Leading up the Month of the Rosary in October, The Valley Catholic sponsored a contest challenging participants to create a short how-to video of up to three minutes explaining the process of making a rosary.

The two winning entries for the video challenge on how to make a rosary are available for viewing on Diocese of Brownsville YouTube channel. Isaac Rocha and Eddie Garcia of McAllen produced a video in English, and Leticia Treviño of Rio Grande City produced one in Spanish.

Both videos provide step-by-step instructions on making a knot rosary with some basic supplies including nylon thread, twine or satin cording.

Treviño's video focuses on making a komboskini knot rosary. The “komboskini” or “prayer rope” dates back to the fourth century where tradition notes that St. Pachomius used this as a devotional tool for himself and his monks. It is also attributed to St. Anthony the Great, the founder of monasticism.

Prizes for submitting the winning entries include a lavalier microphone and a mobile journalism bag.

Thank you to all who participated, including Graciela Mendoza Ruiz.

Show us your hand-made rosaries. Post your photos on your social media pages and use the hashtag #RGVrosary.

For instructions on how to make a rosary, visit the Diocese of Brownsville YouTube page.

Congratulations!

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