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### POPE FRANCIS -WORLD MEETING OF FAMILIES



World Meeting of Families Philadelphia 2015

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Pope Francis will visit the U.S. in Sept. 2015, including a stop at the World Meeting of Families in Philadelphia. "I wish to confirm, if God wills it, that I will go to Philadelphia for the Eighth World Meeting of Families." Begun in 1994 by St. John Paul II, the World Meeting of Families, sponsored by the Vatican's Pontifical Council for the Family, is the world's largest Catholic gathering of families and is held every three years. Hosted by the Archdiocese of Philadelphia, the World Meeting of Families 2015 will mark the first time that the event will be held in the United States; it is scheduled for Sept. 22-27, The meeting will focus on the theme "Love is Our Mission: The Family Fully Alive," emphasizing the impact of the love and life of families on society.

At its best, the family is a school of love, justice,

forgiveness, compassion, mutual respect, patience and humility in the midst of world darkened by selfishness and conflict. In ways the family teaches what it means to be human - how hungry is our world for its message! God made us for a reason, His love is our mission. In following His call, we find our true identity. As we embrace God's mission of love, we have a new perspective on many issues, not just the family. Our mission of love requires courage and fortitude in the face of society's challenging issues. God is calling and we can respond choosing lives of faith, hope, charity, joy, service, and mission.

"The presence of Pope Francis at the World Meeting of Families in our country will be a joyful moment for millions of Catholics and people of good will" said Archbishop Joseph E. Kurtz of Louisville,

Kentucky, president of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops. MOSACK'S will soon have copies of Catholic Digest's special edition with full coverage of the event plans and holy cards for World Family Meeting 2015. Join us in preparation for the Pope's visit by praying:

### **Prayer for Families**

God and Father of us all, in Jesus, your Son and our Savior, you have made us your sons and daughters in the family of the Church.

> May your grace and love help our families in every part of the world be united to one another in fidelity to the Gospel.

May the example
of the Holy Family,
with the aid of your Holy Spirit,
guide all families,
especially those most troubled,
to be homes of communion
and prayer
and to always seek your truth
and live in your love.
Through Christ our Lord.
Amen

Jesus, Mary, and Joseph, pray for us!

For more information visit The World Meeting of Families website www.worldmeeting2015.org.

#### **GIFT BASKET RAFFLE WINNERS!**

Six happy customers claimed their Themed Gift Baskets on July 1<sup>st</sup>:



Cyndi B. Christmas Basket Winner



Audrey presents Winner Cindi K. with the Friendship Basket



Teresa M. Marian Basket Winner

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### **WORKING TO SERVE YOU BETTER**

MOSACK"S Staff has been working very hard to expand our selection and serve you better. In-store highlights include three new spinners:

### Rosary



Crucifix



**Travel Center** 



The Rosary Spinner features our very popular Birthstone Pearl/Rondelle Rosaries, Spiral and Stretch Bracelets which are accented with genuine Bohemian Crystal and gift boxed. Also included on this spinner are Crystal Birthstone Rosaries, Specialty Rosaries for Saints, Divine Mercy, World Mission, etc. and Deluxe Rosary Bracelets.

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The Travel Center holds everything that a customer would like for a "Safe Journey". Choose from the best selection of Visor Clips, Dashboard Accessories, Auto Rosaries, Prayer Books, Holy Cards, Window Decals, Luggage Tags, and Key Chains.

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### ANNUAL SUMMER INVENTORY REDUCTION SALE

MOSACK'S is having a Storewide Inventory Reduction Sale during July and August. This is the perfect time to start your holiday shopping early as we have savings of 20%-80% OFF select items. Products from major brand names are on sale including Precious Moments, Heartwood Creek, Retired Fontanini Collectibles including Nativity Sets, Figurines, Angels, and Hanging Ornaments,

Seraphim Angel Classics, and more. You will find a wide assortment of books, posters, jewelry, wall art and other Christian related gifts also on sale.

Local customers may cash in your DOVE DOLLARS for additional savings! and enter a Raffle for an Outdoor Garden Statue. Website customers may take advantage of online promo codes to receive 10% Off Discounts on Clergy Attire and Outdoor Statues.

SHOP TODAY and help us make room for new items arriving this fall!



SUMMER SALE on in-store items only. Please visit our store at 8562 Mentor Ave Mentor, Ohio 44060

### Celebrated Grandparent's Day - Sept. 13th

#### Activities to celebrate Grandparent's Day:

- Make a scrapbook of a favorite memory that you share with your grandparents.
- Talk to your grandparents about what school was like when they were your age. What was their classroom like? How many were in the class? What did they like about school? What did they wear? eat for lunch? How did they travel to school?
- Is your grandparent good at knitting, baking, golf, sewing, gardening, caring for pets? If so, ask them to teach you.
- Write a prayer or a poem for your grandparent to slip in the card you send. Include a photo of you and your grandparents!

Grandparents bestow upon their grandchildren the strength and wisdom that time and experience have given Grandchildren bless their grandparents with a youthful vitality and innocence that help them stay young at heart forever. Together they create a chain of love linking the past with the future. Willow Tree Figurines capture the special relationship, Decorative Frames display favorite photos, Greeting Cards share messages of love. Visit your Grandparents, send a card, say a prayer and find a way to honor their love on Sunday, Sept. 13<sup>th</sup>.



#### PRAYER OF THANKS

Loving God, You have given us the blessed gift of Grandparents. Thank you for the simple gifts they share: for embracing us with love, for listening to our little problems and fixing them, for comforting our hurts and making us laugh, for the wonderful stories they tell.

We thank You God, for the generosity of our grandparents, for the special moments in life they never forget, and for the understanding of life they generously share with us.

Bless them and keep them safe.
May their golden years be filled with
the joys of family and treasured
memories.
Let them know our love and support
each day.

Amen.

### LABOR DAY-SAINTS FOR THE WORKPLACE

The custom of assigning patrons to trades and professions has passed down from the Middle Ages when every guild had a saint. In those days guild members celebrated the feast day of their patron by taking the day off from work, attending a mass celebrated in the saint's honor and walking in a public procession.... The tradition of assigning patron saints to various professions continues to be very popular today. (Saints for Every Occasion by Thomas J. Craughwell)

#### PRAYER FOR LABOR DAY:

Blessed are you, Lord our God, who enhances our lives with work. Help us to use the work of this day, to perform it with mindfulness and attention, with care and devotion that it will be holy and healing for us and for all the earth.

Amen

As Labor Day approaches, let us take time to find the patron for our profession and be thankful for the dignity and creative challenge of our unique tasks.



Give thanks for the job you have or make plans for advancement or new employment as needed. Remember and pray for those less fortunate.

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### YEAR OF CONSECRATED LIFE SAINTS JULY-SEPTEMBER

Saint Anthony Mary Zaccaria Feast Day: July 5

Birth: 1502 Death 7-5-1530 Canonized: May 15, 1897 Patron: The Barnabite & Angelic Sisters of St. Paul

Anthony was born in Cremona Italy in the year 1502. At the age of 2 his father died. His mother, who was of nobility, instituted taking care of the poor. Anthony got a calling for priesthood and began studying and was ordained on February 1529. In Vincenzo he made popular the 40 Hour Devotion to the Holy Eucharist. He also would ring the church bells at 3pm every Friday in commemoration of the Passion of Our Lord Jesus. Anthony founded two religious orders; The Barnabites and The Angelic Sisters of St. Paul with approval from the Pope. After his death many healings were caused through his intercession. 27 years after his death they found him to be incorrupt. He is in-shrined in the Church of St. Barnabas in Milan Italy.

# Saint Benedict Feast Day July 11 Birth: 480 Death 3-21-543 Canonized: 1220 Patron: poison, witch craft, temptations, monks

Benedict was born in the year 480. Not too much is known about his life other than that he had a twin sister, Scholastica who also became a saint. Benedict is the founder of western monasticism, and started his own order which is known as today as The Order of St. Benedict. Benedict wrote many rules for the order which people still read today. The monks would work very hard in the gardens and would also pray very hard, thus came the Benedictine Order motto; "Ora et Labora" Latin for Pray and Work. St. Benedict is known to be very powerful when fighting against the devil and is invoked sometimes during exorcisms.

### Saint John Gualbert Feast Day July 12 Birth: 985 Death: 1073 Canonized: 1193

Patron: forest workers, park rangers foresters, and parks

John was born to a noble family in Florence. He was involved with many of the feuds that went on during that time. Often the vendettas involved killing. One Good Friday, John was ready to slay his enemy when the man begged for mercy in the name of Christ Crucified. This touched John, who went to join the Benedictine order. He soon became dissatisfied and went to start his own order which was known as Vallombrosa. Rather than planting vegetable gardens like the Benedictines, his order would plant pine trees. John led a life of great penance. He fought against simony and led many to become more faithful.

# Saint Alphonus Liguori Feast Day August 1 Birth:9- 27- 1696 Death 8-1-1787 Canonized: 5-261839 Patron: arthritis and confessors

Alphonus was the eldest of 8 children. His family had some nobility in their roots; however his immediate family was somewhat impoverished. He wanted to become a knight, but due to chronic asthma and myopia he was unable to do so. Thus he started to study for a legal profession. At the age of 27, he lost his first case in 8 years. This made him decide to leave this profession and to become a priest. As a priest he lived among the poor and homeless. He established the Evening Chapels which were places of prayer, piety and Catholic education. At the time of his death there were 72 of these chapels with over 1000 participants. November 9, 1732 he founded the Congregation of the Most Holy Redeemer. The year 1702 Alphonus was appointed Bishop of Sant'Agata dei Goti. He did not want this position, however he accepted it. During this time he wrote many books on The Blessed Sacrament and the Blessed Virgin Mary. He was very humble and would often feel immense sorrow for his sins.

# Saint Peter Julian Eymard Feast Day: August 2 Birth: 2-4- 1811 Death: 8-1- 1868 Canonized: 12-91962 Apostle of the Eucharist

Peter was born near the Alps in southeastern France. From the time he was very young, he had a very strong devotion to Mary. When Peter was old enough he decided to enter the Oblates of Mary. He started studying to become a priest but due to weak lungs and migraines he was having difficulties. After some time he eventually became a priest on July 28, 1804. Peter was assigned at a few parishes before becoming a pastor to a very poor and empty parish. With much effort, he enkindled the faithful and repaired the parish. However he was not happy and decided to become a Marist, or also known as The Society of Mary on August 20, 1839. He worked with the Third Order of Mary, which was for the laity. Peter taught them about devotions to Mary, and 40 Hour devotions to the Holy Eucharist. St. John Marie Vianney was a part of this group. He wanted the Marist to have a stronger devotion to the Eucharist; however they would not change, so he established his own order known as The Society of the Blessed Sacrament and established public exposition of the Holy Eucharist. The order's task was to educate the importance of the Eucharist to First Communicants and to teach repentance to sinners and try to convert them into the Catholic faith so that they too could share in the joy of receiving Communion. He died on August 1, 1868 from a stroke, and became known as The Apostle of the Eucharist.

Saint Dominic Feast Day: August 4

Birth: 1170 Death: 8-6-1221 Canonized: 1234

Patron: astronomers falsely accused, Dominican Republic

Dominic was born in Spain to a wealthy and religious family. As an adult, he gave all of his money and clothes to the poor during a famine. At the age of 25 he joined the Cannons Regular which follows the Order of St. Benedict. During this time he attempted to convert the Cathars with some success. In 1215 Dominic and 6 others with permission from the Pope founded a Religious Order which would assist to the Spiritual needs of people. They were known for prayer and a strong penitental life. Saint Dominic is the Apostle of the Rosary. Many of the Marian devotions were started or spread by him. In the year 1215, Our Blessed Virgin Mary appeared to him, and gave him a gift to the church; the rosary. Mary also told Dominic 15 promises to those who pray the rosary daily for the salvation of souls, for it is a weapon against evil.

# Saint Clare of Assisi Feast Day: August 11 Birth: 7-16- 1194 Death: 8-11- 1253 Canonized: 8-26 1255 Patron: Embroiders, good weather, television

Saint Clare was born to a very wealthy family. As a young child, she was known to have a very strong and devote prayer life. During Lent, she heard Saint Francis of Assisi preaching in the streets and she longed to life a life of poverty and service to God like him. Although she was arranged to be married against her will, she ran away during Holy Week. After her vows, Francis cut off her hair and she exchanged her rich clothes for a simple habit. She was then placed into a Benedictine Monastery until Francis and his followers finished a place for them. During this time, Clare's father attempted to take her back home by force; she clung to the altar and took off her veil to show her father her hair. Clare's father then left. Agnes, Clare's sister joined her, soon followed by their mother. Clare's order became known as "Poor Ladies of San Damiano". They lived a life of poverty, austerity, and seclusion. This order is known today as "The Poor Clare's". In 1224 the Army of Frederick II came to destroy Assisi. Clare went out to meet them with the Body of Christ enclosed in the Monstrance. The whole army was seized with fear and fled, never doing any damage to the town.

# Saint John Eudes Feast Day: August 2 Birth11-14-1601 Death 8-19- 1680 Canonized: 5-311925 Devotion to Sacred Heart & Immaculate Heart

John was born in a village near Normandy France on a farm. He was taught by the Jesuits and decided to join the Oratorians. Eudes was ordained a priest and immediately afterwards was bedridden for a year. When he

recovered, he took care of the sick and gave Last Rites to the dying. He founded two religious orders; Sisters of Our Lady of Charity of the Refuge, which primary vocation was to take of prostitutes who wished to change their lives. The second order was Congregation of Jesus and Mary which taught education to priest and parish missions. John Eudes had a strong devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus and The Immaculate Heart of Mary.

# Saint Vincent de Paul Feast Day: September 27 Birth: 1576 Death 1660 Canonized: 1737 Patron: Charities, hospitals, charitable works

Saint Vincent was born to a poor peasant family in France. He was very smart and went to study with the Franciscans for a few years, eventually studying for the priesthood at the University of Toulouse. At the age of 20 he was ordained and was captured by Muslim Slave traders who took him to Tunis. After converting one of his Muslim owners, Vincent fled back to France where he served as a parish priest. He founded many organizations that would help the poor and take care of the sick. Vincent was appointed asked to be the chaplain for the prisons of France. He brought hope to those who were in despair. Vincent took care of the children who were left on the streets to die, and started an order called the Ladies of the Association of Charity. His work still continues today through the St. Vincent de Paul society and the Sisters of Charity, and the Priests of the Mission.

#### **Blessed Mother Teresa of Calcutta**

Birth: 8-26-1910 Death 1997 Beatified: 16-19-2003 Patron: World Youth Day

Blessed Teresa of Calcutta was born in Macedonia. When she was 18 years old she became a postulant with the Sisters of Loretto in Ireland. In 1929 she was sent to India and made her final profession in 1937. She taught at a school in Calcutta for a time; then she got "a call within a call". Teresa believed that God was calling her to take care of the most vulnerable and to live among them. She changed her habit to look more like a sari and would walk without shoes. Teresa educated children who lived in slums and took care of the sick and dying. Many young women began to join her ministry and in 1950 Pope Pius XII approved her order, named The Order of the Missionaries of Charity. This order expanded throughout India, Europe, Africa, Australia, the Middle East, London and North America. Teresa was awarded the Pope John XXIII Peace prize in 1971 and the Noble Peace Prize in 1979. Although her health was declining she still traveled all over the world to give speeches on rights for the poor and the dignity and respect for all human life.

### **Teachers and Students Start Back-To-School**

Teaching and sharing the Catholic and Christian faith with children and young adults is a very real challenge. Educators are entrusted inspiring, safeguarding and nurturing young minds as well as teaching basic skills. Create a vibrant classroom setting with the latest books, posters, and prayer guides from MOSACKS. Choose a striking visual aid to help students memorize the most meaningful prayers and biblical

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### **BOOK REVIEW: God Calling by A.J. Russell**

Listen... God Is Calling YOU! This extraordinary daily devotional has challenged and encouraged millions over the better part of a century. The book began in the fall of 1932 when two British women met to pray and to share fellowship with each other. They wrote down what they thought God was saying to them through His Son, Jesus Christ. Compiled and edited by A.J. Russell, a London newspaperman, the book has become one of the most read and beloved daily devotionals.

Now the complete classic text of God Calling has been published in a new expanded edition. The new edition features scripture with every reading, brief prayers, questions for further thought, and relevant hymn Beautiful full-color design lyrics. enhances the glorious message of God's intimate care and concern for Experience the life-changing power of God Calling each and every day. This daily devotional will provide challenge, encouragement and inspiration for your Christian walk.

### Back To School Prayer

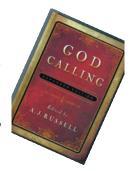
Lord, we thank you for the fragrance of a new box of crayons arranged like a rainbow in each perfect row. Thank you for each bundle of snowy white notebook paper, awaiting fresh possibilities; may they remind is that you make all things new and bless us with abundance.

Thank you for the ruler which helps measure our accomplishments. Thank you for pencil top erasers that remind us that making mistakes as a normal part of human learning.

As we lay out our clothes for these first days of school, help us to remember to put on Christ each day too.

But mostly God, help us to remember that Jesus is always our best and most devoted teacher. May we never outgrow His lessons on how you want us to live and love. Amen.

God Calling
is written
as if Jesus
Himself is
speaking to
the reader.



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### Mr. S. picks up the Wine Basket for Winner Jane S.



### GIFT BASKET WINNERS!



Betty awards Patriotic Basket to Cynthia M.

### Audrey shakes hands with Sweetheart Basket Winner Michelle W.

