



# Our Lady of Fatima “Family” Rosary Calendar and Newsletter

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| Holy Father’s Intentions                                                                                                                    |                                                                                                                                        |                                                                                              |
| That political responsibility may be lived at all levels as a high form of charity.                                                         | That volunteers may give themselves generously to the service of the needy.                                                            | That opportunities for education and employment may increase for all young people.           |
| That, amid social inequalities, Latin American Christians may bear witness to love for the poor and contribute to a more fraternal society. | That setting aside our very selves we may learn to be neighbors to those who find themselves on the margins of human life and society. | That catechists may give witness by living in a way consistent with the faith they proclaim. |

## Fatima-the Most Prophetic of Modern Apparitions

One of the Fatima secrets refer to the prediction of the immense damage that Russia would do to humanity by abandoning the Christian faith and embracing Communist totalitarianism (a political system in which the state holds total control over and seeks to control all aspects of public and private life wherever possible). Aren’t today’s governments, including the United States, moving in the direction predicted in this apparition?

The Pew survey found the number of Americans who describe themselves as Christian dropped from 78.4 percent in 2007 to 70.6 percent in 2014. During the same seven-year period, those who describe themselves as atheist, agnostic or "nothing in particular" increased from 16.1 percent to



22.8 percent.

People are indeed abandoning the Christian faith and governments are controlling more aspects of our lives. Today, the free exercise of religion is under attack by the government. The enactment (upheld by the Supreme Court) of the Affordable Health Care Act (ObamaCare) imposed obligations upon persons that

would force them to engage in behavior in violation of their religious beliefs. The Little Sisters of the Poor have objected to the requirement that they must pay for health insurance coverage that provides for birth control, as those payments directly violate Catholic teachings and beliefs.

The answer was given to us in 1917 by Our Lady at Fatima, the Hope of the world. Let us prepare for the 100th year jubilee of these apparitions and fulfill Our Lady’s request. She requested First Saturday Devotions to make reparation for blasphemies and offenses against her Immaculate Heart and for world peace. To help you fulfill the requests, see the insert and tune into EWTN Family First Saturday Devotions at 9 a.m. (ET).

## Pope Francis’ Visit to USA

Pope Francis will visit the United States in September 2015. The nature of his trip will be historic because of its unprecedented nature outlined below.

In his various presentations, he is expected to speak about the need for greater environmental protection, better treatment of immigrants, excesses of capitalism that produces a “throwaway culture” that results in a general disregard for human life.

Pope Francis will visit Washington D.C. September 22-24, 2015. He will meet with President Barack Obama, have midday prayer with U.S. bishops at Saint Matthew’s Cathedral, canonize Junipero Serra at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception, address the Senate and House of Representatives (Joint Session of Congress), visit St. Patrick’s Catholic Church in D.C. and Catholic Charities of the



Pope Francis

Archdiocese of Washington.

On September 25, the Pontiff will be in New York City for a meeting at the United Nations General Assembly, participate in a Multi-religious service at 9/11 Memorial and Museum, World Trade Center, visit Our Lady Queen of Angels School in East Harlem, and have Mass at Madison Square Garden.

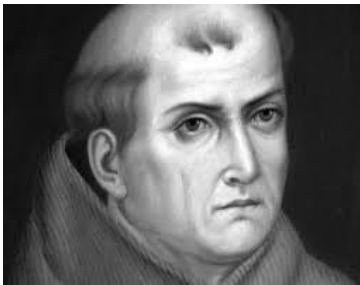
September 26-27, he will be in Philadelphia and say mass at the Cathedral Basilica of Sts. Peter and Paul, visit Independence Mall and the Festival of Families at Benjamin

Franklin Parkway and conduct a Prayer Vigil with the World Meeting of Families (a tri-annual meeting sponsored by the Holy See’s Pontifical Council for the Family. This years theme is “Love Is Our Mission: The Family Fully Alive,” emphasizing the impact of the love and life of families on our society.), meet with Bishops at St. Martin’s Chapel, St. Charles Borromeo Seminary, visit the Curran-Fromhold Correctional Facility, have a mass for the World Meeting of Families, and visit with organizers, volunteers and benefactors of the World Meeting of Families at Atlantic Aviation.

Pray for the Pope to have a safe and successful trip. We pray that his visit to the USA will have an impact on deepening the faith of believers and unbelievers alike.

Canonization of Junipera Serra

California missionary Father Junipero Serra’s, beatified in 1988 by St. John Paul II, will be canonized by Pope Francis during his September visit to the United States. Fr. Serra, born in 1713 on the Spanish island of Majorca in the Mediterranean, left his position as a university professor to become a missionary to the New World, helping to convert many native Indians to Christianity and teaching them new and vital technologies. The priest’s sacrifices and “spiritual evangelization” led to the establishment of the missions that were “fundamental” to California’s history. The Franciscan priest founded several of the missions that would go on to become the centers of major California cities.



Fr. Junipera Serra

The priest’s mission work often took place despite a painful ulcerated leg caused by a spider bite soon after his arrival in Mexico. He died in 1784 at Mission San Carlos Borroméo del Carmelo in what is now the state of California. Fr. Serra and his colleagues learned the Indian languages and gave their homilies in the multitude of Indian languages, some of which have been preserved. Through Fr. Serra’s writings, it was clear that he truly loved the native people and he and the friars were obliged to protect the body and soul of the mission members. The fact that he and the other catholic missionaries got along well with the Indians is that they led the protect against inhumane treatment of the Indians. He never flogged the Indians as intimated in some reports. Father Serra’s gave his life in service to God and deserves to be canonized. A number of books have been written about Fr. Serra and can be accessed on Amazon; for example, Father Junipero Serra: Founder of California Missions, by Donna Genet(1996).

Year of Consecrated life

Pope Francis designated the period from November 30, 2014, through February 2, 2016, as The Year of Consecrated Life in which he encourages consecrated women and men to rejoice in and recommit themselves to their vocation, calling the whole church to thanksgiving for the witness and ministry of consecrated men and women, and inviting young Catholics to consider a religious vocation. During the Summer 2015, there will be a Day of Mission and Service with Religious during which the religious will extend their ministries to special service projects, such as assisting the elderly, ministering to the poor and homeless, and caring for the less fortunate. September 13, 2015 will be a Day of Prayer with Religious. Events will include vespers, rosary, or holy hours in convents, monasteries, religious houses, parishes, and churches. A Workshop for Youth and Young Consecrated Persons will be conducted September 23 – 26, 2015.

Vatican unveils logo, prayer, details of Holy Year of Mercy

This special Holy Year will be celebrated from Dec. 8, 2015 until Nov. 20, 2016. The motto is "Merciful like the Father". This motto “serves as an invitation to follow the merciful example of the Father who asks us not to judge or condemn but to forgive and to give love and forgiveness without measure." The pope wants to show "the church's maternal solicitude" by sending out "missionaries of mercy" -- that is, specially selected priests who have been granted "the authority to pardon even those sins reserved to the Holy See," the pope wrote in "Misericordiae Vultus," ("The Face of Mercy"), the document officially proclaiming the Holy Year.

More than a dozen individual jubilee celebrations will be scheduled in 2016 (Examples: Feb 2-consecrated men and women; Feb. 22-Roman Curia; Apr. 3-for those devoted to the spirituality of Divine Mercy; separate ones for teenagers, deacons, priests, the sick and disabled; catechists; Sep 5-"workers and volunteers of mercy" [Blessed Mother Teresa of Calcutta’s feast day]; Nov. 6-prisoners).

The logo features Jesus -- the Good Shepherd -- taking "upon his shoulders the lost soul, demonstrating that it is the love of Christ that brings to completion the mystery of his incarnation culminating in redemption. The Jubilee of Mercy has an official website in seven languages at [www.im.va](http://www.im.va).

Members Corner

- ◆ Fr. Moses Juhudi and Fr. Andrew Gowa, both from Africa, thank the Rosary Calendar members for Rosaries and many other religious articles. Fr. Gowa stated: “We continue to strengthen the Fatima group in different parishes.” The editors of the Rosary Calendar extend special appreciation to Carolyn Blakley and Rene Morimoto, both from Hawaii, for providing large numbers of rosaries and other items for the African missions.
- ◆ New members—David Wilson (HI) and Mary Ann Metcalf (NC).



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Our Purpose

To spread Our Lady of Fatima’s message by praying: the Rosary daily, for our Holy Father, for the end of abortion, for Our Holy Church, and for family members. You are encouraged to: *on 1st Saturday’s for five consecutive months, go to confession, receive Holy Communion, recite the Rosary, and meditate for 15 minutes on the mysteries of the Rosary.*