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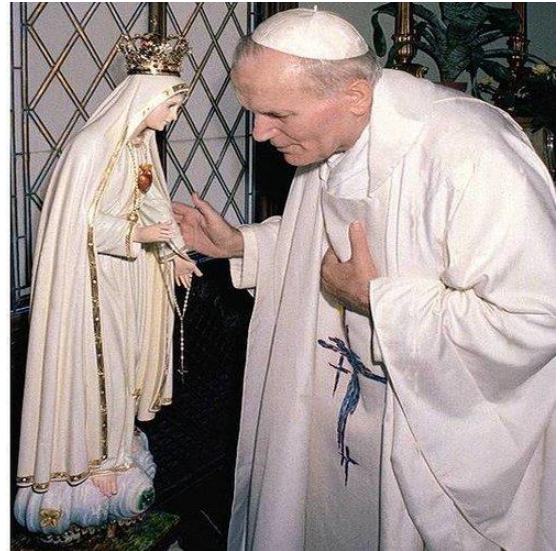
A Prayer to Mary

From the POST-SYNODAL APOSTOLIC EXHORTATION
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OF HIS HOLINESS **JOHN PAUL II**

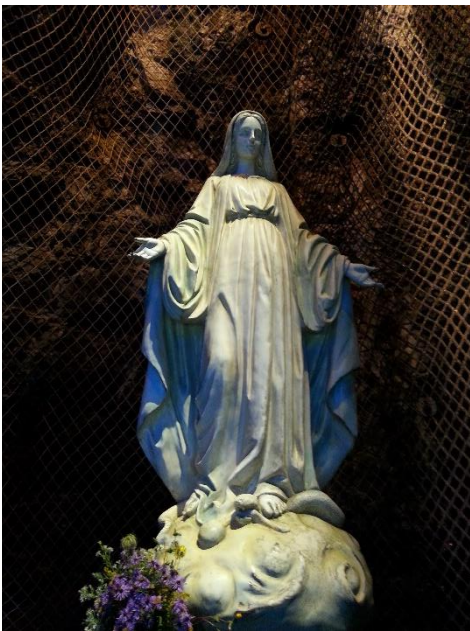
ON THE VOCATION AND THE MISSION OF THE LAY
FAITHFUL IN THE CHURCH AND IN THE WORLD:

"I have recourse at the end of this post-Synodal document to the Virgin Mary. At this moment this appeal becomes a prayer:



O Most Blessed Virgin Mary, *Mother of Christ and Mother of the Church*, With joy and wonder we seek to make our own your *Magnificat*, joining you in your hymn of thankfulness and love.

With you we give thanks to God, "whose mercy is from generation to generation", for the exalted vocation and the many forms of mission entrusted to the lay faithful.



God has called each of them by name to live his own communion of love and holiness and to be one in the great family of God's children. He has sent them forth to shine with the light of Christ and to communicate the fire of the Spirit in every part of society through their life inspired by the gospel. O Virgin of the *Magnificat*, fill their hearts with a gratitude and enthusiasm for this vocation and mission.

With humility and magnanimity you were the "handmaid of the Lord"; give us your unreserved willingness for service to God and the salvation of the world. Open our hearts to the great anticipation of the Kingdom of God and of the proclamation of the Gospel to the whole of creation. Your mother's heart is ever mindful of the many dangers and evils which threaten to overpower men and women in our time.

At the same time your heart also takes notice of the many initiatives undertaken for good, the great yearning for values, and the progress achieved in bringing forth the abundant fruits of salvation.

O Virgin full of courage, may your spiritual strength and trust in God inspire us, so that we might know how to overcome all the obstacles that we encounter in accomplishing our mission. Teach us to treat the affairs of the world with a real sense of Christian responsibility and a joyful hope of the coming of God's Kingdom, and of a "new heaven and a new earth".

You who were gathered in prayer with the Apostles in the Cenacle, awaiting the coming of the Spirit at Pentecost, implore his renewed outpouring on all the faithful, men and women alike, so that they might more fully respond to their vocation and mission, as branches engrafted to the true vine, called to bear much fruit for the life of the world.

O Virgin Mother, guide and sustain us so that we might always live as true sons and daughters of the Church of your Son. Enable us to do our part in helping to establish on earth the civilization of truth and love, as God wills it, for his glory. Amen”

Did you know... ?

Our Lord in the Eucharist went through the streets of Peterborough last Corpus Christi Car Procession in 2020.

Pope John Paul II in his Apostolic Letter *Mane nobiscum Domine* urged that Catholics participate in a procession on the Feast of Corpus Christi. Father Weiser explains the historical richness of this devotion.



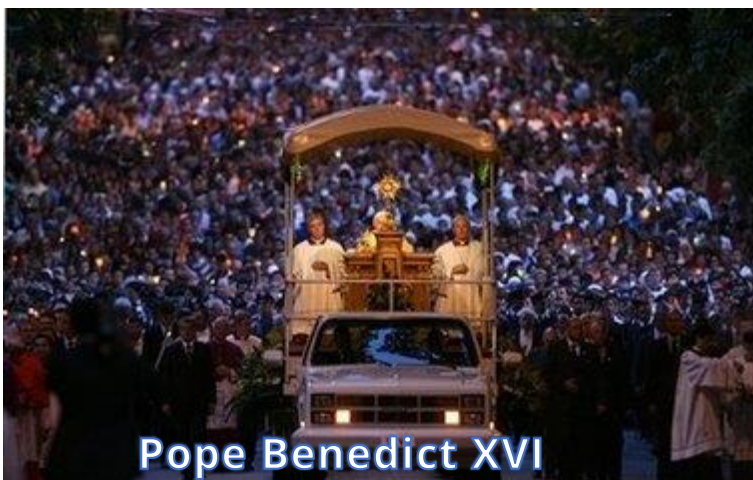
Very early (in the fourteenth century) the custom developed of carrying the Blessed Sacrament in a splendid procession through the town after the Mass on Corpus Christi Day. This was encouraged by the popes, some of whom granted special indulgences to all participants. The Council of Trent (1545-1563) solemnly approved and recommended the procession on Corpus Christi as a public profession of the Catholic faith in the real presence of Christ in the Holy Sacrament.

During the later Middle Ages these processions developed into splendid pageants of devotion and honor to the Blessed Sacrament. They are still publicly held, and often with the ancient splendor, in Italy, France, Spain, Portugal, Austria, Belgium, Ireland, in the Catholic sections of Germany, Holland, Switzerland, Canada, Hungary, and in the Slavic countries and South America. Sovereigns and princes, presidents and ministers of the state, magistrates, members of trade and craft guilds, and



honor guards of the armed forces accompany the liturgical procession while the church bells peal, bands play sacred hymns, and the faithful kneel in front of their homes to adore the Eucharistic Lord. The houses along the route of the procession are decorated with little birch trees and green boughs. Candles and pictures adorn the windows; and in many places, especially in Latin countries, the streets are covered with carpets of grass and flowers, often wrought in beautiful designs.

Activity Source: *Handbook of Christian Feasts and Customs* by Francis X. Weiser, S.J., Harcourt, Brace and Company, New York, 1958



CELEBRATION OF HOLY MASS ON SUNDAY

The Masses held at the parking lot are Going well and we will continue doing them as long as the lockdown continues. The schedule is the following and there is no need to register.

Saturday at 5:00 p.m.

Sunday at 10:00 a.m.

Some important Details:

- all the regulations coming from the Government and the Diocese of Peterborough must be observed; please read carefully and cooperate with us;
- Sound will be transmitted to your car by a FM radio transmitter. Please tune in to 98.5 FM and remain in your vehicle during Mass.
- Holy Communion will be distributed to you in your vehicle. Be mindful of the importance and sacredness of the Holy Eucharist so please be as respectful and careful as possible when receiving the Blessed Sacrament in this unusual place; Eucharistic Ministers will approach you in your vehicle and distribute Holy Communion to those who are in the car; receive it in the hands, with your hands inside the vehicle; Holy Communion will not be distributed to people inside the Church or people outside the cars.

EUCHARISTIC PROCESSION Corpus Christi June 6 - CARS

I am glad to announce that Bishop Miehm have given us permission to hold the 2nd car's Eucharistic Procession like the one we had last year for the Solemnity of Corpus Christi. This year 2021 the Solemnity of Corpus Christi falls on Sunday 6th of June. For those who would like to participate, the assembly time will be at 3:00 p.m. at the parking lot of Sacred Heart and we will depart from there at 4:00 p.m.

FR. ANDREW AYALA, IVE – NEW CD

Fr. Andrew Ayala, IVE has just released a new CD. It is called 'Winter Sun: Songs of the Christian Soul'. The cost of the CD is 15 CND and you can order it at office@stjohnpeterborough.ca

VIDEO - ONE PARISH SUCCESS STORY

Watch this video and see if you can step up to the challenge. <https://youtu.be/42VMRMT3tZs>

WEEKDAY MASS SCHEDULE – please register on-line www.picktime.com/bookmass

8:00 a.m. at St. John the Baptist (Monday to Friday)

7:00 p.m. at Sacred Heart of Jesus (Monday to Friday)

Each Saturday morning the system will be updated by the sisters so that you may sign up for Masses of that week. Please sign up for only two Masses a week in order to give everyone a chance to participate in Holy Mass. You might be able to sign up for an additional Mass if spots are being freed during the week, so check the link regularly.

CHURCHES OPEN FOR PRIVATE PRAYER

Both Sacred Heart and St. John will be open for private prayer; please sign in as you enter the church in the booklet by the door; and if you see more than 10 people at the door please wait until someone leaves before entering. The parishes will be open during the following times:

Monday to Friday from 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Saturday and Sunday from 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

ACTIVITIES DURING THE MONTH OF MAY 2021 “Month of Mary”

We would like to invite you to participate in some activities we have organized to honour Mary during this especial month; they can be done from home:

COLOURING AND DRAWING COMPETITION (Children, teenagers, adults and older adults... everyone)

Children and older adults are invited to colour an image of the Blessed Mother.

Adolescents and adults are invited to draw an image of the Blessed Mother of your free choice.

COSTUME COMPETITION

Young girls and adult women are encouraged to participate by dressing like a known devotion of the Blessed Mother or by creating your own costume of the Blessed Mother.

MOTHER MARY’S ALTAR COMPETITION (For Families or single people)

Everyone is invited to set up an altar for the Blessed Mother at home. An altar is a special place where you place an image or a picture of our blessed Mother, you may want to decorate it with flowers and candles. It is a place to remind you of the Blessed Virgin Mary and encourage you to pray.

If you are interested in any of these competitions, please contact M. Parousia, SSVM at m.parousia@servidoras.org The deadline for the entries will be on May 28th and the awards will be announced on the 31st of May, Feast day of the Visitation.

Let us pray for each other; let us always try to do as much good we can do for our neighbour.

NEW MONUMENT FOR UNBORN CHILDREN

I am well pleased to announce that we are going to have a monument for unborn children in the garden of Sacred Heart of Jesus Parish. After having some talks with Pro-Life Peterborough group, we have agreed that they are going to have a stone monument built and will install it at the garden of Sacred Heart. It will be our communities’ voice of the voiceless and a place of prayer for the souls of those unborn babies and for the end of abortion. We thank Pro-Life Peterborough for their commitment in the defence of life.