A message from the Director of University Ministry

October is a month set aside to not only pray the rosary, but to encourage a deeper understanding and appreciation of the power and grace that flows from prayer.

I thought it would be a good opportunity to teach our students about the rosary because of the popularity of the rosary beads. Many people today, young and old alike, wear the rosary around their necks like a necklace. Many who wear the rosary do not understand the significance of the rosary and wear it as a fashion statement. For others wearing the rosary is seen as a means of protection or a sign of faith.

The rosary is a form of prayer. I would encourage those who have an appreciation for the rosary and enjoy wearing it to come to understand the spiritual significance of the beautiful gift that it is for persons of faith. Blessed rosaries are available to anyone who would like one in the University Ministry Office in the Student Activities Building. For more information on praying the rosary or the proper wearing of the rosary, please visit the Holy Rosary website.

For me, the rosary is special. I usually enjoy praying the rosary as I walk, either here on campus or in my neighborhood. When I was in high school prior to joining the seminary, my father and I would walk a three-mile loop up Harvard Road in Warrensville Heights outside of Cleveland, out to the Randal Park Mall, past the Thistledown Race Track, and back down Northfield Road. (If you are from the Cleveland area you might be familiar with the neighborhood.) I share this to illustrate that the rosary can become a very power and special form
a prayer in your own life as it has mine.

Eucharistic Adoration is observed on Thursdays after the 5:00 p.m. Mass. Many in the Saint Leo community find this time of quiet reflection the perfect opportunity to pray the rosary.

Are you unable to attend Sunday Liturgy? Would you like to be connected to the Saint Leo University worshiping community? University Ministry Mass is celebrated every Sunday at 7:00 p.m. in the Student Community Center Greenfelder-Denlinger Boardroom. For those in the Saint Leo community unable to attend, Mass can be viewed online.

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