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The Marian Thoughts of Pope Benedict XVI

June 4, 2006 to June 28, 2006



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June 4, 2006: Mass of Pentecost

On the day of Pentecost, the Holy Spirit descended with power on the apostles; thus began the mission of the Church in the world. Jesus himself had prepared the Eleven for this mission by appearing to them on several occasions after his resurrection (cf. Acts 1:3). Before the ascension to heaven, "he charged them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait for the promise of the Father" (cf. Acts 1:4-5); that is, he asked them to stay together to prepare themselves to receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. And they gathered in prayer with Mary in the Cenacle, while awaiting this promised event (cf. Acts 1:14). ...

This is the mystery of Pentecost: The Holy Spirit illuminates the human spirit and, on revealing Christ crucified and risen, indicates the way to become more like him, that is, to be "expression and instrument of love that comes from him" ("Deus Caritas Est," No. 33). The Church, gathered with Mary, as at her birth, today implores: "Veni Sancte Spiritus!" -- "Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of thy faithful and enkindle in them the fire of thy love!" Amen.

June 7, 2006: Receiving the title of Honorary citizen of Altötting, Germany

The masterpiece of the Most Holy Trinity among all creatures is the Virgin Mary: In her humble heart full of faith in God, he prepared a worthy dwelling for himself, to fulfill his mystery of salvation. Divine love found in her perfect correspondence, and the only-begotten Son was made man in her womb. With filial confidence let us turn to Mary, so that, with her help, we will be able to progress in love and make our lives songs of praise to the Father, through the Son in the Holy Spirit.

Benedict XVI said that his father "went on foot on the long way that separates Traunstein from Altoetting, to thank the Mother of God" for the safe return of his two sons.

The Holy Father added that Pope John Paul II's pilgrimage to the shrine, when Cardinal Ratzinger was archbishop of Munich, was also unforgettable, as the Polish Pontiff perceived in the shrine "the Catholic heart of Bavaria." ... "A few years ago, I was able to accompany a pilgrimage on foot from Regensburg and on that occasion I understood profoundly what a pilgrimage of this type means."

"It's not only 'walking with the feet,' but 'walking with the heart'; it is not an exterior but an interior journey," he pointed out. "In the midst of the efforts and exhaustion of this journey, at the end one really has the great joy of reaching the Mother of Graces, of meeting with her in the silence of the shrine."

"Altoetting guards this patrimony of centuries, which in this way remains always alive," Benedict XVI said, adding that it is "an old and new place of meeting with the Mother of the Lord and, therefore, of renewal of our lives."

"With this title of honorary citizen, I now form part of Altoetting in an altogether particular way," the Pope said. "The grand Bavarian dukes willed that, after their deaths, their hearts be kept in that shrine. I know that, in this way, my heart is now taken even more definitively by the Mother of God and that she will look after me from on high and will guide me in my pilgrimage."

June 7, 2006: Pontifical Council for Migrant and Travelers

... May Mary Most Holy watch over you, she who lived her faith as a pilgrimage in the different circumstances of her earthly life. May the Holy Virgin help every man and every woman to know her Son Jesus and to receive from him the gift of salvation. With this wish I impart my blessing to all of you and to those dear to you.

June 8, 2006: Paul VI Hall

... In conclusion, consecrated men and women are called to be credible and luminous signs of the Gospel and its paradoxes in the world without conforming to the mentality of this world, but to continually transform and renew one's own duty, to be able to discern God's will, what is good, acceptable and perfect to him (cf. Romans 12:2).

This is precisely my wish, dear brothers and sisters; it is a wish upon which I invoke the maternal intercession of the Virgin Mary, unsurpassable model of every consecrated life. With these sentiments, I affectionately impart the apostolic blessing, willingly extending it to all who belong to your numerous spiritual families.

June 23, 2006: "The Joy of Faith and the Education of New Generations"

I ask you young people and all of you who are here, dear brothers and sisters, I ask the whole of the beloved Church of Rome, in particular consecrated souls especially in the cloistered monasteries, to be assiduous in prayer, spiritually united with Mary our mother, to worship Christ alive in the Eucharist, to fall ever more deeply in love with him.

June 25, 2006: Midday Angelus

To allow the "I" of Christ to take the place of our "I" was, in an exemplary way, the longing of the Apostles Peter and Paul, whom the Church will venerate with solemnity on June 29. St. Paul wrote about himself: "It is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me" (Galatians 2:20).

Before them, and before any other saint, the one who lived this reality was Mary Most Holy, who kept the words of her Son Jesus in her heart. Yesterday we contemplated that Immaculate Heart of hers, heart of a Mother, who continues to watch over all of us with tender solicitude. May her intercession enable us to be faithful always to the Christian vocation.

June 28, 2006: Vatican City

He (James the Less) has often been identified with another James, called "the Younger" (cf. Mark 15:40), son of a Mary (cf. *ibid.*), who could be Mary of Clopas present, according to the Fourth Gospel, at the foot of the cross together with the Mother of Jesus (cf. John 19:25). He was also from Nazareth and probably a relative of Jesus (cf. Matthew 13:55; Mark 6:3), who, after the Semitic manner, was called "brother" (cf. Mark 6:3; Galatians 1:19).

... To the name of this James, in addition to the apocryphal proto-Gospel of James, which exalts the holiness and virginity of Mary the Mother of Jesus, is particularly linked the Letter that bears his name. It occupies the first place in the canon of the New Testament after the so-called Catholic Letters, addressed, that is, not to one particular Church -- such as Rome, Ephesus, etc. -- but to many Churches.