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The Marian Thoughts of Pope Francis

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Nov. 1 – On the Feast of All Saints: "All of us are called to walk on the path of sanctity, and this path has a name, a face: the face of Jesus Christ" – Translated conclusion of the Angelus address (November 04, 2013, Zenit.org).

We entrust our prayer to the intercession of Mary, Queen of All Saints.

Nov. 4 – Pope's Homily at Mass for Deceased Cardinals, Bishops: "Even if our entire existence is surrounded by threats, nothing will ever separate us from the love that Christ himself gained for us, giving of Himself completely" – Translated extract (November 04, 2013, Zenit.org).

In prayer, we entrust them to the mercy of the Lord, through the intercession of Our Lady and of St. Joseph...

Nov. 6 – The Charisms Are a Way of Growing in Faith– Translated extract of the General Audience (November 6, 2013, VIS).

...let us pray the Hail Mary. ... And now let us pray together to the Virgin for the health of Noemi.

Nov. 9 – Pope's Address to Participants of the UNITALSI Pilgrimage–Translated conclusion (November 11, 2013, Zenit.org).

The most intense experience UNITALSI lives in the course of the year is the pilgrimage to Marian places, especially Lourdes. Your apostolic style and your spirituality also make reference to the Holy Virgin. Rediscover the most profound reasons! In particular, imitate Mary's maternity, the maternal care she has for each one of us. In the miracle at the Wedding of Cana, Our Lady turns to the servants and says to them: "Do whatever he tells you," and Jesus orders the servants to fill the jars with water and the water becomes wine, better than the one served first (cf. John 2:5-10). Mary's intervention with her Son shows the Mother's care for men. It is an attentive care to our truest needs: Mary knows what we are in need of! She takes care of us, interceding with Jesus and asking for each one of us the gift of the "new wine," that is, love, the grace that saves us. She intercedes and prays for us always, especially at the hour of difficulty and weakness, at the hour of distress and loss, above all at the hour of sin. This is why, in the Hail Mary prayer we ask her: "pray for us, sinners."

Dear brothers and sister, let us entrust ourselves always to the protection of our Heavenly Mother, who consoles and intercedes for us with her Son. May she help us to be, for all those we meet on our way, a reflection of Him who is "the Father of mercies and God of all comfort" (2 Corinthians 1:3).

Nov. 10 – On Life in Eternity: "Before us there is the God of the living, the God of the

covenant, the God who bears my name, our name, as he said: 'I am the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob,' also the God with my name, with your name, with your name... with our name. God of the living" – Translated extract (November 10, 2013, Zenit.org).

Let us pray ... to Our Lady for these brothers and sisters of ours and let us try also to help them concretely. ... Hail Mary...

Nov. 11 – Pope Francis' Condolences for the Death of Cardinal Bartolucci – Translated extract of a telegram (November 11, 2013, VIS).

I raise fervent prayers to the Lord that, through the intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary, He may welcome His generous servant and distinguished man of the Church in spiritual joy and eternal peace...

Nov. 14 – Pope Francis: 'The Coming of the Kingdom of God Brings Peace': Warns That Spirit of Curiosity Distances Us from Wisdom – Translated extract from homily (November 14, 2013, Zenit.org).

Curiosity ... makes us say 'I know a seer, a seer, that receives letters from Our Lady, messages from Our Lady.' But look, Our Lady is a Mother! And she loves us all. But she is not the head of the Post Office to send us messages every day.

Nov. 17 – On God's Plan of Goodness and Mercy – Translated conclusion of the Angelus address (November 18, 2013, Zenit.org).

This message of Jesus makes us reflect on our present moment and gives us the strength to face it with courage and hope, in the company of Our Lady, who always walks with us.

[Comments after the Angelus]

Today I would also like to suggest a medicine to you. But someone might think: "The Pope is a pharmacist now?" It is a special medicine that will make the fruits of the Year of Faith concrete. This year is drawing to its close. It is a medicine of 59 pills for the heart. It is a "spiritual medicine" called "Misericordina." A little box with 59 pills for the heart. The medicine is in this little box and some volunteers will hand it out to you as you are leaving the piazza. Take it! It is a rosary with which you can also pray the "Mercy chaplet," a spiritual help for our soul and to spread love, forgiveness and fraternity everywhere. Do not forget to take it because it is good for you, okay? It is good for your heart, you soul and your whole life!

Nov. 18 – Francis' Video Message to Conference on Evangelizing the Americas: "The Church's intimacy with Jesus is an itinerant intimacy; it implies going out of oneself, walking and sowing always again, always further on" –Translated beginning and conclusion (November 18, 2013, Zenit.org).

I greet you very cordially, who are participating in this pilgrimage-meeting, organized by the Pontifical Commission for Latin America, under the protection of Our Lady of Guadalupe.

... Make Jesus' name known. And if you do this, do not be surprised if at the height of winter, roses of Castile flower. Because you know, both Jesus as well as us have the same Mother.

Nov. 20 –On the Forgiveness of Sins: "The Holy Spirit Brings Us God's Forgiveness 'Passing Through' Jesus' Wounds" –Translated comments after the General Audience (November 20, 2013, Zenit.org).

Tomorrow, November 21, in the liturgical memorial of the Presentation of Mary Most Holy in the Temple, we will celebrate the Day pro Orantibus, dedicated to the memory of the cloistered religious Communities.

... let us pray to Our Lady so that she may bless and help all our Sardinian brothers and sisters.

Nov. 20 – Archbishop Giovanni Angelo Becciu's Address At Funeral for Sardinian Flood

Victims: "The Pope entrusts to the Holy Virgin of Bonaria all the persons and families Involved in this very painful trial" –Translated extract (November 20, 2013, Zenit.org).

The Pope entrusts to the Holy Virgin of Bonaria all the persons and families involved in this very painful trial, so that through Her maternal intercession, the Lord will dry every tear and soothe every wound.

Nov. 21 – Pope's Address to Participants of the Plenary Assembly of the Congregation for the Oriental Churches –Translated conclusion (November 21, 2013, Zenit.org).

May the Blesseds John XXIII and John Paul II, tireless workers of peace on earth, be our intercessors in Heaven, with the All-Holy Mother of God, who has given us the Prince of Peace.

Nov. 21 – Pope's Address to Patriarchs of the Oriental Catholic Churches and the Major Archbishops: "You are the Watchful Guardians of Communion and Servants of Ecclesial Unity" – Translated conclusion (November 21, 2013, Zenit.org).

With the help of God and of His Most Holy Mother, we know we are able to respond to this call.

Nov. 21 – Pope's Meditation at the Convent of Saint Anthony Abbot – Translated beginning (November 22, 2013, Zenit.org).

...The Gospel we heard shows the fundamental attitude with which Mary expressed her love for Jesus: to do the will of God. "Whoever does the will of my Father in Heaven is my brother, and sister, and mother" (Matthew 12:50). ... Therefore, Mary established a bond of kinship with Jesus even before giving Him birth: she became a disciple and Mother of her Son the moment she received the words of the Angel and said: "Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord; let it be to me according to your word" (Luke 1:38). This "let it be" is not only acceptance, but also trustful openness to the future. This "let it be" is hope!

For more on what Pope Francis said about Mary: [Pope's Meditation at the Convent of St. Anthony Abbott](#)

Nov. 24 – On the Closing of the Year of Faith – Translated conclusion of the Angelus address (November 24, 2013, Zenit.org).

Now let us pray the Angelus together. With this prayer we invoke the protection of Mary especially for our brothers and sisters who are persecuted because of their faith...

Nov. 24 – Evangelii Gaudium – Translated extract (November 24, 2013, Vatican.va).

284. With the Holy Spirit, Mary is always present in the midst of the people. She joined the disciples in praying for the coming of the Holy Spirit (Acts 1:14) and thus made possible the missionary outburst which took place at Pentecost. She is the Mother of the Church which evangelizes, and without her we could never truly understand the spirit of the new evangelization.

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Nov. 25 – Pope Francis' Homily at Rite of Admission to the Catechumenate – Translated extract (November 25, 2013, Zenit.org).

May Mary, the perfect disciple, accompany you: it is lovely to feel her as our Mother in the faith!

Nov. 25 – Pope Francis' Message to Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew I for Feast of St. Andrew – Translated conclusion (December 02, 2013, Zenit.org).

... I invoke abundant blessings on Your Holiness and on all the faithful of the Ecumenical Patriarchate, asking the intercession of the Virgin Mother of God ...

Nov. 27 – Greek-Catholic and Ukrainian Faithful: Be Committed Every Day to Brotherly

Communion – (November 27, 2013, VIS).

May the Lord bless you all, by the intercession of the Virgin Mary ...

Nov. 27 – On Dying in Christ: "One Who Practices Mercy Does Not Fear Death" – Translated conclusion of the Angelus address (November 27, 2013, Zenit.org).

If we open the door of our life and of our heart to our littlest brothers, then even our death will become a door that will introduce us to Heaven, to our blessed homeland, toward which we are directed, longing to dwell forever with our Father, with Jesus , Mary and the Saints.