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The Rosary Teams

Evangelisation cells – At the heart of the Church – Closely linked with the Dominican Order

Founded in 1955, the Rosary Teams are a particular **missionary prayer movement**. They propose living the Gospel with Mary to a laity thus trained for the responsibility and ministry of the Word. Their **way of working is simple**: the Team meets once a month **in homes** for a prayer meeting. Each day, the members of the Team meditate a mystery in communion with the others. They act at the boundaries and it is Mary who welcomes in each home.

It is a **profoundly catholic** movement, started in France, which today assembles over 100,000 members. It is going from strength to strength. Very structured at diocesan, regional, national and international level, it is **always linked with a diocese**. Indeed its diocesan chaplain is appointed by the bishop. This promotes good parish integration while offering an adequate response to the specific needs of each region.

A Church Movement, the Rosary Teams are also **intimately linked to the Order of Preachers**. They were founded by a Dominican, Father Joseph Eyquem, who had always wished for this link. It is visible in the documents produced for the Teams as it is in the involvement of the members of the Order of Preachers: indeed, regional or national chaplains are always Dominicans. **Encouraged and supported by the Master of the Order** who sees them as an absolutely appropriate evangelisation tool, the Teams exist through the Dominican charisma. They are at the **service of Preaching**, under the protection of Our Lady.

To learn to know the Rosary Teams is to discover that there exists **a simple and effective proposition** faced with questions posed by the challenges of the new Evangelisation. To encourage the Rosary Teams is to allow the laity to become **actors** of the Announcement of the Good News, at the heart of the Church.

The Rosary Teams are **a gift of the Spirit for our times**.

It's up to us to make them grow!

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