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Tips
For

Hosting your Own Rosary Making Event



Logistics

- How large do you expect the group to be? Do you have a room with enough table space for each person to work comfortably?
- Does it have adequate lighting?
- You may want to schedule more than one date to accommodate parent schedules.

Materials

Beads *will* roll off flat surfaces. Consider investing in some materials that you can use each year. Suggested items include:

- Soft bead mats, made especially to keep beads from rolling around. They can be cut in half, are washable and last for years.
- At least one pair wire cutters, chain nose pliers and crimping pliers. If you have an especially large group, two sets is helpful.
- Will your church be purchasing these supplies, or asking parent volunteers to purchase them? If you plan to host an event each year it helps to think about this.

Teachers

- How many people will be helping to assemble and finish each of the rosaries?
- While some parents may want to learn how to use crimp beads and finish the rosary themselves, others will not. It can take a while for teachers to finish all of the rosaries for a large group. Consider having snacks or another activity for parents while they wait.

Information for Parents

Be sure to give parents clear instructions about the materials they do, and do NOT, have to purchase. For example, some churches provide the stringing wire and crimp beads, while others have the parents purchase their own. A typical shopping list would look like this:

- 53 beads for the Hail Mary's – usually 6mm to 8mm round
- 6 larger or differently shaped beads for the Our Father's – 8mm to 10mm, depending on the Hail Mary beads selected
- Small spacer beads. We recommend one strand of size 8/0 seed beads, which is more than enough for a rosary.
- One rosary center (a two-to-one connector)
- One crucifix or cross
- 12 bead caps (optional) as decorative elements around the Our Father beads

For parents who also need to purchase the beading wire and crimp beads, the list should include:

- 4 feet flexible beading wire (5 feet if using beads larger than 8mm for the Hail Mary's)
- 4 2x2 crimp beads

Additional Tips

- Let us know if you'll be hosting an event and the date. We enjoy helping parents make their selections and will be on "alert" to expect them before your event.
- Feel free to print and share our "How to" sheet for rosary making for use at your event.

