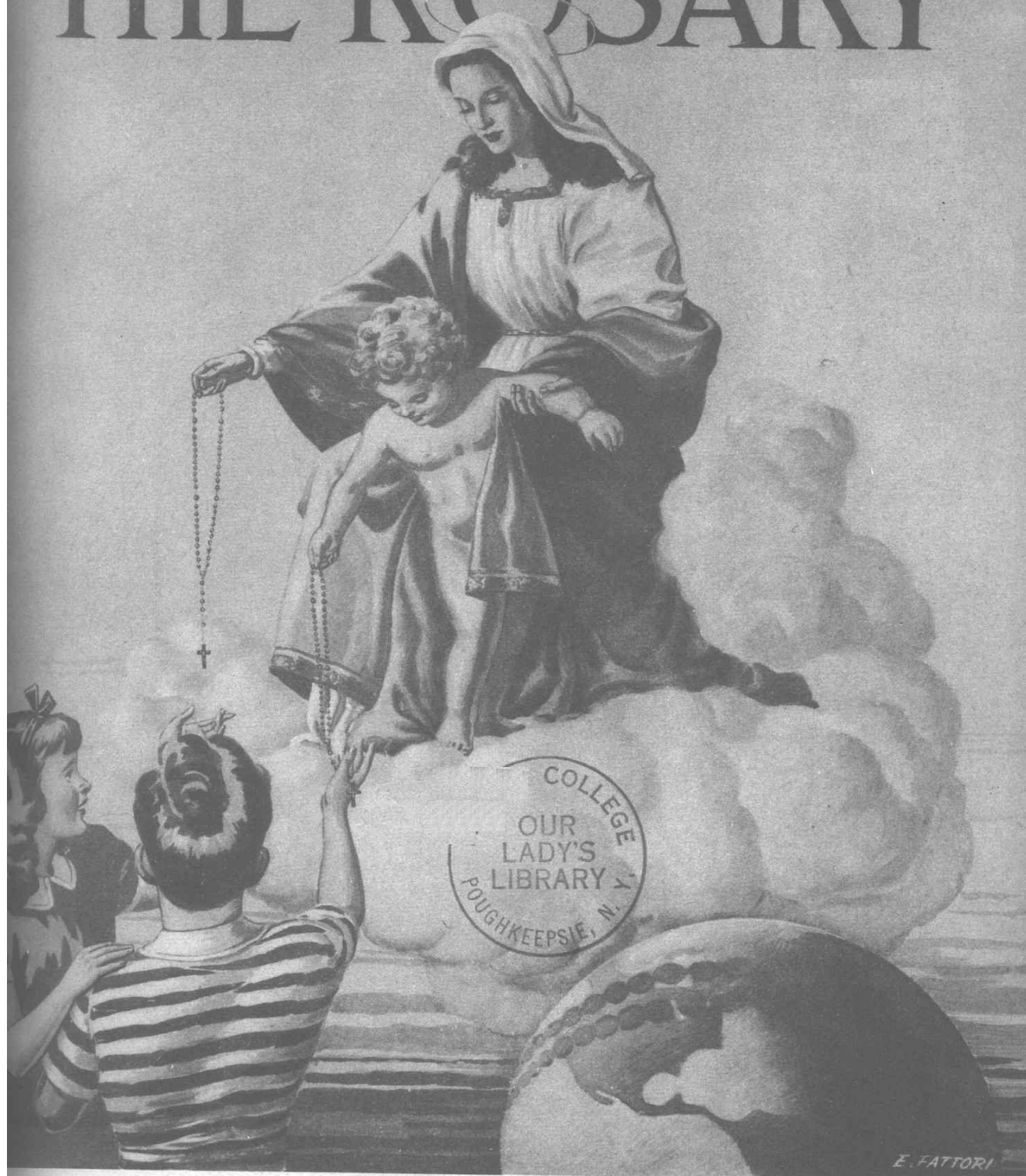


# THE ROSARY



## COLOR BOOK

DRAWINGS BY ETTORE FATTORI

# The Glorious Mysteries

from *The Rosary Color Book*

Drawings by Ettore Fattori

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This little book contains beautiful pictures of the Fifteen Mysteries of the Rosary for you to color. They were drawn by Mr. Ettore Fattori, a well known Canadian artist. This book will also help you to learn how to say the Rosary in a way that will be pleasing to our Blessed Mother.

Each picture shows a prominent event in Our Lord's life. On the page opposite the picture is a short explanation which explains this event, tells what it means to you, and suggests how you should imitate this part of Christ's life.

The Rosary is a form of prayer arranged for us, so to speak, by the Blessed Mother to remind us of the important events in Christ's life from before His birth until after His death. It helps us to think about the joys, sufferings, and glory of Our Lord. The Rosary is a prayer very dear to the heart of our Blessed Mother, and we should all say it very often.

There are fifteen mysteries or important events of Our Lord's life commemorated in the Rosary. And they fall into three groups – Joyful, Sorrowful, and Glorious – each group containing five mysteries.

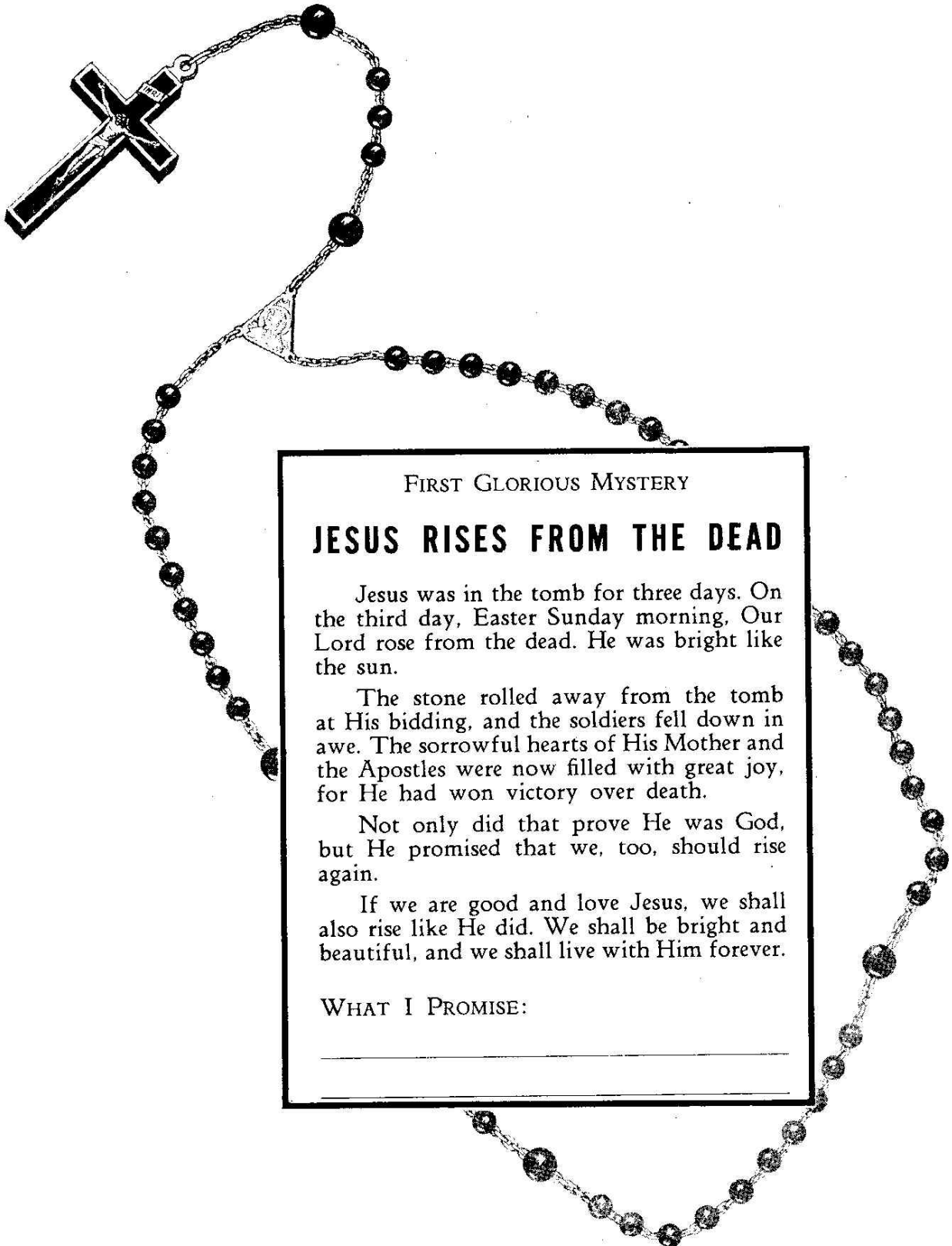
Today, most rosaries are made for the recitation of five mysteries. The Rosary has been said if all five groups of ten small beads called decades have been recited. An *Our Father* is said on each large bead, a *Hail Mary* on each small bead, and a *Gloria* on the space between the decades.

There is also a little pendant with a crucifix and a few extra beads attached to each Rosary. Usually we say the *Apostles' Creed* on the crucifix, the *Our Father* on the large bead and three *Hail Marys* on the three small ones. Then on the final large one we say the *Our Father* at the beginning of the first mystery. The saying of the *Creed* means that we believe the mysteries of the Rosary are true. The three *Hail Marys* are said to ask the gifts of Faith, Hope, and Charity.

While you are saying the ten *Hail Marys* with an *Our Father* and *Gloria* for each mystery of the Rosary, you should think about the different events in Our Lord's life in such a way that they pass like a series of pictures before your mind. This is the proper way to say the Rosary.

While you are telling the Blessed Mother how much you love Her by saying the *Hail Mary* over and over, she is showing you pictures of her dear Son and all the wonderful things He did for each of us. Think of the Rosary in this way and you will soon come to love it!

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FIRST GLORIOUS MYSTERY

**JESUS RISES FROM THE DEAD**

Jesus was in the tomb for three days. On the third day, Easter Sunday morning, Our Lord rose from the dead. He was bright like the sun.

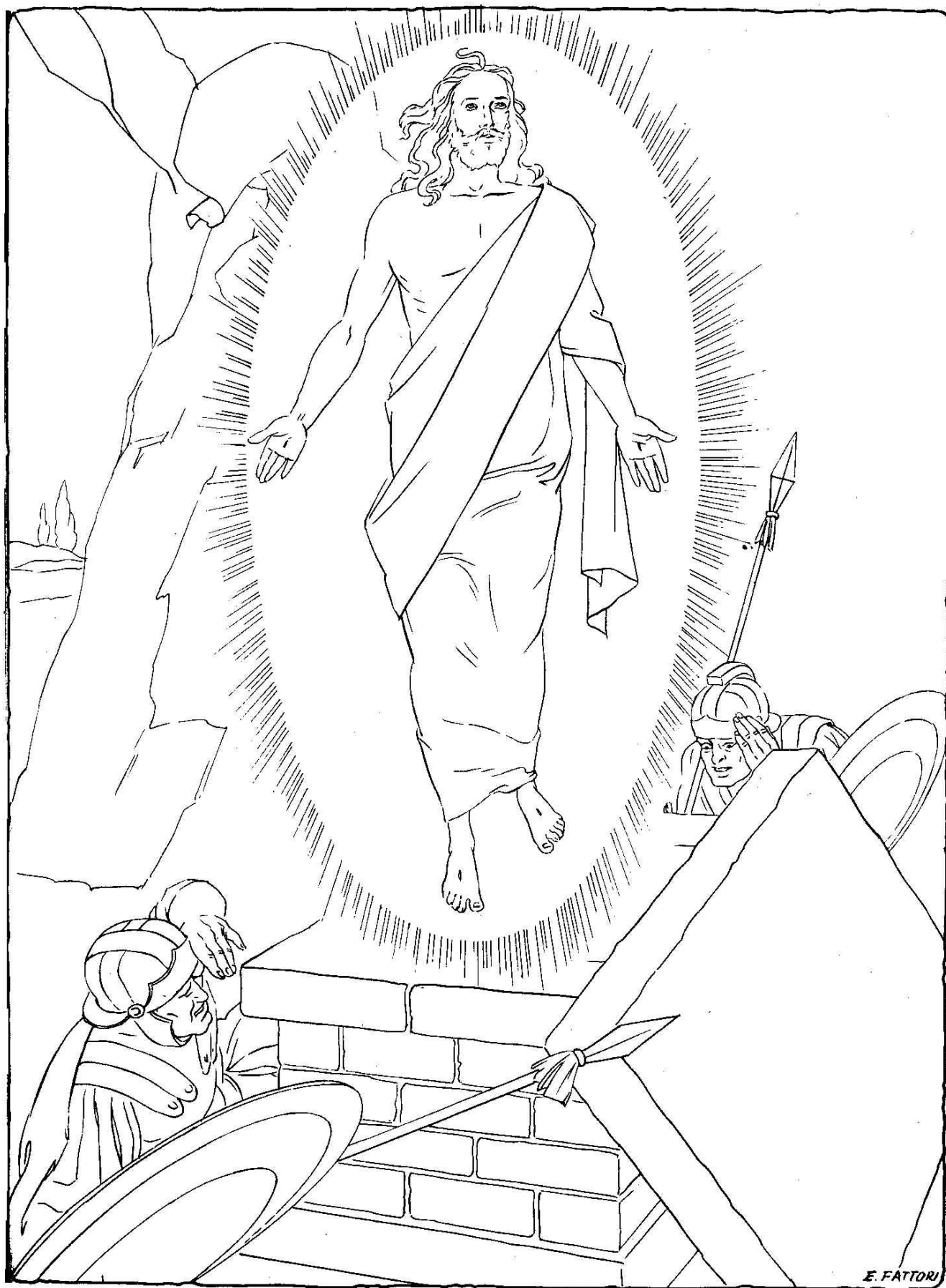
The stone rolled away from the tomb at His bidding, and the soldiers fell down in awe. The sorrowful hearts of His Mother and the Apostles were now filled with great joy, for He had won victory over death.

Not only did that prove He was God, but He promised that we, too, should rise again.

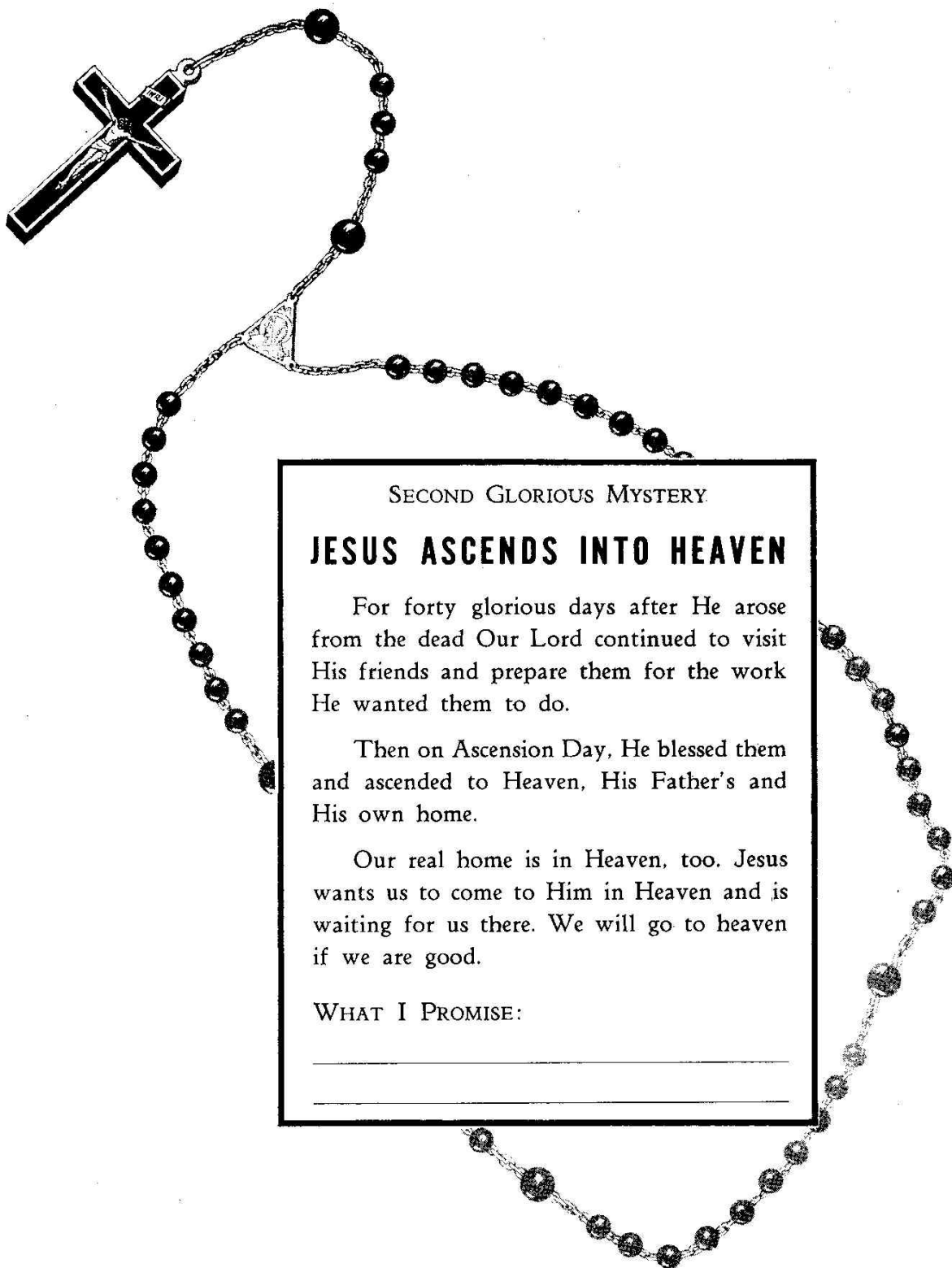
If we are good and love Jesus, we shall also rise like He did. We shall be bright and beautiful, and we shall live with Him forever.

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SECOND GLORIOUS MYSTERY

**JESUS ASCENDS INTO HEAVEN**

For forty glorious days after He arose from the dead Our Lord continued to visit His friends and prepare them for the work He wanted them to do.

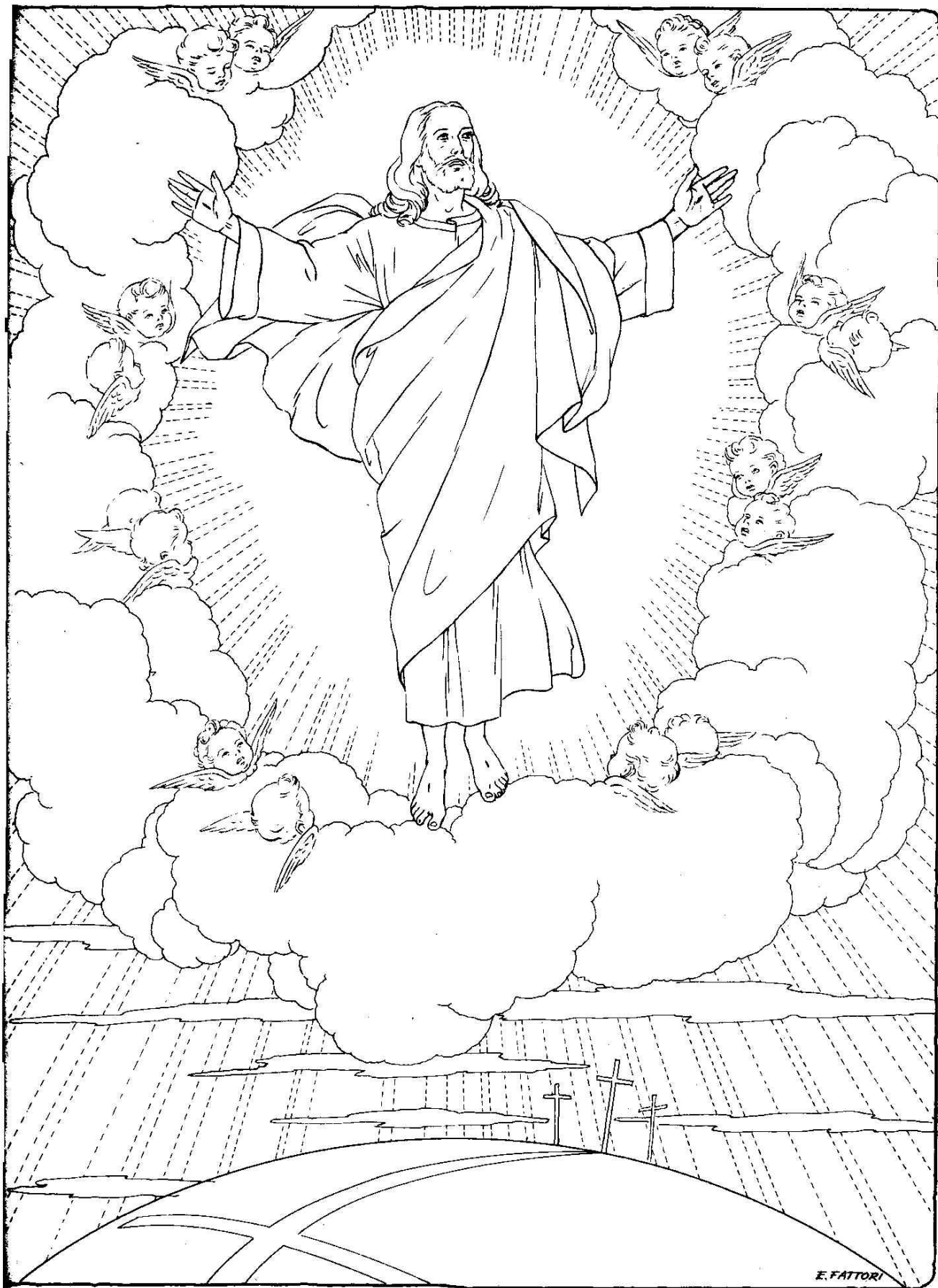
Then on Ascension Day, He blessed them and ascended to Heaven, His Father's and His own home.

Our real home is in Heaven, too. Jesus wants us to come to Him in Heaven and is waiting for us there. We will go to heaven if we are good.

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### THIRD GLORIOUS MYSTERY

## THE DESCENT OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

Before Our Lord left His Apostles He promised to send the Holy Spirit to them, for He knew how lonely and weak they would feel without Him.

They joined with Our Lady in prayer for nine days and then, on Pentecost Sunday, "... suddenly there came a sound from heaven, as of a violent wind coming . . . and they were filled with the Holy Spirit . . ."

The Holy Spirit made the Apostles soldiers of Jesus Christ and helped them to know many things and to do many things that were hard.

He will make us apostles of Christ if we ask Him to do so. Ask the Holy Spirit to fill your heart and strengthen your mind so that you may better love and serve God.

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FOURTH GLORIOUS MYSTERY

**THE ASSUMPTION OF THE  
BLESSED VIRGIN**

For some years after His death, Our Lord left His Mother on earth. He wanted her to help the Apostles in their work of forming His Church.

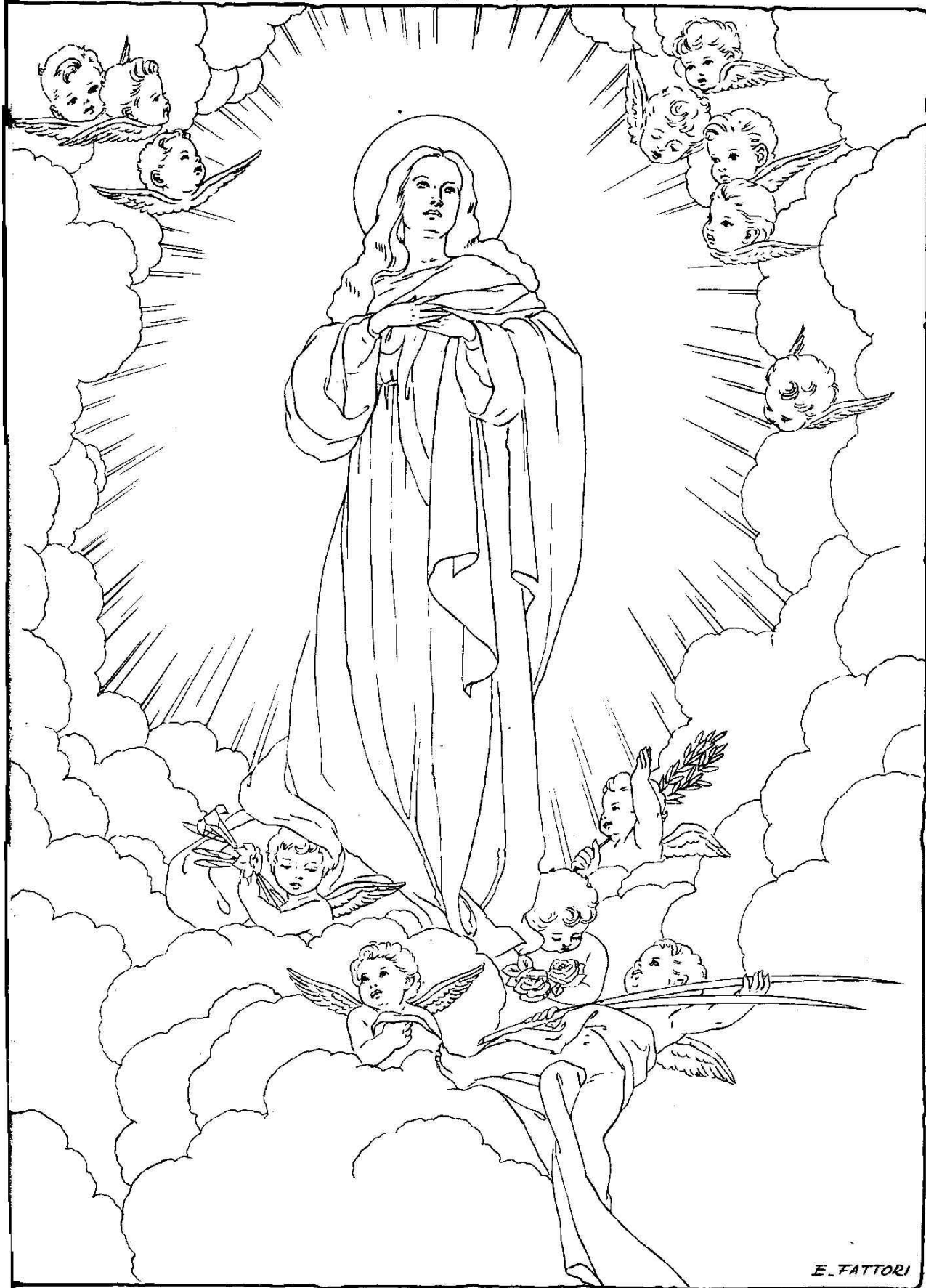
Because Mary was free from all sin it has always been believed that her body and soul were taken up to Heaven when she died. By her Assumption the Blessed Virgin came to share with her Divine Son in the complete victory over death.

Mary is our heavenly Mother who loves her children, and she will help us to get to heaven if we ask her. Pray to her every day!

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FIFTH GLORIOUS MYSTERY

**THE CORONATION OF OUR LADY**

The first picture of the Rosary showed Mary, the little handmaid of the Lord, ready to do His will. This last picture shows Mary being crowned Queen of Heaven for having done God's will perfectly.

Jesus made Mary Queen of Heaven; the Queen of angels and saints and all people. As Queen, Mary wants to help everybody and will do so if we ask her.

The Rosary is very dear to Mary and she likes us to say it. She also likes us to say, "Queen of the Most Holy Rosary, pray for us."

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