

Circular No. 12/2026

Perpetual Rosary Offering 2026

Dear priests, religious, brothers and sisters, and beloved children,

For the past 25 years, without interruption, the Bethany Prayer Centre, the spiritual renewal centre of our diocese, has been conducting the **Perpetual Rosary Offering**. These are days of grace, faith, repentance and blessing, when the faithful gather before the Blessed Sacrament, seeking the intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary and praying for the whole world.

This year, the Perpetual Rosary Offering will begin on **Thursday, July 16**, and conclude on **Saturday, Oct. 24**, spanning **101 days and nights**. Through this continuous prayer, let us pray that abundant blessings may come upon ourselves, our diocese and the whole world.

The Blessed Virgin Mary never wavered amid life's trials. She trusted completely that the Lord would accomplish His promises. Mary's greatness did not lie only in fulfilling her maternal duties at Bethlehem and Nazareth. She followed Christ faithfully all the way to Calvary, offering herself like a burning candle. By meditating on the mysteries of salvation and seeking only what is good in life, we are invited to follow in Mary's footsteps and seek her intercession. The Perpetual Rosary at Bethany provides this precious opportunity through uninterrupted prayer.

When Our Lady appeared at Fatima, she identified herself as "**Our Lady of the Rosary**." Through praying the Rosary, we receive her special protection and the grace to live holy lives.

The Rosary is not merely an external devotion. As **St. John Paul II** taught, it is a profoundly Christ-centred prayer in which, together with Mary, we contemplate the face of Christ.

At a time when wars and violence threaten world peace, we especially need the intercession of Mary, the Queen of Peace. We also need her help to recognise and overcome the dangers quietly entering our families, affecting children and young people, and weakening faith and moral values.

Trusting in Christ's words, "**Behold your mother**" (**John 19:27**), many saints have reminded us that this is the time to entrust both the Church and humanity to Mary's maternal care.

St. Padre Pio testified:

"The Rosary is the weapon against all the evils of the world. Always keep the Rosary in your hands, for it is a powerful weapon against Satan."

St. Thérèse of Lisieux said:

"Whenever I pray the Rosary, I experience Our Lady smiling upon me, and I know that every one of my prayers reaches Jesus through her."

St. Teresa of Kolkata (Mother Teresa) reminded us:

"If you want peace and love to remain in your families, pray the Rosary together. The family that prays together stays together."

Let us therefore seek the assistance of the Blessed Virgin Mary during these days of the Perpetual Rosary for the needs of our families, the Church and society, so that we may receive God's abundant blessings.

The two principal intentions for this year's **101 days of the Perpetual Rosary** are:

- **World peace**
- **The sanctification of families**

Those who sincerely seek the intercession of Mary, honoured as the **Queen of Peace**, will become witnesses to God's mercy, peace and justice in a world torn by war, division and political unrest.

Today, every family needs renewal in holiness in order to strengthen its unity and faithfulness. We pray that the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Holy Family, may help restore broken family relationships and renew the holiness that has been lost.

As one diocesan family, these days of the Perpetual Rosary are a special gift of God's grace. Let us raise our hands in prayer for our entire diocese. As in previous years, I earnestly request the active participation of every parish in the Perpetual Rosary Offering.

I also encourage family prayer groups, pious associations and other organisations to ensure that as many faithful as possible come to Bethany during these days of prayer.

Every family in our diocese should be entrusted to the Blessed Mother. I urge all of you to come to Bethany and pray at least one Rosary. Parents should come together with their children. Members of religious communities are lovingly invited to come and pray especially for world peace and the sanctification of families.

Faithful from neighbouring parishes are likewise encouraged to participate in this Rosary devotion. I request all parish priests to provide the necessary leadership for this important spiritual programme.

Along with the common intentions, the faithful are also welcome to offer their own personal prayer intentions during the Perpetual Rosary.

As **St. Ambrose** said:

"Mary is the ladder to heaven. Through her God descended to humanity, and through her humanity ascends to heaven."

May these words inspire us to seek the help of the Blessed Mother.

May **Our Lady of the Rosary**, **St. Joseph**, protector of the Holy Family, and **St. Alphonsa**, who spent her life meditating on the sufferings of the Mother of God, intercede so that our diocesan Perpetual Rosary Offering may become a source of abundant divine blessings.

With affection in Christ,

+ **Remigiose Inchananiyil**

Bishop of Thamarassery

*This circular is to be read during all Sunday Masses on **July 5, 2026**.*