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Aug. 1 – Pope Blesses University Conference on Saint Teresa: Taking Place in Avila from August 1-3, Conference Reflects on Teresian Perspectives in the New Evangelization – Translated conclusion (August 03, 2015, ZENIT.org).

… he entrusts the unfolding of the Congress to the maternal care of the Virgin of Mount Carmel, …

Aug. 2 – Angelus: On the Bread of Life – Translated conclusion (August 02, 2015, ZENIT.org).

The Holy Virgin helps us in the search for and following of her son Jesus, the true bread, the living bread that does not perish and that “endures for eternal life.”

Aug. 5 – General Audience – Translated comments after the Angelus (August 05, 2015, ZENIT.org).

Today we celebrated the memorial of the Holy Mother of God, the Salus Populi Romani, who is venerated in Saint Mary Major. She is our patroness. It is the first Church in the West dedicated to Our Lady: I invite you all, as we are, without moving, to prayer to her: Hail Mary...

For more of what the Pope said about Mary:

http://www.zenit.org/en/articles/general-audience-on-wounded-families

Aug. 6 -- Pope’s Message to Iraqi Refugees in Jordan – Translated conclusion (August 06, 2015, ZENIT.org).

… may Our Lady protect you.

I invoke upon this initiative the intercession of Mary, Mother of God, …. 

Aug. 8 -- Pope Francis’ Angelus Address – Translated conclusion (August 09, 2015, ZENIT.org).

Someone who lived this experience in such an exemplary way was the Virgin of Nazareth, Mary: the first human person who believed in God by accepting the flesh of Jesus. Let us learn from her, our Mother, joy and gratitude for the gift of faith. A gift that is not "private" but shared: it is "for the life of the world"!

Aug. 9 – Pope’s Message to Eucharistic Celebration at Avila – Translated conclusion (August 10, 2015, ZENIT.org).

His Holiness, in reminding you of the need to grow always in love for the Church and for brothers, asks you to pray for him and, at the same time, entrusts you with affection to the protection of the Virgin Mary,


Before giving the blessing we can ask help from Our Lady. Because when children begin to walk they look for their mother’s hand not to go the wrong way. And we must go on the way of life by the hand of our mother. Let us pray to Our Lady, each one in his own language.

“Hail Mary ...” [Blessing]


… Happy Feast of Our Lady.

Today the Church celebrates one of the most important feasts dedicated to the Blessed Virgin Mary: the Feast of Her Assumption. At the conclusion of Her earthly life, the Mother of Christ was raised in soul and body to Heaven, that is, in the glory of eternal life, in the full communion with God.

For more of what the Pope said about Mary:


I entrust all of you to Mary, Mother of Mercy, for this last stretch of the journey of spiritual preparation for the next WYD in Krakow.

Aug. 16 – Angelus: On Jesus, the Bread of Life – Translated conclusion (August 16, 2015 (ZENIT.org).

In Heaven, Mary our Mother awaits us – yesterday we celebrated this mystery. May She obtain for us the grace of nourishing ourselves always with faith in Jesus, the Bread of Life.


In the Gospel, the Holy Family of Nazareth appears as a family of workers, ….

[Comments after the Angelus] Today, we celebrate the liturgical Memorial of Saint John Eudes. May his devotion to the Sacred Hearts of Jesus and Mary teach you, dear young people, the need for their intercession in the spiritual journey; may it encourage you, dear sick, to face with faith your moments of suffering, and may it stimulate you, dear newlyweds, to educate with love the children the Lord wills to give you.


May the Virgin Mary help us to always "go" to Jesus to experience the freedom that He offers us, and that allows us to purify our choices from worldly incrustations and fear.

[Comments after the Angelus] … May Virgin Mary intercede for us!

Aug. 30 – Angelus Address: On Converting the Heart – Translated conclusion (August 30, 2015, ZENIT.org).

Let us ask the Lord, through the intercession of the Most Holy Virgin, to give us a pure heart, free of all hypocrisy — that’s the adjective that Jesus used with the Pharisees: hypocrites, because they say one thing and do another. Free from all hypocrisy so that in this way we are able to live according to the spirit of the law and reach its goal, which is love.