

The Chaplains Say Thank you!
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I pray all is well with you as you're reading this. I'm writing to inquire how I can acquire rosaries for my Brigade on Fort Bragg. I used to order them when I was stationed at Fort Drum. It would be a blessing for our Paratroopers to have access to these. *[He asked for 100 but we told him it is more economical for us to send a medium or large USPS Priority Mail flat rate box that contains 150 or 250 with prayer materials.]* . . . We'll gladly accept more. I just wanted to go with the minimum. I know how hard it is to make these and wanted to be humble with it. But yes, they do go quickly. I can personally attest to that. If possible, could we do an initial order for 150? I could break those up across the 7 battalions in our brigade so they'll each get 25. If we can get the "original black and green" rosaries, those would be great! Our field trainings are coming back up. These items go very quickly especially during weekend training. Once more, thank you. Your ministry is very much appreciated!
--CH(CPT) Reuben Ramdath, Ft. Bragg, NC

I'm the new Contract Priest at the Marine Corps Recruit Depot. Rev. Fr. Michael Booth retired in June. I want to let you know that we've received the packages you sent to RP2 xxxxx, and I can't thank you enough for your continued support to the Military. The Rosaries you send have been such a blessing to our recruits. They give them strength during training and help them grow closer to God and Our Mother Mary. Knowing that someone is thinking of them and praying for them makes a big difference in their journey. As more service members join us, we hope to provide a Rosary to each recruit who asks for one. To make this easier and faster, you can send future packages directly to my home address since deliveries to the base sometimes take longer to process. Please know that we hold your team in our prayers, just as you faithfully pray for our service members. Your kindness and generosity mean more than words can express. . . .

[Like his predecessor Fr. Michael Booth, Fr. Lito is proving to be a great collaborator with us in improving our service to our troops. He liked an Act of Contrition card that we recently began sending out with our rosaries, but only in small packets because the only such cards we could find cost a lot. When he asked if we could send him more--because a lot of the new recruits don't know the Act of Contrition from memory--we asked him to help us pick out the best wording for an Act of Contrition card. He liked the wording on the card we had sent, as most of our young people are familiar with it--but said, get rid of the gold filigree. We got Key Press on Chevrolet Dr. to design a simpler, but more beautiful & copyright-free Act of Contrition card for us for an incredibly low price. So, we ordered 5000 cards for this coming year! Then, when a cord order had been back-ordered for 3 months because our supplier makes all the parachute cord used by the military and they have to give precedence to the military orders over our, he kindly offered: We will pray that your supplier is able to meet the growing needs of the Rosary Ministry. Again, 😊 with gratitude and blessings,-
-Fr. Joselito Tiongson, Marine Corps Recruit Depot (MCRD), San Diego, CA

We are excited 😊! The black and green ranger ones seem to go over the best, if they are available. If not, a mix of brown and black is perfectly fine. The inserts we like best are the "How to pray the rosary" packets (in English), though, if you can't throw in extras, we understand. The other inserts we truly appreciate are the little cards that have Saint Michael on them. We include them inside our packets too. We truly appreciate all you provide. Semper Fi. . . .
Our supply of rosaries has also dwindled quickly, and I find we need more. Would y'all be able to send us about 800 black/brown rosaries to us? We would be very appreciative. Semper Fi. . . . We had a nice false Autumn, and now it is hot and humid again. Thankfully, it looks like the first nasty hurricane of the year is staying out in the Atlantic! We are completely out of rosaries. I was just wondering when I can expect to receive the 800 we were talking about that y'all will be sending. . . . All is good. *[First box arrived the next day.]* We have packets made up that will cover us for the next couple weeks, but then we would have been scrambling. We truly appreciate all your support. Thank you so, so, very much! One box will suffice to keep us going. Again, thank you! *Making a Difference by Touching Hearts and Changing Lives*
--Angela Sharpe, PMP, NC State Advocate Columbiettes, President, Col Jerry W Marvel Auxiliary, MCAS New River, NC

We would like the 250-300 option and, yes, we can share with the other units. Colors: Brown and Army Green
Address: xxxxxxxxAPO, AE, -- PV2 Marcello P. Melgar, USA, 5-4 ADAR, Shipton Kaserne, Germany

I serve with 2-505 Parachute Infantry Regiment. I have recently seen a message from a fellow Chaplain in a group chat about your organization. My unit has a large Roman Catholic population. In the unit's history, Archbishop Philip Hannan served as the unit chaplain during WWII and had the nickname "Jumping Padre". We are Paratroopers and I follow CH Hannan's legacy as I jump with my Paratroopers hereon a regular basis. . . . I am not sure how ordering rosaries works, but I am reaching out. I'd like to place an order some here for our guys as we go out for a big mission in the near future. . . . Thank you so much sending the rosaries and St Michael cards on such a short notice. Our Paratroopers will appreciate it on their upcoming jumps. Blessings, READY! H-MINUS.--CH (CPT) Viktor Rozsa, Battalion Chaplain 2-505 PIR, 3 BCT, 82d ABN. Ft. Bragg, NC

Thank you for sending the rosaries. They have been a true blessing and a source of strength in prayer for those who receive them. Your generosity is deeply appreciated, and it is already bearing fruit in the spiritual lives of many. We are also running low, so any additional rosaries you may be able to provide in the future would be a great blessing as well. Thank you again for your support and for sharing in this mission of prayer. . . I hope you are doing well and getting ready for Thanksgiving, so much to be grateful. I want to thank you and all your team for your dedication to our troops. I was wondering if you have any rosaries available. Thank you again for your ministry. *"Out of suffering have emerged the strongest souls."*--Fr. Emil Kapaun --Fr. Roylan (Roy) Recio Chaplain 1-48th IN Ft. Leonard Wood, MO

I learned about your ministry through asking the Army's AI platform for non-profits that make rosaries for the military. I recently saw some nice paracord rosaries set out on a table in the hospital here, and they were gone within a week! There's a clear desire/need, so I wanted to find resources that could provide more! The Army's AI platform directed me to the <https://www.rangerrosary.org> website. I also just now went to Resurrection's website and watched the video too. I'm a Lutheran (LCMS) chaplain/pastor, but taking care of our Catholic Soldiers and ensuring they have resources is one my distinct joys in this ministry. Could we please have: One large box for my artillery unit (any of the colors you mentioned are perfect--black, green, tan, etc.); if you have anything with St. Barbara, she's the patron saint of artillery, and very popular with the soldiers; and one large box for the hospital, a mix of the tactical colors and the OLoLs [Our Lady of Lourdes white and turquoise special medical rosaries] would be perfect! In Christ, *Pro Deo et Patria*, --CH (CPT) David Wurdeman, Battalion Chaplain, 2nd Battalion, 77th Field Artillery Regiment, Division Artillery, Fort Carson, CO

I am an Army Chaplain preparing for a Middle East deployment late this summer. Do you have rosaries that I could take to distribute to my Roman Catholic soldiers? Thanks! I could probably do with 150-200. Standard army colors are fine. Please feel free to include any other materials you think my Roman Catholic soldiers would appreciate. Thanks for what you do to support us! --CH (CPT) MiCH Michael Hartley, 1/149 IN, KARNG, Lexington, KY

I am a retired Chaplains Corps service member and am now serving as a Chaplain for the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States, Post 1797 in Creston, Iowa. I have given Ranger Rosaries to soldiers for years before retiring from the Army National Guard. I started serving as a VFW Chaplain several years before my retirement from the Army and am now seeing a need to provide some materials to veterans such as Ranger Rosaries. If I could get 12 or 15 Ranger Rosaries, it would be a great help to my fellow veterans in the VFW! --CH Ricky D. Leonard, VFW, Osceola, IA

I am the fulltime Chaplain's Assistant for the RI Army National Guard. I work at my state's Joint Forces Headquarters. This gives me the availability to work with both Army and Airforce National Guard for my state. It would be greatly appreciated if we can request 800 rosaries. Thank you very much in advance. --SFC Yronelis Salas, Program Analyst, Rhode Island NG

I am at the 11th Airborne Division Chaplain Section in Alaska. I believe we spoke before when I was stationed in Fort Campbell. Thank you for your support by the way. I was wondering if it were possible to obtain some rosaries through you. Thank you. Very much. Havamal Stanza 47: "In youth's solitude, I walked astray: but meeting a fellow traveller, I found true richness in shared moments. People's joy finds its essence in the connections they form along life's path." [*Out of curiosity I googled Havamal and found that it is Old Norse poetry containing practical wisdom, social etiquette, and mythological lore attributed directly to the god Odin!*] --SGT. Wyatt A. Bledsoe, 11th Airborne Division, Religious Operations NC, (JBER), near Anchorage, AK

We are on Schofield Barracks, the Army installation. We also have a second chapel on the Aliamanu Military Reservation, which is a housing area that serves Ft Shafter. In the past, you have sent them in, what I would call, "standard Army green." Ha, ha! Black also works for soldiers. For now, a one-time shipment of "however many fit in the box" would be great. We will distribute them between the two chapels and the units. If you sent a few hundred, they would all find homes, but I don't want to be greedy. It's best to ship it to my house because mail coming into the chapel takes an inordinate amount of time. Thank you so much for your ministry! --Laura Wise, Schofield Barracks, Honolulu, HI

Thank you so much for the quick reply and support for our Catholic Sailors/community. We do not currently have a Catholic service, but I want to make sure we have resources available for people in our new prayer room. Would we be able to get 200 rosaries in a mix of colors? If devotional material is included, English only would be fine. Once again, thank you for the support. I'll let you know when they arrive as they will be a blessing to our Sailors. --CH Rick Williams, CDR, CHC, USN, Command Chaplain, NSA MidSouth (Naval Support Activity Mid-South), near Memphis, TN

I am the Roman Catholic Deacon assigned at the VA Medical Center in Oklahoma City. I, the staff, and veterans want to thank you so much for the beautiful and colorful rosaries along with the prayer cards and devotional literature you sent to the VA hospital. The rosaries are so wonderfully made. As I have grown older, I so love praying the rosary, because it brings such great joy and comfort. I especially love the light blue rosary with the white beads for the "Our Father" prayers. I gave two to veterans yesterday and they greatly appreciate your ministry. We have plenty of rosaries, but in the future, I'd greatly appreciate a couple handfuls of the light blue rosaries. Please let me know if you have any prayer intentions that we can offer

up to Our Beautiful Mother for her intercessions. May God bless you and others that may be helping you with this wonderful rosary ministry. . . .

. [I wrote to tell Deacon Larry the history about the bright blue and white rosaries that we created several years ago. The Liturgy Coordinator at Pearl Harbor/Hickam AFB told us that she wanted an alternative to the Navy blue and battleship gray rosaries that we have always sent to the Air Force as well as to all the sea services. She wanted something lighter and brighter—to represent the blue skies and white clouds over Hawaii. The Liturgy Coordinator picked out a color our bead distributor calls "Neon" blue. So that is how "Our Lady of the Skies" came to be, as a reverse two-tone rosary from the Our Lady of Lourdes (OLOLs) we created long ago for medical units and military and/or VA hospitals.]

. . . I really appreciate all the information you sent me. It gave me a better insight into your ministry. Now I know the official name of the blue rosaries "Our Lady of the Skies". I was drawn to them with my 28-year military career in the USAF flying multiple jets. Thank you for sending more blue ones. By the time I learned about the box of rosaries you sent our way, we only had one Skies rosary left, which I display on my desk. Interesting with your note, but I spent about 4 years at Hickam AFB. Now I see the connection with the Hawaiian Islands. . . . A big thank you for the care package with the Skies rosaries we received this past Friday. Really appreciate the added bonuses of the DVD, books, and prayer cards. *[New Chaplain's Pack]* I really do enjoy reading a good book on a rainy day. Also, how can I send a donation to your rosary ministry? Name and address to mail a check your way. Hopefully a small token of thanks for all you and your team do for the veterans. . . . Thank you and keep up the great work with the Ranger Rosary ministry. I know the veterans really appreciate your efforts and I pray the Good Lord will directly reward you for bringing us closer to his Mother and to Himself. May God bless you. --Dcn Larry Lawrence E. I, Lt Col, USAF (Ret.), Roman Catholic Deacon, Hospital Chaplain, Archdiocese of Oklahoma City, Oklahoma City VA HCS, Oklahoma City, OK

I am writing on behalf of the VA Greater Los Angeles Chaplain Service to kindly request a donation of Rosaries and Scapulars for our Veteran patients. The request for these sacred devotional items is essential to supporting the spiritual and emotional well-being of our Veterans here at VA GLA. Many of our Catholic Veterans draw strength, comfort, and a sense of peace from these items, especially during times of illness, recovery, or personal hardship. Providing Rosaries and Scapulars allows us to honor their faith traditions, uphold holistic care, and ensure that every Veteran has access to meaningful spiritual resources that reinforce hope, resilience, and connection. . . . Thank you very much for your kind message and for your generous support of our Veterans. We are truly grateful for the care, time, and dedication that you and the entire Ranger Rosary network put into this ministry. Your efforts make a meaningful impact on the men and women we serve. I am writing to request an additional shipment of rosaries and scapulars for our Veteran patients. The quantity previously received has already been fully distributed, and our Veterans continue to express deep appreciation for these devotional items. We would greatly appreciate receiving 350 rosaries and scapulars each quarter. A mix of the Armed Services color combinations you described would be wonderful, including the medical rosaries and the alternative Air Force versions as available. Any devotional materials you normally include—such as rosary guides, Divine Mercy cards, St. Michael cards, and Spanish-language sample packs—are also a blessing to our Veterans. Thank you again for your faithful support and for keeping our Veterans in your prayers. Your ministry continues to be a blessing to our community. --Momo S. Larmena, J., Chief, Chaplain Service, VA Greater Los Angeles Healthcare System, U.S. Dept of Veteran Affairs

My unit is deploying soon and I wanted to see about ordering some rosaries. I need 50 rosaries. . . . Thanks for your quick response. I would be happy to share the rosaries with other Army units. I would like a mix of the two available color combinations that you mentioned. Thanks so much! --CH(CPT) Paul Kauffman, Battalion Chaplain, KY National Guard

I recently learned about your wonderful Ranger Rosaries ministry through the Resurrection Parish website. We would be incredibly grateful to receive a donation of your durable, handmade rosaries to distribute to the service members here at Scott AFB. These would be a great source of comfort and spiritual strength for our troops in the current climate. Could you please let me know the process for requesting a shipment for our chapel? Thank you for your dedication to supporting our military members. --TSgt, USAF, Religious Affairs--TOI M. FULLER, Scott AFB, Illinois

I had reached out about two years ago regarding a request for rosaries for Poland. I am interested in requesting more and knowing what kind are currently available. Additionally, I had a question regarding these rosaries. As a gesture of good will, is it permissible that we share some of these rosaries with our NATO allies and partner nations? We work very often with countries with large Catholic populations (Poland, Lithuania, Slovakia, Hungary, etc.). I can speak from experience when working with chaplains from Ukraine that they enjoyed receiving ranger rosaries to gift their troops or use for themselves. . . . The same mix as before would be great. The blue and white rosaries (I think they were Lourdes inspired?) were very popular. We also will ensure our Catholic chaplain takes them to his Ukrainian colleagues when he trains them (they were very popular with Ukrainian chaplains, and I know that several Ukrainian Catholic priests have gifted them to their soldiers). The Lithuanian Chaplaincy is also excited to receive them, and I will try to get some to them. We always like to build up relations with our allies and partners. I think sharing these items shows the universality of the Church and how we are all on the same team, religiously and militarily.

Thank you so much for your concern, work, and prayers! --SSG Mateja, John Z, Religious Affairs NCO, Religious Support Office, Camp Kościuszko, Poznan, Poland

I am writing to respectfully request a donation of Ranger Rosaries for the Airmen at Channel Islands Air National Guard Station (CIANGS) in Southern California. We recently learned about your ministry through the Resurrection Parish website. Your durable, handmade rosaries would be a tremendous source of comfort and spiritual resilience for our troops. We would initially request 50 rosaries with an annual shipment of an additional 50. . . That is wonderful news, thank you. 150 -200 with a mix of colors, with the Air Force blue combo would be perfect and yes, great idea, we would share with other units. We're looking forward to it. . . The rosaries are beautiful! Thank you and your team so very much. We were able to distribute them at our training earlier this month to our Catholic Airmen. Everyone is very pleased about the quality, durability, and beauty of these handmade rosaries. Please send our thanks to all your staff for your incredible ministry. --George T. Lawson, MSgt, USAF ANG, Religious Affairs NCO, Air NG Station, Port Hueneme, CA

If you could give us a little bit of everything as far as the rosaries with every branch, but especially the army, since most of our folks are United States Army, that will be coming to the chapel. Also, we're very appreciative of any other resources that you mentioned that you'd like to include in the mailing/shipping. We remain so grateful for your ministry and service to our Lord and to our military. --CH (LTC) Brett Johnson, JFHQ, Full-Time Support Chaplain, VA Army NG

On behalf on my Chaplain, I am asking for Rosaries for the Veteran communities we have here. We have many people who come to pray the rosary and we run out all the time. Please let us know if you can help. . . We see all services and VA types here. A mix of colors would be fine since we serve all services here. Navy color would be good and the Generic military. We would like a monthly shipment. Thank you so much! God bless your ministry. If that is ok, 150 should be good to start off. I will let you know if we need to increase it. Thank you again for the support you and your team give us. --RP1 Mark Allen Machemer, Jr, Naval Hospital Jacksonville, FL

I am a Chaplain. Our battalion is getting mobilized to Washington DC for 13 months next year to protect the airspace of the National Capital Region. How do I go about ordering rosaries for Soldiers? Thank you, --CH Micah Johnson, North Dakota National Guard

We received your wonderful package of rosaries, prayer cards and medals. We thank you. We had one lonely rosary left in our basket so your package was perfect timing. The rosaries and prayer cards are already set out. The St. Benedict medals will be distributed at Mass on his feast day/weekend of Jul 11. Thank you for that. . . . Since our Community is named for St. Michael the Archangel, we plan on giving out the St. Michael medals to our children in religious education. It is your parishes generosity that allows us to give these military children a token of their faith Community to take with them when they move on with their families. And we hope to distribute the Miraculous Medal on the Feast of the Immaculate Conception in December. Please thank your parish again for their generosity. I will keep in touch.

--Marilyn M. Martin, Catholic Religious Education Coordinator, St. Michael |Catholic Community, JBAB, Washington, DC

On behalf of the Rhode Island National Guard Military Family, we extend our sincere appreciation to Ranger Rosaries for your generous donation of 800 ranger rosary beads. Your support directly contributes to the spiritual well-being of our service members. As military service brings unique demands and challenges, resources that strengthen faith and personal resiliency are invaluable. Through this partnership, we can provide rosaries to service members as a means of support, reflection, and encouragement. These rosary beads will be thoughtfully distributed throughout the year to those who can benefit most. Your continued partnership and commitment to supporting the military community are deeply appreciated. Thank you again for your generosity and for standing alongside our service members and their families in faith.

--Paul A. Santilli, Director, Military Family Programs, Rhode Island National Guard



**Thank you for your Support of our Ranger Rosary Ministry
At the Pastorate of Resurrection/St. Paul !
Please pray for our troops and the chaplains who serve them!**