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July 3 – Pope’s Address to Charismatic Renewal – Translated conclusion (July 07, 2015, ZENIT.org).

... may the Holy Virgin protect you.

July 5 – Welcome Ceremony: Address of the Holy Father at “Mariscal Sucre” International Airport, Quito, Ecuador – Translated conclusion (July 5, 2015, Vatican).

May the Sacred Heart of Jesus and the Immaculate Heart of Mary, to which Ecuador has been consecrated, grant you every grace and blessing.

July 6 – Apostolic Journey: Holy Mass at the Parque de los Samanes, Guayaquil, Provincia del Guayas, Ecuador – Translated beginning (July 6, 2015, Vatican).

The Gospel passage which we have just heard is the first momentous sign in the Gospel according to John. Mary’s maternal concern is seen in her plea to Jesus: “They have no wine”, and Jesus’ reference to “his hour” will be more fully understood later, in the story of his Passion.

For more of what the Pope said about Mary:

<http://w2.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/events/event.dir.html/content/vaticanevents/en/2015/7/6/guayaquilomelia.html>

July 6 – Pope Concludes 1st Day in Ecuador Praying That No One Be 'Discarded' – Translated conclusion (Quito, Ecuador, July 06, 2015, ZENIT.org).

But first, we pray together the Ave Maria.

July 6 – Pope Francis’ first homily in Latin America – Translated comments before Mass (Ecuador, July 7, 2015, VIS).

May Our Lady always be by your side.

July 8 – Pope to Clergy, Religious of Ecuador: Don't Forget Where You Came From – Translated comments (Quito, Ecuador, July 08, 2015, ZENIT.org).

[In a guestbook] Virgin Mother of Quinche, safeguard the Ecuadorian people. Care for them, Mother,

July 8 – Meeting with Clergy, Religious and Seminarians: Address and Prepared Address of the Holy Father – Translated beginning (Quito, Ecuador, July 8, 2015, Vatican).

Years later came the consecration to the Heart of Mary.

I thought of the Blessed Virgin, I thought of Mary. Two phrases used by Mary, and here my memory fails me as I do not know if she added more: "Let it be done to me"; true, she asked the angel for an explanation of why she had been chosen, but she nevertheless says, "Let it be done to me". And the second phrase, "Do whatever he tells you". Mary did not want to stand out. She was a disciple all her life. She was the first disciple of her son. She was conscious that all she had brought forth was pure gratuitousness on God's part. She was conscious of God's gratuitousness. This is why these words, "let it be done" and "do whatever he tells you" point to the gratuitousness of God.

For more of what the Pope said about Mary:

http://w2.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/speeches/2015/july/documents/papa-francesco_20150708_ecuador-religiosi.html

July 8 – Welcome Ceremony: Address of the Holy Father – Translated conclusion (La Paz, Bolivia, July 8, 2015, Vatican).

I entrust this visit to the protection of the Blessed Virgin of Copacabana, Queen of Bolivia, and I ask her to protect all her children.

July 8 – Pope's Address to Civil Society in Bolivia – Translated conclusion (July 08, 2015, ZENIT.org).

May the Blessed Virgin watch over you,

July 9 – Holy Mass in Christ the Redeemer Square: Homily of the Holy Father – Translated conclusion (July 9, 2015, Vatican).

Mary, like many of you, bore in her heart the memory of her people. She pondered the life of her Son. She personally experienced God's grandeur and joyfully proclaimed that he "fills the hungry with good things" (Lk 1:53). May she today be our model. Like her, may we trust in the goodness of the Lord, who does great things with smallness, with the lowliness of his servants.

July 9 -- Pope's Address to 'Popular Movements' -- Translated extract (Bolivia, July 9, 2015, ZENIT.org).

Let us always have at heart the Virgin Mary, a humble girl from small people lost on the fringes of a great empire, a homeless mother who could turn a stable for beasts into a home for Jesus with just a few swaddling clothes and much tenderness. Mary is a sign of hope for peoples suffering the birth pangs of justice. I pray that Our Lady of Mount Carmel, patroness of Bolivia, will allow this meeting of ours to be a leaven of change.

July 10 – Pope Places Presidential Honors at Feet of Our Lady of Copacabana: Expresses Gratitude to Virgin Mary During Private Mass in Santa Cruz – Translated beginning (July 10, 2015, ZENIT.org).

Mother of the Savior and our Mother, You, Queen of Bolivia, who from the height of your Shrine in Copacabana attend to the prayers and needs of your children, especially the most poor and abandoned, and protect them:

For more of what the Pope said about Mary:

http://www.zenit.org/en/articles/pope-places-presidential-honors-at-feet-of-our-lady-of-copacabana?utm_campaign=dailyhtml&utm_medium=email&utm_source=dispatch

July 10 – Pope's Address to Officials of Paraguay – Translated conclusion (Paraguay, July 10, 2015, ZENIT.org).

With great joy that I have come to this country consecrated to the Virgin of Caacupé, May this country be fruitful, as symbolized by the pasiflora flower on Our Lady's mantle, and may the national colors which decorate her image draw all the Paraguayan people to embrace the Mother of Caacupé.

July 11 – Pope's Prepared Address at Pediatric Hospital in Asuncion – Translated conclusion (Paraguay, July 11, 2015, ZENIT.org).

Wherever there is a son or daughter, there is always a mother. Wherever Jesus is, there is Mary, the Virgin of Caacupé. Let us ask her to wrap us in her mantle, to protect and intercede for you and for your families.

July 11 – Homily of the Holy Father , Esplanade in front of the Marian Shrine of Caacupé, (Paraguay, July 11, 2015 , Vatican.va).

Being here with you makes me feel at home, at the feet of our Mother, the Virgin of Miracles of Caacupé. In every shrine we, her children, encounter our Mother and are reminded that we are brothers and sisters. ... How many baptisms, priestly and religious vocations, engagements

and marriages, have been born at the feet of our Mother! How many tearful farewells! We come bringing our lives, because here we are at home and it is wonderful to know there is someone waiting for us.

For more of what the Pope said about Mary:

http://w2.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/homilies/2015/documents/papa-francesco_20150711_paraguay-omelia-caacupe.html

July 11 – Pope’s Prepared Address to Representatives of Civil Society in Paraguay – Translated conclusion (July 11, 2015, ZENIT.org).

I ask Our Lady of Caacupé, our Mother, to watch over you and protect you, and to encourage you in all your efforts.

July 11 – Pope’s message to new evangelization conference in UK (if not better, zenit

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July 12 – Pope Francis’ Homily in Asuncion’s Nu Guazu Field – Translated conclusion (Paraguay, July 12, 2015, ZENIT.org).

The Church is a mother, like Mary. In her, we have a model. We too must provide a home, like Mary, who did not lord it over the word of God, but rather welcomed that word, bore it in her womb and gave it to others. ...

That is how we want to be Christians, that is how we want to live the faith on this Paraguayan soil, like Mary, accepting and welcoming God’s life in our brothers and sisters, in confidence and with the certainty that “the Lord will shower down blessings, and our land will yield its increase.

July 12 – Visit to the People of Bañado Norte: Address of the Holy Father – Translated beginning (Asunción, Paraguay, July 12, 2015, Vatican.va).

We are meeting in this Parish named after the Holy Family, and I confess that since I began thinking about my visit here, since my departure from Rome, I have kept the Holy Family in mind. And, when I thought of you, I recalled the Holy Family. To see your faces, your children, your elderly, and to hear about your experiences and everything you went through to be here, to have a dignified life and a roof over your heads, to endure the bad weather and the flooding of these last few weeks... All this makes me think of the little family of Bethlehem. Your struggles have not taken away your laughter, your joy and your hope. Struggles which have not lessened your sense of solidarity but if anything, have made it grow.

For more of what the Pope said about Mary:

w2.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/speeches/2015/july/documents/papa-francesco_20150712_paraguay-banado-norte.html

July 12 – Angelus – Translated beginning (Paraguay, 12 July 2015, Vatican.va).

At the end of this celebration we look with trust to the Virgin Mary, Mother of God and our Mother. She is the gift that Jesus gives to his people. He gave her to us as our Mother at the hour of his cross and suffering. She is the fruit of Christ's sacrifice for us. And from that moment, Mary has always been, and will always be, with her children, especially the poor and those most in need.

For more of what the Pope said about Mary:

http://w2.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/angelus/2015/documents/papa-francesco_angelus-paraguay_20150712.html

July 13 – Apostolic Journey of Pope Francis to Ecuador, Bolivia and Paraguay: In-Flight Press Conference of His Holiness Pope Francis from Paraguay to Rome (Papal Flight, 13 July 2015) – Translated extract (July 14, 2015, News.va).

I thought about leaving them [two honors] with Our Lady of Copacabana, the Mother of Bolivia, which will go to the Shrine. The two honors will be in the Shrine of Our Lady of Copacabana, to Our Blessed Mother,

July 19 – On the Verbs of the Shepherd – Translated conclusion of the Angelus address (July 19, 2015, ZENIT.org).

To the maternal intercession of the Virgin Mary, who is venerated by all of Latin America with the title of Our Lady of Guadalupe, I entrust the fruits of this unforgettable Apostolic Visit.

July 25 – Pope's Message to New Patriarch of Cilicia of the Armenians – Translated conclusion (July 27, 2015, ZENIT.org).

Entrusting you, as well as your ministry, to Jesus Christ and to the protection of the Most Holy Mother of God, ...

July 26 – Angelus: On the Multiplication of the Loaves – Translated conclusion (July 26, 2015, ZENIT.org).

May the Virgin Mary accompany us with Her maternal intercession.

[Comments after the Angelus] ... And let us pray all together the prayer: Hail Mary...

... Today, the Church remembers Saint Joachim and Saint Ann, parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary, and thus, the grandparents of Jesus!