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WELCOMED AS A GIFT OF GOD

*Let us reflect
on the words of our Holy Father
Pope Francis on Family...*

The family is the setting in which a new life is not only born but also welcomed as a gift of God. Each new life "allows us to appreciate the utterly gratuitous dimension of love, which never ceases to amaze us. It is the beauty of being loved first: children are loved even before they arrive." Here we see a reflection of the primacy of the love of God, who always takes the initiative, for children "are loved before having done anything to deserve it." And yet, "from the first moments of their lives, many children are rejected, abandoned, and robbed of their childhood and future. There are those who dare to say, as if to justify themselves, that it was a mistake to bring those children into the world. This is shameful!... How can we issue solemn declarations on human rights and the rights of children, if we then punish children for the errors of adults?" If a child comes into this world in unwanted circumstances, the parents and

other members of the family must do everything possible to accept that child as a gift from God and assume the responsibility of accepting him or her with openness and affection. For "when speaking of children who come into the world, no sacrifice made by the adults will be considered too costly or too great, if it means the child never has to feel that he or she is a mistake, or worthless or abandoned to the four winds and the arrogance of man."

The gift of a new child, entrusted by the Lord to a father and a mother, begins with acceptance, continues with lifelong protection and has as its final goal the joy of eternal life. By serenely contemplating the ultimate fulfillment of each human person, parents will be even more aware of the precious gift entrusted to them. For God allows parents to choose the name by which he himself will call their child for all eternity." (Pope Francis, *Post-Synodal Apostolic Exhortation "Amoris Laetitia", # 166.*)

PRAYER TO THE HOLY FAMILY

Jesus, Mary and Joseph, in you we contemplate, the splendour of true love; to you we turn with trust. Holy Family of Nazareth, grant that our families too may be places of communion and prayer, authentic schools of the Gospel and small domestic churches. Holy Family of Nazareth, may families never again

experience violence, rejection and division; may all who have been hurt or scandalized find ready comfort and healing. Holy Family of Nazareth, make us once more mindful of the sacredness and inviolability of the family, and its beauty in God's plan. Jesus, Mary and Joseph, graciously hear our prayer. Amen.

PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS AND THE POPE'S MONTHLY INTENTIONS

October 2016

The Pope's Intention of the Month:

Journalists. That journalists, in carrying out their work, may always be motivated by respect for truth and a strong sense of ethics.

Word of God: John 16:13-15

Reflection:

The Church is certainly a human and historical institution with all that that entails, yet her nature is not essentially political but spiritual: the Church is the People of God, the Holy People of God making its way to encounter Jesus Christ. Only from this perspective can a satisfactory account be given of the Church's life and activity. At your disposal you have the means to hear and to give voice to people's expectations and demands, and to provide for an analysis and interpretation of current events. Your work calls for careful preparation, sensitivity and experience, like so many other professions, but it also demands a particular concern for what is true, good and beautiful. This is something which we have in common, since the Church exists to communicate precisely this: Truth, Goodness and Beauty "in person". (*Pope Francis' Address to Journalists, March 18, 2013*)

Prayer:

Almighty God, strengthen and direct, we pray, the will of all people whose work is to write what many read, and to speak where many listen. May we be bold enough to confront evil and injustice by understanding and by being compassionate towards human weakness; rejecting alike the half-truth which deceives. May we always be honest and courageous to stand for the truth. Amen.

Suggested Activities:

Offer one Our Father, one Hail Mary, and one Glory Be for all the journalists.

November 2016

The Pope's Intention of the Month:

Countries Receiving Refugees. That the countries which take in a great number of displaced persons and refugees may find support for their efforts which show solidarity.

Word of God: Hebrews 13:2

Reflection:

In the first place, mercy is a gift of God the Father who is revealed in the Son. God's mercy gives rise to joyful gratitude for the hope which opens up before us in the mystery of our redemption by Christ's blood. Mercy nourishes and strengthens solidarity towards others as a necessary response to God's gracious love, "which has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit" (Rom 5:5). Each of us is responsible for his or her neighbor: we are our brothers' and sisters' keepers, wherever they live. Concern for fostering good relationships with others and the ability to overcome prejudice and fear are essential ingredients for promoting the culture of encounter, in which we are not only prepared to give, but also to receive from others. Hospitality, in fact, grows from both giving and receiving. (*Message of Pope Francis for the World Day of Migrants: 'Migrants and Refugees Challenge Us. The Response of the Gospel of Mercy', January 17, 2016*)

Prayer:

Father, You have given me a house that has become my refuge. Today I am giving you my home. If there is a weary soul who needs a respite, may they find it cozy here. If there is a soul who is living in chaos, may they find in my home a place of solace, a home to be used, lived in, loved in, offered and given up for others. Take my home, Lord, it is yours. If any of your children need it tonight, please let them find me. Jesus, you are most hospitable. You receive everyone who comes to you in need. Make me more like you. Amen.

Suggested Activities:

Offer one Holy Communion for the welfare of the refugees and migrants.

December 2016

The Pope's Intention of the Month:

End to Child-Soldiers. That the scandal of child-soldiers may be eliminated from the world.

Word of God: Mark 10:13-16

Reflection:

In the home where husband and wife are seated at table, children appear at their side "like olive shoots", that is, full of energy and vitality. If the parents are in some sense the foundations of the home, the children are like the "living stones" of the family. Significantly, the word which appears most frequently in the Old Testament after the name of God (YHWH, "the Lord"), is "child" (ben, "son"), which is itself related to the verb "to build" (banah). Hence, Psalm 128, in speaking of the gift of children, uses imagery drawn from the building of a house and the social life of cities: "Unless the Lord builds the house, those who build it labor in vain... Lo, sons are a heritage from the Lord, the fruit of the womb, a reward. Like arrows in the hand of a warrior are the sons of one's youth. Happy is the man who has his quiver full of them! He shall not be put to shame when he speaks with his enemies in the gate" (Ps 127:1, 3-5). These images reflect the culture of an ancient society, yet the presence of children is a sign of the continuity of the family throughout salvation history, from generation to generation. (Pope Francis, *Amoris Laetitia*).

Prayer:

Heavenly Father, you said "whoever receives one child receives me." Send your Holy Spirit to guide us to teach the children and show them your love. Amen.

Suggested Activities:

Offer two mysteries of the Rosary for all those children who are victims of child-soldier scandal.

Featured Saint: ST. NICHOLAS

Feastday: December 6
Patron Saint of Children

The legend of the "three children" is credited to his patronage of children and various observances, ecclesiastical and secular, connected therewith; such were the boy bishop and especially in Germany, Switzerland and the Netherlands, the giving of presents in his name at Christmas time.

Read his full biography at www.catholic.org



PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

by St. Hannibal Mary Di Francia

Lord Jesus, send numerous priests in the world!



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A Catechism of Vocations

What is the most important virtue for a person who is called to the priesthood or religious life? It is the virtue of availability which demands the detachment from richness, pleasure and egoism.



Introduction:

Christmas is the most exciting celebration for many people the whole year round. A lot of people are busy putting Christmas decorations. Others already start thinking what they can buy as gift to family, friends and colleagues. However, the real essence of Christmas is to celebrate the joyful coming of the Infant Savior, Jesus Christ to humanity. Christ becomes the answer to the problems that seem to have no remedy at all for us. As this celebration approaches, we are invited to imitate the example of humility of Christ. May we be able to realize that the best and true gift we share is not measured by money, but that which comes from the heart. In this simple way, we spread the spirit of Christmas to others, and inspire more young ones to be generous enough to answer the call of the Lord towards priestly and religious vocations.

Entrance Hymn / Exposition: *One Bread, One Body*
Personal, Silent Adoration

Presider: Dear brothers and sisters, Christmas is approaching; we are invited once more to renew ourselves to welcome our Savior, who chose to humble himself, and took our very own human nature. This great mystery allows us also to see ourselves journeying with Christ - the very face of God's mercy who did not abandon us. Christ - the Emmanuel - remains with us even today! Let us then open our hearts to welcome him by seeking to amend our old ways for the better. Likewise, we entrust all families to our Father, that they may see the fruitfulness and meaning of the gift of family.

Pause for Reflection and Meditation

First Reading: *Isaiah 9:1-6*

Responsory:

Leader: For a child is born to us, a son is given to us,
All: upon his shoulder dominion rests.

From the Writings of St. Hannibal Mary:

We will fly back in time on the wings of our faith. We will land nine days before the Incarnate Word takes flesh, but having the knowledge of Jesus that we have today. We will visit Bethlehem's grotto where Jesus is to be born; we will consider the poverty and the pain that the Son of God will undertake for our sake, and we will prepare the necessities for his birth. We will console him with our humble care and love, entreating him to be born not only in Bethlehem's grotto, but also in our hearts. These must be purified during the novena, and adorned with practices of piety, such as fervent acts of love and daily Communion. Living faith and devotion will improve these preparations for the God-child. To

achieve our goal, we will ask the most holy Virgin and the Patriarch Saint Joseph to help us.

Pause for Reflection and Meditation

Alleluia / Gospel Acclamation / Gospel: *Luke 2:1-20*

Homily (by Priest or Deacon), or Brief Silence for Reflection (after a brief silence, any reflection song of choice)

Community Reflection Song: *Silent Night, Holy Night*

Community Prayer: Please all kneel.

God our Father, we thank you for Jesus, your greatest gift to us. By his incarnation, we are given hope. In his self-giving, our lives are renewed. May his incarnation be a sure guide for us to live our Christian baptism. Likewise, we entrust to you the young men and women of the world, with their problems, aspirations and hopes. Look upon them with love and make them workers for peace and builders of a loving civilization. Call them to follow Jesus your Son. Make them understand that to give one's life for you and the humanity is worthwhile. Grant them the gift of generosity, docility and readiness, just like Mary and Joseph who fulfilled their vocation to provide a family for Jesus. Listen Lord, to our praise and our prayer also for the young people who, after the example of Mary, Mother of the Church, have believed in your Word and are preparing for the Holy Orders, Profession of the Evangelical Counsels and Missionary work. Help them to understand that the call which you have addressed to them is ever real and urgent. Amen.

Pause for Reflection and Meditation

Tantum Ergo / Benediction / Prayerful Silence after Benediction

Divine Praises for Vocations:

Blessed be God, Author of Vocations
Blessed be the Name of the Lord of the Harvest.
Blessed be Jesus Christ the Compassionate Lord
Blessed be his Most Sacred Heart, the Merciful.
Blessed be His Most Precious Blood, who washed our sins.
Blessed be Jesus in the Eucharist our spiritual food.
Blessed be the Holy Spirit, Light of all those who are called.
Blessed be the Great Mother of God, Mary Mother of Vocations.
Blessed be her Immaculate Conception, the Model of all Priests.
Blessed be the Name of Mary, Virgin and Mother of all Missionaries.
Blessed be her glorious Assumption,
intercessor upon all the Candidates to the Consecrated life.
Blessed be St. Joseph, Protector of the Universal Church.
Blessed be God, in His Holy Apostles and Saints of the Church.

Recessional Hymn: *O Come All Ye Faithful*

INVOCATIONS FOR THE PREPARATION OF THE BIRTH OF JESUS

Dear friends, we wish to share you some of the great treasury of prayers composed by St. Hannibal Mary Di Francia, dedicated to the Child Jesus. Please find the prayers for your personal devotion and meditation.

1st Day: Come to our hearts, Child Jesus, we long for you.
Protector Saint: *St. John the Baptist*

2nd Day: O Divine Child, may we realize how much you love us.
Protector Saint: *St. Gabriel the Archangel*

3rd Day: O Jesus, our dearest love, come at once and take our hearts.
Protector Saint: *St. Simon*

4th Day: Our Mother Mary, help us to love Jesus with you.
Protector Saint: *The Holy Shepherds*

5th Day: Dear Child Jesus, you are our God, our Lord and King.
Protector Saint: *The Holy Three Kings*

6th Day: Dear Jesus, it would be our joy to give our life for you.
Protector Saint: *The Angels chanting the "Gloria" at Bethlehem*

7th Day: Our gentle little Child, take our hearts and give us yours!
Protector Saint: *The Holy Innocents*

8th Day: O beloved Jesus, we no longer want to live, unless with your love.
Protector Saint: *St. Anthony of Padua*

9th Day: If love for you means suffering, I love to suffer so as to love you.
Protector Saint: *The Guardian Angels of Mary Most Holy and of St. Joseph*

**HOLY HOUR
for Vocations**

In this Extraordinary Jubilee of Mercy, we encourage you to make a pilgrimage, according to the directives of the Bishop of the Diocese where you reside. You can also use the above suggested schema of the Eucharistic Adoration for Vocations for your personal visits to Jubilee Churches. Aside from the ordinary pilgrimage, you can dedicate an hour for praying for holy vocations, as a devotion.

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in the Philippines!**



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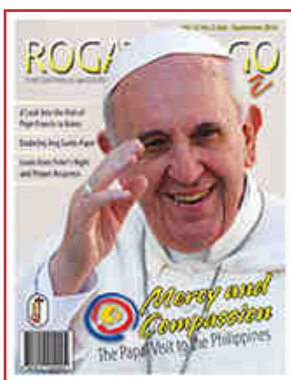
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Yours in Christ,

Rev. Fr. Conegundo B. Garganta
Executive Secretary - CBCP-ECY

Hello po! Requesting for a digital edition copy of *Kaya Idalangin*, please. Thank you!

Shirly Anne T. Benedictos

With your kind approval, may I humbly request for a copy of membership form for Union of Prayer for Vocation (UPV)... For the record, I am a former member of Association of Prayer for Vocation (APV).

Thank you very much.
Vic Marlowe B. Zafra

UPCOMING EVENTS!

October 2016 - Celebration of the Marian Month

October 16, 2016 - World Mission Sunday

November 23, 2016 - 40th Anniversary of the Rogationist Presence in the Philippines

November 26, 2016 - Ordination to the Priesthood of the Rogationists in the Philippines

December 8, 2016 - Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception. Foundation Anniversary of the Union of Prayer for Vocations (1900)

December 25, 2016 - Christmas Day

December 26-30, 2016 - Vocation Orientation in Rogationist Seminaries of Parañaque City and Cebu.

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