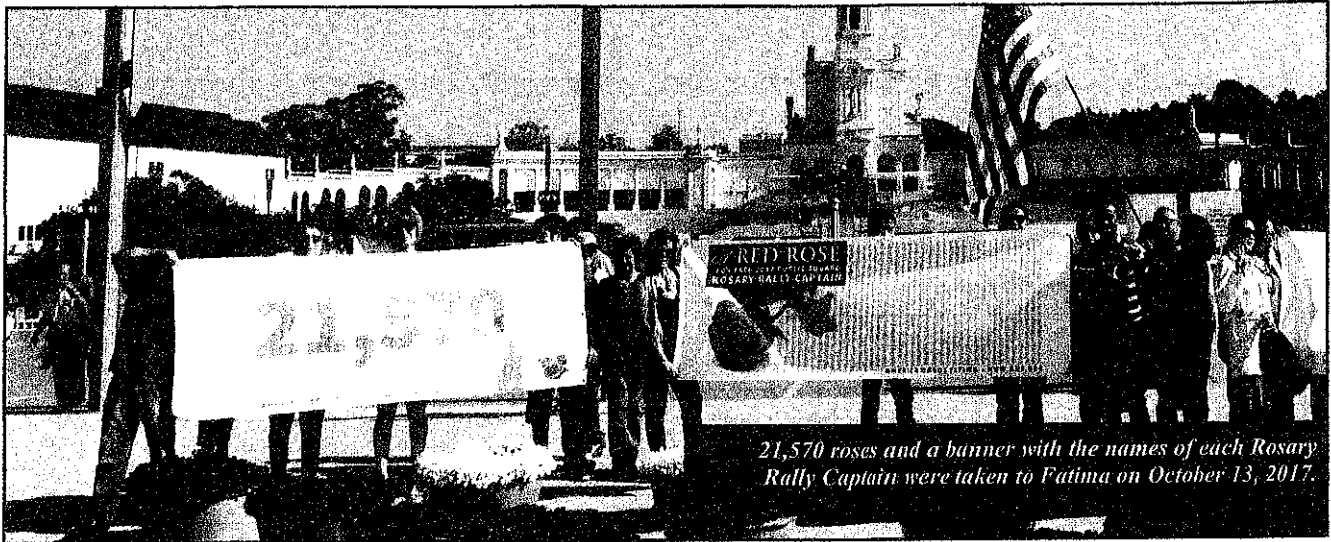


The Red Rose



In his book, *The Secret of the Rosary*, St. Louis Marie De Montfort said while exhorting sinners everywhere, “I, a greater sinner than you, wish to give you this rose—a crimson one, because the Precious Blood of Our Lord has fallen upon it.”

A crimson rose—“because the Precious Blood of Our Lord has fallen upon it!”

Can one ascribe a more beautiful and significant meaning to this superb blossom?

He states that even as the rose is the queen of all flowers, the Rosary is the rose of all the devotions and therefore the most important one. He says that when we pray the Rosary we create crowns and wreaths of heavenly roses, which we place on the heads of Jesus and Mary!

The Red Rose! A truly magnificent communication of grace and charity! These heavenly roses, which we give to Our Lord and Our Lady each time we devoutly say the Rosary, can never wither or die! Rather, each one will remain just as exquisite and pristine throughout eternity as they are today! St. Louis De Montfort says, “Let us crown ourselves with roses of the Most Holy Rosary.”

We could suppose that if St. Louis De Montfort were with us today, he might ask the faithful to consider his statement of “crowning ourselves” as we pray the Rosary for America? For instance, he might simply call upon us to ponder the wonderful graces by which we crown ourselves with these heavenly roses, while we devoutly pray the Rosary for America’s conversion?

He would certainly instruct us to reflect how grand and resplendent would be the crown of heavenly roses, which would collectively be placed upon the heads of Our Lord and Our Lady as we pray for our country! He might invite us to contemplate the sweet fragrance of these heavenly blossoms, which Our Lady fans across America as we in one accord seek to honor her through the Most Holy Rosary? Perhaps he would even insist upon a bold confidence, so as to anticipate the mercies and graces released

upon America for her conversion when we act to give to Our Lady and Our Lord such a glorious crown!

Such is the splendor of a rose! It is specially elevated by Our Lord to form that heavenly crown, truly fit for the Mother of God! Just as true, this queen of flowers is principally conferred upon us by Our Lord as our own crown, through the sincere praying of the Most Holy Rosary. Thus, this connection of the crimson rose between heaven and earth is a representation of a blessed and triumphant crown. . . one which brilliantly emerges through united prayer for the salvation of countless souls, and thereby for our nation. All of this is most wonderfully accomplished through the Most Holy Rosary!

Every October, *America Needs Fatima* holds our annual Public Square Rosary Crusade—literally, thousands of Rosary rallies across the country to pray for America’s conversion. Last year, we had over 20,000 rallies. In 2018, we hope to hold even more!

To honor each rally captain, a complimentary RED ROSE is taken each year to Fatima and put at the exact spot where Our Lady appeared. Think about this for a moment. *A red rose for you, sent to Fatima!*

According to St. Louis de Montfort, your single red rose signifies your own, personal crown. In addition, your red rose, together with thousands of others, helps create a most glorious crown for Our Lady! This earthly gift of your rose resembles that heavenly, spiritual rose given by you to Our Lady, while praying the Public Square Rosary! By praying the Holy Rosary, the fragrance of these gifts collectively ascends to the throne of God as a pleasing aroma! In return, we are answered with many wonderful graces for and on behalf of our country. . . *the precious conversion and salvation of souls!*

As a Rosary Rally Captain with *America Needs Fatima*, your name and a red rose will be delivered to Fatima on **October 13, 2018**, commemorating the anniversary of the Miracle of the Sun.

May Jesus and Mary bless you!