

## What is the World Mission Rosary?

In 1951, the now Venerable Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen created the World Mission Rosary. Each decade (each group of ten beads) represents a different area of the world where missionaries continue to share the Good News of Jesus.

**GREEN** symbolizes the forests and grasslands of AFRICA.

**BLUE** is for the ocean surrounding the ISLANDS OF THE PACIFIC.

**WHITE** symbolizes EUROPE, home of the Holy Father, shepherd of the world.

**RED** shows the fire of faith that brought the first missionaries to the AMERICAS.

**YELLOW** is for the morning light of the East, symbolizing ASIA.

To pray the World Mission Rosary, reflect on each area of the world according to the particular color bead described above the time you announce each Mystery. When you have completed the World Mission Rosary, you have given the World a big hug!



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### **Who is Venerable Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen?**

*Venerable Archbishop Sheen was a national director of the Society for the Propagation of the Faith, a Pontifical Mission Society like the Missionary Childhood Association. He even had his own television show – and won an Emmy Award! Venerable Archbishop Sheen died on December 9, 1979.*

*His cause for sainthood was opened in September 2002. He was declared venerable on June 28, 2011.*

*On June 28, 2012, Pope Benedict XVI declared Archbishop Sheen “Venerable,” clearing the way for the advancement of his sainthood cause. On July 6, 2019, the Vatican announced that Pope Francis had approved a miracle attributed to Sheen’s intercession, allowing Venerable Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen to be beatified.*

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