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The [Congregation of Holy Cross](#) and [Holy Cross Family Ministries](#) to Unite the World in a Third Global Rosary for Peace on 22 October

The Worldwide prayer event will unite Catholics in response to the Holy Father's call for peace

EASTON, Mass., July 30, 2026 — An international prayer initiative sponsored by the Congregation of Holy Cross and Holy Cross Family Ministries will unite the world in a live Global Rosary for Peace on the Feast of St. John Paul II. The event will bring together families, parishes, schools, religious communities, and individuals from all corners of the globe to pray for peace on 22 October 2026 at **10 a.m. EDT (4 p.m. Rome time CEST)**.

Last year's [Second Global Rosary Prayer for Peace](#) united over 65,000 participants in praying the Rosary at the same time in their homes, schools and parishes around the world. The live broadcast on the Internet featured over 10 languages and a myriad of cultures. The Global Rosary for Peace continues the global mission of Venerable Patrick Peyton, "The Rosary Priest", who spread the famous messages that *"a world at prayer is a world at peace"* and *"the family that prays together stays together"*.

The 29 Holy Cross Family Ministries Centers and related ministries across 18 countries on six continents will act as local coordinators in the United States, Australia, Canada, Mexico, Haiti, Brazil, Peru, Chile, France, Ireland, Uganda, Kenya, Tanzania, India, Bangladesh, the Philippines, Burkina Faso, and Ghana.

The Superior General of the Congregation of Holy Cross, [Br. Paul Bednarczyk, C.S.C.](#), is also calling upon all Holy Cross apostolates and communities around the world on six continents in 18 countries, to join and pray for world peace. During his time as Superior General, Br. Bednarczyk has emphasized the importance of gathering people in prayer, especially prayer for peace.

“As Pope Leo has said, we cannot be silent any longer. Let us together lift our voices in prayer ‘for the conversion and deliverance of all’ who turn to violence in order to achieve their goals,”

said Br. Bednarczyk. "We in Holy Cross must continue to convoke people to both action and prayer in response to the pressing injustices and needs of our time."

"Peace begins in the hearts of families and communities," added Fr. Fred Jenga, C.S.C., President of Holy Cross Family Ministries.

Spiritual preparation for the Global Rosary officially began on Thursday, 20 August, with the start of a nine-week novena. Leading directly into the 22 October live broadcast, parishes and communities worldwide are also invited to participate in 40 Hours of continuous Eucharistic Adoration, anchoring the global Rosary in the real presence of Christ in the Holy Eucharist.

Participants are encouraged to register online—"put a pin in the map"—to show their participation or that of their family, parish, school, ministry. Pastors can also enroll their parishes in the 40 Hours of Adoration leading up to the Global Rosary.

This year's Global Rosary will feature the Luminous Mysteries of the Rosary, which were shared with the world 24 years ago by St. John Paul II in *Rosarium Virginis Mariae*.

To learn more about the Global Rosary for Peace and how to participate, visit: <https://prayforpeace.org>

About the Congregation of Holy Cross

The Congregation of Holy Cross, (CSC) founded in 1837 in Sainte-Croix, France, is an apostolic religious congregation composed of two distinct societies of religious brothers and religious priests "bound together in [one indivisible brotherhood](#)." Founded by [Blessed Basile Moreau](#), our mission is to share in the Church's mission by serving as educators in the faith educating hearts and minds and building communities of the coming kingdom. The Congregation of Holy Cross consists of over 1,300 professed religious brothers and religious priests. Today, under the leadership of Br. Paul Bednarczyk, C.S.C., the 14th [Superior General](#) in the history of the Congregation. Along with his assistants on the General Council, they oversee the [16 Provinces, Districts, and Vicariates](#) that constitute the Congregation

About Holy Cross Family Ministries

Holy Cross Family Ministries (HCFM) is a ministry of the Congregation of Holy Cross, United States Province of Priests and Brothers. It is a family of Catholic ministries spread across the globe that is committed to continuing the global mission of [Venerable Patrick Peyton](#), "The Rosary Priest," and seeks to be educators of the faith. HCFM is dedicated to inspiring, promoting and fostering prayer in families and providing quality resources that support the spiritual well-being of families. Families are served through a multi-media approach, which includes live events and streams, free digital resources, as well as in-person events, retreats and presentations across 29 ministry centers in 18 countries.