

**We remember
Most. Rev. M. Pearse
Lacey (1916-2014)
First Spiritual Director
of the
Rosary Apostolate, Inc.**



I still remember the day approached Bishop M. P. Lacey in the Adoration Chapel at the back of St. Paschal Baylon Church. **He was always faithful to his Holy Hour of Adoration** and I new as he was leaving I would be able to have a word with him. We stepped outside the Chapel. And I told him of how from one invitation to a school



to pray the Rosary with individual classrooms, it has mushroomed so rapidly, that it was taking over my life. I needed

help to discern if it was God's will for me to continue. He was so pleased to hear that the schools had opened the doors to us, he reassured me that it was God's will and promised to be of assistance as our Spiritual Director.



Many meetings with him followed, discussing the direction we should go and how to set up this program. He approved our first training booklet which assisted Regional Directors in recruiting and training new members. **He wrote one of the first Acts of consecration which we recited with children at the end of our Rosary visits in the schools.** He was always available to answer questions and to point the direction to go in every circumstance. It was a delight and a honour working with him. We could always count on him to Direct our annual Retreat in June where we gave thanks to the Lord for



all the good he has done through our humble volunteers.

He always reminded us of the importance of giving rosaries to children and youth and teaching them to pray with devotion. Something he himself always did every time he administered the Sacrament of Confirmation of students, his gift to them was a Rosary. He even financially contributed towards our program and he enjoyed coming to our Fundraising events too. We celebrated his 90th Birthday with a holy hour and Rosary in



his honour. **He was a true son of Mary. His deep love for God and his great devotion to Our Lady of the Rosary will be forever remembered by all the members of the Rosary Apostolate.**

