

The Chaplains Say Thank You! #24

Short Version -- Mid-July 2021 to Mid-July 2022

I know how hard your group works to bring the peace that rosaries provide to the hurting, wounded & healing. Your efforts are very appreciated & true blessings. . . . Thanks again for your beautiful work. –*CH Wes Wilde, Intermountain Medical Center, Palliative Care, 11th Floor, Murray, UT*

Many thanks for calling with regards a new shipment of rosaries. Yes, please do send them and to the same address that you have on file. July through September are our busiest months and so rosaries are always welcome! . . . Our recruits so cherish holding on to those rosaries and praying their beads. It really helps them get through boot camp. . . . May the Resurrected Christ continue to bless you and your army of volunteers. –*Fr. Michael Booth, STL, Board Licensed Marriage & Family Therapist, Archdiocese for the Military Priest, Marine Corps Recruit Depot, San Diego*

We are willing to take as many as you can give us as we have a warehouse space that we can store the rosaries. We need them for the recruits that regularly go through the MCRD schedule, especially with the busiest months coming up. –*RP3 John Dominguez, Battalion Religious Program Specialist, Headquarters and Service Battalion, Marine Corps Recruit Depot, San Diego, CA*

We are so very grateful for the important spiritual ministry you provide military servicemembers all over the world, and we write to thank you for your support of the men and women in uniform here at Joint Base Anacostia Bolling. We have put the spiritual resources and rosaries which your “Ranger/Sailor Rosary Ministry” made in Air Force and Navy colors on our welcome table here at the chapel. They are going quickly as our parishioners have loved them! The rosaries have been included in our parish “Welcome Bags” which are given out to all newly arriving servicemembers. They are also given to our installation chaplains to hand out to their Catholic servicemembers. We offer our heartfelt thanks for your prayers and support of our servicemembers. –*Fr. Larry Smith, SJ, Catholic Pastor, Joint Base Anacostia-Bolling, DC*

Last year I emailed back and forth with you about the wonderful rosaries you sent our military community when I was the Parish Coordinator for Ft. Hood, TX's Catholic Community. Just this summer we moved (I am an Army spouse) to the DC area. I got a job as the Coordinator of Religious Education for the Catholic Community at Joint Base Anacostia-Bolling. We serve primarily Air Force and Naval servicemembers at JBAB. Is there way your generous rosary makers would be willing to put some navy/white or navy/grey rosaries together for us to use in the welcome bags we give our service members? I know they would love to receive rosaries in their service colors! But, we will be truly happy to receive anything. 😊 Blessings to you and the lovely women who participate in this ministry! . . . The rosaries sound beautiful and something the servicemembers will treasure, especially with so much care being put into their making and with you all using their branch colors! A quarterly shipment should work--we are a medium-sized base. Maybe 300 for the first box of rosaries if that isn't too much? We don't have any nice ones for our service members at all! You can send them care of our priest: Rev. Lawrence C. Smith, S.J., Joint Base Anacostia-Bolling. Thank you to you and the Ladies in your ministry group! –*Lori Sylvia, MRE, Catholic Religious Education Coordinator, St. Michael Catholic Community, Washington DC*

I am a chaplain with the 2-18th Field Artillery Regiment. We are currently deployed to the Republic of Korea. I am emailing to request 100 rosaries for our troops. –*CH Christopher Wendel*

Did you send any rosaries? . . . After I wrote this note to you, I went to our gate. There were 3 huge boxes of Ranger Rosaries [approx. 600 to 750 rosaries] waiting for us! Thank you so so much for your kindness and all you do for our young recruits. Your team members are truly angels! –*Anne & Don Brown, longtime volunteers at Parris Island, SC*

Yes ma'am. Thank you! We would like to order the dark camo w/brown beads on a green cord--300, please! I am currently stationed in Kuwait. –*SPC Telika S Wilson, USAR, Religious Affairs Specialist, North Charleston, SC*

Thank you, as always, for your support of our ministries as chaplains. I am stationed at RTC Great Lakes. We've been blessed for years to receive monthly shipments of rosaries for the recruits here. Our numbers of recruits have increased. If you are able to increase our shipment to 600, we'd be grateful. Many thanks for the work that you do. Please know of my prayers for you and your volunteers. –*Fr. Jim Hinkle, Recruit Training Center, Great Lakes, IL*

Are the ranger rosaries still available? If possible, I would like to order some for an upcoming exercise. . . . I'm glad to hear they are still available but saddened to hear that, due to COVID, there's been little demand. I can tell you from experience they are a lot more popular than what is usually given out by the government. That's for sure. Can you tell me the colors again? . . .Your groups sure did send out a lot of rosaries both to Houston TX and to San Bruno CA! I loaded most of them that were sent to California in our quadcon and transported them to the Marine Corps Air Ground Combat Center in Twentynine Palms, CA. We have a huge exercise here called ITX starting now. There will be 4,374 Marines and Sailors here. I will distribute them where they will do the most good. . . . Just so you know, the rosaries that were sent to Texas were distributed to the Army and Navy Chaplains at our Reserve Center. When I return to Texas I will try to get some over to the Air Force. Thanks again! The work of your group is greatly appreciated! –*Reservist David P Harris, 23d Marine Regiment, San Bruno, CA*

Thank you for reaching out! We are running a little low on the Ranger Rosaries and would welcome more. We should be good with a box [of 200] every 3 months. Also, the guys really, really like the Saint Michael medals that are included in the boxes. Is there a way to increase the amount in each box? They literally last less than a week! The guys very much appreciate everything you do for them. Many of them find/rediscover their faith during the tough times of Ranger School. Thank you for ministering to them! –*CH (CPT) Joe Kumor, Battalion Chaplain, 5th RTB, (mountain segment of Ranger Training), Dahlongega, GA*

It was great speaking with you today. Thank you in advance for all that you do for our Troops and their Families. –*CH (MAJ) Jimmy L Bellamy Jr, Deputy Garrison Chaplain, U.S. Army Garrison-Fort Hunter Liggett, CA*

Absolutely, we could definitely use more. We've given out a 150 since the first box you sent us. Thank you so kindly. We are the Army's Home –*SFC Daniel Willis, Religious Affairs NCOIC, US Army Garrison-Fort Hunter Liggett, CA*

Aloha! Father Joe Fleury is back at Schofield Barracks and would like to request 500 ranger rosaries for all the branches that will be distributed to AMR and Schofield Barracks. Could you please mail them to him at Schofield Barracks, HI? Do you know he has been recalled to active duty for at least 8 years now! He's the oldest priest in the army at 70 years! I love him and miss him every day. We were stationed in Hawaii for three years! . . . Aloha! It's great to hear from you! I'll check with my friend who is the Catholic pastoral life coordinator at Pearl Harbor and see what the status of OK Cashdollar is [the Liturgy Coordinator who asked us to create our "blue skies and white clouds" AF alternative rosary]. Another friend just moved to Fort Drum so I'll share your info with her as well. . . .I haven't been in contact with Keahi [Tracey's replacement at AMR], but I'll reach out to some friends there and see if she is still there and needs some rosaries. I'll also check with Father Hammond who is in NC and see if he wants any [We are supplying him at Camp LeJeune]. He is a Navy Chaplain. I'll cc you on all the correspondence so you have some good contacts as well! We appreciate all you and your beautiful ministry does to put rosaries in the hands that want to pray! Blessings –*Tracey Harger, Retired Pastoral Coordinator at AMR in Hawaii, now living in Upstate New York*

Hello from GA! I'm a currently serving chaplain candidate in the GA Army National Guard. I was recently directed to your organization for free religious resources for military service members. Is this an accurate description? If so, how do I go about creating an account and/or ordering resources? –*1LT Leland J. White, M.Div., Chaplain Candidate, GA Army NG*

Greetings from Tripler Hospital in Hawaii. Please send more boxes of rosaries. You can send me whatever is available now. When I do funerals for the veterans, the families recite the rosary. . . . I received the 3 boxes of rosaries. Thank you very much! . . . I received another 5 boxes of rosaries! Receiving the rosaries, the people feel that they experience the presence of God. Thank you! . . . I would like the same assortment 750 OLoLs and mixed colors. Families of military personnel need them and they recite rosary. There are times, I lead the rosary prayer with the parishioners. Thanks. –*Fr. Victor Lanuevo, Tripler Medical Center, Honolulu, HI*

Are you still in the Ranger Rosary business? I'm not a chaplain, but my Knights of Columbus council is interested in securing some rosaries to distribute to veterans at our parish [Sacred Heart in Glyndon] during Masses near Veterans Day. Please let me know if you would be able to help connect us with a supply of rosaries. . . . If I were able to get 50 of them, I'd be in very good shape. I'm just up in Reisterstown, but if you're in a position to mail them to me, I'd be happy to foot the bill for postage. . . . I realized that I never thanked you after Veterans Day for your assistance in procuring the rosaries. They were very well received. I think folks liked the color options. Thanks again for your help! –*Bradford Sharpless, Reisterstown, MD*

Thank you for reaching out. We would be happy to receive a resupply of Ranger Rosaries. Based on our current numbers, we could accommodate any number in the 100-200 range. Let me know if you need anything else from me to make this

happen. –SGM Novacek, Bradley D., Chief Religious Affairs NCO, Strong Bonds Program Manager, MN National Guard

I am forwarding this email to our NCOIC Religious Affairs Specialist SGT Thomas and his team (PFC Blanshard, PFC Leland and SPC Mani of the Solider Readiness Unit). These individuals handle the ordering for our Catholic Community and are the best point(s)-of-contact. . . . Please see message below from Ms. Julie Walton Coordinator of Chaplain Orders/Assignments for the Ranger Rosary, Inc. Network. She is reaching out to assist with rosary ordering for Madigan and the SRU. –Katie R. Ragle, Administrative Assistant, Madigan Army Medical Center. Department of Ministry & Pastoral Care, Joint Base Lewis-McChord, WA

We are fine with rosaries 'til this summer. There has not been an in-person Trainee Mass for 2 years. Father says it on Zoom to the various battalions. He only hands out a few rosaries each Sunday when he visits some of the units. He is upset that Mass is not being held at the gym. Many Blessings to you. . . . An Army Chaplain who is being assigned to West Point asked for your card. He wants his Catholic cadets to receive them. [We have a network group at Tuxedo Park that supplies West Point.] Tonita –Ann Costello, Catholic Parish Coordinator, Ft. Jackson, SC, now retired.

Yes, I am still at Fort lee. Address in signature block. We would like same as last resupply. Thanks. –CH (MAJ) Kimble, Bryan S., Brigade Chaplain, Power Shepherd, 59th Ordnance Brigade, Fort Lee, VA

I am one of five full-time Chaplains assigned to the New Orleans Police Department. Through my connections as an Army Reserve Chaplain, I became aware of your ministry to military service members. Is it possible that you would be able to provide some rosaries for our police officers? Perhaps you are aware, New Orleans has a large number of Catholics in our community. I would love to bless our officers that put their life on the line on a daily basis. . . . That is wonderful news! [that the RR Inc. Network will supply rosaries to police departments. St. Mary's in Annapolis has already supplied the Baltimore Police.] Is 100 a good amount? Honestly, I could use more and share with our other chaplains to cover all of the districts. So maybe 200? If that is too many, then I will gladly take less. As far as colors, I'd say a mix of the black and navy blue would be best. Thank you! Grace and Peace! –Doug Daspit, Th.M. Chaplain, New Orleans Police Dept, 1st and 5th Districts, Baptist Community Ministries, New Orleans, LA

I wanted to ask if your group can help me with rosaries. We are planning our Veterans Day luncheon at church and need rosaries to hand out. I would like to ask for 25-50 rosaries. I know it is a lot, but our luncheon is a big event in our church. We also give them to the family members that join the veteran. If we have any left I will give them to the members of the Knights of Columbus. It's not only that we prayed to the blessed mother but also great for evangelization. Whatever you can do for us is greatly appreciated. If you need donations for this let me know. We are happy to share the love of the blessed mother through rosaries. Peace be with you. –Charles Walden, St. Clare Catholic Church, Waveland, MS.

We appreciate the rosaries the ladies have made and it is a wonderful ministry to share these with the military community. With the start of the Religious Education program in a few weeks we will once again be distributing to all of our families. At this time we have an ample supply. If we are running low I will contact you however - or if I hear of other military communities in need I will contact you. God bless you and your team. Thank you for your prayers in these difficult times. –Jeff Fox, Catholic Religious Education Coordinator, Aviano Air Base, Aviano, Italy

Thank you for thinking of our Airmen. I am still at Tyndall but am not in need of rosaries at this time--still have lots due to COVID restrictions. I wish you continued success with your ministry. God bless, –Ch Rudy Olivio. Tyndall AFB, FL

I really appreciate your countless support throughout my unit ministry at various areas! I've been receiving [rosaries from you] since 2016. I am pretty sure I've talked with you via phone back in 2018. At that time, you sent more than 1000 rosaries to me. lol~~~ Also, you sent other packs of rosaries during times of my deployments. At the middle east combat zone, at the hot desert areas somewhere in TEXAS, the rosary became anointed heavenly tools for our troops. Now, I moved to new unit located Camp Humphreys, South Korea and found it's time to connect between your team and my soldiers. Numbers of unit soldiers: 700. Requested rosaries: 200. For the order, you can mix any colors of rosaries. Soldiers love them all! Thank you and I will keep prayiNG for your blessed ministry. "I can do everything through him who gives me strength" (Phil 4:13) –Cho, Euy Suk, CPT / Battalion Chaplain, 3-2D Aviation Regiment (GSAB), 2nd Combat Aviation Brigade, 2nd Infantry Division, Camp Humphreys, Republic of Korea



Thank you for your Support of our Ranger Rosary Ministry

At the Church of the Resurrection!

Please pray for our troops and the chaplains who serve them.

Also, please help us update our Military Prayer List on reverse side.