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Jul. 1 – Jesus Came to Liberate Human Beings in Their Entirety – Translated conclusion of the Angelus address (July 1, 2012, VIS).

...Let us call upon the Virgin Mary to accompany our journey of faith and our commitment to concrete expressions of love, especially to those in need, as we invoke her maternal intercession for our brothers who live with suffering in body or spirit.

Jul. 2 – Letter from the Pope to Cardinal Bertone – Translated extract (July 4, 2012, VIS).

...In entrusting your ministry to the maternal intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Help of Christians...

Jul. 9 – On a Prophet in His Own Land: "Christ's miracles are not exhibitions of power but signs of God's love" – Translated extracts of the Angelus address (July 9, 2012, Zenit.org).

...His fellow townsmen "were stupefied" by his wisdom and, knowing him as "Mary's son," the "carpenter" who had lived with them, instead of welcoming him with faith they were scandalized by him (cf. Mark 6:2-3). ...

The Virgin Mary is she who truly understood this reality, blessed because she believed (cf. Luke 1:45). Mary is not scandalized by her Son: her wonder over him is full of faith, full of love and joy, in seeing him at the same time so human and so divine. Let us therefore learn from her, our Mother in the faith, to recognize the perfect revelation of God in the humanity of Christ....

Jan. 15 - Pope Recalls St. Bonaventure on His Feast Day – Translated extract of the Angelus address (July 15, 2012, VIS).

...Blessed John Paul II wore and loved the scapular. To all his compatriots - in Poland, in the world and here in Castel Sandolfo - I express the hope that Mary, the best of mothers, may protect you with her mantle in the struggle against evil, intercede in your request for grace, and show you the path that leads to God.

Jul. 15 - Pope Benedict XVI's Homily in Frascati: "Be united among yourselves and at the same time open" – Translated extract about vocations (July 16, 2012, Zenit.org).

...Like Mary: let it be done to me according to your word (cf. Luke 1:38)...

Jul. 16 - Pope's Message to the Bishop of Avila: "We are invited today to that radicalism and fidelity by this illustrious daughter of the

diocese of Avila" – Translated conclusion (July 16, 2012, Zenit.org).

...Saint Teresa knew how to honor the Most Holy Virgin with great devotion, whom she invoked under the sweet name of Carmel. I place under her maternal protection the apostolic endeavors of the Church in Avila so that, rejuvenated by the Holy Spirit, she will find the appropriate ways to proclaim the Gospel with enthusiasm and courage. May Mary, Star of evangelization, and her chaste spouse Saint Joseph intercede so that the "star" that the Lord lighted in the universe of the Church with the Teresian reform, will continue to radiate the great brilliance of the love and truth of Christ to all men....

Jul. 16 - On St. Bonaventure: "The work of Christ and of the Church never regresses but always progresses" – Translated conclusion of the Angelus address (July 16, 2012, Zenit.org).

...Dear friends, let us invoke Mary Most Holy – who tomorrow we celebrate as the Virgin of Mount Carmel-that she might help us, with St. Francis and St. Bonaventure, to respond generously to the Lord's call, to announce his Gospel of salvation with words and, above all else, with our life....

Jul. 19 – Papal Letter to Knights of Columbus: "concerted efforts are being made to redefine and restrict the exercise of the right to religious freedom" – conclusion (Aug. 3, 2012, Zenit.org).

...The Holy Father commends the deliberations of the Supreme Convention to the loving intercession of Mary, Mother of the Church.

Jul. 22 – On Mary Magdalene: "In what consists this profound healing that God works through Jesus? It consists in a true, complete peace" – Translated conclusion of the Angelus address (July 23, 2012, Zenit.org).

"Only goodness and kindness follow me / all the days of my life; / and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord / for years to come" (Psalm 22/23:6).

...They are words that are true more than ever upon the lips of the Virgin Mary, who already lives forever in the pastures of heaven, where she has been led by the one who is the Lamb and the Shepherd. Mary, Mother of Christ our peace, pray for us!

Jul. 25 – Telegram for the Deaths of Oswaldo Paya and Harold Cepero – Translated conclusion (July 25, 2012, VIS).

Invoking the protection of Nuestra Senora de la Caridad del Cobre, and as a pledge of copious divine favour at this time of suffering, the Holy Father affectionately imparts his apostolic blessing as a sign of faith and hope in Jesus Christ, the Redeemer of mankind.

Jul. 29 – On the Eucharist: "It Is Not the Eucharistic Food That Is Changed into Us, But Rather We Who Are Mysteriously Transformed by It" – Translated conclusion of the Angelus address (July 30, 2012, Zenit.org).

...We entrust ourselves to the Virgin Mary, while we invoke her maternal intercession for us and our loved ones.