



## ***Dominican Rosary Pilgrimage - Media Tip Sheet***

### **Synopsis**

The Dominican Rosary Pilgrimage is a full-day event at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, D.C., on Sept. 30, 2023, hosted by the Dominican Friars of the Province of St. Joseph and local charters of the Confraternity of the Most Holy Rosary and welcomes Dominican Friars, Dominican Sisters, members of the Rosary Confraternity and lay faithful who want to come from across the country. View the full schedule [here](#). The Dominican Rosary Pilgrimage began spiritually with a nine-month novena, starting on Jan. 30, 2023.

### **News Hooks**

**Following the worldwide pandemic that separated so many people from each other in many ways, especially in churches, a movement that brings people back together to pray can be powerful.**

A national, prayerful movement is a beautiful way for Catholics to come together as a Church to pray, to take opportunities to deepen their own faith, and to be a witness to the truth.

**Many Catholics don't know the history of the Rosary and why it is a special and powerful devotion. The Dominican pilgrimage is an avenue that brings the story of the Rosary, its history, and its importance to light.**

The Dominicans have been the caretakers of the Rosary from its inception when Our Lady gave the Rosary prayers to St. Dominic in 1208 in Southern France. Our culture is in desperate need of the power of the Rosary to transform the depravity that has seeped into every area of life.

### **Bios**

**Fr. Patrick Briscoe, O.P.**

A native of Fort Wayne, Indiana, Fr. Patrick Briscoe joined the Order of Preachers in 2010. He completed his initial studies in theology at the Dominican House of Studies in Washington, DC, where he earned a licentiate in moral theology. Following his ordination to the priesthood, he was assigned in Providence, Rhode Island. Fr. Patrick served as a parish priest at St. Pius V Church, and as a chaplain and instructor of theology at Providence College. He was formerly the Editor-in-Chief of the English edition of *Aleteia.org*, the global Catholic news and spirituality website. Currently, he is the editor of *Our Sunday Visitor*. Fr. Patrick is a Eucharistic Preacher, a work he has undertaken to support the USCCB-led Eucharistic Revival. Along with his Dominican brothers, he is host of the podcast *Godsplaining* and a co-author of *Saint Dominic's Way of Life: A Path to Knowing and Loving God*. He is also the author of the OSV seasonal devotional, *My Daily Visitor*.

**Fr. Gregory Pine, O.P.**

Fr. Gregory Pine, O.P. is a doctoral candidate in dogmatic theology at the University of Fribourg (Switzerland). He served previously as a parochial vicar at St. Louis Bertrand parish (Louisville, KY), an adjunct professor of theology at Bellarmine University, and an assistant director of campus outreach for the Thomistic Institute. Born and raised near Philadelphia, PA, he attended the Franciscan University of Steubenville, and entered the Order of Preachers upon graduating. He was ordained a priest in 2016 and holds an STL from the Dominican House of Studies. He is the co-author of *Credo: An RCIA Program* (TAN Books) and *Marian Consecration with Aquinas* (TAN Books) as well as the author of *Prudence: Choose Confidently, Live Boldly* (*Our Sunday Visitor*). His writing also appears in *Ascension's Catholic Classics* series and in *Magnificat*. He is also a regular contributor to the podcasts *Pints with Aquinas*, *Catholic Classics*, *The Thomistic Institute*, and *Godsplaining*.

**Fr. John Paul Kern, O.P.**

Fr. John Paul Kern, O.P., was ordained to the priesthood in 2019 and served as Catholic chaplain at the University of Louisville before being appointed Director of the Rosary Shrine of Saint Jude and Executive Director of the Dominican Friars Foundation. He grew up in Annapolis, Maryland, where his father taught at the United States Naval Academy. Before entering the Order of Preachers, Fr. John Paul earned degrees in Mechanical Engineering and Nuclear Engineering from Penn State University and worked as a reactor inspector for the US Nuclear Regulatory Commission. Fr. John Paul currently serves as the Executive Director of the Dominican Friars Foundation as well as the Director of the Rosary Shrine of Saint Jude in Washington, DC, where he raises resources for the formation and work of the Friars and provides for the spiritual needs of the benefactors of the Shrine. He also enjoys preaching retreats, leading pilgrimages, and serving at the Parish of St. Vincent Ferrer and St. Catherine of Siena in New York City.

**Fr. Paul Dominic Marich, O.P.**

Fr. Paul Dominic Marich, O.P., is a parochial vicar at St. Patrick Parish in Columbus, Ohio. A native of Youngstown, Ohio, he is a graduate of Franciscan University of Steubenville, and was ordained to the priesthood in 2022. Before entering the Dominicans, Fr. Paul worked as a high school teacher at Saint John Paul the Great Catholic High School in Potomac Shores, Virginia, where he taught history and religion. In his current assignment in Columbus, he oversees the parish liturgy and youth programs. Fr. Paul is the Promoter of the Holy Rosary for the Dominican Province of St. Joseph. In this role, he is responsible for preaching about the Rosary, enrolling new members, and helping priests establish charters of the Confraternity of the Most Holy Rosary in their own parishes.