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Marian Thoughts of Pope Francis



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February 1 – General Audience: Christian Hope is also the “Expectation of the Resurrection,” Pope Francis Says –Translated extract (February 1, 2017, Zenit.org).

I greet the officers of the Command of the Guardia di Finanza of Parma and the members of the Center of Spirituality of Mercy, with the Bishop of Piazza Armerina, Monsignor Rosario Gisana, who have come with the icon of the Mother of Mercy, which will be exhibited in Saint Peter’s Basilica.

February 2 – Feast of the Presentation of the Lord, XXI World of Consecrated Life: Homily –Translated extract (February 2, 2017, Vatican.va).

When Mary let Simeon take the Son of the Promise into his arms, the old man began to sing celebrating a true “liturgy” he sings his dreams. Whenever she puts Jesus in the midst of his people, they encounter joy.

February 5 – Angelus –Translated conclusion (February 5, 2017, Vatican.va).

May there always be the helpful protection of Mary Most Holy, first disciple of Jesus and model for believers who live their vocation and mission each day in history. May our Mother help us to let ourselves always be purified and enlightened by the Lord, so as to become, in our turn, “salt of the earth” and “light of the world”.

February 8 – General Audience –Translated extract (February 8, 2017, Vatican.va).

Next Saturday, the Feast of the Blessed Virgin Mary of Lourdes, will be the 25th World Day of the Sick. The main celebration will take place in Lourdes, and will be presided over by the Cardinal Secretary of State. I invite you to pray, through the intercession of our Blessed Mother,

for all the sick, especially those most critically ill and most lonely, and also for all those who care for them.

February 9 – Pope’s Address to Congregation for Catholic Education (Plenary session of the Congregation for Catholic Education) –Translated conclusion (February 9, 2017, Zenit.org).

I invoke upon you the Holy Spirit, through the intercession of Mary Sedes Sapientiae, that He may render effective your ministry in favor of education.

February 9 – Pope Meets Writers of Jesuit Magazine ‘La Civiltà Cattolica’ (Celebrating its 4000th edition) –Translated conclusion (February 9, 2017, Zenit.org).

I entrust all of you present here to the intercession of Our Lady of the Way and of Saint Joseph, imparting to you my Apostolic Blessing.

February 10 – Pope’s Address to Charity and Health Commission of Italian Episcopal Conference (25th World Day of the Sick) –Translated conclusion (February 10, 2017, Zenit.org).

With the grace of God and the intercession of Mary, Health of the Sick, may they be able to become strong in weakness (cf. 2 Corinthians 12:10)

February 10 – ‘The Trend of Virgin Mary Superstar Is Not Catholic,’ Affirms Pope Francis (88th General Assembly of the Union of Superiors General) –Translated extract (February 10, 2017, Zenit.org).

This fashion of the Virgin Mary superstar, as a protagonist that puts herself at the center, isn’t Catholic ...

For more of what the pope said about Mary:

<https://zenit.org/articles/the-trend-of-virgin-mary-superstar-is-not-catholic-affirms-pope-francis/>

February 11 – Message of his Holiness for the Twenty-Fifth World Day of the Sick – Translated extract (December 8, 2016, Vatican.va).

I encourage all of you, the sick, the suffering, physicians, nurses, family members and volunteers, to see in Mary, Health of the Infirm, the sure sign of God’s love for every human being and a model of surrender to His will.

For more of what the pope said about Mary:

<https://zenit.org/articles/popes-message-for-25th-world-day-of-the-sick-2/>

February 12 – Angelus –Translated conclusion (February 12, 2017, Vatican.va).

May the Virgin Mary, a woman of listening and joyful obedience, help us to draw ever closer to the Gospel, to be Christians not 'of façade', but of substance! This is possible with the grace of the Holy Spirit, who allows us to do everything with love, and thus to wholly fulfil the will of God.

February 14 – Pope Francis' Dialogue with Engaged Couples on Valentine's Day 2014 – Translated extract (February 14, 2017, Zenit.org).

On Mary's suggestion, in that moment Jesus reveals himself for the first time and gives a sign: he transforms the water into wine and, by so doing, saves the wedding celebration.

February 16 – Address of his Holiness to a Delegation from the "Special Olympics World Winter Games 2017" –Translated conclusion (February 16, 2017, Vatican.va).

I entrust you to the protection of Mary Most Holy, and upon you, your families, and all participants, I invoke divine blessings.

February 19 – Angelus –Translated conclusion (February 19, 2017, Vatican.va).

May the Virgin Mary help us to follow Jesus in this demanding way, which truly exalts human dignity and makes us live as children of our Father who is in Heaven. May she help us to practice patience, dialogue, forgiveness, and thus be craftsmen of communion, craftsmen of fraternity in our daily life, especially in our family.

February 20 – Pope's Address to Congregation of Marian Clerics of Immaculate Conception of Blessed Virgin Mary (General Chapter) –Translated conclusion (February 20, 2017, Zenit.org).

I entrust to your Mother and Patroness, Mary Immaculate, your journey of faith and growth, in constant union with Christ and with His Holy Spirit, who renders you witnesses of the power of the Resurrection.

February 21 – Pope's Chat with Children, Other Groups at St. Mary Josephine of Heart of Jesus Parish on Outskirts of Rome (Pastoral Visit) –Translated extract (February 21, 2017, Zenit.org).

Is Our Lady God? ["No"]. Our Lady is ...? The Mother of God.. This is clear. Never forget this.

For more of what the pope said about Mary:

<https://zenit.org/articles/popes-chat-with-children-other-groups-at-st-mary-josephine-of-heart-of-jesus-parish-on-outskirts-of-rome/>

February 22 – Pope on Centenary of Fatima Apparitions: 'Let Us Entrust Ourselves to Mary'–Translated conclusion (February 22, 2017, Zenit.org).

... let us entrust ourselves to Mary, Mother of hope, who invites us to turn our gaze towards Salvation, toward a new world and a new humanity.

February 23 – Pope to Soccer Players: ‘Educate and Transmit Values’–Translated extract (February 23, 2017, Zenit.org).

I join you, I pray for you, I implore the blessing of the Virgin of Grace and the intercession of Saint Paschal Bailon, Patrons of the city of Villarreal, so that you are supported in life and can be instruments to take to all those that follow and encourage you, and to your friends the joy and peace of God.

February 26 – Angelus –Translated conclusion (February 26, 2017, Vatican.va).

May the Virgin Mary help us to entrust ourselves to the love and goodness of our heavenly Father, to live in Him and with Him.

February 27 – Pope’s Address to the Members of the Community of Capodarco (audience) –Translated extract (February 27, 2017, Zenit.org).

In your activity, so precious for the Church and for society, the Virgin Mary has always accompanied you and continues to do so, helping you to find every time new energies and to keep always the style of the Gospel, tenderness, solicitude, closeness and also courage and a spirit of sacrifice, because it is not easy to work in the field of personal and social hardship.

For more of what the pope said about Mary:

<https://zenit.org/articles/popes-address-to-the-members-of-the-community-of-capodarco/>