

Why do Dominicans wear the rosary?

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Around 1475, the Dominican Order added the rosary as an official part of the habit (robes). Dominicans have a special relationship and devotion to the Blessed Virgin Mary. The rosary is her prayer. Friars pray at least five decades of the rosary every day. Dominicans wear their 15-decade, 166-168 bead rosary on the left hip because that was traditionally where soldiers carried their weapon. The rosary then, is a Dominican's protection and weapon against evil.