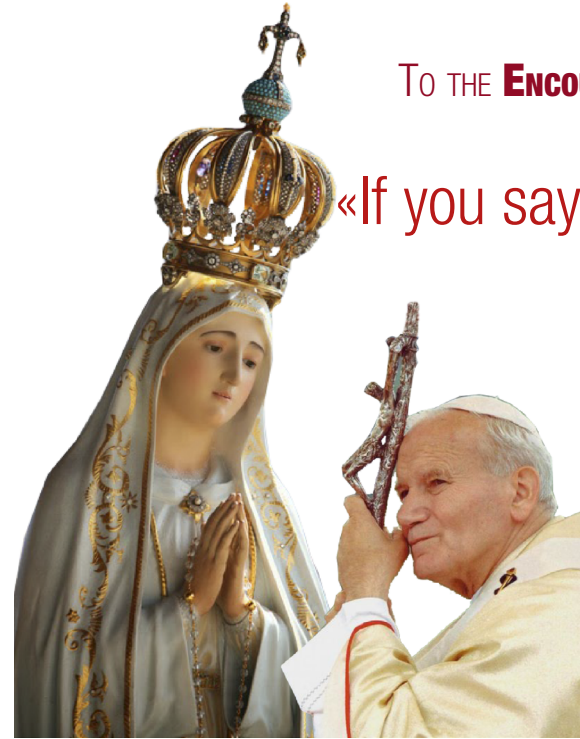


« O Eternal and incarnate Wisdom! O most lovable and adorable Jesus, true God and true man, only Son of the eternal Father and of Mary always Virgin! »

Christ, says, «He is our only Master who has to teach us; our only Lord, on whom we ought to depend; our only Head, to whom we must belong; our only Model, to whom we should conform ourselves; our only Physician, who can heal us; our only Shepherd, who can feed us; our only Way, who can lead us; our only Truth, who can make us grow; our only Life, who can animate us; and our only All in all things, who can suffice us» (TD 61).

And he explains to us that the devotion to the Blessed Virgin is a privileged means of achieving it: «of finding Jesus Christ perfectly, of loving Him tenderly, and of serving Him Faithfully» (TD 62). And that our consecration to such a divine Mother is the easiest, shortest, and most perfect way to unite with Jesus Christ.

The saint wants us to discover Jesus in the mystery of his "kenosis", of His abasement: out of obedience to the Father he came into the world (cf. Heb 10,7), He striped himself, taking the form of a slave, and humbled Himself becoming obedient unto death, and death of the cross (cf. Flp 2, 7-8) for our love, to save us from sin and eternal death and damnation.



«If you say Mary, She says God»

form himself, as it were, incarnate in each of the members of His mystical body through His beloved Mother.

• God the Holy Ghost has communicated to Mary, his faithful Spouse, His unspeakable gifts and wishes to form in Her and through Her, His chosen ones.

Saint John Paul II taught us: «By relating the Mother of Christ to the Trinitarian mystery, Montfort helped me to understand that the Virgin belongs to the plan of salvation by the Father's will, as the Mother of the incarnate Word, who was conceived by her through the power of the Holy Spirit.

We cannot exclude the Mother of the Lord from our lives without disregarding the Will of God-the-Trinity.

I give infinite thanks to the Lord for having experienced in me that the acceptance of Mary in the life in Christ and in the Spirit brings the believer into the very heart of the Trinitarian mystery». (Saint John Paul II, 13-10-2000).

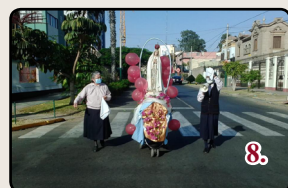
By repeating «Totus tuus» to Her every day and by living in harmony with Her, we can come to live with trust and unlimited love in our relationship with the Father, by being docile to the Holy Spirit and transforming ourselves according to our model: Jesus Christ.

Saint Louis-Marie writes: «Because you never think of Mary without Mary, in your place, thinking of God; you never praise or honour Mary, without Mary praising and honouring God. Mary is altogether relative to God since She only exists with reference to Him, She is the echo of God, who says nothing, repeats nothing, but God. **If you say Mary, She says God**». (TD 225)

Each of the three divine Persons wishes to relate to Mary:

• God the Father has given His Only-begotten Son to the world only through Mary and wishes to make us His adopted children through Mary until the end of the world.

• God the Son has become Man for our salvation, but in Mary and through Mary and wishes to



1. Chile: afternoons with Mary online.
2. Spain: Rosary live from Madrid.
3. Bogota: Rosary with children and prayers to the Virgin Mary.
4. Medellin: A girl leads a fervent prayer to Our Lady.
5. Cusco: Home visits in Acopia.
6. Medellín: in the catechesis held in "El Pinal", the importance of praying the Holy Rosary is also encouraged.
7. New York: Live streaming of the Holy Rosary.
8. Lima: Holy Rosary through the streets.

