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### **"Evangelization Gives Rise ... To a Deeper Catholic Culture" - Address to Ugandan Bishops, March 5, 2010**

... Dear Brother Bishops, with the Apostle Paul, I exhort you: "always be steady, endure suffering, do the work of an evangelist, fulfill your ministry." (2 Tim 4:5) In the Blessed Ugandan Martyrs you and your people have models of great courage and endurance in suffering. Count on their prayers and strive always to be worthy of their legacy. Commending you and those entrusted to your pastoral care to the loving protection of Mary, Mother of the Church, I affectionately impart to all of you my Apostolic Blessing.

### **"Love for Neighbor Cannot Be Delegated" - Address to Italian Civil Defense, March 6, 2010**

...Dear volunteers, the Church and the Pope support your invaluable service. May the Virgin Mary who went "with haste" to her kinswoman Elizabeth to help her (cf. Lk 1: 39), be your model.

### **On the Suffering the Lord Allows - *Angelus* Address, March 7, 2010**

... Dear friends, let us pray to Mary Most Holy, who accompanies us on the Lenten journey, to help every Christian to return to the Lord with his whole heart. May she sustain our firm decision to renounce evil and to accept God's will in our life with faith.

### **"It Is Necessary to the Confessional" - Papal Address on Internal Forum, March 11, 2010**

... May the Virgin Mary and the Holy Cur d'Ars help us to experience in our life the breadth, the length, the height and the depth of the Love of God (cf. Ephesians 3:18-19), to be faithful and generous administrators. My heartfelt thanks to all of you to whom I willingly impart my blessing.

### **"There Is a Great Need of Priests That Speak of God" - Address to Participants in Priesthood Congress, March 12, 2010**

... Let us pray to God, through the intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary and of Saint John Mary Vianney, to be able to thank him every day for the great gift of the vocation and to live our priesthood with full and joyful fidelity. Thank you all for this meeting! It gives me great pleasure to impart to each one the apostolic blessing.

### **On the Prodigal Son and Spiritual Maturity *Angelus* Address, March 14, 2010**

... Dear Friends, let us meditate on this parable. Let us see ourselves in the two sons, and above all let us contemplate the heart of the Father. Let us throw ourselves into his arms and let ourselves be regenerated by his merciful

love. May we aided in this by the Virgin Mary, "Mater misericordiae."

**"Guard and Cultivate the Genuine Values of Your Tradition" - Greeting to *Romano Canavese* upon Receiving Honorary Citizenship, March 17, 2010**

... Dear friends, in renewing to you my sentiments of gratitude, I invoke on each one of you, on your families and on all the citizens the intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary and of your Holy Patrons, so that they will continue to protect and guide your community. With affection I impart to each one of you and your fellow citizens, my fellow citizens now, a special apostolic blessing.

**"God Pronounced in Christ the Most Beautiful and True Word of Love" - Words at End of "Name Day" Concert, March 19, 2010**

... I renew a cordial greeting to all with the hope that you will follow Christ closely, as the Virgin Mary, to live Holy Week profoundly and really celebrate Easter now so close. With this intention, I impart to you and your loved ones my Blessing.

**"Make Reparation for the Sins of Abuse That Have Done So Much Harm" - Letter to Catholics of Ireland, March 20, 2010**

... I wish to conclude this Letter with a special Prayer for the Church in Ireland, which I send to you with the care of a father for his children and with the affection of a fellow Christian, scandalized and hurt by what has occurred in our beloved Church. As you make use of this prayer in your families, parishes and communities, may the Blessed Virgin Mary protect and guide each of you to a closer union with her Son, crucified and risen. With great affection and unswerving confidence in God's promises, I cordially impart to all of you my Apostolic Blessing as a pledge of strength and peace in the Lord.

**Prayer for the Church in Ireland:**

... To you, Triune God,  
confident in the loving protection of  
Mary, Queen of Ireland, our Mother,  
and of Saint Patrick, Saint Brigid and all the saints,  
do we entrust ourselves, our children,  
and the needs of the Church in Ireland. Amen.

**"Let Us Learn ... Not to Judge and Not to  
Condemn Our Neighbor" *Angelus Address,*  
March 21, 2010**

... Dear friends, let us learn from the Lord Jesus not  
to judge and not to condemn our neighbor. Let us  
learn to be intransigent with sin -- beginning with our  
own! -- and indulgent with people. May we be helped  
in this by the Holy Mother of God, who, free of every  
fault, is the mediatrix of grace for every contrite  
sinner.

**"Scientific Study Is Transformed Then into a  
Hymn of Praise," *General Audience,* March 24,  
2010**

... Finally, I greet young people, the sick and  
newlyweds. May the Solemnity of the Annunciation,  
which we celebrate tomorrow, be for all an invitation  
to follow the example of Mary Most Holy: for you,  
dear young people, may it translate into prompt  
availability to the call of the Father, so that you can  
be evangelical leaven in our society; for you, dear  
sick, may it be a stimulus to renew the serene and  
confident acceptance of the divine will and transform  
your suffering into a means of redemption for the  
whole of humanity; may Mary's yes inspire in you,  
dear newlyweds, an ever more generous  
commitment in building a family founded on mutual  
love and eternal Christian values.

**"The Cross Is Part of the Ascent Toward The  
Height of Jesus Christ" - *Palm Sunday Homily,*  
March 28, 2010**

... Faith in Jesus Christ is not the invention of a fairy  
tale. It is founded on something that actually

happened. We can, so to speak, contemplate and touch this historical event. It is moving to find oneself in Nazareth in the place where the angel appeared to Mary and transmitted the task of becoming Mother of the Redeemer to her. It is moving to be in Bethlehem in the place where the Word, made flesh, came to live among us; to put one's foot upon the holy ground where God wanted to make himself man and child. ... Dear brothers and sisters! As Jesus did with his disciple John, I too entrust you to Mary, saying to you: Behold your mother (cf. John 19:27). To her we turn with filial confidence, reciting the Angelus prayer.

### **"His Was a Suffering Lived to the End for Love and with Love" - Homily at Mass for Pope John Paul II, March 29, 2010**

.... While we continue the Eucharistic celebration, being on the point of living the glorious days of the Passion, Death and Resurrection of the Lord, let us entrust ourselves with confidence -- following the example of the Venerable John Paul II -- to the intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church, so that she will sustain us in the commitment to be, in every circumstance, tireless apostles of her divine Son and of his merciful Love. Amen!

### **"Let Yourselves Be Enthralled by Him" - On the Paschal Mystery, General Audience, March 31, 2010**

... Dear brothers and sisters, let us dispose ourselves to live intensely this Holy Triduum now imminent, to be ever more profoundly inserted in the Mystery of Christ, dead and resurrected for us. May the Most Holy Virgin accompany us in this spiritual itinerary. May she, who followed Jesus in his passion and was present beneath the cross, introduce us into the Paschal Mystery, so that we will be able to experience the joy and peace of the Risen One.