



*Dear Friends and Benefactors of the Fr. Justin Rosary Hour,  
Dear Devotee of St. Anthony of Padua,*

*Praised be Jesus Christ!*

We invite you to join the **Novena to St. Anthony of Padua**, Miracle Worker, Father of the poor and lost. This year, the Novena will last nine consecutive Tuesdays, starting on April 18th until the Solemnity of St. Anthony, June 13th. *(In our calendar the nine-Tuesdays novena is distinguished with the digit 1-9).*

Surely, we all remember the Jubilee 2000<sup>th</sup> year of Christianity, whose focus was "Jesus Christ, the only Redeemer of the world yesterday, today and forever". **The figure of St. Anthony is special. He is the servant of the Incarnate Word of the Father.** In this manner, the most popular pictures depict him holding the Gospel book and on it - the Child Jesus. Through the persistent proclaiming of the catechetical message of the Good News, and through his untiring defense for the preservation of the Devotion to the Eucharist, he urges renewed devotion to Jesus concealed in the most Holy Sacrament. Through his persistent efforts and daily moral courage St. Anthony became, for his contemporaries and future generations, a model of holiness which he derived from Jesus and His Most Holy Mother.



The Rosary Hour wants to grow in his spirit as we experience the need to intensify our efforts to evangelize, to grow and develop especially internal and spiritually. For our ministry of the Word of God one needs external, material growth. But for this material growth resources are needed. We are confident that your prayerful support will aid us and bring us closer in our bonds as a Rosary Family and hopefully expand the activity of our apostolic work through the radio and Internet.

We encourage you therefore, to send us a gift offering together with your spiritual communion with our Franciscan apostolate. **Your offering, both spiritual and financial, will be a sharing of God's BLESSINGS with others and a PARTICIPATION in bringing closer the Merciful Christ and His Gospel to others.**

With deepest gratitude Franciscans will remember your intentions during the Novena to St. Anthony and the feast of St. Anthony (June 13<sup>th</sup>). Every Tuesday during the course of our novena as well as the Solemnity of St. Anthony the Franciscans will offer Mass and they will remember your intentions in their special prayers through the intercession of St. Anthony of Padua.

*May St. Anthony, embrace you to his heart like he embraced the Infant Jesus. May he in his love help you, and those close to your heart, in all their needs.*

**May the Merciful God bless you for the generosity of your heart.**

*With prayer and gratitude,*

**Fr. Marcel Sokalski, OFM Conv.**

Fr. Marcel and the Rosary Hour Community