



**FOR NEARLY FIFTEEN YEARS, NICK AND JANET PINO,
HAVE BEEN HOSTING MASSES IN HONOR OF SAINT PADRE PIO.
THE INTERNATIONAL ROSARY HAS BEEN A PART OF OUR CELEBRATION.**

**THIS SPECIAL DEVOTION OF THE INTERNATIONAL ROSARY IS PRAYED AT OUR
MASS CELEBRATIONS NOT ONLY TO HONOR AND THANK THE
BLESSED MOTHER, BUT ALSO BECAUSE SAINT PIO IS STILL CONSIDERED THE
SPIRITUAL DIRECTOR OF FATIMA, AND PADRE PIO PRAYER GROUPS ALL
OVER THE WORLD.**

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Origin of the *International Rosary* of *Our Lady of Fatima*



The Cova da Iria
Spot where our Lady appeared in Fatima, Portugal
1917

Padre Pio, Our Lady of Fatima and The International Rosary

*Padre Pio daily expressed his special devotion to Our Lady of Fatima as he knelt and prayed at Her shrine within the monastery, before a large picture surrounded by burning candles (after his healing, a statue was donated to the monastery). His devotion to the Mother of God was childlike, simple and full of affection. He called Our Lady his 'Mamma' or 'Little Mamma.' Indeed, he credited the Virgin of Fatima with saving his life.

On April 24, 1959, the Pilgrim Statue of Our Lady of Fatima visited Italy, starting from Naples. At the same time Padre Pio became very ill and was diagnosed with pleurisy. From July 1-3 he was an inpatient at Casa Sollievo (the home for the relief of suffering) which he had founded. The illness continued. Since he was too ill to join the celebration at Foggia, the itinerary of the pilgrim statue was changed so that it could be brought to San Giovanni. From his sickbed, Saint Pio led the novena of preparation for its arrival. On August 5, 1959, the Statue came to the convent at San Giovanni. Rising from his sick bed, Padre Pio prayed before the statue and kissed Her feet. On August 6, as the statue of Our Lady was leaving San Giovanni Rotondo, in a helicopter, Padre Pio loudly lamented: ***"Our Lady, my Mamma, you came to Italy and I got sick; now you are going away and you leave me still ill. "***

As Padre Pio spoke this prayer, a miracle occurred. High above the monastery, the helicopter with Our Lady's statue suddenly circled the building three times. The pilot would later say that he could not explain why. No sooner had Padre Pio said this than he felt a shudder in his body and said to his confreres: ***"I am cured!"*** And indeed he was cured, healthier and stronger now than he had ever been before.

Later Padre Pio said: ***"Thank the Virgin of Fatima for me,"*** for ***"The Madonna came here, to heal Padre Pio."*** On August 10, Padre Pio resumed saying Mass, and on August 21, he resumed hearing confessions.

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While on a pilgrimage to Fatima in the early 1990's with the Blue Army, both Nick and Janet Pino were selected to lead one of the decades of the rosary. In Fatima, since 1927, those selected would begin the decade in their native language while the assembled pilgrims from around the world would respond in their own native tongue. It is truly exhilarating to hear pilgrims assembled from around the world praying the rosary together as the Blessed Mother requested, on the spot where she spoke and appeared to the three children, Lucia, Jacinta and Francisco.

The site below is where the rosary is prayed and represents the spot where the Blessed Mother appeared in 1917 to the three children. In the late 1990's, we began hosting Masses for Padre Pio, and as part of the Mass we all Consecrate ourselves to the Blessed Mother of Fatima. We also decided to incorporate the International Rosary (as we like to refer to it) into our Mass program, both in honor of the Blessed Mother and to thank her for the healing of Padre Pio. This is why we refer to the recitation of the rosary in our program as the **International Rosary**. We thought that we would bring a bit of Fatima to all whom we meet through our Padre Pio Devotions!

