

Father Gabriel Harty OP

Make The Wild Rose Bloom, through Praying The Rosary

Gabriel Harty, OP was born in 1921 and ordained as a secular priest for the Archdiocese of Dublin, joining the Dominican Order after four years. He was commissioned by the Order to be its official Promoter of the Rosary, a task that has brought him to every corner of Ireland and to many parts of Great Britain.

He was sent to Lourdes to prepare to be an itinerant preacher of the Rosary. The title of his first book, *Make the Wild Rose Bloom* was inspired by this visit to the place where Bernadette heard the Parish Priest of Lourdes say: "*Tell the lady to make the wild rose at her feet burst into bloom*".

He likes to remember the wild and wonderful flowerings of the Rosary which took place in factories shops and offices during the fifties, sixties and seventies, when workers went on their knees during their break and after hours, to pray. Fr. Gabriel travelled to these places in his blue Bedford van presented to him by the much esteemed Joe McGrath.

- A reviewer of his second book, *The Riches of the Rosary*, wrote "This work reveals, as its title suggests, the riches of this most precious gift of God to his people.
- Fr. Gabriel lets his close friends know, that fearing he might end up a workaholic, he has privately published a third book, entitled, *Letters to the Beloved*, subtitled, *A Celibate way of Loving*.
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