



THE LEGACY OF HENRY KARL KRAWAGNA

Born: May 17, 1930

Died: February 4, 2022

Member since: August 27, 2001

Positions held:

Apostolic Director

Regional Director

Rosary Visitor

Screening Committee

Fundraising Committee

Family program



HIS LEGACY:

Henry was a true son of the Mother of God and a faithful Apostle of the Immaculate Heart of Mary!

He began as a Rosary Visitor in Scarborough 3 Region and over time was chosen to be the Regional Director. A task he took to heart. Henry was the first person I know that printed his own business cards to leave with principals in the schools, giving a professional look to his service to the Mother of God.

Henry Never said NO. Though his region struggled in finding enough volunteers, he went to any school that asked for the Rosary, even if it meant he had to visit one more school on a monthly basis. He felt Our Lady calling him to serve, and his reply was always, **"Yes, my Lady, I will do anything you ask of me."**

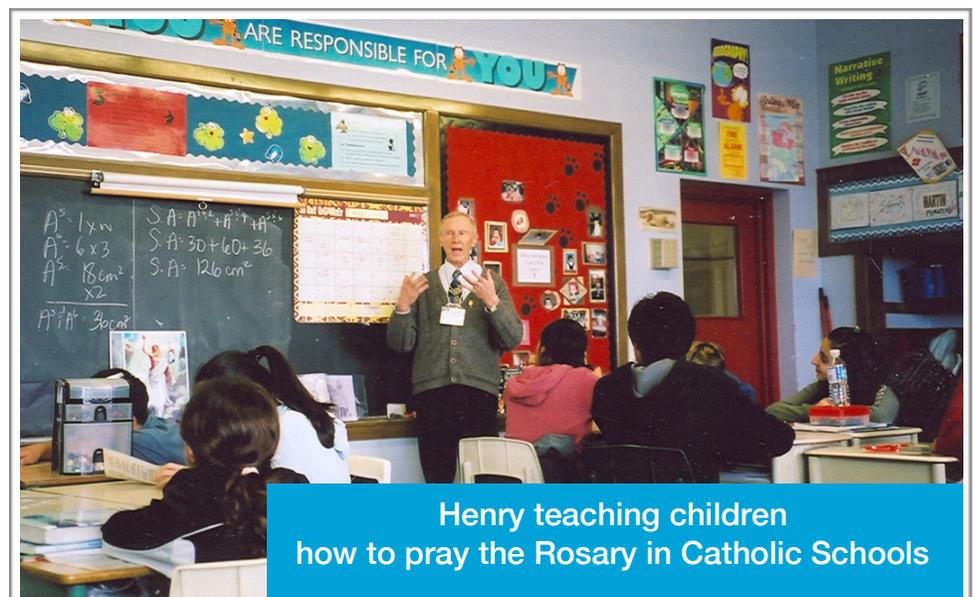
He felt it was in this way that Our Lady was calling him, and like a good soldier he waited for orders from his Captain.

By the year 2017 his region was serving 16 schools!

To be able to manage things more smoothly, he split his region into 2 regions, now known as Scarborough 3 East and Scarborough 3 West.

As busy as he was managing so many school visits, he was always willing to serve in anyway he could be of help. He even became an Apostolic Director to assist and supervise other regions.

In 2002 when the Archdiocese was asking us to implement the 10 Step Screening process, he willingly jumped in to help as a member of our first Screening Committee. Each person was



Henry teaching children how to pray the Rosary in Catholic Schools

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asked to write up one of the Steps. His contribution was so professionally written.

At that time VHS videos became outdated, as did cassette tapes for music. Henry also helped produce our first Training DVD for new Regional Directors along with other members of his region. I still remember going to his house to film him and the crew. That's when I discovered his hidden talents for piano and classical music! So I asked him to record some music for our Primary students. He was so happy to offer his talents.

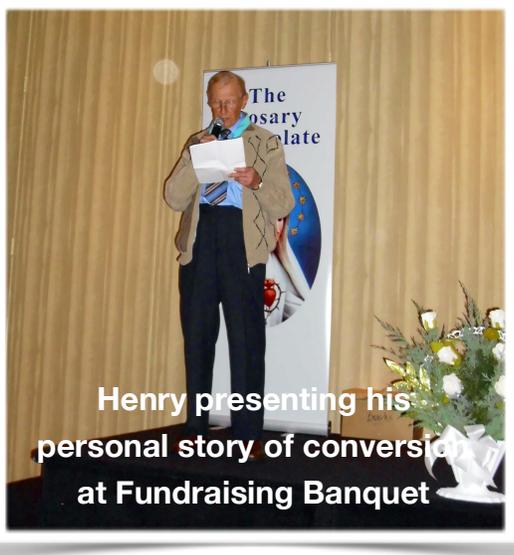
I was invited to his birthday party one year and he was so excited to show me the beautiful grotto he made in his garden in honour of Mother Mary... It was really an expression of his sincere love for the Blessed Virgin. When he saw how much I loved it, he made one for my garden too and also bought the statue to put in the grotto!

When I wanted to introduce students in the school to our national Shrine of Our Lady of the Cape, the Queen of Canada, he offered to help me make a stand for the Statue that is similar to the one in the old shrine...! He loved doing this for Mother Mary!

At a meeting with Bishop M. Pearce Lacey, our first Spiritual Director.



The Legacy of Henry Krawagna



Henry presenting his personal story of conversion at Fundraising Banquet

A deeply spiritual man... he strove to live his consecration to the Immaculate Heart of Mary following the Montfort way. And he had a deep love for Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament, how many times I would run into him during Holy Hours of Adoration in the Church.

He also joined the Laity of Our Lady of the Blessed Sacrament group which in the early years was offered for personal spiritual enrichment and development. He was thirsting for more of God... truly a man of prayer!

In early years during the summer we gathered children in the park to make a Rosary DVD. When we needed more children he was ready to volunteer his beautiful grand - daughters Mariana and Isabela. He loved them so much and did everything to pass on the faith to them.

Annually He participated on the Fundraising Committee for the Rosary Apostolate... The very first few Fundraising Banquets were in our Churches... Henry offered his Church hall one year... I still remember him rolling out tables in the hall. It

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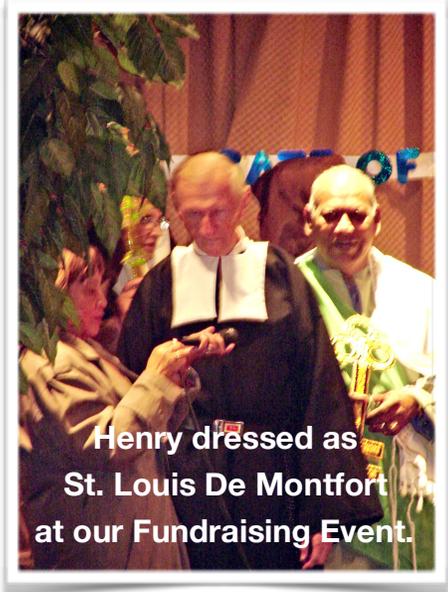
was a lot of work for all of us... he was amazing!

One year he presented to guests at our Banquet his personal conversion story. It was so moving... we asked him to share it again at all our Fundraiser Banquets that year! Henry also liked to have fun. When the Fundraising committee decided to dress up in costumes and give a welcoming to participants, and even perform a short drama... He jumped right into the fun!

Henry also generously contributed each year to the organization. When each volunteer was asked to pay for their Police check... Henry paid for them out of his own pocket.

I wonder if the members of his region even knew he was doing this for them?

In the Year of the Rosary 2002, we felt we needed to follow up with a family program. Henry did not hesitate to launch this program in his Region. With the help of other members, He began praying the Rosary with so many families in the evenings. By day, he prayed the



Henry dressed as St. Louis De Montfort at our Fundraising Event.



Henry leading family in prayer, with Rosary Apostolate in the Family program.

Rosary with the children in the schools. He prayed so much!

Henry gave all his heart and mind, and all his strength and talents to Jesus and Mary. He worked so diligently for the salvation of the greatest possible number of souls... leading as many people as possible to Jesus through Mary.

A true missionary... right here in Scarborough!

Henry made a great impression on everyone who met him, or got to know him.

He shined with holiness and was dearly loved and respected by all the members of His region under his leadership.

Dear Henry, you came to me for spiritual enrichment, but the truth is, your zeal inspired me to persevere in this mission! Now you begin your new life in heaven... stand tall, under the Immaculate mantle of Mary,

Sr. Marilina Cinelli, C.P.
President & Spiritual Director



I am very sad to hear about the passing away of Henry Krawagna, the Regional Director of Scarborough 3.

I have worked very closely with Henry on various meetings and committees since almost the beginning of the birth of the Rosary Apostolate Inc.

I admire his dedication and commitment beyond the call of his classroom responsibility of instilling in the hearts and minds of the students, the power and love of praying the Rosary. He gave training sessions for his rosary visitors, visited and oversees the needs of other Regions. No matter how far away they are, he will be there. I appreciate the friendship and closeness of Henry with Lou and Ian McLeod, also the Director of Scarborough 3 Region. They would go together to give assistance. When I was assigned to look after St. Francis de Sales School in North York, I desperately needed rosary visitors. I called Henry for help and - Lo and behold I got 3 of them instead of one - Henry, Ian, and Elva !

They sacrificed waking up early and travelled a long way.

I, Henry, Lou, and Elva. They agreed to volunteer at the school even though it means traveling a long way back - and forth waking up early. They stayed helping my region for the whole school year!!

***That is what I call ...
...dedication.***

Praying the rosary is not just for the students. Henry was involved with the Family program for a while, bringing the Rosary to the family. *"The family that prays together stays together."*

Running the Rosary program requires a lot of expenses to successfully implement our program. The major source of funds came from our donations and our fundraising events. Henry was always there assisting in our fundraising dinners.

Rest in peace, dear Henry. You are a true apostle of Mother Mary and the Rosary Apostolate, Inc. We will miss you. You are forever in our hearts.

Fe Santos
Vice President



Henry assisting with May Celebration Presentation at our February Directors Workshop at Annunciation of the Lord

To our dear friend, Henry!

May you have eternal rest with our Lord Jesus Christ.

Although my husband Jan and I had not seen Henry for a number of years, we always thought of him and of the good and wonderful years we regularly meet to help Sr. Marilina in Cardinal Mc Guigan CSS,

St. Francis de Sales School, St. Josephat School and St. Maximillian Kolbe School. Henry was always with his good friend Ian and Lu.

In those days we look forward to have a chat with Henry who we found to be so engaging, highly intelligent and well read. But he was never boastful – such a humble and gentle soul! And of course such dedication to the Rosary Apostolate!!

I remember he invited some of us from the Rosary Apostolate for dinner in his house and met some members of his family especially his precious little granddaughter who Henry was very proud of. We are grateful to the Lord for the many fond memories of friendship with Henry.

Camila and Jan Nowakowski Board Member



Henry Karl Krawagna was my best friend. We spent time discussing things that were relevant to both of us. He was a very patient individual and we, Lu and myself were happy to speak to him about many things... we really miss him.



As a member of the Rosary Apostolate he began in 2002, becoming the Regional Director in 2004. Then later on he became the Training Director and the Recruiting Director 2010.

As Regional Director he made sure that if anyone needs a new police record check, that they are done on time. As a Rosary Visitor in the schools - he was excellent in every way! He enjoys being with the children of all grades from Kindergarten to Grade 8. They called him "Mr. Kay." And his report with teachers and principals was excellent. He always did an excellent job! He retired from being a Regional Director 2018 due to heart and stroke.

We hope that we may see him in Heaven! May He rest in peace.

Ian & Lu McLeod Directors of Scarborough 3 East Region



Henry was like a brother to me. He was a very humble man. When I asked him to be a Director for the Rosary Apostolate Scarborough 3 Region, he said that he did not feel worthy, but he accepted the position. And he did his best!



Henry and Ian assembling Rosary boxes and supplies at Head Office.

He also prayed the Rosary in the Rockcliff and Bendale Nursing home. I did not have a car, so many times he would drive me to the Nursing homes and to the Director Workshops or to volunteer doing assembly work at the Rosary Apostolate head office. After these meeting he like to take me out for supper at Swiss Chalet, he treated me like I was his sister, and he was like a brother to me. We were both Training Directors, he was very kind to new recruits and he made everyone feel important. He always respected everybody. I never saw Henry mad or raise his voice, even when he had reason to be upset. He was very patient.

When he ran our Regional meetings he was always in control and very comfortable with his role as Director.

May he rest in peace.

Elva Morin Director of Scarborough 3 West Region



I had the privilege of meeting Henry 20 years ago, at Saint Lawrence church on Lawrence Avenue in Scarborough. Henry was praying with his prayer group. It was then, that he and several of his prayer group joined the Rosary Apostolate. Only two years later he would become the Director for the Rosary Apostolate in charge of Scarborough 3 Region. During those two years his many talents became very obvious. He had a kind, quiet manner with a very sharp mind and also leadership ability. Everybody loved being with him.

After becoming the Director he, with the help of Ian and Elva, his right and left arms, became a very successful region, opening up many new schools along with many new rosary visitors. Through his great leadership thousands of students learned how to pray the rosary and love Mother Mary.

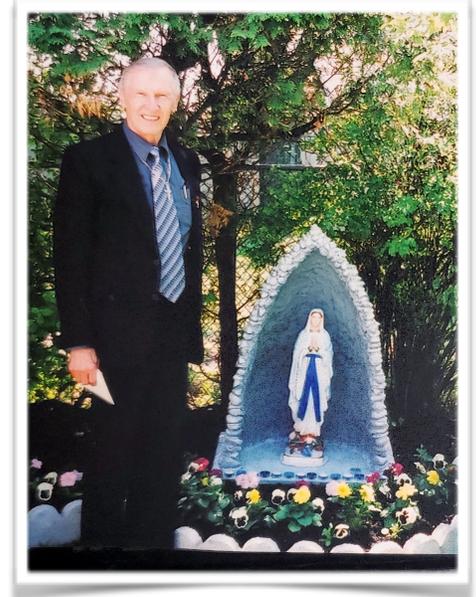
Henry did become a very important pillar in the Rosary Apostolate. It was with his help to Sister Marilina, the Rosary Apostolate thrived and grew. Henry was also an accomplished musician I never did learn where he learned to play the piano. I think he may have been self taught.

Once I stopped at his house. It was then I heard beautiful classical music coming from the back yard. I didn't want to interrupt. When I got there Henry was playing the piano with windows open. I just stood and listened. It was heavenly. So much talent Henry had.

I had Henry to my house and he always proved to be a most delightful guest., sharing many stories of his youth. One such fascinating story was the one about his grandfather who owned a Taylor shop in Poland at the time of the First World War. It was there that his grandfather made beautiful Army Officer's Uniforms. The buttons were made of solid gold. Many people became quite wealthy by these gold buttons. I think he said his grandfather was one of them.

I will truly miss Henry and wish I had spent more time with him. May he be resting in peace in Heaven with Mother Mary and Jesus at his side. Good Bye Dear Friend and thank you for all the memories and help.

**Love,
Sharry
Wasaga Beach Region**



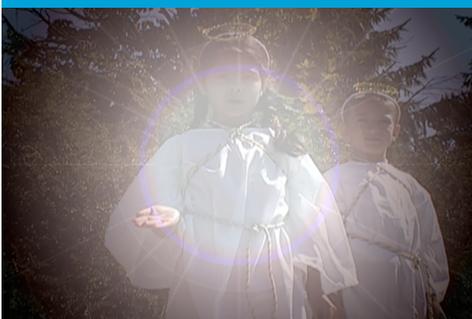
during his time as director. This was a wonder to behold! Throughout many loyal years, Henry was as significant "mainstay". He assisted much during the early formation of committees that grew to be the Rosary Apostolate, as it stands today. May Our Lady welcome him with armloads of roses and appreciative love, for he championed her and her mission right to the end. Henry, you were so well-chosen for this work and we will never forget you, dear friend.

Always in our prayers,

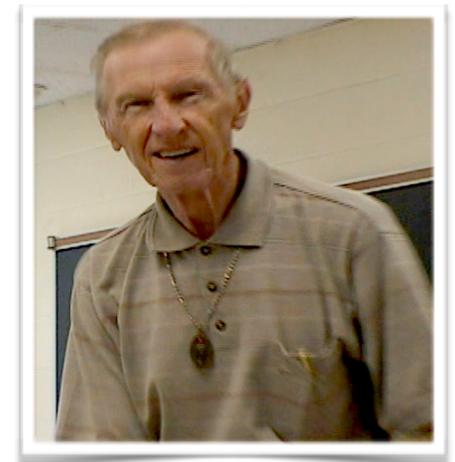
**Vicky De Marco
North York 3 Region**



Henry granddaughters participate in our Rosary DVD's and Fundraising events.



At our prayer gatherings in the very early days Henry was a keen and devout member of the Apostolate. I saw his love for the faith and for Our Lady's mission ringing out loud and clear. With grace-filled integrity and purpose, under Henry's gifted leadership, we saw Scarborough 3 Region rapidly growing by leaps and bounds, out-numbering all regions in size,





This is the Arch Henry made for Our Lady of the Cape May Celebration.

My association with Henry was sort of just a Hi and Bye. He was in Scarborough 3 and I was in Scarborough 2. I know he was with us in the Rosary Apostolate for a long time, from the time he was a young man to the time he was a retiree. He was such an ardent lover of Mother Mary.

I will never forget his skinny structure and smiling face. Once in awhile he would burst into a loud laughter, so contagious that would make us all laugh.

Anywhere you go Henry was there, regional meeting, retreats, pilgrimages, fund raising events. He was a model volunteer who shared his talent, treasure and time wholeheartedly and unselfishly. Indeed a good and faithful servant!

Henry in his home, in our First DVD used to Train Regional



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Ministry Covenant Form

We are all blessed to have worked with him and partake the blessings Jesus and Mother Mary would bestow upon him.

Bye Henry. Congratulations as you receive your reward that you deserve. We are all behind to applaud you 🙌🙌🙌🙌🙌🙌🙌🙌

Charity Ahmad
Scarborough 2 Region



I met Henry at Maximilian Kolbe School. He is one of the Rosary Apostolate members. He is very active person, Apostolate Director, on the Fundraising Committee and especially during the May celebration, he made the arch for Our Lady of the Cape and I made the curtain for it and some costumes for the children. I heard that he supervises 16 schools in Scarborough 3 Region and I often wonder how he coops with this responsibility, indeed Mother Mary helps him one way or the other.

Bye Henry, Rest In Peace, God loves you

Nora Hart
Costume Committee



Dear Henry, I knew you as a Apostolic Director of the Rosary Apostolate through our monthly meetings of Region Scarborough #4, when you visited us annually and I remembered you as a very dedicated Apostle of Mary, very humble, generous and patient as you silently observed us when we present our lessons for the schools and always with your complements give some of your advise and opinions to make it more effective when we pray with the children and teachers as I myself who was not that good in the beginning had learned a lot from all you said.

THANK YOU for praying the rosary with us in our meetings. Above all we thank God for the



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Lu McLeod, Henry and Elva Morin in our First DVD to Train Regional Directors.

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gift of your beautiful life and for the many gifts he bestowed upon you when alive and may you find rest and joy in your heavenly home.

Eternal rest grant unto Your faithful servant Henry, O Lord.

May he rest in peace in the arms of your loving Mother Mary.
AMEN 🙏🕊️🙏

**Maria Fan
Scarborough 4
Region**



To me, when I looked at Henry, it was like looking at Mother Mary. He was so full of the presence of Jesus and Mary!

He embraced his suffering for the love of God and for the conversion of his family and all the children he served through the Rosary Apostolate.

I want to be like him, so loving and so kind.
He will be missed.

**Anne Gariepy
Barrie 1 Region**



I met Henry through the Rosary Apostolate many years ago. He was one of the most wonderful people I have known and I am truly honoured to be his friend.

Henry used to take a bunch of us to different schools to pray the Rosary. I would ask him to drop me off last so that he could have lunch with us and spend some time with us. He loved to talk on various topics. His family was #1 in his life. His grandchildren were his pride and joy.

After Henry had a fall and his health deteriorated, we used to visit him once a month in his

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Gerald giving Henry a shave.

“We from the Scarborough 3 West, are saddened by the passing of Henry Krawagna. Henry was a gentleman, a great leader, very professional and a kind Director. For many years we enjoyed his leadership. When the Region had to split from the Scarborough Region 3 East, we were heartbroken. In spite of that, Henry still kept us close by bringing us together for a Christmas gathering each year that ended when he got sick. His passing is truly a great loss for us all.

We would like to extend our deepest sympathy to his family and friends. Surely, Mother Mary will always keep him close to her heart and Our Lord Jesus will welcome him home to rest. Eternal rest grant unto him O Lord and may perpetual light shine upon him, may he Rest In peace. Amen.”

Sincerely,
**Libby Tillo
Scarborough 3 West**



apartment. We would pack lunch for all of us. Before lunch, Henry would get a shave and a haircut.

After lunch, we would chat with him and admire all his family photos. He loved to show us his brother’s amazing drawings and we would marvel at his beautifully written newsy letters.

Before leaving, we would kiss him and joke with him, “Henry, if you go up there before us, don’t forget to pray for us.” I am sure that is exactly what he is doing now, paying for each one of his dear family and friends.

Rest In Peace, Henry, my dear friend.

**Gerald Lobo
Scarborough
3 Region**

