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NEW EVANGELIZATION



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IL CALENDARIO

***“Davanti al Signore un giorno è come mille anni
e mille anni come un giorno solo!” - 2 Pietro 3:8***

365 giorni sembrano tanti, e quest'anno essendo un anno bisestile abbiamo un giorno in più a nostra disposizione. L'anno è pieno di celebrazioni, tempi speciali ed avvenimenti comuni a tutti e date che ognuno di noi scrive sul calendario per ricordarci di anniversari, compleanni ed altre date significative per noi stessi o di persone care a noi. Il calendario ci aiuta a vivere un giorno alla volta; per non essere sopraffatti da ciò che viene dopo, sappiamo cosa ci aspetta per prepararci adeguatamente.

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“L'Anno Liturgico” determina il calendario della Chiesa. Consiste del ciclo dei tempi liturgici con solennità, feste, memoriali e commemorazioni di Santi e letture dalla Bibbia a ciclo.

Per il 2012 le letture della Domenica saranno dell'Anno B; nei giorni feriali – Anno II.

I colori liturgici per i differenti tempi dell'anno e ricorrenze sono indicati nella data del giorno: il

Verde è per il tempo ordinario; il Bianco/
Giallo è per i tempi di Natale, Pasqua, feste del Signore, della Madonna, degli Angeli e dei santi non martiri; il **Rosso** è per

la Pentecoste, feste degli Apostoli, evangelisti e dei martiri; il **Viola** è usato nell'Avvento e nella Quaresima.

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THE CALENDAR

“With the Lord one day is like a thousand years and thousand years like one day!” - 2 Peter 3:8

365 days seems to be a long time and since this year is a Leap Year we have an extra day available to us. The year is full of celebrations, special times and events common to all plus the dates each of us pencils in to remind us of an anniversary or birthday or some other significant date for ourselves or a loved one. The calendar helps us live one day at a time, not to be overwhelmed by what is coming up, so we look ahead, plan and easily move into the upcoming events.

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The “liturgical year” denotes when Feasts, Memorials, Commemorations, and Solemnities are to be observed and which portions of Scripture are to be read.

For the 2012 Liturgical Year the Sunday readings are Year B and the weekday readings are from Year II.

The liturgical colors that mark the different seasons and observances are indicated on the dates in each month:

Green for Ordinary Time; **White/Gold** for the seasons of Easter and Christmas, feasts of Our Lord, Mary, angels, and saints who are not martyrs; **Red**

for Pentecost, martyrs, and feasts of the apostles and evangelists; **Purple/Violet** for Advent and Lent.



Quotes on the calendar pages are from the *Lineamenta* for the Synod on Evangelization and *The Gift of Years* by Joan Chittister, BlueBridge Books, 2008.

Tema

Ogni pagina del calendario quest'anno ha lo stesso titolo per richiamare alla realtà che la vita della Chiesa e di tutti i credenti è nel Sangue di Cristo: **La vita in tutte le sue dimensioni è permeata dal Sangue di Cristo.** Le illustrazioni mensili riflettono aree di evangelizzazione: alcune presentano l'evoluzione in quell'area altre invece indicano cosa possono “essere” e “fare” i laici per presentare il messaggio del Vangelo.

L'evangelizzazione è un elemento essenziale della Chiesa Cattolica per il mandato di Gesù stesso “*andate quindi a tutte le nazioni e fate discepoli...*” (Mt 28:19) Dopo duemila anni ti aspetteresti che i metodi e la tecnica siano cambiati per far fronte alle esigenze dei tempi e che il messaggio abbia raggiunto tutta la terra. Non è così. Secondo le Statistiche Missionarie Mondiali 26.9%¹ della popolazione sul nostro pianeta non sono stati evangelizzati ed i tempi in cui viviamo creano difficoltà alla proclamazione della Parola. Inoltre ci sono coloro nati Cattolici e che vivono nella tradizione Cattolica di una vita di devozioni e pratiche nell'adempimento di regolamenti. **Questo modo di fare andava bene per tempi quando l'aria che si respirava nel mondo era cristiana; ma per la gente d'oggi, alle prese con la secolarizzazione della società, la migrazione globale, i mezzi di comunicazione, ed una tecnologia sempre più invadente, il Cristianesimo è diventato secondario.** Il Concilio Vaticano II trattò questi punti importanti che confrontano la gente del mondo moderno molto bene, e incoraggiò i credenti “*come individui ad esercitare il loro apostolato nelle diverse condizioni della loro vita.*”² Sfortunatamente, molte di queste direttive non sono state comprese e mai messe in pratica.



Nel frattempo, non solo la divisione tra la Chiesa ed il mondo si è allargata, ma il mondo si sta appropriando di immagini e situazioni proprie della Chiesa. I centri commerciali si avvicinano sempre più nell'architettura alle chiese ed i centri sociali stanno rimpiazzando le celebrazioni religiose nel radunare il popolo e le comunità.

E' necessaria una nuova evangelizzazione per ri-evangelizzare gli evangelizzati e per trovare nuovi metodi e tecniche per rispondere ai bisogni dei tempi. Per questo Benedetto XVI, accettando la raccomandazione dei Vescovi, ha convocato il Sinodo dei Vescovi, Ottobre 2012, per studiare un nuovo piano per una Nuova Evangelizzazione – nuova nel modo in cui viene presentata al mondo e alla gente di oggi. “*In un momento in cui la scelta della fede e della sequela di Cristo risulta meno facile e poco comprensibile, se non addirittura contrastata e avversata, aumenta il compito della comunità e dei singoli cristiani di essere testimoni e araldi del Vangelo, come ha fatto Gesù Cristo.*”³

¹ Centro di Studi per la Cristianità Globale, www.globalchristianity.org

² Decreto sull'Apostolato dei Laici, #18.

³ Lineamenta, *La Nuova Evangelizzazione per la Trasmissione della Fede Cristiana*, #16. www.Vatican.va/roman_curia/synod/

Theme

Each page of the calendar this year has the same heading to emphasize the reality that the life of the Church and of all the believers is in the Blood of Christ: **Life in all its dimension is permeated by the *Blood of Christ*.** The monthly illustrations highlight areas of evangelization: some depict the changing landscape of the topic while others show places and circumstances where the laity can “be” and “do” to deliver the Gospel message.

Evangelization is an essential element of the Catholic Church because of the mandate of Jesus himself to “*go therefore and make disciples of all nations...*” (Mt.28:19) After two thousand years you might expect that the methods and techniques have evolved to meet the needs of the times and the message has gone out to the ends of the earth. That is not the case at all. According to World Mission Statistic 26.9%¹ of people on our planet are unevangelized and the changing times have been a challenge to the proclamation of the Word. On the other hand are those who were born Catholic and continued to live in the Catholic tradition of devotions and practices following rules and regulations. **This approach was adequate in times when the air people breathed was Christian; but to the people of today encountering secularization, global migration, mass media, and ever-advancing technology, Christianity seems to have become irrelevant.** The 2nd Vatican Council addressed these issues that speak to the modern world quite adequately, and called on the faithful “*as individuals to exercise an apostolate in the various conditions of their life.*”² Unfortunately, many of these directives were misunderstood and never fostered.

In the meantime, not only has the gap between the secular and the Church continued to widen, but the secular is appropriating images and settings proper to the Church. Malls are designed to simulate church architecture and civic celebrations have taken the place of church festivals for gathering the people of local communities.

A new evangelization is necessary to re-evangelize the evangelized and use means and techniques that meet the needs of the times. For this reason Benedict XVI, accepting the recommendation of Bishops around the world, has called a Synod of Bishops for October 2012 to brainstorm a plan for a New Evangelization - new in its approach to the secular world and to the people of today. **“At a time when choosing the faith and following Christ are difficult and little understood...the task of the community and every Christian must be undertaken with greater intensity, namely, to be witnesses and heralds of the Gospel, after the example of Jesus Christ.”**³

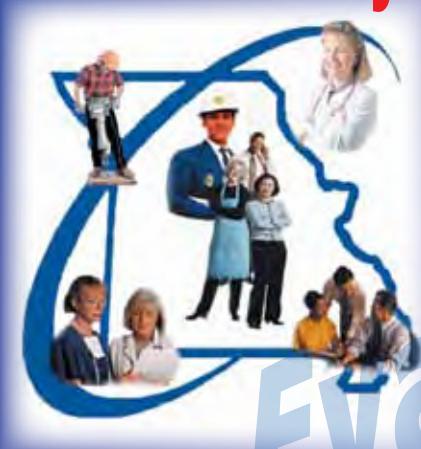


¹ Center for the Study of Global Christianity, www.globalchristianity.org

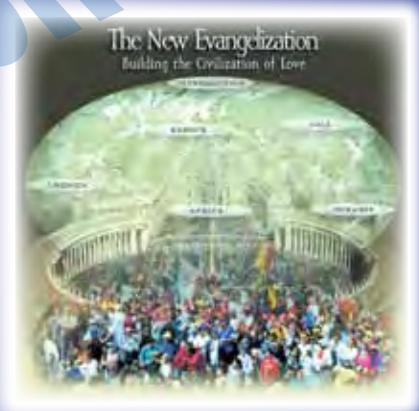
² *Decree of the Apostolate of Lay People*, #18.

³ *Lineamenta for The New Evangelization for the Transmission of the Christian Faith*, #16. www.Vatican.va/roman_curia/synod/

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Evangelization



“....perché tutti siano una sola cosa. Come tu, Padre, sei in me e io in te, siano anch’essi in noi una cosa sola, perché il mondo creda che tu mi hai mandato.” - Giovanni 17:21-22

*“...that all may be one, Father; just as you are in me and I am in you.
May they also be one in us so that the world may believe that you sent me.” - John 17:21-22*

JANUARY/GENNAIO 2012

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 New Year's Day Mary, Mother of God World Day of Prayer for Peace	2	3	4 St. Elizabeth Ann Seton	5 St. John Neumann	6 (Epiphany) Birth of St. Gaspar St. André Bessette	7 St. Raymond of Penafort
8 Epiphany	9 Baptism of the Lord	10	11	12	13 St. Hilary	14
15 2 nd Sunday in Ordinary Time	16 Martin Luther King (US)	17 St. Anthony, Abbott	18	19	20 Sts. Fabian & Sebastian	21 St. Agnes
22 3 rd Sunday in Ordinary Time	23 Beginning Octave of Prayer for Christian Unity	24 St. Francis de Sales	25 Conversion of St. Paul	26 Sts. Timothy and Titus	27 St. Angela Merici	28 St. Thomas Aquinas
29 4 th Sunday in Ordinary Time	30	31 St. John Bosco				

The Precious Blood inspires us to New Evangelization - where we live, where we work, where we pray and where we play.

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Communication



*“Come sono belli sui monti i piedi del messaggero di lieti annunzi che annunzia la pace,
messaggero di bene che annunzia la salvezza, che dice a Sion: ‘Regna il tuo Dio!’” - Isaia 52:7*

*“How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of him who brings glad tidings, announcing peace,
bearing good news, announcing salvation, and saying to Zion, ‘Your God is King!’” - Isaiah 52:7*

FEBRUARY/FEBBRAIO 2012

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1	2 Groundhog Day Presentation of the Lord	3 Sts. Blaise & Ansgar	4 Maria de Mattias
5 5 th Sunday in Ordinary Time	6 St. Paul Miki and Companions	7	8 St. Jerome Emiliani St. Josephine Bakhita	9	10 St. Scholastica	11 Our Lady of Lourdes
12 6 th Sunday in Ordinary Time	13	14 Valentine's Day Sts. Cyril and Methodius	15	16	17 Seven Founders of the Order of Servites	18
19 7 th Sunday in Ordinary Time World Day of Social Justice	20 President's Day (US) Family Day (CA)	21 St. Peter Damian	22 Washington's Birthday (US) Ash Wednesday	23	24  St. Polycarp	25
26 1 st Sunday of Lent	27	28	29			

It is the quality of what we think and say that makes us valuable members of society, not how fast or busy we are.

- *The Gift of Years*, p. 12

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Migration



*Così dunque voi non siete più stranieri né ospiti,
ma siete concittadini dei santi e familiari di Dio. - Efesini 2:19*

*“...you are no longer foreigners or strangers; you are now fellow citizens with God’s people
and members of the family of God. - Ephesians 2:19*

MARCH/MARZO 2012

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1	2	3
Today all Christians are called to have the same courage that inspired the missionaries of the past. - <i>Lineamenta</i>, #5						St. Katharine Drexel
4 2 nd Sunday of Lent	5	6	7	8	9	10
			Sts. Perpetua and Felicity	St. John of God	St. Frances of Rome	
11 Daylight Savings 3 rd Sunday of Lent	12	13	14	15	16	17
						St. Patrick
18 4 th Sunday of Lent	19 St. Joseph	20	21	22 World Water Day	23	24
					St. Turibius de Mogrovejo	
25 5 th Sunday of Lent	26 Annunciation	27	28	29	30	31

It is the essence of life to change.

It is the attitude we take to it that will make all the difference.

- *The Gift of Years*, p. 46

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Religion



*Gradirà il Signore...
praticare la giustizia, amare la pietà,
camminare umilmente con il tuo Dio. - Michea 6:7-8*



*What the LORD requires of us
is to do what is just, to show constant love,
and to live humbly with our God. - Micah 6:7-9*

APRIL/APRILE 2012

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 Palm Sunday	2 Monday of Holy Week	3 Tuesday of Holy Week	4 Wednesday of Holy Week	5 Holy Thursday	6  Good Friday	7 Easter Vigil
8 Easter Sunday	9 Easter Monday (CA) Easter Octave	10 Easter Octave	11 Easter Octave	12 Easter Octave	13 Easter Octave	14 Easter Octave
15 2 nd Sunday of Easter Divine Mercy Sunday	16	17	18	19	20	21
22 Earth Day 3 rd Sunday of Easter	23	24	25 St. Mark	26	27	28 Easter Octave
29 4 th Sunday of Easter	30					

As the years go by, we learn to trust the goodness of time,
the glorious cornucopia of life called God.

- *The Gift of Years*, p. 76

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Science

Per fede noi sappiamo che i mondi furono formati dalla parola di Dio, sì che da cose non visibili ha preso origine quello che si vede.e. – Ebrei 11:3

*By faith we understand that the universe was ordered by the word of God,
so that what is visible came into being through the invisible. – Hebrews 11:3*

MAY/MAGGIO 2012

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1 St. Joseph the Worker	2 St. Athanasius	3 National Day of Prayer St. Philip St. James	4	5
6 5 th Sunday of Easter	7	8	9	10 St. Damien of Molokai	11	12 Mary, Mother of Mercy Sts. Nereus and Achilleus
13 Mother's Day 6 th Sunday of Easter	14 St. Matthias	15 St. Isadore	16	17 Ascension	18 St. John I	19
20 7 th Sunday of Easter	21 St. Christopher Magallanes and companions	22 St. Rita of Cascia	23	24 Mary, Help of Christians	25 St. Bede the Venerable, St. Gregory VII, St. Mary Magdalene de Pazzi	26 St. Philip Neri
27 Pentecost Sunday	28 Memorial Day (US) Victoria Day (CA)	29	30	31 Visitation of the BVM		

Lifelong learning determines the degree to which we will be interesting, valuable, life-giving to others.

- *The Gift of Years*, p. 98

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*Non abbiate alcun debito con nessuno,
se non quello di un amore vicendevole; perché
chi ama il suo simile ha adempiuto la legge.* - Romani 13:8

Ethics

*Owe nothing to anyone, except to love one another;
for the one who loves another
has fulfilled the law.* - Romans 13:8

JUNE/GIUGNO 2012

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<p style="color: red; text-align: center;">The new evangelization is seen as the needed impetus...to emphasize the true meaning of freedom in the search for truth.</p> <p style="color: red; text-align: center;">- <i>Lineamenta #6</i></p>					1	2
					St. Justin	
3 Trinity Sunday	4	5 St. Boniface	6 St. Norbert	7 (Corpus Christi)	8	9 St. Ephrem
10 Body and Blood of Christ	11 St. Barnabas	12	13 St. Anthony of Padua	14 Flag Day (US)	15 Sacred Heart of Jesus	16 Immaculate Heart of Mary
17 Father's Day 11 th Sunday in Ordinary Time	18	19 St. Romuald	20	21 St. Aloysius Gonzaga	22 St. Paulinus of Nola St. John Fisher St. Thomas More	23
24 Birth of John the Baptist	25	26	27 St. Cyril of Alexandria	28 St. Irenaeus	29 St. Peter St. Paul	30 First Martyrs of the Church of Rome

We have the spiritual responsibility to see life as a moral force rather than simply a private enterprise.

- *The Gift of Years*, p. 54

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Economics

L'attaccamento al denaro infatti è la radice di tutti i mali; per il suo sfrenato desiderio alcuni hanno deviato dalla fede e si sono da se stessi tormentati con molti dolori. – 1 Tim. 6:10

For the love of money is the root of all evils, and some people in their desire for it have strayed from the faith and have pierced themselves with many pains. – 1 Timothy 6:10

JULY/LUGLIO 2012

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 Canada Day Precious Blood 13 th Sunday in Ordinary Time	2	3 St.Thomas the Apostle	4 Independence Day (US) St. Elizabeth of Portugal	5 St. Anthony Zaccaria	6 St. Maria Goretti	7
8 14 th Sunday in Ordinary Time	9 St. Augustine Zhao Rong and companions	10 St. Benedict	11	12	13 St. Henry	14 Bl. Kateri Tekakwitha
15 15 th Sunday in Ordinary Time	16 Our Lady of Mt. Carmel	17	18	19	20 St. Apollinarus	21 St. Lawrence of Brindisi
22 16 th Sunday in Ordinary Time	23 St. Bridget	24 St. Sharbel Makhluf	25 St. James	26 Sts. Ann and Joachim	27	28
29 17 th Sunday in Ordinary Time	30 St. Peter Chrysologus	31 St. Ignatius of Loyola				

**It takes a lifetime to give up what has always been too much
and learn to revel in what is enough.**

- *The Gift of Years*, p. 71

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Medicine



“Non sono i sani che hanno bisogno del medico, ma i malati.” – Matteo 9:12

“Those who are well do not need a physician, but the sick do.” – Matthew 9:12

AUGUST/AGOSTO 2012

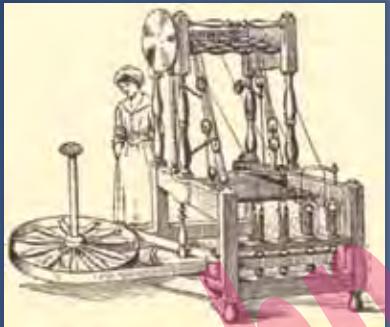
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1 St. Alphonsus Liguori	2 St. Eusebius of Vercelli St. Peter Julian Eymard	3	4 St. John Vianney
5 18 th Sunday in Ordinary Time	6 Transfiguration	7 St. Sixtus and Companions	8 St. Dominic	9 St. Teresa Benedicta of the Cross	10 St. Lawrence	11 St. Clare
12 International Youth Day 19 th Sunday in Ordinary Time	13 St. Pontian St. Hippolytus	14 St. Maximilian Kolbe	15 Assumption	16 St. Stephen of Hungary	17	18
19 20 th Sunday in Ordinary Time	20 St. Bernard	21 St. Pius X	22 Queenship of Mary	23 St. Rose of Lima	24 St. Bartholomew	25 St. Louis of France St. Joseph Calasanz
26 21 st Sunday in Ordinary Time	27 St. Monica	28 St. Augustine	29 Beheading of John the Baptist	30	31	

**The mental and spiritual attitudes we bring to challenges
really determine who we become.**

- *The Gift of Years*, p. x

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Technology



Preparate le parole da dire... al Signore....

"accetta ciò che è bene e ti offriremo il frutto delle nostre labbra." - Osea 14:3

We will never again say to our idols that they are our God, O Lord. - Hosea 14:3

SEPTEMBER/SETTEMBRE 2012

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Transmitting the faith...is done by means of Sacred Scripture and the Church's living Tradition. - <i>Lineamenta #13</i>						1
2 22 nd Sunday in Ordinary Time	3 Labor Day (US) Labour Day (CA)	4 St. Gregory the Great	5	6	7	8 Birth of Mary
9 23 rd Sunday in Ordinary Time	10	11	12 Holy Name of Mary	13 St. John Chrysostom	14 Triumph of the Cross	15 Sorrowful Mother
16 24 th Sunday in Ordinary Time	17 St. Robert Bellarmine	18	19 St. Januarius	20 St. Andrew Kim Taegon, St. Paul Chong Hasang, and companions	21 St. Matthew	22
23 25 th Sunday in Ordinary Time	24	25	26 Sts. Cosmas and Damian	27 St. Vincent de Paul	28 St. Wenceslaus St. Lawrence Ruiz and companions	29 St. Michael St. Gabriel St. Raphael Archangels
30 26 th Sunday in Ordinary Time	We can re-create ourselves in order to be creative in the world – to be a gift to the world some way, somehow, for someone. <i>- The Gift of Years, p. 48 Please join us in continuing to pray for the canonization of Venerable John Merlini.</i>					

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Politics



Molti ricercano il favore del principe, ma è il Signore che giudica ognuno. – Proverbi 29:26

Many seek favor with the ruler, but the rights of each are from the LORD. – Proverbs 29:26

OCTOBER/OTTOBRE 2012

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1 St. Theresa of the Child Jesus	2 Guardian Angels	3	4 St. Francis of Assisi	5	6 St. Bruno, Bl. Marie Rose Durocher
7 (Our Lady of the Rosary) 27 th Sunday in Ordinary Time	8 Columbus Day (US) Thanskgiving (CA)	9 St. Denis and Companions	10	11	12	13
14 28 th Sunday in Ordinary Time	15 St. Teresa of Avila	16 St. Hedwig, St. Margaret Mary Alacoque	17 St. Ignatius of Antioch	18 St. Luke	19 Sts. Isaac Jogues and John de Brebeuf and companions	20 St. Paul of the Cross
21 World Mission Sunday St. Gaspar 29 th Sunday in Ordinary Time	22 Bl John Paul II	23 St. John of Capistrano	24 UN Day	25	26	27
28 30 th Sunday in Ordinary Time	29	30	31 Halloween			

**The spirit of St. Gaspar lives on through his followers -
members of the Precious Blood family.**

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Family



*“...others will praise God
for the obedience
that accompanies
your confession
of the gospel of Christ
and for your generosity in sharing with them
and with everyone else.” - 2 Corinthians 9:13*

Society



*“...essi ringrazieranno Dio per la vostra obbedienza e accettazione del vangelo di Cristo,
e per la generosità della vostra comunione con loro e con tutti.” - 2 Corinzi 9:13*

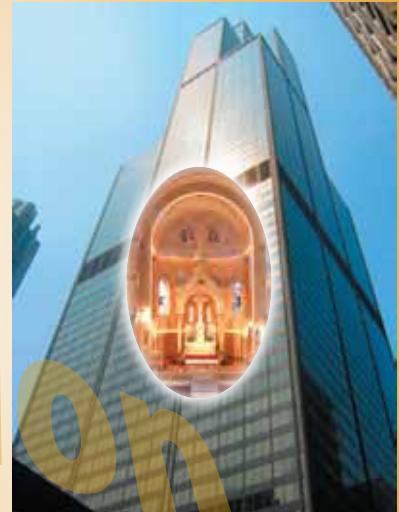
NOVEMBER/NOVEMBRE 2012

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1 All Saints Day	2 All Souls Day	3 St. Martin de Porres
Relationships are the alchemy of life, a sign of the presence of a loving God.						
4 Daylight Saving ends 31 st Sunday in Ordinary Time	5	6 Election Day (US)	7	8	9 Dedication of St. John Lateran	10 St. Leo the Great
11 32 nd Sunday in Ordinary Time	12 Veteran's Day (US) Remembrance Day (CA)	13 St. Josaphat	14 St. Frances Xavier Cabrini	15 St. Albert the Great	16 St. Margaret of Scotland	17 St. Elizabeth of Hungary
18 33 rd Sunday in Ordinary Time	19	20	21 Presentation of Mary	22 Thanksgiving (US)	23 St. Clement I St. Columban Bl. Miguel Pro	24 St. Andrew Dung-Lac and companions
25 Christ the King	26	27	28	29	30 St. Andrew	

We have every right to live in gratitude for all the stage of life...for the people who helped us get this far, the accomplishments we carved on our hearts along the way.

- *The Gift of Years*, p. 82, pp. 29-30 Please join us in continuing to pray for the canonization of Venerable John Merlini.

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“Io sono il Signore, tuo Dio, ... non avrai altri dei di fronte a me.” - Esodo 20:2,3

“I am the LORD your God... You shall have no other gods before Me.” - Exodus 20:2,3

DECEMBER/DICEMBRE 2012

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
The new evangelization... is the courage to forge new paths in responding to the changing circumstances and conditions facing the Church in her call to proclaim and live the Gospel today. - <i>Lineamenta</i>, #5						1
2 1 st Sunday of Advent	3 St. Frances Xavier	4	5	6 St. Nicholas	7 Pearl Harbor Day (US) St. Ambrose	8 Immaculate Conception
9 2 nd Sunday of Advent	10	11	12 Our Lady of Guadalupe	13 St. Lucy	14 St. John of the Cross	15
16 3 rd Sunday of Advent	17	18	19	20	21 St. Peter Canisius	22
23 4 th Sunday of Advent	24 Christmas Eve	25 Christmas	26 Boxing Day (CA) St. Stephen	27 St. John	28 Holy Innocents	29 St. Thomas Becket
30 Holy Family	31 New Year's Eve St. Sylvester I	We must become all things to all people in order to save all for Christ. - St. Gaspar, Letter No. 49 <i>Please join us in continuing to pray for the canonization of Venerable John Merlini.</i>				

VOCATIONS

"The harvest is ready but the workers are few..." (Luke 10:2)

Besides praying for vocations, we need to encourage and support young people to respond to God's call to serve as priests and religious men and women. For information about our Formation Program, please call Merlini Mission House (416-531-4423), or visit our website: www.cppsmisionaries.ca.

VEN. JOHN MERLINI

John Merlini, the third Moderator General of the Missionaries of the Precious Blood, was captivated by the zeal of St. Gaspar, whom John XXIII called "the greatest apostle of the Precious Blood." Merlini was attracted by Precious Blood spirituality as the means of his own sanctification and the tool of his ministry.

We ask you to join us in praying for the cause of his sainthood and notify us of miracles received from God through his intercession at info@preciousbloodatlantic.ca.



MASS ASSOCIATION

The church enjoins on all the faithful the charitable obligation to pray for the living and the dead. An ideal way to do this is through the Mass Association, a remembrance in 4000 Masses offered by the Missionaries of the Precious Blood for all those enrolled, living or dead. For more information or to enroll call 905-382-1118 or 416-653-4486, or visit our website: www.preciousbloodatlantic.org.

VOCAZIONI

"La messe è molta ma gli operai sono pochi..." (Luca 10:2)

Oltre che a pregare per le vocazioni, dobbiamo incoraggiare e spronare i giovani a rispondere alla chiamata di Dio a servire come sacerdoti e uomini e donne religiose. Per informazioni sul nostro Programma di Formazione, per favore, chiamate Casa di Missione Merlini (416-531-4423), o visitate il nostro sito web : www.cppsmisionaries.ca.

VEN. GIOVANNI MERLINI

Giovanni Merlini, terzo moderatore Generale dei Missionari del Preziosissimo Sangue, fu conquistato dallo zelo di San Gaspare, che Giovanni XXIII chiamò "Il più grande apostolo del Sangue di Cristo." Merlini fu attratto dalla spiritualità del Sangue Prezioso, mezzo della sua santificazione e strumento del suo ministero.

Chiediamo l'aiuto delle vostre preghiere perché egli pervenga agli onori degli altari, e di notificarci per miracoli ricevuti dal Signore per sua intercessione info@preciousbloodatlantic.ca.

L'ASSOCIAZIONE DELLE MESSE

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Did You Know?

October 21, 2012 is Mission Sunday and the Feast of St. Gaspar del Bufalo, CPPS

It is really no coincidence that this year these two observances should be celebrated on the same day, since St. Gaspar's feast had been moved to October 21st to be close to World Mission Sunday.



“The love which God has for each single person constitutes, in fact, the very core of living and preaching the Gospel, and all who hear it, in turn, become witnesses.”

- Pope Benedict XVI
(Mission Sunday, 2006)

“Those who do evangelical work, do so by ensuring that the Blood of Jesus is used to save souls, and they must do this continuously, asking that sinners be forgiven.”

- St. Gaspar



“Every disciple of Christ ... has the duty of spreading the Faith” (*Ad Gentes*)

How we fulfill Christ's missionary mandate to “go out to the whole world” differs for each one of us, depending on our vocation, personality, resources, gifts and abilities.

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