

# 2000 HAIL MARY DEVOTION AT CANADIAN MARTYRS PARISH

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(CFC-Handmaids of the Lord)

On Sept 22, 2018, the 2000 Hail Mary devotion was started at Canadian Martyrs, spearheaded by the CFC-Handmaids of the Lord, through the encouragement and support of Fr. Richard Au and the Parish Office.

The Handmaids of the Lord (HOLD), a family ministry of Couples for Christ (CFC) is a Marian Community and joyfully took on this task assigned by Fr. Au. The community is more than delighted to spread this devotion, not only in this Parish but in other Parishes as well.

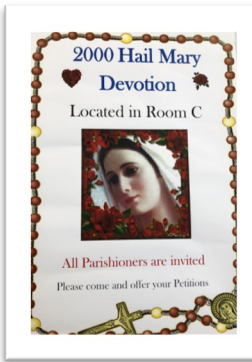
It has been actively participated by Parishioners from various ministries and we are glad that this is a continuing devotion that will be held quarterly. The coming schedules will be: March 2, June 1, Sept 21 and Dec 7, 2019

While this may be a “challenging” devotion for most, considering that 5 decades of the Holy Rosary (50 Hail Mary’s) will be close to 20-30minutes, 2000 Hail Mary’s will be close to 14 to 20 hours! But prayers can be paced as needed.

For those who are not familiar with this devotion, it is scheduled from 8:30 am to 7 pm in the evening including preliminary prayers which includes the 5 decades of the Holy



Rosary, consecrations prayers and mid devotion prayers such as the 3 o’clock prayer, Divine Mercy Chaplet, Angelus etc. 100 Hail Mary’s are recited typically by one person. Anyone can lead each segment of 100 Hail Mary’s. Unlike the Holy Rosary, the 100 Hail Mary’s are prayed all the way through. Each segment is started with a pre-set petition. However, anyone can have their personal petitions written in a petition box or silently professed while the prayers are recited. A Mass precedes the 2000 HM but in Canadian Martyrs, some members of the prayer group step out for the 9am Mass while a few continue with the preliminary prayers started at 8:30 am.



Everyone is given a chance to stretch a bit, have a quick bite (snacks supplied by members of CFC-HOLD or others can contribute optionally) or as needed, step out for the call of nature. In any case; prayers are continued.

If there are inadvertent distractions, we also pray for the grace to endure and ask our Lord to help us finish the prayers. Our Blessed Mother will be pleased just by our desire to participate in this devotion. If you are having difficulty to do this individually, doing it in a group like this will help out!

This is a beautiful devotion for grave concerns of our time such as end to abortion, prayers for our Pope, Bishops, Priests and Deacons, pro-life issues, calamities, the sick and the dying, for our families, etc.

We do invite everyone to attend any, or all, of the quarterly prayer vigils for this 2000 HM!



Note: On a historical point, contrary to popular knowledge, this was not started in the Philippines. It was started in Aragon, Spain in 1933, with the 2000 HM being recited annually on the 25th of March, the Feast of the Incarnation of the Son of God, which coincides with the Feast of the Annunciation, 9 months prior to the birth of Christ. It was more a pious belief more than a devotion. Today, the devotion of the two thousand Hail Mary’s has spread to many countries, as a result of the Filipino diaspora. The people of the Philippines are generally Marian devotees – a great factor, we believe, to their fervor, perseverance and resilience.