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The Marian Thoughts of Pope Francis

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Oct. 2 – Pope’s Address to the Plenary Assembly of the Pontifical Council for Justice and Peace: “The growth of inequalities and of poverties puts at risk inclusive and participatory democracy, which always presupposes an economy and a market that does not exclude and that is equitable.” – Translated conclusion (October 2, 2014, Zenit.org)

I ...am entrusting you to the maternal intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary,

Oct. 3 – Pope Francis’ Address to Patriarch of the Assyrian Church of the East: “What unites us is already much more than what divides us.” – Translated conclusion (October 3, 2014, Zenit.org)

I invoke upon you, upon the clergy and the faithful entrusted to your pastoral care, through the intercession of the All Holy Mother of God, an abundance of divine blessings.

Oct. 3 – Pope’s Address to Bishops of Chad: “Christ did not come to destroy cultures but to lead them to their fulfillment.” – Translated conclusion (October 3, 2014, Zenit.org)

In this hope, entrusting you all, as well as the priests, the consecrated persons, the catechists and all the lay faithful of your dioceses to the protection of the Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church,

Oct. 4 – Pope Francis’ Discourse at Vigil of Prayer for the Synod on the Family: “If we assume His way of thinking, of living and of relating to others, we will not tire of translating the Synodal works into guidelines and courses for the pastoral on the person and on the family.”– Translated extract (October 5, 2014, Zenit.org)

It is what the evangelical indication lets us intuit: “Do whatever He tells you” (John 2:5).

They are words that contain the spiritual testament of Mary, “always attentive friend, so that the wine will not be lacking in our life” (Apostolic Exhortation *Evangelii Gaudium*, 286). Let us make them our own!

Oct. 4 – Pope’s Video-Message for the 50th Anniversary of the Foundation of the Citadel of Loppiano: “Loppiano, therefore, is a school of life in which there is only one teacher: Jesus” – Translated conclusion (October 6, 2014, Zenit.org).

I entrust you to Mary Theotokos, Mother of God; may she receive you all in the shrine at the heart of the citadel.

Oct. 4 -- Pope Francis' Lenten Message 2015 -- Translated conclusion (January 27, 2015, Zenit.org).

During this Lent, then, brothers and sisters, let us all ask the Lord: "*Fac cor nostrum secundum cor tuum*": *Make our hearts like yours* (Litany of the Sacred Heart of Jesus). In this way we will receive a heart which is firm and merciful, attentive and generous, a heart which is not closed, indifferent or prey to the globalization of indifference.

It is my prayerful hope that this Lent will prove spiritually fruitful for each believer and every ecclesial community. I ask all of you to pray for me. May the Lord bless you and Our Lady keep you.

For more about what the Pope said about Mary: <http://www.zenit.org/en/articles/pope-francis-lenten-message-2015>

Oct 5 – Pope’s Angelus Address, Sunday Oct. 5: “For the family to be able to walk well, with trust and hope, it must be nourished by the Word of God” – Translated conclusion (October 5, 2014, Zenit.org).

I invite all to support the works of the Synod with prayer, invoking the maternal intercession of the Virgin Mary. At this moment, we associate ourselves spiritually with all those at the Shrine of Pompey, elevating the traditional “Supplication” to Our Lady of the Rosary. May she obtain peace for families and for the whole world!

Oct. 8 – Full Text of Pope’s General Audience Catechesis, Oct. 8: "The Lord asks us not to fix our look on what divides us, but rather on that which unites us, seeking to know and to love Jesus better and to share the richness of His love." – Translated conclusion (October 8, 2014, Zenit.org)

The month of October is dedicated to the prayer of the Rosary. Dear young people, always invoke the intercession of the Virgin Mary, that she illumine you in every need; dear sick, especially you of the Care and Rehabilitation Cooperative, may the comfort of the Marian prayer be present daily in your life; and you, dear newlyweds, strengthen with prayer your conjugal bond.

Oct. 12 -- Angelus Address: The Response to God’s Invitation: “The Gospel, rejected by some, finds a surprising welcome in so many hearts.” – Translated conclusion (October 12, 2014, Zenit.org)

We entrust to the intercession of the Most Holy Virgin the turmoils and the hopes of so many of our brothers and sisters, excluded, weak, rejected, despised. Also those who are persecuted because of their faith. We invoke her protection over the work of the synod of bishops gathered these days in the Vatican.

[Comments after the Angelus] May the Madonna della Guardia sustain the beloved people of Genoa in the work of solidarity, so they can rise above this difficult challenge. Let us pray all together to the Madonna della Guardia: [Hail Mary] Mother Mary, della Guardia, protect Genoa.

Oct. 15 – Full Text of Pope’s General Audience Catechesis, Oct. 15: “Christian hope is not simply a desire, a wish: for a Christian, hope is expectation, fervent, passionate expectation for the final and definitive fulfillment of a mystery, the mystery of God’s love.” – Translated conclusion (October 15, 2014, Zenit.org)

We invoke the Virgin Mary, Mother of Hope and Queen of Heaven, to keep us always in an attitude of listening and of expectation, so that already now we can be permeated with the love of Christ and take part one day in the joy without end, in full communion with God.

[Comments afterwards] We continue to invoke the intercession of the Virgin Mary on the Synod of the Family.

Oct. 15 – Pope’s Message to Bishop of Avila on St. Teresa’s Feast: Four Paths Walked by the Saint: “the path of joy, of prayer, of fraternity and of time itself” – Translated conclusion (October 15, 2014, Zenit.org).

May ... the Holy Virgin take care of you.

Oct. 19 -- Pope Francis’ Address to the Synod Fathers: “Many commentators, or people who talk, have imagined that they see a disputatious Church where one part is against the other, doubting even the Holy Spirit, the true promoter and guarantor of the unity and harmony of the Church.” – Translated conclusion (October 19, 2014, Zenit.org).

May the Lord accompany us, and guide us in this journey for the glory of His Name, with the intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary and of Saint Joseph.

Oct. 19 – On the Pontificate of Blessed Paul VI: “To this Pontiff, the Christian people will always be grateful for the Apostolic Exhortation *Marialis cultus*.” – Translated conclusion (October 19, 2014, Zenit.org)

Before invoking Our Lady all together with the Angelus prayer, I would like to underline the profound Marian devotion of Blessed Paul VI. To this Pontiff, the Christian people will always be grateful for the Apostolic Exhortation *Marialis cultus* and for having proclaimed Mary as “The Mother of the Church,” on the occasion of the closing of the third session of the Second Vatican Council.

Mary, Queen of Heaven, help us to carry out faithfully in our lives the will of the Lord, as the newly Blessed had done.

Oct. 23 – Pope’s Address to International Association of Criminal Law: “States are not qualified ... to subordinate respect of the dignity of the human person to any sort of social utility.” – Translated conclusion (October 23, 2014, Zenit.org)

I invoke for each of you, with the intercession of the Virgin Mary, the light and strength of the Holy Spirit.

Oct. 26 -- On the Love for God and Neighbor: “Love is the measure of faith, and faith is the soul of love.” – Translated conclusion (October 26, 2014, Zenit.org)

Through the intercession of Mary, our Mother, let us open ourselves to receive this gift of love, to walk always in this law, of two faces that are one face, in the law of love.

[Comments after the Angelus] I also greet the pilgrims from Schönstatt. I can see the image of Our Mother from here.

Oct. 25 – Pope: New Union Forms ‘Totally Destructive,’ Limit Grandeur of Matrimony: Extensive Excerpts of Pope Francis’ Remarks to Schoenstatt Movement – Translated excerpt (October 28, 2014, Zenit.org).

Mary is Mother, and one cannot conceive any other title of Mary that is not ‘Mother.’ She is Mother, because she brings us Jesus and she helps us with the strength of the Holy Spirit, so that Jesus will be born and grow in us. She constantly gives us life. She is Mother of the Church. She is maternity. We do not have the right -- and if we [think we do] we are mistaken – to have a psychology of orphans. A Christian does not have the right to be an orphan. He has a Mother! We have a Mother.”

Oct. 25 –Five key points by Pope Francis on marriage, evangelization and the renewal of

the Church – Translated excerpt (October 17, 2014, Rome Reports).

A Christian does not have a right to be an orphan. He has a Mother. We have a Mother. An old preacher who was very fiery, spoke on the psychology of orphans and ended his homily saying: "Well, whoever does not want Mary as a Mother will have her as a mother-in-law!"

Oct. 28 – Pope’s Address to Popular Movements: “Thank you for accepting the invitation to discuss so many grave social problems that afflict the world today, you who suffer inequality and exclusion in your own flesh”– Translated excerpt (October 29, 2014, Zenit.org)

We must never forget that Jesus was born in a stable, because there was no room in the place; that his family had to leave their home and flee to Egypt, persecuted by Herod.

Oct. 31 – Pope’s Address to Fraternity of Charismatic Communities: “For the persecutors, we are not divided: We are not Lutherans, Orthodox, Evangelicals, Catholics. ... For the persecutors we are Christians -- nothing else matters. This is the ecumenism of blood lived today.” – Translated extract (October 31, 2014, Zenit.org)

I was told about prayer groups in Charismatic Renewal in which the Rosary is recited together. The prayer to Our Lady must never be lacking, never!