



# Arizona Rosary Celebration

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*Welcome to Arizona Rosary Celebration 2017  
Honoring Mary under Her Title Our Lady of Fatima*

## DIOCESE OF TUCSON

October 21, 2017

10:00 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic Church  
8650 North Shannon Road, Tucson, AZ 85742  
Most Rev. Gerald F. Kicanas, Presiding

We look forward to the 2017 Arizona Rosary Celebration as we honor our Blessed Mother under her title of Our Lady of Fatima. This year marks the 100th anniversary of the appearances to the three children of Fatima, Portugal. Mary's message to them and to us through them is to pray the Rosary daily for peace in the world. The message they received encouraged prayer, devotion to Mary and penance to end the war in Europe and bring peace. We are called to the same message to pray for peace and to be attentive to those most in need. You are invited to renew your devotion to Mary, the Mother of God and deliberately pray for an end to violence and inhuman treatment of all God's people everywhere.

-Most Rev. Gerald F. Kicanas

## DIOCESE OF PHOENIX

October 22, 2017

2:00 p.m. – 4:15 p.m.

Phoenix Convention Center  
33 S. 3rd St. - Halls F & G, Phoenix, AZ 85004  
Most Rev. Eduardo A. Nevares, Presiding

At Fatima, Mary appeared to three illiterate children. Rooted in a profound relationship with Our Blessed Mother, as children of God, we are all called to learn from her. Today, some use their education and sophistication to erect obstacles to what Mary can teach us.

The message of conversion proclaimed by Our Lady of Fatima is faithful to the tradition that finds expression in the Hebrew prophets, was witnessed to by John the Baptist as he prepared the way for the Lord and was proclaimed by Jesus from the first days of his public ministry. Today, we are called to open our hearts and listen to Mary, as she repeats this most fundamental message that must be proclaimed for every generation to hear: Repent, for the Kingdom of God is at hand.

-Most Rev. Thomas J. Olmsted

### NEXT PLANNING MEETING

#### TUCSON

Saturday, September 30, 2017

#### LAST MEETING

St. Joseph Parish, St. Francis Room

10:00 a.m. to 12:00 Noon

215 S. Craycroft Road, Tucson, AZ 85711

Additionally there will be a rehearsal for rosary celebration participants on Wednesday, October 18, from 7 to 9 p.m., at Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton Church, 8650 N. Shannon Road.

### NEXT PLANNING MEETING

#### PHOENIX

Saturday, September 16, 2017

Ss. Simon & Jude Cathedral

9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

6351 N 27<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Phoenix, AZ 85017

### Future Meeting Dates

October 7, 2017

Diocesan Pastoral Center

## **Message ARIZONA ROSARY CELEBRATION Chairman** **Lawrence G. Costanzo**

We are rapidly approaching the dates of our 42nd annual Rosary Celebration

One of the most important tasks that remains is that we must all promote Rosary Celebration in our parishes, Knights of Columbus councils and assemblies, in other organizations that we may be members of and of course among friends, relatives and acquaintances. This is not happening in every instance. I still find people that are not aware of this year's celebration to honor Mary under her title Our Lady of Fatima. We need to make the event known so that we can fill the Convention Center Hall and pray to Our Lady of Fatima for unity in our country and for peace in our world.

Representation at our Steering Committee Meetings has been lacking and it is important that each of us who have taken on a task as chairperson of a committee must fulfill the requirements of that position. It is also important that you attend the Steering Committee meetings and the Parish Rep meetings so that all can be brought up to date. When information for your committee is requested or you are asked to update forms, schedules or provide information for the Newsletter, we ask that you quickly react to the request. We realize there may be occasions that you cannot attend a meeting, but in that case please advise the co-chairs of the information needed. We sincerely appreciate all those who have accepted a position of responsibility and we encourage your continued participation.

There are a great many events in our parishes to celebrate Our Lady of Fatima. If we want to have a large turnout for our celebration then we must be proactive in providing clear, timely information so as not to be confused with or overshadowed by some other event. Each of us should do our part to make this event successful.

We are pleased to announce that we will have The United Nations Pilgrim Statue of Our Lady of Fatima and relics of the children present for the Rosary Celebration this year. This statue travels throughout the United States bringing comfort to the afflicted, solace to those in need and helps us to get to Jesus through Mary.

We are also in need of more volunteers to help in various areas. Contact the local chairpersons to ask where you can be of help.

Please pray for a successful Rosary Celebration.

### **Pilgrim Statue of the World Apostolate of Fatima**



The Official United Nations Pilgrim Statue of the World Apostolate of Fatima and First Class Relics of two of the shepherds of long ago— Saint Jacinta Marto and her brother Saint Francisco Marto and a piece of the original tree where Our Lady appeared in 1917— will be present for the Annual Arizona Rosary Celebration October, 21 and 22, 2017. This is the only approved Fatima ministry with Vatican and Bishop endorsement.

This beautiful icon, carved during the late 1940's by the skilled hands of José Thedim, was brought into the United Nations by World Apostolate founder, Father Colgan who along with John Haffert, recited a Rosary for world peace in the UN Meditation Room on December 8, 1952. Since that time, the coveted statue of Our Lady of Fatima has been referred to as the United Nations WAF Pilgrim Statue ~Ambassador of Hope and Peace.

The statue and relics have traveled the world with its Custodian, Judith Studer President of the Rhode Island Division of the World Apostolate of Fatima. These travels include: Italy, India, Ireland, the Philippines, and dioceses, schools, hospitals, and religious groups throughout the United States.

Pope Francis recently celebrated the canonization of the two Marto shepherd children with his visit to Fatima on May 12- 13, 2017, marking the 100th anniversary of the first apparition of Our Lady. During these same dates, the United Nations Pilgrim Statue and relics were honored at a historic conference at the UN, and a full-capacity Mass, held at Saint Patrick's Cathedral.

Throughout the travels of the image representing the Mother of God, Knights of Columbus Councils from every diocese in the United States have always accepted her presence and supported this ministry.

**Message from the Chairman**  
**TUCSON**  
**Al Tucker**

The Arizona Rosary Celebration 2017 honoring Mary under Her title Our Lady of Fatima will be celebrated in Tucson on Saturday, October 21, 2017, 10:00 a.m. to 12:15 p.m., at Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic Church, 8650 North Shannon Road, Tucson, AZ 85742. Most Reverend Gerald F. Kicanas, Bishop of Tucson, is presiding. This year's guest speaker is Most Rev. Ricardo Ramirez C.S.B., Bishop Emeritus, Diocese of Las Cruces, New Mexico.

For information contact: Al Tucker at [altucker33@yahoo.com](mailto:altucker33@yahoo.com), 520-825-1248; or Karen McEwen at [kmcewen@seastucson.org](mailto:kmcewen@seastucson.org), 520-219-7615

**Parish Representatives:** Our Parish Representatives are vital to the success of the Arizona Rosary Celebration. Having a parish representative helps us to timely provide and distribute information about the rosary celebration to the parish including all various ministries within the parish. Please check the July 2017 issue of the Arizona Rosary Celebration Newsletter for some suggestions on how parish representatives can promote the Arizona Rosary Celebration and maximize their parish participation. PS: Recent (including July 2017) editions of the Newsletter can be downloaded from the Arizona Rosary Celebration website [www.AzRosary.com](http://www.AzRosary.com) via "newsletters" in the Quick Links menu (bottom left of home page).

For any questions regarding the parish representatives including assistance if needed in registering a parish representative, please contact: Al Tucker, [altucker33@yahoo.com](mailto:altucker33@yahoo.com), or 520-825-1248.

**Parish Bulletins Announcements:** Suggested Parish Bulletin Announcements were sent to all parishes including the bulletin editor. These have also been emailed to all parish representatives and are available for download on [www.azrosary.com](http://www.azrosary.com). Parish Representatives, and other team members, are encouraged to do everything possible to have these suggested announcements appear in their weekly parish bulletins. Each of the suggested weekly announcements covers different aspects of the celebration. The bulletin announcements are likely the means that inform the largest number of parishioners about the Arizona Rosary Celebration. Expectedly this will result in increasing parish participation in the rosary celebration.

**Blessing Procession:** The Blessing Procession and Parish Family Forms are also available for download on [www.AzRosary.com](http://www.AzRosary.com). In addition, the reservation forms are available at our planning meetings and can be filled out, signed and submitted at the meetings. The deadline for registration is October 7, 2016. You may send your reservation forms direct to Bill McEwen via email: [arcproreg@comcast.net](mailto:arcproreg@comcast.net). For information please phone Bill at 520-579-0779 or email [williammcewen@comcast.net](mailto:williammcewen@comcast.net)

**Message from the Chairman**  
**PHOENIX**  
**Danny Haywood & Greg Mattingly**

Our 42nd Arizona Rosary Celebration is fast approaching. It will take place in Phoenix on October 22, 2017. In Phoenix we are pleased to have as our presider this year the Most Reverend Eduardo A. Nevares. Joining Bishop Nevares is our guest speaker for this year The Most Reverend Ricardo Ramirez, C.S.B., Bishop Emeritus of Las Cruces, NM.

This year Our Lady's title is "Our Lady of Fatima". This is the One Hundredth Anniversary of her Apparition to the Children of Fatima, Portugal. We are very fortunate this year to present the United Nations Pilgrim Statue of the World Apostolate of Fatima and First Class Relics of two of the shepherds, Saint Jacinta Marto and her brother Saint Francisco Marto.

By the time you read this article we may have already reached our September 9, 2017 deadline for submitting advertisements and sponsorship for our Souvenir Program Book. Hopefully everyone got their submissions in on time. If you did not and still want to help, your donation will be very much appreciated. At the time of this writing contributions are lagging behind previous years. If you want to help, send your check to: **Knights of Columbus, Arizona Rosary Celebration, 14175 W Indian School Rd, Suite B4-626, Goodyear, AZ 85395.**

We still need parish representatives. There are a lot of parishes that have not assigned anyone to this position. If your parish is one of these, please speak to your pastor. There will be another Parish Rep Meeting on September 16th at 9:00 a.m. The meeting will be held at Ss. Simon and Jude Parish in Smith Hall. The Catholic Daughters will once again be serving a continental breakfast for us. At this meeting all the posters, fliers and information sheets will be handed out to all the parish representatives. Reps, it is your responsibility to take all this information back to your parish and to get your fellow parishioners excited about coming to Arizona Rosary Celebration.

On the day of the event, there will be an Ushers Meeting for the Knights. It will be led by Joe Danko at the Phoenix Convention Center starting at 10:30 a.m. Please, all who can help as ushers, come early to get information on what Joe has to tell you. It is more than just seating people.

To all of the coordinators, I want to thank you for all the hard and time-consuming work that you have already done. You're an inspiration to me. We have a lot of work yet to do, so keep up the hard work.

Danny Haywood: 602-469-0758 [dhaywood65@gmail.com](mailto:dhaywood65@gmail.com)  
Greg Mattingly 623-910-8414 [gmattingly3855@live.com](mailto:gmattingly3855@live.com)

Our Lady of Fatima, pray for us.

## TUCSON

**Holy Hour and Dinner:** The Arizona Rosary Celebration 2017 starts in Tucson on Friday, October 20, 2017 with a Holy Hour at Saint Mark the Evangelist Catholic Church starting at 6:00 p.m. The church is located at 2727 W. Tangerine Rd., Oro Valley, AZ 85737. Father Patrick Crino, Pastor of Ss. Peter and Paul Parish and State Chaplain of the Knights of Columbus, will be the Celebrant for the Holy Hour. Additionally, participating will be this year's celebration guest speaker Bishop Emeritus Ricardo Ramirez. Also, the Saint Mark Parish Liturgy and Music Minister, Billy Mattison, will lead preparations to ensure a spiritually uplifting start to our weekend which honors Mary under Her title as Our Lady of Fatima. Billy Mattison will also be directing the Saint Mark choir who will perform during the rosary celebration at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton on Saturday, October 21, 2017. Attending the Holy Hour is a fitting and rewarding beginning to the Arizona Rosary Celebration.

Following the Holy Hour, dinner will be hosted by the Our Lady of the Rosary Knights of Columbus Council #13272 in the parish hall. The dinner will be presented by the Saint Mark Life Teen and consist of a catered Italian dinner at the cost of only \$13.00 per person. Reservation Forms for the dinner are included on the combined Holy Hour and Dinner Flyer available on [www.azrosary.com](http://www.azrosary.com). The reservation forms are also available at our Tucson planning meetings and at Tucson Chapter meetings. Early reservations are greatly appreciated. The dinner is always, and again promises to be, a lot of fun. This includes the chance to meet our Arizona Rosary Celebration 2017 guest speaker Bishop Ramirez as well as other dignitaries including a Knights of Columbus Supreme representative and K of C state officers, present and past, and their wives. Father Pat Crino will likely entertain with some great jokes.

**Altar Servers:** The Altar Server Coordinator and Altar Server Individual registration forms with instructions were mailed during the first week in August to each parish and catholic school in the Diocese of Tucson. The information and registration forms are also available on the [www.AzRosary.com](http://www.AzRosary.com) website and at our planning meetings. We look forward to another impressive procession of angels adding to the highlights of another memorable celebration for Our Blessed Mother in October 2017.

For information regarding Altar Server participation in the Diocese of Tucson, please contact Katheryn Hutchinson at 520-419-4889 or email [RosaryServer@comcast.net](mailto:RosaryServer@comcast.net).

*Pray for  
The Success of  
Arizona Rosary Celebration*

## Message from Dorothy Westfall PHOENIX

### **Parish Representatives and Organization Leaders:**

Your time, talents and resources are needed to assure the success of the Arizona Rosary Celebration 2017.

Don't miss the Meeting at Ss. Simon & Jude Smith Hall, September 16 at 9:00 a.m. A complimentary continental breakfast will be served by Court Our Lady of Guadalupe of Catholic Daughters of the Americas. Please bring someone with you.

We are part of the history of the annual tradition of the Arizona Rosary Celebration. This year marks the 42nd annual event and we will be celebrating the 100th anniversary of the apparitions at Fatima. Everyone is needed to make this year's celebration the biggest and the best ever.

Valuable information will be presented and materials will be distributed at the meeting.

At this time, the fabric of our culture is being torn apart, let us come to Mary, under her title Our Lady of Fatima, seeking her powerful help for our families, country and world.

If you have questions, concerns or comments, call Dorothy Westfall 602-944-6811. Our Lady of Fatima, pray for us.

## PHOENIX Confessions

The Arizona Rosary Celebration offers us the opportunity to receive the beautiful Sacrament of Reconciliation.

In John 20:21-23: Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, even so I send you." And when he had said this, he breathed on them, and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

We need our beloved priests in order for this to be fulfilled. Some of you have already sent me names of priests that can assist and I thank you for that. Please continue to seek priests that may be able to spare some time to assist in Reconciliation. Please share my contact information with them. I can be reached at [fyanez@cox.net](mailto:fyanez@cox.net) or at 602-402-4090. We must continue to pray for our priests and for the young men who are out there contemplating the priesthood. May our Blessed Mother intercede in our prayers.

## TUCSON

**Poster Contest:** Arizona Rosary Celebration Poster Contest Information, with instructions, has been sent this month to all Tucson Diocese parish religious education administrators and to Catholic K-8 schools in the diocese. This information is also available on [www.AzRosary.com](http://www.AzRosary.com). The poster contest primary purpose is to help continue the religious education of the children in our diocese and is open to those being home schooled. Eligible grades are Kindergarten through 8th grade. Winners will be invited to a pizza party with Bishop Kicanas. The pizza party is scheduled for November 18, 2017.

This year's theme is a picture of the child with his/her family praying the rosary before Our Lady of Fatima.

The deadline for all posters being received is the day of the celebration, October 21, 2017. Posters may be mailed to or dropped off at: **Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic Church, 8650 North Shannon Road, Tucson, AZ 85742, c/o Samuel Kiser**

For information regarding the poster contest, please contact: Samuel Kiser, telephone 520-820-5808, or email [samuel@kisers.net](mailto:samuel@kisers.net), or Karen McEwen, telephone 520-219-7615, or email [kmcewen@seastucson.org](mailto:kmcewen@seastucson.org).

## Bus Transportation TUCSON:

### BEE LINE

3594 E Lincoln Street,  
Tucson AZ 85714  
520-760-8784  
[www.beelineaz.com](http://www.beelineaz.com)

### GRAY LINE

3594 E. Lincoln Street  
Tucson AZ 85714  
520-622-8811  
520-622-8838 (Fax)  
[www.graylinearizona.com](http://www.graylinearizona.com)

(Bee Line and Gray Line are separate transportation companies located at the same transportation hub in Tucson. Both offer charter coaches).

### BEE LINE

2676 N. Trekel Road,  
Casa Grande, AZ  
520-316-3382  
[www.beelineaz.com](http://www.beelineaz.com)

This Bee Line location offers school busses only.

### SUNTRAN

4220 S Park Avenue,  
Tucson AZ 85714  
520-623-4301  
[www.suntran.com](http://www.suntran.com)

### ARIZONA SHUTTLE

5350 E. Speedway Blvd,  
Tucson AZ 85712  
520-795-6771  
[www.arizonashuttle.com](http://www.arizonashuttle.com)

Suntran and Arizona Shuttle offer shuttles.

- Saint Anthony Parish in Casa Grande has been using Bee Line in Tucson for 56 passenger coaches.
- Our Lady of Grace Parish in Maricopa has been using Bee Line in Casa Grande for school busses.
- Saint Andrew the Apostle Parish in Sierra Vista has chartered with Gray Line for 56 passenger coach.

## Información en Español PHOENIX

Para información en español, llame al 623-234-1470

Si necesita más información o tiene preguntas favor de dejar su número de teléfono y mensaje breve, habla despacito y claro. Regresamos su llamada a lo más pronto.

## Ministry Tables PHOENIX

Again this year Ministry Tables are available for organizations to have an opportunity to present their programs to the attendees of the Arizona Rosary Celebration. You can reach almost 8,000 people with your message. We have 24 Ministry Tables at the back of the hall, available at a cost of \$35.00 each.

For more information see the website or contact Richard Wagoner: 602-621-3406 OR [sallawagoner@yahoo.com](mailto:sallawagoner@yahoo.com)

## Holy Hour and Saturday Dinner PHOENIX

Following the 4:30 p.m. Mass and Holy Hour at Ss. Simon & Jude Cathedral, 6351 N 27th Avenue, Phoenix, AZ 85017, we will kick off the Phoenix Celebration with dinner and a visit with our guest speaker, Most Rev. Ricardo Ramirez, C.S.B. The dinner is catered by Sharko's. This dinner will give us all a chance to meet the guest speaker personally.

The cost of the dinner is \$22.00. Tickets can be purchased by sending a check to: *Catholic Renewal Ministries, Diocese of Phoenix, P.O. Box 13102, Chandler, AZ 85248, or Calling Marge Chavez: (480) 201-6691.* Make checks payable to: *AZ Rosary Celebration*

For more information, Call Marge Chavez: (480) 201-6691. Forms for the dinner are available on the website at [www.AzRosary.com](http://www.AzRosary.com).

## Support Our Celebration TUCSON and PHOENIX

It is never too late to show your support and appreciation of the Arizona Rosary Celebration with a monetary contribution. Your support is desperately needed to continue. The Arizona Rosary Celebration is a 501(c)(3) organization. Donations are deductible as allowed by law. Send your contribution to:

**Knights of Columbus,  
Arizona Rosary Celebration,  
14175 W Indian School Rd, Suite B4-626,  
Goodyear, AZ 85395.**

Make check payable to: Arizona Rosary Celebration

**Prayer Campaign  
TUCSON and PHOENIX**

Please Continue To Pray for the Arizona Rosary Celebration. Please keep asking others to pray as well. Ask individuals, prayer groups, organizations, ministries and missions.

May we all be inspired to keep praying for another magnificent celebration as we recall the favorite quote by Tennyson: *"More things are wrought by prayer than this world dream of."* We and all the committees thank you for your prayers to date. They have been felt.

The Most Rev. Thomas Olmsted, Bishop of Phoenix has asked all to pray the 54 day Rosary Novena. If you have been participating, please add among your intentions the success of our Arizona Rosary Celebration. Novenas can be started anytime.

This may be the last newsletter message for the year, so we offer, in honor of the feast of the Most Holy Rosary, the following prayer:

Novena to Our Lady of the Rosary.

*O Mary, Our Lady of the Rosary, I salute you with the most profound and filial devotion. I renew the consecration of myself and all I have to you. I thank you for your maternal protection and for the many blessings that I have received through your wondrous mercy and most powerful intercession. In all my necessities, I have recourse to you with unbounded confidence. O Help of Christians, O Mother of Mercy, I beseech you now to hear my prayer and my requests in this novena. (Mention your requests-include AZ Rosary Celebration). Say the Memorare and include the Rosary. (Feast Day of the Rosary - Oct. 7)*

Our Lady of Victory, Our Lady of the Rosary, Triumphant in thy all-powerful intercession, Pray for us.  
(from the litany of Our Lady of Victory)

*Pray for  
The Success of  
Arizona Rosary  
Celebration*

**Blessing Procession & Family with Roses  
PHOENIX**

Each group in the Blessing Procession will be permitted 4 people in the procession. There may be several groups per Church. Please make sure each group is registered. **Registration forms for the Procession as well as Family with Roses** can be found on the website at [www.AzRosary.com](http://www.AzRosary.com). All groups must register upon arrival. The registration table closes at 1:00 p.m. All groups are required to sit in the procession area. If there is a handicapped person in your group please call Donna Wiedoff. We ask that each Family with Roses bring one rose per family to place in the basket. If you have any questions please contact Donna Wiedoff at 602-292-1294.

**Poster Contest  
PHOENIX**

All parishes and schools are encouraged submit posters for the annual poster contest. Details for submitting posters can be found on the website [www.AzRosary.com](http://www.AzRosary.com), as well as via mailings to parishes and schools. The contest helps to bring the students closer to Our Lady as well as increasing faith and understanding. In addition, the winners will have an opportunity to attend a pizza party with Bishop Olmsted. Questions please contact Donna Wiedoff at 602-292-1294.

**DEADLINE: 12:00 Noon, Thursday, October 5, 2017**

(All Posters must be received by this time and date!)  
Mail to, or drop off posters at:

**St Joseph Parish  
11001 N 40th Street  
Phoenix, AZ 85028.**

**Ushers  
PHOENIX**

We are seeking Catholic men and women to help direct and seat the public. You will need a cell phone for that day to call the head usher Joe Danko 602-710-0418. I will be the direct link with security and medical. If you have a brother Knight or a friend from Church please asks them to join you. The event starts at 2:00 p.m. I am requesting all ushers to be on site at 10:30 a.m. for training and at 12:00 Noon for final instructions and registration.

All ushers working this event will need to be in compliant with the Phoenix Diocese Safe Environment Training.

Please respond by email if you are able to help. We need to get a count as to how many we have to help.

If you have any questions or concerns please email [joedanko@cox.net](mailto:joedanko@cox.net) or call 602-710-04187 between 5:00 – 8:00 p.m.

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NEXT MEETING*

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