

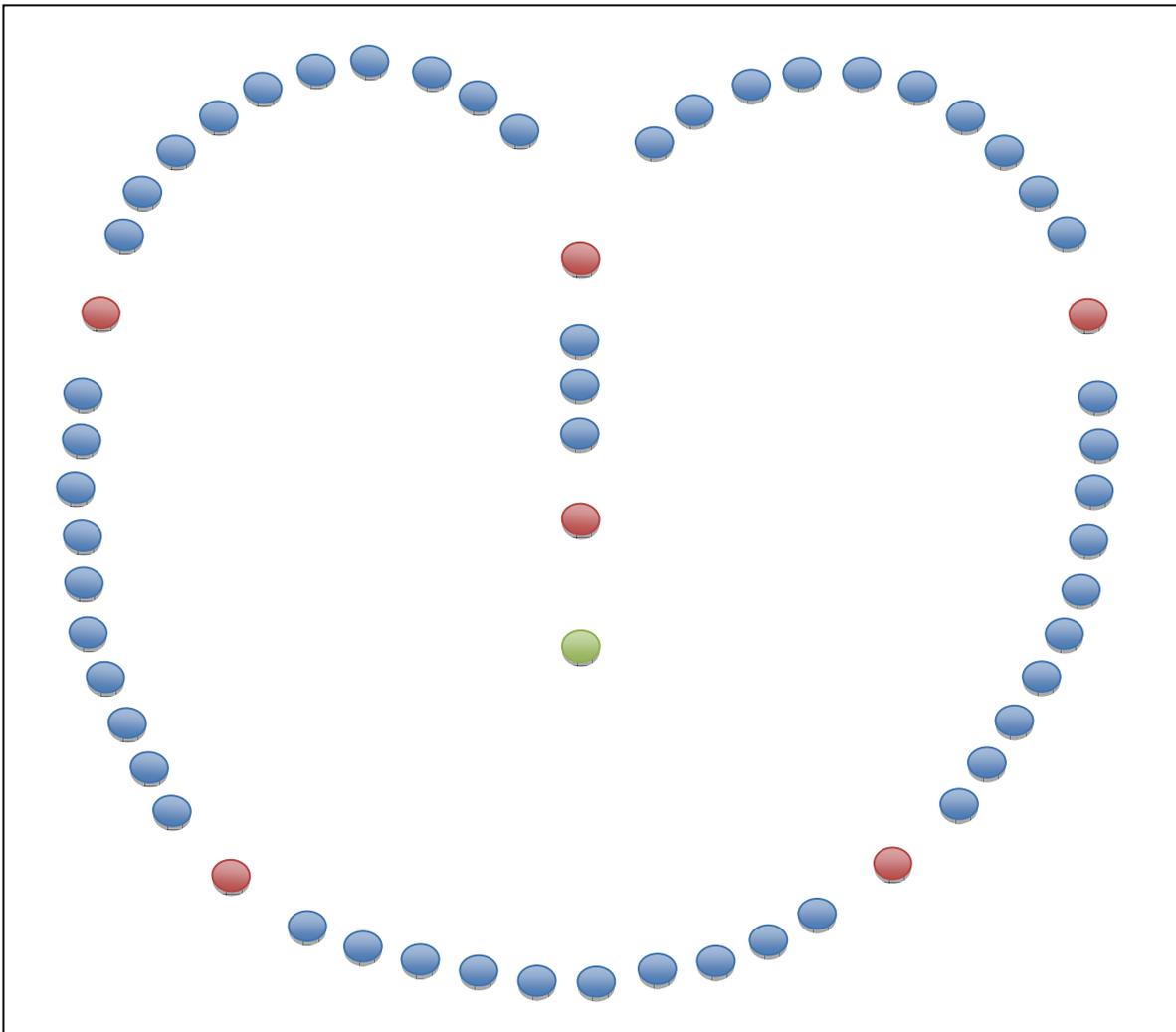
## Praying the *Living* Rosary

### What is a living rosary?

A living rosary is when people are used to represent each bead of the rosary. Each person leads one prayer of the rosary.

### How do we pray the living rosary?

1. Select 60 students:
  - a. **50 students** (10 per decade) to represent the Hail Mary beads
  - b. **3 students** (for the tail of the rosary) to represent the Hail Mary beads
  - c. **1 student** to represent the cross (the Apostle's Creed)
  - d. **6 students** (2 for the tail of the rosary and 4 between each decade) to represent the Our Father Beads
2. Set the students up in a circle, similar to the way a life size rosary would look:



**Red** = Pater beads (**Our Father**)

**Blue** = **Hail Mary**

**Green** = **Sign of the Cross & Apostles Creed**

(The school community can be placed seated in the middle of the living rosary.)

### **How do we pray the living rosary? (Continued)**

3. Begin praying the rosary with the first student (green) reciting the Apostle's Creed. The next three students (blue) recite the Hail Mary, followed by the next student who announces the Mystery and leads the Our Father etc. (Refer to "How to Pray the Rosary").

### **Ideas for Making the Living Rosary alive and interactive in your own community**

1. Invite student leaders to lead the 6 Our Father beads and one student leader to lead the Apostle's Creed.
2. Rosary bead representatives lead in another language.
3. Have students perform each mystery when they are announced. (Skit, tableau or silhouette).
4. Include music between each decade.
5. Ask student leaders to provide a reflection on each mystery.
6. As each prayer is completed students may:
  - a) Light a battery operated candle
  - b) Pass a rose
  - c) A ribbon may be passed around to "connect" all the beads.

### **Living Rosary Association - History**

The Living Rosary Association was founded on December 8<sup>th</sup>, 1826 by Venerable Pauline-Marie Jaricot in Lyon, France. The association was formally approved by the Catholic Church through a canonical letter in February, 1827. The aims of the Living Rosary were two; to bring the people of France to a prayerful way of life and distribute Catholic literature and devotional articles.

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