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Jun. 1 – General Audience – Translated conclusion (June 1, 2016, Zenit.org).

It is this humility that the Virgin Mary expressed in the canticle of the Magnificat: “He has regarded the low estate of His handmaiden. […] His mercy is on those who fear Him from generation to generation” (Luke 1:48.50). May she, our Mother, help us to pray with a humble heart, and let us repeat three times that beautiful prayer: “O God, have mercy on me a sinner.”


… sisters … are mothers in the Church, icons of the Church, of the Blessed Mother.

Jun 2. – Second Meditation: The Vessel of Mercy – Translated extract (June 2, 2016, Vatican).

We could easily go on talking about how the saints were vessels of mercy, but let us turn to Our Lady. After all, we are in her house!

For more of what the pope said about Mary:


We can contemplate them through the merciful eyes of Our Lady, who helps us to find “the wine that is lacking” and encourages us to “do whatever Jesus tells us” (cf. Jn 2:1-12), so that his mercy can work the miracles that our people need.

For more of what the pope said about Mary:

Jun. 4 – Pope’s Address to Pontifical Missionary Societies – Translated conclusion (June 6, 2016, Zenit.org).

With gratitude we entrust your service to the Virgin Mary, Queen of the Missions, ....


He tells us that we cannot flee from the Cross, but must remain at its foot, as Our Lady did. In suffering with Jesus, she received the grace of hoping against all hope (cf. Rom 4:18).

Jun. 5 – Angelus address – Translated conclusion (June 5, 2016, Zenit.org).

All together, let’s now turn in prayer to the Virgin Mary, so that she always guide us on the path toward holiness and supports us, day by day, in constructing justice and peace.

Jun. 8 – General Audience – Translated extract (June 8, 2016, Vatican).

The words Mary addresses to the servants come to crown the wedding of Cana: “Do whatever he tells you” (v. 5). It is curious: these are her last words recounted by the Gospels: they are the legacy that she hands down to us. Today too Our Lady says to us all: “Whatever he tells you — Jesus tells you, do it”. It is the legacy that she has left us: it is beautiful! It is an expression that recalls the formula of faith used by the people of Israel at Sinai in response to the promises of the Covenant: “All that the Lord has spoken we will do!” (Ex 19:8).

For more of what the pope said about Mary:


… as good children, let us pray to our Mother, Our Lady. Let us all together pray to Our Lady. Hail, Mary

Jun. 11 – Phone Call to Participants in the Annual Walking Pilgrimage from Macerata to Loreto – Translated conclusion (June 11, 2016, Vatican.va).

I wish you a night of walking, of prayer, of joy, of brotherhood and with your gaze toward Our Lady and toward the Eucharist that you will receive tomorrow.
Now let us all pray together to Our Lady: Hail Mary....

Jun. 12 – Angelus – Translated conclusion (June 12, 2016, Vatican.va).

May the Virgin Mary, to whom we turn now in prayer, always be with us on our journey.


I hope you will have a night of walking, of prayer, of joy, of fraternity and with your look towards Our Lady and towards the Eucharist, which you will receive tomorrow. Now we pray all together to Our Lady: Ave Maria ...

Jun. 16 – Morning Meditation in the Chapel of the Domus Sanctae Marthae: Space and atmosphere – Translated extract of homily (June 16, 2016, Vatican.va).

It is certainly good to “pray to Our Lady … because she is a very beloved daughter of the Father”.

Jun. 16 – Pope’s Address to Traveling Artists, Performers – Translated conclusion (June 16, 2016, Zenit.org).

I entrust you all to the maternal protection of Mary Most Holy, Mother of Mercy.

Jun. 16 – Pope’s Address to Assembly of the Reunion of Aid Agencies for the Oriental Churches (ROACO) – Translated conclusion (June 16, 2016, Zenit.org).

May Our Lady protect and accompany you.

Jun. 17 – Pope’s Address to Laity Council – Translated conclusion (June 20, 2016, Zenit.org).

I encourage you to open yourselves with docility and humility to God’s novelties, — which surprise and surpass us but never deceive us —, as Mary did, our Mother and Teacher in the faith.


And on this path [of faith and witness], Our Lady is always close: Let us allow Her to take us by the hand when we go through moments of darkness and difficulty.

May Almighty God, ..., through the intercession of Mary Most Holy, ... bless all of you and the entire Armenian nation.

**Jun. 25 – Holy Mass at Vartanants Square: Homily – Translated conclusion (Gyumri, Armenia, June 25, 2016, Vatican.va).**

May the Virgin Mary, our Mother, accompany you always and guide your steps in the way of fraternity and peace.

**Jun. 25 – Pope’s Intercessory Prayer at Tzitzernakaberd Memorial – Translated extract (Armenia, June 25, 2016, Zenit.org).**

Christ, who crowns your saints, who fulfills the will of your faithful and looks with love and tenderness upon your creatures, hear us from your holy heavens, by the intercession of the holy Generatrix of God ....

**Jun. 26 – Common Declaration of Francis and Karekin II – Translated conclusion (Holy Etchmiadzin, Armenia, June 26, 2016, Zenit.org).**

From Holy Etchmiadzin we call on all our faithful to join us in prayer, in the words of Saint Nerses the Gracious: “Glorified Lord, accept the supplications of Your servants, and graciously fulfil our petitions, through the intercession of the Holy Mother of God ....

**Jun. 26 – Pope’s Address at Conclusion of Divine Liturgy in Armenian Apostolic Cathedral – Translated extract (Etchmiadzin, June 26, 2016, Zenit.org).**

May abundant blessings of the Most High fill the earth through the intercession of the Mother of God, ....

**Jun. 28 – Francis’ Address to Benedict for 65th Anniversary of Pope Emeritus’ Priestly Ordination – Translated extract (June 28, 2016, Zenit.org).**

... the true place he [Saint Francis] loved, the beating heart of the Order, there where he founded it and where finally he rendered his life to God was the Porziuncola, the “small portion,” the little corner near the Mother of the Church; near Mary that, because of her very firm faith and her living so entirely of love and in love with the Lord, all generations call Blessed.

**Jun. 28 – Address to the Delegation of the Ecumenical Patriarchate of Constantinople – Translated conclusion (June 28, 2016, Vatican.va).**

Let us entrust our prayers and intentions to the intercession of the Most Holy Virgin Mary, ....

**Jun. 29 – Apostolic Constitution, Vultum Dei Quaerere / On Women’s Contemplative Life – Translated extract (June 29, 2016, Vatican.va).**
3. ... In profound communion with every other vocation of the Christian life – all of which are “like so many rays of the one light of Christ, whose radiance brightens the countenance of the Church”9 – contemplatives “devote a great part of their day imitating the Mother of God, who diligently pondered the words and deeds of her Son (cf. Lk 2:19.51),...

For more of what the pope said about Mary:


**Jun. 29 – Angelus – Translated conclusion (June 29, 2016, Vatican.va).**

To the Virgin Mary, Salus Populi Romani, let us entrust today the entire world, and in particular the City of Rome, that it might always find in its spiritual and moral wealth and values the foundation of its civil life and of its mission in Italy, in Europe, and in the world.

**Jun. 30 – Jubilee Audience – Translated conclusion (June 30, 2016, Vatican.va).**

May the Virgin Mary, our Mother, help them to remain steadfast in faith, open to encounter and generous in works of mercy.