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**Jun. 1 – Pope Benedict XVI's Address in Piazza del Duomo, Milan: "Faith in Jesus Christ Must Enliven the Entire Fabric of Life" – Translated conclusion (June 1, 2012, Zenit.org).**

...I entrust you to the protection of the Virgin Mary, who from the highest spire of the cathedral maternally vigils day and night on this city.

**Jun. 1 - Pope's Homily at Closing Mass of the VII World Meeting of Families: "Christ Gives You a Share in His Spousal Love" – Translated extract of homily in Milan (June 1, 2012, Zenit.org).**

...Dear married couples, ...If you can receive this gift [of the Holy Spirit], renewing your "yes" each day by faith, with the strength that comes from the

grace of the sacrament, then your family will grow in God's love according to the model of the Holy Family of Nazareth. Dear families, pray often for the help of the Virgin Mary and Saint Joseph, that they may teach you to receive God's love as they did...

**Jun. 2 – Papal Address during Midday Prayer: "Look to the Future with Confidence, Counting on God's Fidelity" – Translated conclusion of homily in Milan (June 1, 2012, Zenit.org).**

... The antiphons of the psalmody this Saturday led us to contemplate the mystery of the Virgin Mary. In her, we can in fact, recognize that "type of chaste and detached life, which Christ the Lord chose for Himself and which His Mother also embraced" (*Lumen gentium*, 46), a life in complete obedience to the will of God.

**Jun. 2 – Papal Address to Confirmandi: "Learn to Converse with the Lord" – Translated conclusion of address in Milan (June 4, 2012, Zenit.org).**

Sanctity is the normal path for Christians: it is not only for a few chosen ones, but is open to all. Naturally, [this can be done] with the light and the power of the Holy Spirit ... and with the help of Our Mother. Who is Our Mother? It is the Mother of Jesus, Mary. Jesus entrusted all of us to her before He died on the cross. May the Virgin Mary then always safeguard the beauty of your "yes" to Jesus, her Son, the great and faithful Friend of your life.

**Jun. 3 – Philadelphia 2015, The Next World Meeting of Families – Translated comment after the Angelus address in Milan (June 3, 2012, VIS).**

...May the Virgin Mary always accompany and support you.

**Jun. 6 – On the Pastoral Visit to Milan for Family Meeting: Love Is the Only Force that Can**

**Transform the World – Translated address of the General Audience (June 6, 2012, Zenit.org).**

... From high atop the cathedral, the statue of Our Lady with arms outstretched seemed to welcome with maternal tenderness all the families of Milan and of the whole world! ...

...With God's help and the special protection of Most Holy Mary, the Queen of Families, may the Milan experience bear abundant fruits in the Church's journey and be a sign of greater attention to the cause of the family, which is the cause of man and of civilization.

**Jun. 9 - Papal Greeting to Bishops of Solomon Islands, Papua New Guinea: "When the Church voices her concern in the public square, she does so legitimately and in order to contribute to the common good" – Conclusion (June 11, 2012, Zenit.org).**

...Commending you to the intercession of Mary, Mother of the Church...

**Jun. 10 - On Corpus Christi: "No one knew more and better than Mary how to contemplate Jesus with the eyes of faith" – Translated conclusion of the Angelus address (June 11, 2012, Zenit.org).**

... The Virgin Mary is also the teacher of this prayer, because no one knew more and better than her how to contemplate Jesus with the eyes of faith and welcome the intimate resonances of his human and divine presence in the heart. By her intercession may an authentic and deep faith in the eucharistic Mystery spread and grow in every ecclesial community.

**Jun. 11 – Pope's Address to Airport Chaplains: "Even in chance encounters, people are able to recognize a man of God" – Translated excerpt (June 11, 2012, Zenit.org).**

... In this pastoral service, your model and protector is the Blessed Virgin Mary, whom you venerate under the title of Our Lady of Loreto, the patron saint of all who travel by air, in accordance with the tradition that attributes to the angels the transportation of Mary's house from Nazareth to Loreto. But there is another "flight," of far greater significance for humanity, to which that Holy House bears witness, namely the journey of the Archangel Gabriel, who brought to Mary the joyful news that she was to be the Mother of the Son of the Most High (cf. Lk 1:26-32). ...

**Jun. 17 - Pope Benedict XVI's Message at Closing Mass: "You are the Heirs to a Church That Has Been a Mighty Force for Good in the World" – Extracts (June 17, 2012, Zenit.org).**

...You are the heirs to a Church that has been a mighty force for good in the world, and which has given a profound and enduring love of Christ and his blessed Mother to many, many others. ...

...I commend everyone taking part in the present Congress to the loving protection of Mary, Mother of God, ...

**Jun. 17 - On the Lord's Kingdom: "Our diminutive power ... if it is joined to God's, fears no obstacle, because the Lord's victory is certain" – Translation of the conclusion of the Angelus address (June 18, 2012, Zenit.org).**

...May the Virgin Mary, who welcomed the seed of the divine Word as "good soil," strengthen this faith and this hope in us.

[Afterwards in Italian, about the International Eucharistic Congress in Dublin] ...Let us entrust to Mary Most Holy the fruits of these days of reflection and prayer.

**Jun. 21 - Papal Address to Aid Groups for**

**Eastern Churches: "Every effort should be made, including by the international community, to bring Syria out of the present situation of violence and crisis" – Translated conclusion (June 21, 2012, Zenit.org).**

...May the intercession of the Most Holy Mother of God always accompany the Eastern Churches in their homeland and in the diaspora, bringing them encouragement and hope for a renewed service to the Gospel. May she also watch over the coming journey which – God willing – I will make to Lebanon for the solemn closing of the Special Assembly for the Middle East of the Synod of Bishops. ...

**Jun. 22 – Pope's Address to Bishops of Colombia on Ad Limina Visit – Translated extracts (June 22, 2012, Zenit.org).**

It is also important ... to promote Marian spirituality ...

... While placing you under the protection of Our Lady of the Rosary of Chiquinquira, heavenly Patroness of Colombia....

**Jun. 24 - On the Birth of St. John the Baptist: "Let us heed his voice today, and make room for the Lord in our hearts" – Translated extracts of the Angelus address (June 25, 2012, Zenit.org).**

...Apart from the Virgin Mary, the Baptist is the only saint whose birth is celebrated by the liturgy ....his miraculous conception, which is announced to Mary by the angel as sign that "nothing is impossible with God" (Luke 1:37)....

John's father, Zachariah – the husband of Elizabeth, Mary's relative – ...

Dear friends, the Virgin Mary helped her elderly relative Elizabeth to bring her pregnancy with John to term. May she help all to follow Jesus, the Christ, the Son of God, whom the Baptist

announced with great prophetic humility and ardor.

**Jun. 24 – Solidarity of Church with Earthquake Victims in Italy – Translated comments after the Angelus address (June 24, 2012, VIS).**

[For Polish faithful who, with the archbishop of Poznan, the Oratorian Fathers and pilgrims at the shrine of the Mother of God in Gostyn, are celebrating the five-hundredth anniversary of its foundation]. Let us thank God for the grace which that place has showered upon generations of faithful through the intercession of the Virgin Mary. May her protection accompany you always.

**Jun. 29 – Pope's Homily on Feast of Sts. Peter and Paul: "The Church is not a community of the perfect, but a community of sinners" – Translated conclusion (July 2, 2012, Zenit.org).**

...May the Holy Mother of God guide and accompany us always along the path of faith and charity. Queen of Apostles, pray for us!