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Dominicans Launch National Nine-Month Novena to Culminate with a Rosary Pilgrimage in Washington, DC

*National pilgrimage devoted to Christ and Our Lady set to cover our nation in
prayer*

WASHINGTON, DC, Feb. 21, 2023 - As the original caretakers of the Rosary, which was given to their founder, St. Dominic de Guzman, the Dominicans are launching a nine-month Rosary novena to culminate with a day-long [Dominican Rosary Pilgrimage](#) at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, D.C., on Sept. 30, 2023. View the full schedule [here](#). The novena began on January 30, 2023.

Watch the Dominican Rosary Pilgrimage [trailer](#) and an [invitation](#) to the pilgrimage from Fr. Gregory Pine, O.P., a Dominican Friar of the Province of St. Joseph.

“The Rosary was given to St. Dominic during a time of widespread confusion both within the world and in the Catholic Church, not unlike in today’s culture,” said Fr. John Paul Kern, O.P. “The Rosary is a powerful weapon against evil and many popes and saints, as well as Our Lady herself in numerous apparitions, have asked the faithful to pray the Rosary for the salvation of souls and reparation for sins.”

The event will be led by the Dominican Friars of the Province of St. Joseph and the local chapters of the Confraternity of the Most Holy Rosary.

The Dominican Rosary Pilgrimage is ultimately for the laity, churches and groups who desire a more intimate relationship with Christ as they pray together for the nation, our Church and our families,” said Father Pine, O.P. “The event is a time of intense pilgrimage, intense prayer and intense retreat.”

The one-day event is the culmination of a nine-month novena, which involves the recitation of the novena prayer on the 30th of each month between January 30 and September 30, 2023. People have the option to join in the novena at any time after January 30, to pray the novena prayer more frequently than once per month if they wish, and to pray five decades of the Rosary, along with reciting the novena prayer.

“The Rosary contains the whole of Christian faith in all its splendor given to us so that we may fill our minds and nourish our souls with it,” said Father Pine. “We pray that many people join us during the nine-month novena and at the Dominican Rosary Pilgrimage at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in September.”

To learn more about the Dominican Rosary Pilgrimage, please visit www.rosarypilgrimage.org.

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