

# Saint Dominic AND THE ROSARY

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“Arm yourself with prayer rather than a sword;  
wear humility rather than fine clothes.”

—St. Dominic

**Around 800 years ago**, a joyful woman named Joan walked almost every week to the mountainside near her home for prayer. She was from a small town in the countryside of Spain, called Caleruega. In this town, all the houses were made of stone from the nearby hills, which meant the people here were rugged and tough.

“Don’t you get tired from walking these hills every week?” a monk once asked Joan.

“It is a very long walk, but here at the monastery of Silos, I feel safe, warm, and confident in my prayers.”

“And what do you pray for?” asked the monk.

“I pray that my children, especially the one I am carrying, will be as gentle, as wise, and as holy as the patron of this great monastery, Saint Domingo of Silos. Indeed, I plan to name my child after our great patron saint.”







Some weeks later, while she was visiting the monks again for prayer, she saw something truly glorious at the walls of the monastery.

A dog was there, and this dog held a torch in its mouth! It was running about, here and there, lighting all the fields, the hillsides, the cities—the whole world—on fire!

“What could this mean?” Joan thought, holding her pregnant belly.

At the baptism, his godmother, too, saw an awe-inspiring sign of the boy's great life to come.

“Look! A bright star has appeared on the child's head!” she exclaimed, just as the priest was pouring the holy water over the little baby.

Though Joan didn't understand the visions yet, she trusted God with her new child and chose to name the boy after Saint Domingo of Silos.





We know him as

**Dominic**

