

**RUNNING ORDER GUIDE OF PRAYER
FOR THE GLOBAL ROSARY RELAY**

23 June 2017

Introduction to the Worldpriest Global Rosary Relay,

The Worldpriest, Annual Global Rosary Relay for the Sanctification of Priests idea is a simple one. Each of the 120 participating shrines in over 55 countries prays a particular mystery of the Rosary at an allocated half hour on this day in thanksgiving to God for our priests and to implore the protection and loving care of Our Lady, Mother of all priests, for all her priestly sons. With the coming of midnight on this day **23 June 2017**, the entire world, by then, will have been encircled in prayer for our priests on this The Annual Rosary Relay Day.

As one united family of the Church, you are invited to join your prayers to the prayers of millions throughout the world on **23 June 2017**. It is an opportunity for us to raise our hearts to God for all priests in the exercise of their ministry; that they will be blessed, through our prayers, with God's grace for their priesthood; that in this worldwide communion of prayer for them, they may experience our gratitude and support; and finally that they will persevere in unity with Christ and his Church and shepherd the Lord's flock to the safe pastures of his Kingdom.

Name and thank the Shrine from which you have received the Rosary Relay

<https://www.worldpriest.com/participating-shrine-list/>

Pray the allocated mystery of the Rosary for your Country lead location

We now gathered together here atas we take up the Global relay in praying TheMysteries the Rosary.

Where ever in the world you are located please join us in prayer on the special day of prayer for our Priests.

Read the special Apostolic Blessing from Pope Francis for the Annual Global Rosary Relay for Priests.

Pope Francis' Apostolic Blessing for the Annual Global Rosary Relay for Priests

The Most Reverend Michael Neary, Archbishop of Tuam, Episcopal Advisor to WorldPriest

The Holy Father asks you to convey his cordial greetings to all taking part in the "24-Hour Rosary Relay for Priests" and to assure them of his spiritual closeness. He prays that our Blessed Mother may always guide and protect priests who are consecrated to the joyful and indispensable mission of proclaiming the Gospel and offering God's people, through the celebration of the sacraments, the closeness, the word and the strength of Christ (cf. Evangelii Gaudium, 121). With great affection and appreciation for priests, His Holiness commends them and those joining in this event to the loving intercession of Our Lady of the Rosary, and willingly imparts his Apostolic Blessing as a pledge of grace and peace.

Cardinal Pietro Parolin, Secretary of State

At the end of the Rosary Relay this special prayer written by His Holiness Benedict XVI for Priests is prayed.

His Holiness Benedict XVI's Prayer for Priests

LORD JESUS CHRIST,
eternal High Priest, you offered yourself to the Father on the altar of the Cross and through the outpouring of the Holy Spirit gave your priestly people a share in your redeeming sacrifice.
Hear our prayer for the sanctification of our priests.
Grant that all who are ordained to the ministerial priesthood may be ever more conformed to you, the divine Master. May they preach the Gospel with pure heart and clear conscience.
Let them be shepherds according to your own Heart, single-minded in service to you and to the Church and shining examples of a holy, simple and joyful life.
Through the prayers of the Blessed Virgin Mary, your Mother and ours, draw all priests and the flocks entrusted to their care to the fullness of eternal life where you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

AMEN

Announce the date for next year – **8th June 2018**

Spiritually send the Rosary Relay to the next location as you mention the name of the next shrine and location to all present.

We now pass the Rosary Relay from
to.....

A special blessing to be bestowed upon all attending.

Sing a hymn of thanksgiving to Our Lady

After the Rosary Relay prayer is completed at your shrine please email us at info.worldpriest@gmail.com with pictures, or audio recordings, TV or video clips and if possible, a brief overview as to how you prayerfully celebrated the Global Rosary Relay for Priests.

A reflection to share.

Join and pray as guided by Saint John Paul.

Reflection from Saint John Paul on the Rosary

“Today ... I am handing you the Rosary beads. Through prayer and meditation on the mysteries, Mary leads you safely towards her Son! Do not be ashamed to recite the Rosary alone, while you walk along the streets to school, to the university or to work, or as you commute by public transport. Adopt the habit of reciting it among yourselves, in your groups, movements and associations. Do not hesitate to suggest that it be recited at home ... because it rekindles and strengthens the bonds between family members. This prayer will help you to be strong in your faith, constant in charity, joyful and persevering in hope.”
Pope John Paul II, 8 March 2003

Thank you and God Bless.