

The Chaplains Say Thank You! #21

Short Version -- Mid-July 2018 to Mid-July 2019

I am the Catholic Priest stationed in Yokosuka, a huge spiritually vibrant community here in Japan serving our Nation's 7th Fleet. There are endless requests for Rosaries that are used here on base and on the many ships homeported here when they deploy. In addition to use at the Chapel, I would love to be able to provide each ship that requests rosaries through their lay leaders enough for them to share. Is there are limit in terms of a number of rosaries we can request? I would imagine that 250-300 would be a satisfactory number. Thank you for your mission and ministry.--Rev. Jason C. Burchell LT, CHC, USN, Battle Chaps, CFAY - Chapel of Hope Japan

Thank you once again for reaching out to us--especially addressing my need for rosaries for our Soldiers. I received 2 boxes of rosaries that were sent by Betty Guillot [RR Network member & Coordinator at St. Luke's in Sliddell LA] and 1 from you. I truly appreciate it and am sure that the Soldiers appreciate it, too. It truly helps a lot of them to return to their devotion to the Blessed Mother and to deepen their faith in our Lord Jesus. . . We never run out of trainees which is a good thing--more to spread the good news about Mother Mary and of course, Jesus. We are so grateful. Fr. Andy "Walk Among Them." Lk 24:15 --CH/Fr Hermes G Losbanes, MAJ USARMY MSCOE (USA) 198th IN BDE Chaplain, Fort Benning, GA

Hello! I am Anglican and a supervisory chaplain with a lot of Catholic and Anglican Soldiers. I was wondering if I could request about 200 rosaries for my Soldiers who are preparing for upcoming adventure. . . You can send what you have. We are not picky. I appreciate what you are doing for my Soldiers. . . Brown and green are fine. Thank you again. May God richly bless you -- Chaplain (MAJ) Javon Seaborn Vero Beach FL

Aloha, Resurrection Rosary Makers! I want to thank you for the rosary shipments we received a few weeks ago! I immediately distributed them to Tripler Medical Center, Schofield Barracks and Our Indo Pacific Command Chaplains. They were so grateful. The love and prayers could be tangibly felt in my heart as the boxes were opened. I was humbled by how much care went into this whole process. The medals and prayer cards were an unexpected surprise; and I love that you included Spanish cards as well! Every detail was executed with love. With much mahalo, *Peace begins with a smile.* Mother Teresa --Tracey Harger, USAG Hawaii Catholic Community Coordinator, AMR Catholic Community Chapel Coordinator . . .

. . . Do you have Marine Corps colors? Someone told me the other night that percentage wise they have the highest amount of Catholics in any of the service branches. . . Great news and thank you! If black and green is the color Marines have been ordering, let's go with that. The army colors are great, half of each [darker brown and green and lighter brown and tan camos] would work. We are just so grateful for these. God bless and thank you again! --Tracey

. . . I just contacted two other chaplains to see if they would like any rosaries. One is the Navy Chaplain here. Can you send me 100 of the Navy ones for him? He works at Camp Smith so I can give them to him directly. The other is a priest, Father Andy Lawrence, who just moved to Fort Belvoir! He says they have them there. He really liked them! Isn't that awesome!. --Tracey

. . . You can send the Tripler ones to me because I see Father Joe every week and can pass them to him easily. I was thinking of 75-100 of each color. I share these between Schofield Barracks which is mostly Army and AMR Chapel which is a mix of Army, Air Force and Navy. Yes, the blue I mentioned is for the Air Force and Navy. The rest of the mix can be the ones for the Army. We don't have any of the black or the brown rosaries on hand at either place. At AMR, I mostly have about 80% Army. Ok Cashdollar definitely has a lot more Navy and Air Force because she is at Joint Base Pearl Harbor/Hickam. She probably sees very few Army. Ok and I share our priests for the Penance Services so I will make sure all three Penance Services have plenty of Rosaries. Mahalo and much love,--Tracey

. . . Aloha! We could take at least 200 of the OLOL ones for Tripler and how about 75-100 of blue, black and green? Fr. Joe asked for as many as he could get but didn't want to deplete any sources. I could also take more over to Kbay. They would probably like about 200 total mix of blue, OLOL, green and black as well. Father Paul took some I gave him last month at the Advent Penance Service but I'm sure they are gone. We are having our Lent Penance Service at the end of March, so it'll be great to have some extra on hand for those three days. Father John came last week and blessed all 135 special order *Our Lady of Grace* rosaries you made for our Military Women's Conference in February. He loved everything you sent with the box. Many mahonia!!! --Tracey [Editor's Note: Tracey asked us to create a special rosary for their 135 conference attendees to go with their theme of Grace. We used pearlized blue and white beads.]

. . . I just wish you were here and could see the beautiful rosaries going to our military and their families at these Penance Services! Yesterday there were about 174 people at Main Post Chapel. I placed them on a table with the cards and the medals and had to keep restocking. For some of the children, this was their first rosary! Some wanted the same one as their mom or dad! I'm now here at Hickam with about 150 people and passed many of them on to Ok Cashdollar, the Joint Base Pearl Harbor Hickam coordinator, and her Mom who is the sacristan. She immediately put some out and many people have been taking a rosary as they arrived or as they were leaving. Tomorrow is the last service at AMR and although the numbers will be a smaller, I'm sure they will be received the same way. I totally believe the Holy Spirit and our Blessed Mother prompted you to contact me about the rosaries. They arrived just in time and have been so well received. It's a grace just to watch them go home with the people who are here. Thank you again for this beautiful ministry and everyone's efforts to support our military and their families. God bless, --Tracey

. . . I just received a note from Father Joe asking for more rosaries for Tripler hospital. Is there a way you could send me 250 specifically for Tripler in addition to our regular order?. I'm going to go get some from Schofield and AMR so he has some on hand for now. He said an assortment of colors would be great because all the services go there. --Tracey

. . . Father Adam is getting ready to deploy! I want him armed and ready to bring the faith to the troops! In an interview yesterday someone asked me if I thought Chaplains were necessary in the military. I told him we need them as much as we need food and bullets. --Tracey

Aloha! I am Ok Cashdollar, the Liturgy Coordinator for the Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam Catholic Community. I would like to let you how great your rosaries were received between both of our chapels .It was very nice of Tracey Harger from AMR to share the rosaries with us. We at the Hickam and Pearl Chapels gave them to all our family as a Christmas gift (1 per family), and also as birthday gifts and wedding anniversary gifts. All military families love them! Thank you so much. We will remember all of you rosary makers in our prayers. -- Ok Cashdollar, JBPHH Catholic Community, HI

. . . Here in Hawaii we have large numbers of Air Force and Navy personnel since the PACAF and PACOM HQs are located on Joint Base Pearl Harbor-HICKAM. Colors are sky blue for Air-force and navy blue for navy. If they were combined with white, that'd be great, since not only is it a Holy color, but it represents clouds in the sky and foam on the sea. --Ok [Editor's note: At Ok's request, we agreed to experiment with making a sky blue and cloud white alternative to the Navy blue and gray for the Air Force. We are calling them "Our Lady of the Skies" or "Aloha" specials. Ok says the Neon blue beads match the noon sky over Hawaii!]

. . . The new alternative Air Force ones have come in and they are absolutely beautiful! Thank you so much for all that you do for us. Many blessings upon you and your ministry. P.S. Since everyone loves these rosaries, our parish has decided to make Ranger Rosary Inc. a designated donation for this year! --Ok

. . . For Pearl Harbor Chapel: We do basically mass only there. For Hickam Chapel: Masses, RE/faith formation classes, Life Teen, Retreats, All Activities, Outreach, Service, Baptisms, all are happening at Hickam chapel including main masses like all holy week liturgies (combined one mass). We expect for Easter Vigil mass approx 700 plus), mainly all military. They come from Camp Smith, Fort Shafter, Marine Corps military active members--I think because we have a bigger chapel and we are the only one to have 2 active military priests. Even baptisms. We take care of all military families, not only Navy and Air Force. Military people seem to want to get baptized at military chapels by military priests so if anybody requests from a different base...no question, we do them and marriages, too. All your rosary donations go to all these people. They all ask where these rosaries came from. So we let them know they came from you wonderful Ranger Rosary ladies. I know everyone who uses your rosaries to pray will pray for your mission. --Ok

. . . Thank you so much for your generosity! It would be great if we could receive them monthly, so we can welcome our newcomer families with them, and also let our young sailors take them when they go out to sea. Would it be possible to receive up to 300 per month? Again, thank you very much, and have a Happy Holy-day Season! -Ok

I am emailing to request 100 Black & Green Rosaries for the 1182nd Deployment and Distribution Support Battalion. I currently serve as a chaplain with the unit ministry team there and am hoping to provide our Soldiers with the blessing your service provides. . . I did receive the shipment. Thank you so much! I am currently traveling away from home station, but my assistant has placed them out for our Soldiers. Upon my return, I hope to get some pictures to share with you. Thank you so much for the blessings you have provided to our Soldiers! --John R Roberts, 1LT, CH, USAR, Battalion Chaplain, 1182nd DDSB, HHD, North Charleston, SC

Please thank all the wonderful Rosary makers who make my mission such a success. Just received 3 bountiful boxes. 🙏 to all of you! Pace e Bene, Tonita --Ann Costello, Fort Jackson, SC

I am reaching out to begin receiving rosaries for our military chaplain ministry. The Joint Task Force North Unit is comprised of all Armed Services. Our mission is to protect the Home front. We currently have very little religious resources to provide to the Marines, Soldiers, Sailors & Airman assigned to the unit. We are hoping to receive around 50 rosaries. Any and all the help you can provide will be very much appreciated. - *TSgt Tracy Sims, USAF AMC HC (USA) Joint Task Force North, Religious Affairs NCO, Fort Bliss, TX*

Greetings ! Are you still in the rosaries business? If so, I need some more for my Soldiers! . . . Wow! Soooo many choices! Please send me mixed army colors and I will see what the Soldiers like. . . I just wanted to acknowledge receipt of the two boxes of Rosaries here about two weeks ago. Thank you very much for sending them! Please let the ladies who make them know how much we appreciate their taking the time to do this for us!--*SFC Daniel J Daggett, Chaplains Assistant, Oregon National Guard, La Grande, OR*

Our Soldiers would greatly appreciate your donation of 200 Rosaries or however many you are able to send. I have a very difficult time keeping an adequate stock for our Service members. . . I would greatly appreciate a combination of any and or all of the colors including Our Lady of Lourdes (OLOs) for our medical units. We jointly support Army and Air Soldiers. . . 50 OLOs should last us a few months. I need to order before we run out... We ran out of rosaries a while back and the Soldiers have been requesting more. I greatly appreciate all you do for us.--*SGT Hayes, Barbara, State Full-Time Religious Affairs NCO, Office of the ALARNG State Chaplain, Alabama National Guard*

To the Wonderful Ranger Rosary makers, I have worked with Mary Weddle (*who formerly handled shipping for the St. Mary's group in Annapolis*) in the past to pick up and send rosaries to our deployed Service members. I am not a Chaplain, but a St Mary's parishioner. My son, LT Matthew Thorp USN is currently deployed on the USS Donald Cook. His ship just departed out of Rota Spain, and is expected to be back in 5 months. It does take approximately 3 months to get a package to him. Could you include him on your prayer list and send him a box of rosaries to give to the Chaplain on board? Thank you!! --*Kathy Thorp, Parishioner at St. Mary's Annapolis, MD*

Thank you very much for your ministry to our men and women in uniform. I received your rosaries and this weekend began distributing them to the Marines at Camp Pendleton. They are deeply grateful for your spiritual care for them. I remember all of you at Mass and in the Prayers of the Faithful there. May God bless you for your concern and care for them. Blessings --*Fr. Jack Sewell, Contract Priest, Camp Pendleton, CA*

I'm a military chaplain currently serving full-time in the WV Army National Guard. I have many Catholic Soldiers across the state to provide for, and was hoping that I could receive some of the rosaries that you produce. Please let me know what information you need. Thank you so much for your support! God Bless! . . . Are you able to support 75 brown and green, 75 black and green, and 25 Lady of Lourdes rosaries? Thank you so much for your help! These will support all of our Catholic Soldiers serving in the WV National Guard.--*CH (CPT) Justin M. Elliott, WVARNG Full-Time Support Chaplain 1-150th CAV REG, Fairmont, WV*

We loved the rosaries you sent us! And we'd like to request more of the Navy and OLOs. Maybe 100 of each, when you have a hot minute? No rush. I'm just looking ahead. . . I got them! They are wonderful and I am already handing them out! You truly bless us!!! --*CH (MAJ) Elizabeth L'Eclair, Ph.D., Group Chaplain, Special Warfare Medical Group , Ft Bragg, NC*

I am in need of rosaries and dogtag crosses. Please advise how I may order them. In His Service, --*CH (1LT) Ray Cano, CA National Guard Chaplain at the Carr Fire in Redding, CA* [Editor's note: We told him we had no idea what dogtag crosses were or where to get them. But we would send rosaries.]

Thank you for picking up the phone for this foreigner! As you can see from my address below I am now fighting with the dollars and cents at JBLM . . . but I am still trying to do ministry wherever I can. To that end; could I request 1000-2000 prayer beads -- in whatever colors you have available. I will be distributing them to Special Forces, SF, and Soldiers of various MOS's -- as well as civilians that work with our office on the Garrison side of things. Thanks again for your help over the years. My plan is to be a 'clearing house' for whatever rosaries you can provide. It sounds almost ridiculous but my current job does not allow for me to have as much direct contact with Soldiers as I have had over the last 15 years -- so if I can't minister directly -- I will do it indirectly. --*CH (MAJ) Jay K. Clark, JBLM Chaplain Resource Manager, Joint Base Chaplain's Office, Joint Base Lewis-McChord, WA* "After the game, the king and the pawn go into the same box."

I am sending you this email on Behalf of my Boss, Chaplain (MAJ) Mark Lacey. We are interested in ordering some Green and Black Ranger Rosaries. We have a large number of soldiers coming through our chapel every day that love the ranger rosaries and we would like to order some. Request that we can get 2000 Green and Black rosaries. Very Respectfully, --*SPC William Funston, HM BDE Religious Affairs Specialist Fort Hood, TX*

I am requesting any Bible literature you may have for free. I work with Combat and Post 9/11 veterans. GOD gave me this ministry to help these veterans who are on drugs, alcohol, homeless, mentally instable (PTSD, anxiety, depression) and physical problems from (IED explosion, land mines mortars, gunfire, etc.), homicidal and suicidal tendencies etc. Please assist me in furthering GOD's mission through our savior Jesus Christ! . . . I retired from U.S. COAST GUARD IN JULY/2004 WITH 20 YEARS AND 11 MONTHS OF ACTIVE DUTY SERVICE, RETIRED YEOMAN FIRST CLASS/YN1/E-6 100% DISABLED VETERAN, PERMANENT AND TOTAL DISABILITY STATUS. I see more than 50 veterans in a month time. Much appreciated. Have a great day. Your mission is wonderful. --Bobby L. Dees, *Transitional and Patient Rep/Advocate Transition Care Management (TCM) Team Southeast Louisiana Veterans*

I just got your contact information from my neighbor chaplain. I don't know if you are still supporting the US troops for their religious accommodations. Please guide me what you can do or not. . . Color: Brown and Green will work for us. Quantity: as many as you can provide. (I will distribute to Brigade Soldiers) Routine Shipping: yes! It will be awesome. Once again, thank you so much for your devoted support. btw, until September 2017, I lived at Fairfax, VA. Ellicott City was one of my favorite cities around DC area.--CHO, *Euy Suk, CPT, USA / Battalion Chaplain, Fort Bliss, TX*

Good afternoon Ma'am, Is your group still distributing rosaries? I recently transferred and when I got to my new Unit-surprise! Nothing. If you are, and I can still get a few, I would be grateful. I've moved up- but it means a smaller group. I'd be very happy with 50-100 rosaries (which will last me a good while I'm sure). Brown, green or black is great. Thank you! --CH *Timothy Paroz, 475 QM Group Chaplain, Ravenna OH*

Chaplain Joe Coffey gave me your name as our contact for the beautiful rosaries you send us and which I distribute to the new recruits every Sunday. I can't tell you how thankful the 17 to 19 year old recruits are to receive these and I witness an extraordinary transformation in them over 12 weeks of training. Often they come with little faith and when the ground is taken from beneath their feet by the drill instructors, they experience the presence of God supporting them. We hope that Father Coffey will remain here for at least a few more months but, like all chaplains he will be reassigned. Would it be okay to send the rosaries to me from now on so that they don't get 'lost' in this huge boot camp? . . . On behalf of the thousands of young Catholic recruits please extend our thanks to all --*Father Michael A. Booth, S.T.L., LMFT, KHS.Catholic Priest & Board Licensed Marriage & Family Therapist, Catholic Ministries @ Marine Corps Recruit Depot, San Diego, CA* [Editor's Note: Two chaplains with whom we have worked for years, CH Joe Coffey and CH Bill Muhm, retired last fall. On March 25, 2019, the Feast of the Annunciation, they both were ordained Auxiliary Bishops for the Archdiocese for the Military Services at the Basilica in Washington, DC. We now have some old friends in high places!]

Could you send 100 black and tan generic military with rosary guides or other prayer materials? Thank You so much for your support.-- *Rod Stockwell, Administrative Support Assistant, Chaplain & Social Work Services, VA Portland Health Care System, Portland, Oregon*

I am a Navy Chaplain and I would like to place an order for 100 Rosaries. Our troops come here for initial training and then deploy all over the world. I am constantly asked for Rosaries by our Catholic Sailors who are deploying overseas. My unit actually sends out Sailors who are "boots on the ground" -- meaning they are not on ships, but on land. They are often working with Soldiers or Marines. Our uniforms more closely resemble Army or Marine uniforms, so green/brown/black rosaries would be more appropriate colors (although we would be grateful for any). We could definitely use a full box; That would be great! I regularly send chaplains overseas that I can share the rosaries with. . . The Rosaries just arrived. Thank you so much! I know they'll be much appreciated, as I have requests for Rosaries every week. Also, I have a Catholic Chaplain overseas who has already requested some Rosaries for his ministry there. I can't thank you enough! Have the Rosaries already been blessed? If not, I can ask a local Catholic Priest to bless them for us. Thank You Again! God Bless You,--*CH Trent A. Jessup, LCDR, CHC, USNR Expeditionary Combat , Readiness Command, Norfolk, VA* [Editor's note: We assured him that all the rosaries we send have been blessed by one of our priests or deacons.]

I received your information from my previous CH who ordered rosaries. I was wonder how I could order more. We average about 500 trainees every 3 months so I was wondering could we get a large shipment. Thank you for all you do. . . Two boxes per quarter will work perfect. For the color preference, we will take whatever you usually send to army personnel. A mixture will be fine. Thank you for your support. --*SPC Raven Holstick, USA, BN Chaplain Assistant> 3-34th Infantry Regiment, Fort Jackson, SC*

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at the Church of the Resurrection!
Please pray for our troops and the chaplains who serve them.**