

## **BLESSING OF THE ROSARY OF OUR LORD**

*(Formerly reserved to the Order of Camaldolese)*

P: Our help is in the name of the Lord.

All: Who made heaven and earth.

P: You have crowned the year with Your bounty.

All: And the fields are filled with the fruits of the earth.

P: Lord, heed my prayer.

All: And let my cry be heard by You.

P: The Lord be with you.

All: May He also be with you.

Let us pray

Lord Jesus Christ, who became man, sojourning in the world for thirty-three years, suffering many things for the salvation of men, and who willed finally to die on the cross; be pleased, we pray, to bless and to hallow this rosary (these rosaries), which you directed St. Michael the Hermit of Camaldolese to introduce for the purpose of commemorating Your life, passion, and death. May all who devoutly carry it(them) on their person and faithfully recite it (them) be enriched with your many graces and mercies, and deserve to obtain an everlasting crown in heaven; through Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

It (they) is (are) sprinkled with holy water.

## Prayer to the Most Holy Trinity

O most Holy and Blessed Trinity, Your poor sons, conscious of their miseries, prostrate themselves at Your feet and cry to You from the bottom of their heart: Mercy O God; mercy, Eternal Father who has created us out of nothing; mercy O Jesus, who has ransomed us from the slavery of the devil. Mercy, O Holy Comforter and Sanctifier of souls through the Love of the Father and of the Son from whom You proceed. Yes, mercy upon us most amiable Trinity whom we humbly adore and proclaim our God, One in Your Trinity.

We are blind, enlighten us; we are weak, strengthen us; we are infirm, heal us; we are inclined toward evil, give us victory over the world, over hell and over our passions.

You who are the beginning of all things in whom all things subsist and to whom all return, grant us always to do Your holy will.

Look down upon the Camaldolese Order O most Blessed Trinity, protect it, preserve it, increase it in number for Your glory and the sanctification of souls, and grant it faithful observance of its Holy Rule and Constitutions.

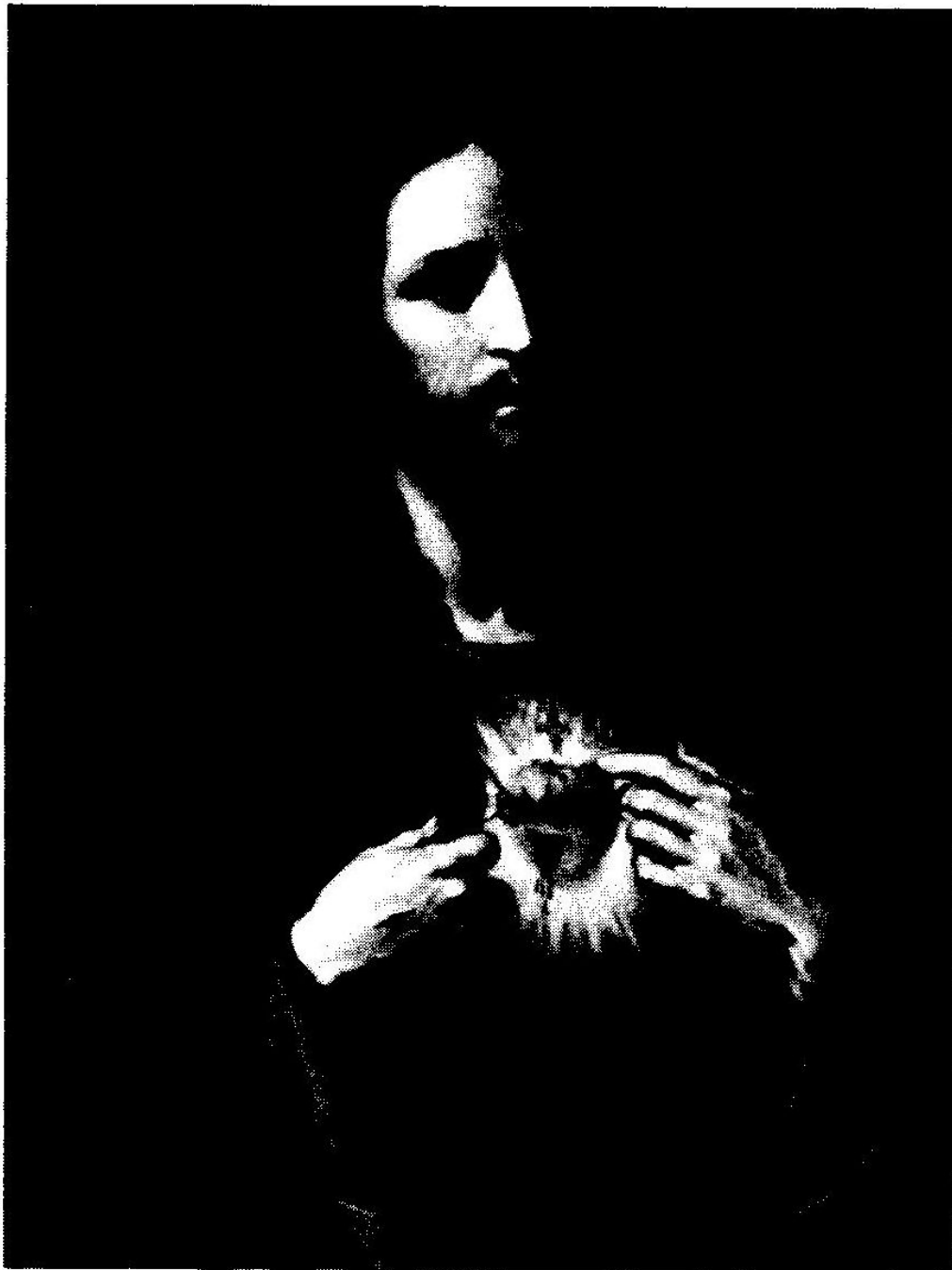
Look kindly upon our Holy Mother the Church, deliver her from her enemies, exalt her and grant her the victory so long desired! Look also with love upon her visible head, the Roman Pontiff.

Let Yourself be touched with compassion for poor sinners; touch their hearts that they may be converted and return to You repentant to become one flock under one shepherd.

Lastly, bless our parents, our friends, our benefactors and grant that all may one day come to heaven to sing: "Holy, Holy is our Lord God. Glory, honor and praise to the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit for ever and ever." Amen.

To You love, praise, honor, glory, thanksgiving O most holy, blessed and glorious Trinity, one God.

Thrice, Glory be



## **The Little Rosary of the Sacred Heart of Jesus**

An ordinary Rosary is used. It is begun by saying: Heart of Jesus grant that I may love You more and more.

On the first three beads is said the Glory be . . . and after each Glory be . . .: Heart of Jesus, grant that I may love You more and more.

Then, instead of the Glory be . . .: Heart of Mary, be my salvation.

Instead of the Our Father: Eternal Father, I offer You the most Precious Blood of Jesus Christ, in reparation of my offenses and for the needs of the Church.

Instead of the ten Hail Marys: O Jesus meek and humble of Heart, make my heart like unto Yours.

Then again, instead of the Glory be . . . : Heart of Mary, etc. The other decades are said in the same way.

### **Prayer to the Sacred Heart of Jesus**

O Sacred Heart of Jesus, pour forth Your blessings upon the Holy Church, the Sovereign Pontiff and all the clergy. Give perseverance to the just, conversion to sinners and light to infidels. Bless our parents, friends and benefactors. Assist the dying, free the holy souls in purgatory and extend over the hearts of all, the sweet dominion of Your love. Amen.

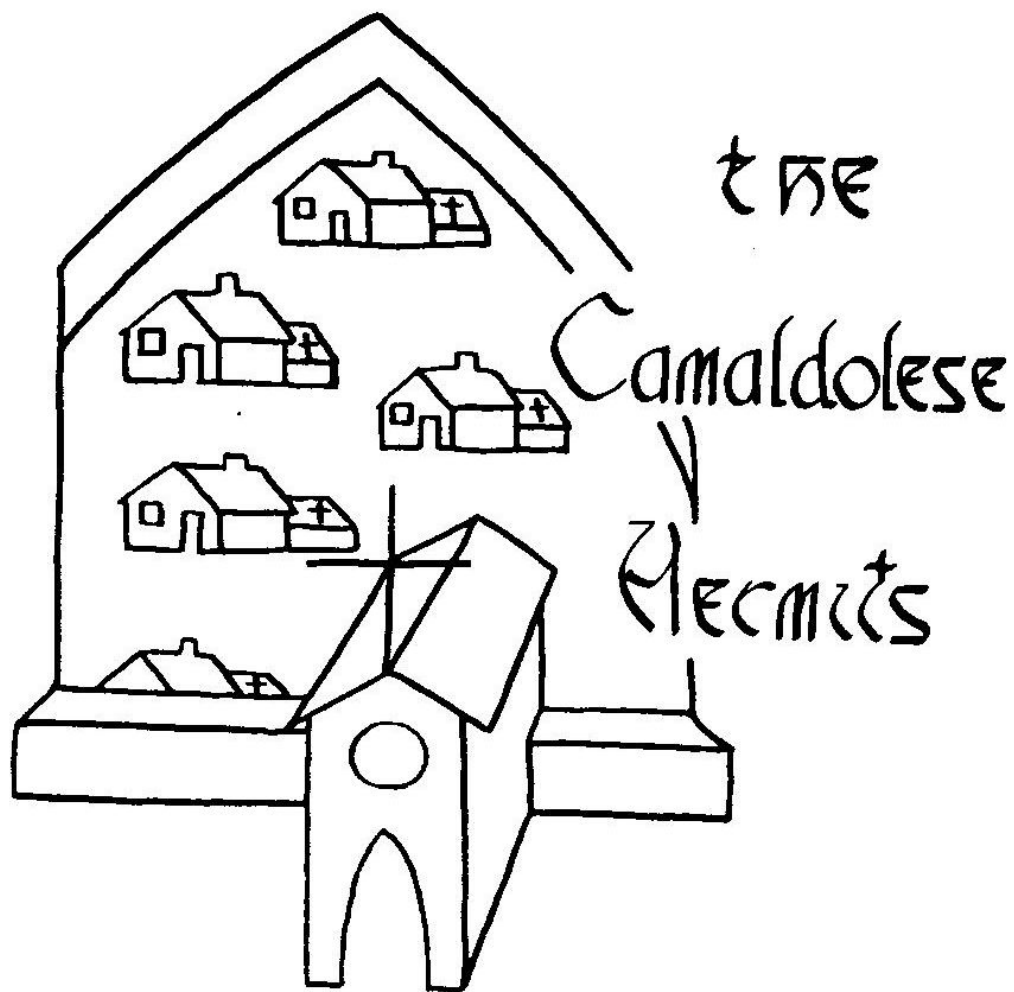
### **Prayer to St. Romuald**

Saint Romuald, in whose soul lurked that loneliness which is the common lot of mankind, you chose above all earthly treasures, to be hidden away in a mountain fastness completely wrapped in silence. There, with our Blessed Lord as your only Companion, you found the abundance of joy which He promises to all who open to Him the door of their longing. So great was your happiness that those who saw your smiling, radiant face called you a "seraph of love."

Share with us, O Saint of the lonely, the secret of your joy. Restless is the heart of man till it rests in God. Help us to keep Christ within our souls as our Companion and Friend. Teach us how to speak with Him and how to listen to Him. Obtain for us the grace never to leave Christ outside our hearts as a stranger, locked out of His own home. Let us never admit His enemy, the father of lies, to usurp His place within us.

Through the merits of Jesus Christ, whose delight is to dwell with the children of men, may we in the evening of life go to the Home He has prepared for us with His Father and the Holy Spirit. Amen.

(Indulgence of one hundred days granted by Bishop Willinger.)



## THE AMERICAN FOUNDATION AT NEW CAMALDOLI

It was in 1958 that the Camaldolese Hermits set foot on American soil. America's own people had ushered them in to found a Hermitage, thus to answer a need of choice souls who aspire after the solitary way of life. A gap had indeed to be filled up to afford increased vitality to the glorious Church in America.

Providence has pointed out and procured a congenial site on the slopes of the Lucia Mountains commanding an inspiring view of the Pacific. Converted ranch buildings served as living quarters while the Hermits began the work of establishing their foundation. With the help of American benefactors and volunteer

labor, the first cells for the Hermits were constructed. Each cell contains a study or living room, chapel, bed alcove, bathroom and workroom. Outside, a walled garden separates one cell from the next. At present the Hermitage has twenty-five cells set on the hillside in rows of five or six, forming a small eremitic village. Also, outside the cloister there's a cell which the Hermits have built to satisfy the healthy curiosity of their friends!

Dedicated to a solitary life of prayer, penance and work, the Camaldolese Hermits pray, study, work, eat, and sleep alone in their cells. Their "business" as the world would put it, is prayer. In addition to the private prayer, spiritual reading, and meditation performed in their cells, the Hermits come together in the chapel during the day, and once in the middle of the night, for the chanting of the Divine Office, the "work of God."

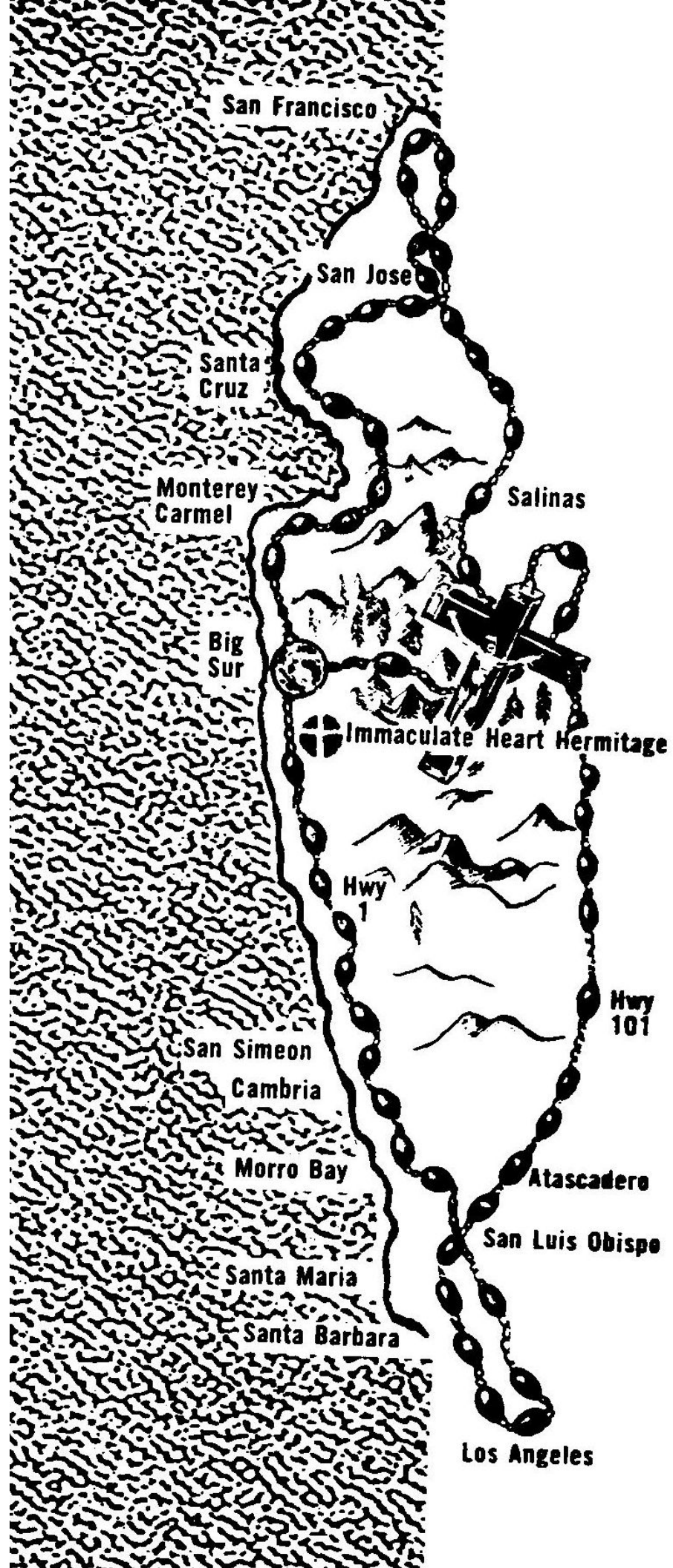
The rest of their time is spent by the Hermits in the solitude of their cells, unless the necessities of the place demand that some work be done in common. With the approval of their superior the Hermits may write or exercise some craft in their cells. Yet even these occupations must be compatible with a spirit of prayer. The Camaldolese Hermits are primarily contemplatives, and strive to avoid any sort of feverish activity, no less than idleness or sloth. All things are subordinated to the pursuit of and fulfillment of God's will, and freedom from preoccupation with self and the things of the world. To live "alone with God, for God alone" is perhaps the best summation of the simplicity and the ideal of the Camaldolese life.

This eremitical ideal is most fully realized by a Camaldolese Recluse. After leading the regular Hermit life for a number of years, a Hermit may be permitted to become a Recluse. This means he leaves his cell only three times a year to participate in the liturgy and to take his meal with the community. Reclusion is the unique characteristic of the Camaldolese Order.

Priests, students and Brothers form the present community of 32 Hermits. They are all from America, from

the States of New York to California, but for a representative each from the countries of Italy, India, England and Canada. Building has progressed rapidly, and at midnight of the Christmas of 1964 the Hermits offered the first Mass in their newly built chapel. Visitors are invited to join the Hermits for Mass at 6:45 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. on weekdays and at 6:45 a.m. and 11 a.m. on Sundays and days of obligation. They are further invited to join the Rosary of our Lord and of our Blessed Mother perpetually recited in the mortuary chapel.

This institution is truly a power-house of prayer. It offers a haven to any American desirous of finding God in solitude.



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