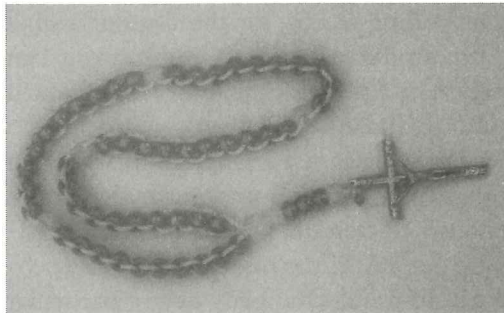


FEAST OF THE HOLY ROSARY

Beads have been present in all known cultures throughout history. They have been used as adornment, talismans, money, and displays of wealth and power. The word "bead" derives from the Anglo-Saxon *biddan*, to pray, and *bede*, meaning prayer. Prayer beads are used by more than half of the world's religions: Hinduism, Buddhism, Islam, as well as Catholicism.

Today, the words *rosary*, *chaplet*, *corona*, and *beads* are used interchangeably to refer to prayer devotions using special strings of beads to aid the Catholic in meditation. A myriad of chaplets honor Our Lord, Our Lady, the Trinity, the angels or saints, and new chaplets are often composed to honor and spread devotion to a particular mystery or aspect of our religion.

THE PULL ROSARY



This rosary is inexpensive to make, attractive, easy enough for a six-year-old to construct, and best of all, if you get interrupted during prayer time, you can return to find the place where you stopped.

Materials needed:

- 53 clear pony beads (or first color)*
- 6 black pony beads (or second color)*
- 1 red heart shaped bead (or third color)*
- 1 crucifix or cross with hole at top
- 2¹/₃ yd. thin nylon cord

Fold the cord in half and push the loop through the hole at the top of the cross. Run the loose ends of the cord through the loop as in diagram. Run both ends of the cord through 1 black, 3 clear, a second black and the red bead to form the introductory portion of the rosary. Split the two ends of the cord and string the rest of the beads, one at a time, by running both ends of the cord through the hole from the opposite sides as in diagram. String 10 clear beads, 1 black bead, 10 clear beads, etc. As you add each bead, move it down to the previous bead to keep the two ends of the cord even.

When all beads have been strung, hold the two ends of the cord together evenly and leave a space of about 2 inches from the last bead so that you have room to move the beads up and down along the cord. Run the rest of the cord back through the first beads and through the hole in the cross. Secure with several half hitches or other suitable knot. Burn the ends of the cord to keep them from unraveling.

