

November 2020: Artificial Intelligence | We pray that the progress of robotics and artificial intelligence may always serve humankind.

Notifications

With the newsletter we want to thank all the supporters, may God reward you for your generous financial help!

Ms. Irmfriede Lauber began her well-earned retirement on December 2019 after 29 years. We thank her from the depth of our hearts for the precious work at the secretariat of the Marian Blessing Circle in Leuterod. May God give her rich reward for her tireless efforts. We wish her for the future good health, a lot of joy and a good and blessed time with her family.

Ms. Blandina Becker will succeed her. She can be reached on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays between 14 and 17 hours at the secretariat.

Dear members,

United in our prayers and blessings we beg for the grace and blessing of God for you and your loved ones. May our heavenly Mother MARY, with her holy angels, accompany you on your way.

With Marian greetings

Marion Appel

chairwoman with the team of the Central secretariat of the Marian Blessing Circle

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MARY – Undoer of Knots

Dear members and supporters of the Marian Blessing Circle, I am very pleased to bring you the ecclesiastical word in this newsletter. Today, I want to focus on the famous painting „Maria der Knotenlöserin“ – Mary, Undoer of Knots.

It was painted around 1700, you can find it in the church St. Peter am Perlach in Augsburg (Germany): Mary patiently, serenely and calmly unties knots out of a long white ribbon, an angel on her left side presents the knotted ribbon to her, while another angel on her right side presents the ribbon freed from knots. The Mother of God as the Undoer of Knots is a splendid and unique representation which invites us to a deep contemplation.



The painting lives from its lighting conditions: Mary glimmers in the bright light of heavenly glory – surrounded by angelic choruses - and protected by the light of the Holy Spirit represented as a dove overshadowing Mary. Mary clearly recognizes heaven because she lives in God's contemplation. And as our Mother she remains by our side, she intercedes for us and provides us the blessing of God. And this is represented in the painting: Mary is active for us and committed in God's redemptive action. Mary is interested in →

our preoccupations and desires. The human being plays an important role in the painting, then underneath the Mother of God and under the clouds there is a color discontinuity. The color turns darker and sad. At the bottom, amidst the darkness, a person is guided by an angel towards a church on the top of a mountain – and there, the color is clear and bright once again.

In the painting of „Mary, the Undoer of Knots“, I particularly acknowledge the yearning and ingenuous supplication to take refuge in Mary. She helps us to solve the perplexities and knots of life to return step by step from darkness to light. Yes, in my life there are things which are entangled and knotted. Things tying and confusing me, which don't let me go and paralyze me, which make me feel sick. Not everything is easy and relaxed, a knot may arise due to a dispute, due to an insuperable blow of fate or due to an encounter or incident which chases and oppresses me. Sometimes it is a battle to evade, accept and endure the knots of life. With the gaze fixed on the heavenly Mother I request for patience when I try to order and disentangle my knots – then I will not be able to achieve it with pressure and violence. Mary by my side helps me and grasps the ribbon with me, especially where there is no chance for me to continue. She patiently helps us to untie our knots.

The knots in our lives don't disappear by their own, this would be unrealistic. The paint wants to broaden my view towards my life and towards my faith in God. In confidence Mary lives already for me! So, this representation of the Virgin, the Undoer of Knots is the representation of my life: The way from darkness and uncertainty to the light and heavenly joy.

With this in mind I beg for the intercession of the Mother of God and recommend the prayer of Mary, the Undoer of Knots, which you will find below.

With my best blessing wishes,
Priest Jan Gerrit Engelmänn,
Priestly staff member in the parish
St. Laurentius, Nentershausen, Germany

Prayer to MARY, the Undoer of Knots

Holy MARY, Mother of GOD and Virgin full of grace, you are our Undoer of Knots! With your hands full of the love of GOD you solve the hurdles in our way like a knot which becomes in your hands a straight ribbon of the love of GOD! Holy and wonderful Virgin and Mother, untangle all the knots created by ourselves that are blocking our way. Light this way with your eyes, for that all knots may become invisible and that we may solve full of gratitude the unsolvable with your hands. *Amen.*

Let us pray!

With this circular we want to start a “prayer campaign“. In the months to come, let us pray as community the prayer to Mary, the Undoer of Knots, for the concerns of the universal church. Let us all together request fervently to heaven and bless every day all priests and those dedicated to God!

The Pope's prayer intentions

May 2020: For Deacons | We pray that deacons, faithful in their service to the Word and the poor, may be an invigorating symbol for the entire Church.

June 2020: The Way of the Heart | We pray that all those who suffer may find their way in life, allowing themselves to be touched by the Heart of Jesus.

July 2020: Our Families | We pray that today's families may be accompanied with love, respect and guidance.

August 2020: The Maritime World | We pray for all those who work and live from the sea, among them sailors, fishermen and their families.

September 2020: Respect for the Planet's Resources | We pray that the planet's resources will not be plundered, but shared in a just and respectful manner.

October 2020: The Laity's Mission in the Church | We pray that by the virtue of baptism, the laity, especially women, may participate more in areas of responsibility in the Church. →