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Sep. 1 – Pope's letter on the Extraordinary Jubilee of Mercy – Translated conclusion (September 1, 2015, VIS).

Trusting in the intercession of the Mother of Mercy, I entrust the preparations for this Extraordinary Jubilee Year to her protection.

Sep. 2 – General Audience – Translated conclusion (September 02, 2015, ZENIT.org).

I renew my fervent prayer to the Lord of all, through the intercession of the Virgin Mary, that today's world may no longer experience the horrors and dreadful sufferings of similar tragedies.

Sep. 3 – Pope's Address to Schoenstatt Fathers' General Chapter – Translated conclusion (September 03, 2015, ZENIT.org).

I entrust you affectionately to the care of our Thrice Admirable Mother,

Sep. 5 – Pope's Address to Parish Evangelizing Cells – Translated conclusion (September 07, 2015, ZENIT.org).

May the Holy Mother of God turn her merciful eyes to you, ...

Now we pray all together to Our Lady, Mother of the Church, Our Lady of tenderness, may she help you to go forward in this witness.

Ave o Maria ...

Sep. 6 – Angelus Address: On Restoring Communication – Translated conclusion (September 06, 2015, ZENIT.org).

Let us ask the Virgin Mary, a woman of listening and of joyful testimony, that she sustains us in the commitment to profess our faith and to communicate the marvels of the Lord to those we find along our way.

Sep. 8 – Pope Francis: God walks with all of us, saints and sinners – Translated extracts (Sep. 8, 2015, Vatican Radio).

Noting that Tuesday was the date on which the Church commemorates the birth of Mary, the Pope's homily took its cue from this to underline how all Christians are called to be humble and close to their neighbours as taught in the Beatitudes. ...The Pope said today when we commemorate the birth of the Blessed Virgin Mary, "let us implore the grace of unity, reconciliation and peace."

Sep. 8 – Full Text of Pope Francis' interview with Portuguese radio station – Translated extract of interview broadcast on September 14 (September 14, 2015, CNA.).

I really want to go to Portugal for the 100th anniversary [of the apparitions of Our Lady of Fatima]. ... It's easier to go to Portugal because you can go to the Virgin and come back in one day -- a full day, a day-and-a-half, or two days. The Virgin is (our) Mother. She is very much a mother. And, her presence accompanies the people of God.

For more of what the Pope said about Mary:

<http://www.catholicnewsagency.com/news/full-text-of-pope-francis-interview-with-portuguese-radio-station-44460/>

Sep. 9 – General Audience: On the Family and the Christian Community – Translated conclusion (September 09, 2015, ZENIT.org).

The Mother of Jesus was at Cana, the "Mother of Good Counsel." Let us listen to her words: "Do whatever he tells you" (cf. John 2:5).

Dear families, dear parish communities, we must let ourselves be inspired by this Mother: let us do everything that Jesus tells us and we will find ourselves before a miracle! – the miracle of every day.

Sep. 10 – Pope Francis' Address to the Équipes Notre Dame – Translated conclusion (September 10, 2015, ZENIT.org).

I entrust your couples to the protection of the Virgin Mary and of Saint Joseph,

Sep. 11 – Pope Francis' Address to the Missionary Sons of the Immaculate Heart of Mary – Translated conclusion (September 11, 2015, ZENIT.org).

And as Mary is the Mother who looks after you, I invite you to pray together a Hail Mary.

Sep. 12 – Pope's Address to Cooperative Credit Bank of Rome – Translated conclusion (September 15, 2015, ZENIT.org).

May ... Our Lady be with you.

Sep. 12 – Pope's message for the opening of the plenary Assembly of the Council of Episcopal Conferences of Europe – Translated conclusion (September 12, 2015, VIS).

Invoking the intercession of Mary, our Mother,

Sep. 12 – Migrants and refugees challenge us: the response of the Gospel of mercy – Translated conclusion (October 1, 2015, VIS).

I entrust you to the Virgin Mary, Mother of migrants and refugees, and to St. Joseph, who experienced the bitterness of emigration to Egypt. To their intercession I also commend those who invest so much energy, time and resources to the pastoral and social care of migrants

Sep. 13 -- Angelus: On Following Christ – Translated conclusion (September 13, 2015, ZENIT.org).

May the Virgin Mary, who has followed Jesus to Calvary, help us to always purify our faith from false images of God, to adhere fully to Christ and his Gospel.

Sep. 15 – Message for the 24th World Day of the Sick – Translated beginning (September 15, 2015, Vatican).

I wish to propose a meditation on the Gospel account of the wedding feast of Cana, where Jesus performed his first miracle through the intervention of his Mother. The theme chosen - Entrusting oneself to the merciful Jesus like Mary: 'Do whatever he tells you' is quite fitting in light of the Extraordinary Jubilee of Mercy. The main Eucharistic celebration of the Day will take place on 11 February 2016, the liturgical memorial of Our Lady of Lourdes, in Nazareth itself, where 'the Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us'.

For more of what the Pope said about Mary:

<http://w2.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/events/event.dir.html/content/vaticanevents/en/2015/9/15/giornatamalato.html>

Sep. 15 – Pope Francis: Church is a mother, not a rigid association – Translated extract of homily (September 15, 2015, Vatican Radio).

In these times where I don't know if it's the prevailing sense but there is a great sense in the world of being orphaned, it's an orphaned world. This word has a great importance, the importance when Jesus tells us: 'I am not leaving you as orphans, I'm giving you a mother.' And this is also a (source of) pride for us: we have a mother, a mother who is with us, protects us, accompanies us, who helps us, even in difficult or terrible times.

For more of what the Pope said about Mary:

[http://en.radiovaticana.va/news/2015/09/15/pope_francis__church_is_a_mother,_not_a_rigid_a
ssociation/1171948](http://en.radiovaticana.va/news/2015/09/15/pope_francis__church_is_a_mother,_not_a_rigid_association/1171948)

Sep. 16 – General Audience: On the Universal Importance of the Family – Translated extract (September 16, 2015, ZENIT.org).

We see this divine tenderness, this care for us, incarnated in Jesus of Nazareth, Son of God, “born of woman” (Galatians 4:4). Christ, born of woman, of a woman, is God’s caress on our wounds, on our mistakes, on our sins. ... And woman is the strongest who carries this plan forward.

For more of what the Pope said about Mary:

<http://www.zenit.org/en/articles/general-audience-on-the-universal-importance-of-the-family>

Sep. 17 – Pope’s Address to Symposium on Pastoral Ministry for People ‘of the Street’ – Translated conclusion (September 17, 2015, ZENIT.org).

I entrust you and your service to Mary, Mother of Mercy: may the sweetness of her gaze support the conviction and the intentions of all those who take care of the children and women of the street. ...

And now I invite you to pray to Our Lady and to ask her to caress these children who live on the street, these women suffer so much. The caress of Our Lady: we are in need of maternity. Let us pray to Our Lady. [Hail Mary]

Sep. 18 -- Pope's video message for Cuba: I will be among you as a missionary of mercy – Translated extracts (September 18, 2015, VIS).

We need to pray, we need prayer, this contact with Jesus and Mary.

... I will go to the Shrine of Our Lady of Cobre as a pilgrim, as a child who looks forward to arriving at his mother's house. To her I entrust this trip and also all Cubans. ... May ...the Holy Virgin care for you.

Sep. 17 -- Pope’s Address to Young Consecrated Men and Women – Translated extract (September 17, 2015, ZENIT.org).

... a Sister is an icon of Mother Church and of Mother Mary. You must truly have this function in the Church: to be an icon of the Church, an icon of Mary, an icon of the tenderness of the

Church, of the love of the Church, of the maternity of the Church and of the maternity of Our Lady.

For more of what the Pope said about Mary:

http://www.zenit.org/en/articles/pope-s-address-to-young-consecrated-men-and-women?utm_campaign=dailyhtml&utm_medium=email&utm_source=dispatch

Sep. 18 – Pope to Hungarian Consecrated: Spread God’s Consolation – Translated extract of video message (September 18, 2015, ZENIT.org).

May Mary our Mother help you to be increasingly men and women of prayer.

Sep. 18 – Pope Francis’ Address to Participants of Vatican Observatory Symposium – Translated conclusion (September 18, 2015, ZENIT.org).

May God Almighty, who keeps the whole universe in existence, through the intercession of the Virgin Mary,

Sep. 19 – Apostolic Journey: Welcoming ceremony – Translated extract (Havanna, Cuba, September 19, 2015, Vatican).

This Apostolic Journey also coincides with the first centenary of Pope Benedict XV’s declaration of our Lady of Charity of El Cobre as Patroness of Cuba. It was the veterans of the War of Independence who, moved by sentiments of faith and patriotism, wanted the Virgen mambisa to be the patroness of Cuba as a free and sovereign nation. Since that time she has accompanied the history of the Cuban people, sustaining the hope which preserves people’s dignity in the most difficult situations and championing the promotion of all that gives dignity to the human person. The growing devotion to the Virgin is a visible testimony of her presence in the soul of the Cuban people. In these days I will have occasion to go to El Cobre, as a son and pilgrim, to pray to our Mother for all her Cuban children and for this beloved nation, that it may travel the paths of justice, peace, liberty and reconciliation.

For more of what the Pope said about Mary:

<http://w2.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/events/event.dir.html/content/vaticanevents/en/2015/9/19/cubabvenuto.html>

Sep. 20 – Angelus: Francis asks for definitive reconciliation in Colombia – Translated extract (Havanna, Cuba, September 20, 2015, Vatican).

... let us now lift our gaze to the Virgin Mary, our Mother. We ask her to teach us to stand beside the cross of our brothers and sisters who suffer. To learn to see Jesus in every person bent low on the path of life, in all our brothers and sisters who hunger or thirst, who are naked or

in prison or sick. With Mary our Mother, on the cross we can see who is truly “the greatest” and what it means to stand beside the Lord and to share in his glory.

For more of what the Pope said about Mary:

http://w2.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/angelus/2015/documents/papa-francesco_angelus-cuba_20150920.html

Sep. 20 – Pope’s Off-the-Cuff Homily at Vespers – Translated extract (Havanna, Cuba, September 20, 2015, ZENIT.org).

God wants her [the Church] poor as he wanted our Mother Mary poor.

Sep. 21 – Holy Mass – Homily of His Holiness Pope Francis – Translated conclusion (Cuba, September 21, 2015, Vatican).

I now turn my eyes to the Virgin Mary, Our Lady of Charity of El Cobre, whom Cuba embraced and to whom it opened its doors forever. I ask her to look with maternal love on all her children in this noble country. May her “eyes of mercy” ever keep watch over each of you, your homes, your families, and all those who feel that they have no place. In her love, may she protect us all as she once cared for Jesus. And may she teach us to look upon others in the same way that Jesus looked upon each one of us.

Sep. 21 – Prayer of His Holiness Pope Francis to the “Virgen de la Caridad” – Translated beginning (Cuba, September 21, 2015, Vatican).

Our Lady of Charity of El Cobre,
Patroness of Cuba!
Hail, Mary,
full of grace!
You are the beloved Daughter of the Father,
Mother of Christ, our God,
the living Temple
of the Holy Spirit.

For more of what the Pope said about Mary:

http://w2.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/prayers/documents/papa-francesco_pregchiere_20150921_virgen-de-la-caridad-del-cobre.html

Sep. 22 – Holy Mass: Homily of His Holiness Pope Francis – Translated beginning (Cuba, September 22, 2015, Vatican).

In the Gospel we see Mary, the first disciple. A young woman of perhaps between fifteen and seventeen years of age who, in a small village of Palestine, was visited by the Lord, who told her that she was to be the mother of the Savior. Mary was far from “thinking it was all about her”, or thinking that everyone had to come and wait upon her; she left her house and went out to serve. First she goes to help her cousin Elizabeth. The joy which blossoms when we know that God is with us, with our people, gets our heart beating, gets our legs moving and “draws us out of ourselves”. It leads us to take the joy we have received and to share it in service, in those “pregnant” situations which our neighbors or families may be experiencing. The Gospel tells us that Mary went in haste, slowly but surely, with a steady pace, neither too fast nor so slow as never to get there. Neither anxious nor distracted, Mary goes with haste to accompany her cousin who conceived in her old age. Henceforth this was always to be her way. She has always been the woman who visits men and women, children, the elderly and the young. She has visited and accompanied many of our peoples in the drama of their birth; she has watched over the struggles of those who fought to defend the rights of their children. And now, she continues to bring us the Word of Life, her Son, our Lord.

For more of what the pope said about Mary:

http://w2.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/homilies/2015/documents/papa-francesco_20150922_cuba-omelia-santiago.html

Sep. 22 – Pope's Address to Families in Cuba – Translated extract (Cuba, September 22, 2015, ZENIT.org).

John's Gospel tells us that Jesus worked his first miracle at the wedding feast of Cana, at a family party. There he was, with Mary, his Mother, and some of his disciples, taking part in a family celebration.

Sep. 22 – In-flight Press Conference of His Holiness Pope Francis from Santiago de Cuba to Washington, D.C. –Translated conclusion (September 22, 2015, Vatican).

But to go to Mexico without going to Our Lady of Guadalupe would have been an insult! So that didn't happen.

Sep. 24 – Pope's Address to US Bishops – Translated conclusion (Washington, D.C., September 23, 2015, ZENIT.org).

May ,, Our Lady watch over you!

Sep. 24 – Visit to the Charitable Center of St. Patrick Pariah and Meeting with the Homeless: Greeting of the Holy Father – Translated extract (Washington, D.C., September 24, 2015, Vatican).

Joseph had to face some difficult situations in his life. One of them was the time when Mary was about to give birth, to have Jesus. The Bible tells us that, “while they were [in Bethlehem], the time came for her to deliver her child. And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in bands of cloth, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn” (Lk 2:6-7).

For more of what the Pope said about Mary:

http://w2.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/speeches/2015/september/documents/papa-francesco_20150924_usa-centro-caritativo.html

Sep. 24 – Pope's Address at Vespers in New York – Translated conclusion (New York City, September 24, 2015, ZENIT.org).

Dear brothers and sisters, in a few moments we will sing the Magnificat. Let us commend to Our Lady the work we have been entrusted to do; let us join her in thanking God for the great things he has done, and for the great things he will continue to do in us and in those whom we have the privilege to serve.

Sep. 25 – Pope's Address at Visit to School, With Immigrants – Translated conclusion (New York City, September 25, 2015, ZENIT.org).

May ... Our Lady protect you.

Sep. 26 – Pope's Homily at Mass With Priests and Religious of Philadelphia – Translated conclusion (September 26, 2015, ZENIT.org).

Now, with gratitude for all we have received, and with confident assurance in all our needs, let us turn to Mary, our Blessed Mother. With a mother's love, may she intercede for the growth of the Church in America in prophetic witness to the power of her Son's Cross to bring joy, hope and strength into our world.

Sep. 26 – Pope's Off-the-Cuff Address to Families – Translated extract (Philadelphia, September 26, 2015, ZENIT.org).

Let's think of Mary, this young woman. She couldn't believe it. "How can this be?" And when it was explained to her, she obeyed. ... And in the obedience of love of this woman, Mary, and of this man, Joseph, a family is created into which comes God.

Sep. 27 – Greeting to the Organizers, Volunteers, and Benefactors of the World Meeting of Families – Conclusion (Philadelphia, September 27, 2015, Vatican).

I entrust you to the maternal care of Mary Immaculate, Patroness of the United States.

Sep. 27 – Pope Francis: "I'm not a star, but the servant of servants of God" – Translated extract of an interview with journalists (September 28, 2015, Vatican Radio).

And the Madonna is more important than popes and bishops and priests.

Sep. 30 – General Audience – Translated extracts (September 30, 2015, Vatican).

But first let us pray to Our Lady. [Hail Mary....] ...

The symbol of this profound unity of the Cuban soul is Our Lady of Charity of El Cobre, proclaimed Patroness of Cuba exactly 100 years ago. I went as a pilgrim to the Shrine of this Mother of Hope, Mother who leads us on the path of justice, peace, freedom and reconciliation.

For more of what the pope said about Mary:

http://w2.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/audiences/2015/documents/papa-francesco_20150930_udienza-generale.html