



Our Lady of Fatima “Family” Rosary Calendar and Newsletter

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Holy Father’s Intentions		
That those from diverse religious traditions and all people of good will may work together for peace.	That prisoners, especially the young, may be able to rebuild lives of dignity.	That those involved in scientific research may serve the well-being of the whole human person.
That in this year dedicated to consecrated life, religious may rediscover the joy of following Christ.	That married people who are separated may find welcome and support in the Christian community.	That the unique contribution of women to the life of the Church may be recognized always.

We Must Confront the Culture of Death

Mother Theresa said "We must not be surprised when we hear of murders, of killings, of wars, of hatred. If a mother can kill her own child, what is left but for us to kill each other." She was so prophetic. We are witnessing terrorist activity, murders in places like schools and theaters once considered to be places of safety. Now, more than ever, the safety of the womb is no longer considered sacred. It is time to change our society into a culture of life. But, how do we effect this change? PRAYER!

The tragedy of the culture of death is spreading like an



epidemic. Planned parenthood is allegedly selling baby parts from aborted babies, assisted suicide has been approved in California, terrorists are killing people around the world.

China has changed from a one child policy to a two child policy, but according to reports, this will make little difference in the number of abortions and

sterilizations. There is still another aspect in China that is impacted by their birth limitation. Women in China are committing suicide at a rate which accounts for over 25% of the world’s suicides. Christ counters this by saying, “I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly” (John 10:10). This is the mark of a Christian – “caring for the elderly, the disabled, the underprivileged child, even when it is costly and sacrifices are needed. Like Christ the Good Shepherd, not one sheep should be lost.”

Prolife March in Washington, D.C. to be Held January 22, 2016

The theme for this year’s march for life is: “Pro-Life and Pro-Woman Go Hand-in-Hand”. March for Life director Jeanne Mancini told LifeNews, “Each year, we try to discern the most cutting edge and critical theme for the March for Life, as well as the area that needs the most education...life is the empowering choice for women. It [choosing life] is best for women and families facing unplanned pregnancies, and it’s best for developing babies in the womb. Abortion harms women, and affects our society as a whole, in so many ways...”

As stated by Pope Francis, “Every creature, particularly a living creature, has an intrinsic value, in its existence, its life, its



beauty and its interdependence with other creatures.”

There is a natural moral law that we as humans instinctively know as right which requires an absolute respect for life in all of its stages from conception to natural death. In his presentation to the United Nations in September 2015, the pontiff stated “.....integral human development has a common foundation, which is the right to life and, more generally, what we could call

the right to existence of human nature itself.”

The pope stresses that we must have the right understanding of the respect for the sacredness of every human life, of every man and every woman, the poor, the elderly, children, the infirm, the unborn, the unemployed, the abandoned, those considered disposable because they are only considered as part of a statistic. He admonished the members of the U.S. Congress during his recent visit to the U.S. to “defend life at every stage of development.” He also encouraged Congress “to protect, by means of the law, the image and likeness fashioned by God on every human face.”

January 22 is a day of prayer for the legal protection of unborn children

Wishing you a Spiritual Christmas Season and Blessings for 2016

Year of Mercy

The Year of Mercy began on the Feast of the Immaculate Conception (December 8, 2015). Last March (2015), Pope Francis announced an Extraordinary Jubilee, a Holy Year of Mercy that will “render more clear the Church’s mission to be a witness to mercy.”



Holy Door at the Vatican

Pope Francis began the Holy Year of Mercy by opening a Holy Door at the Papal Basilica of St. Peter in the Vatican on December 8. The following Sunday, the Third Sunday of Advent, December 13, he opened an additional Holy Door at the Cathedral of Rome, the Archbasilica of St. John Lateran.

Holy Doors in dioceses around the world also were opened that day. All Catholics are encouraged to make a pilgrimage to the Holy Door in Rome or to their local church designated as a church with a “Holy Door”.

A Holy Door has been used since the 15th century as a ritual expression of conversion. Pilgrims and penitents pass through it as a gesture of leaving the past behind and crossing the threshold from sin to grace and from darkness to light. A plenary indulgence, the remittance of all temporal punishment due to sin, is available

to those who pass through one of the Holy Doors during the Jubilee Year. A plenary indulgence is also available to those who perform one of the corporal or spiritual works of mercy.

The Extraordinary Jubilee of Mercy will conclude on the Solemnity of Christ the King on November 20, 2016. Information about the Extraordinary Jubilee of Mercy is available at a special Vatican website — www.im.va. Prayer of Pope Francis for the Jubilee Year is on this site.

Our Sunday Visitor has designed an app called “365 Days to Mercy”. The app is free in the iTunes and Google Play app stores. It can be downloaded at osv.com/yom.

Why Did Pope Francis Declare a Year of Mercy?

There is a tremendous need for mercy in our world today. Pope Francis wants our parishes to become “Islands of mercy in a sea of indifference”. He wants us to bring “consolation to the poor...liberty to those bound by new forms of slavery in our modern society, spiritual sight to those who have lost touch with God and human dignity to those from whom it has been taken”. The Pontiff’s wish is: “How much I desire that the year to come will be steeped in mercy, so that we can go out to every man and woman, bringing the goodness and tenderness of God!” “Mercy is...God’s way of reaching out to the sinner, offering him a new chance to look at himself, convert, and believe.” This year is a great opportunity to become merciful and share God’s mercy with others.

Make Reparation

Jesus told Sister Lucy (the eldest of the three seers of Fatima): “I want my Church to...put the devotion to the Immaculate Heart beside the devotion to My sacred Heart”. Our Lady promised : “I promise to assist at the moment of death, with all the graces necessary for salvation, all those who, on the first Saturdays of five consecutive months, confess, receive Holy



Communion, recite five decades of the Rosary, and keep Me company for 15 minutes while meditating on

the 15 mysteries of the Rosary (Pope St. John Paul II added the five luminous mysteries giving us 20 mysteries), with the intention of making reparation to Me.” The Lord is greatly pleased by those souls who make five consecutive first Saturdays with fervor in reparation to the Immaculate Heart of our Heavenly Mother.

The Year of Consecrated Life will end on February 2, 2016, the World Day of Consecrated Life, with a closing Mass celebrated by Pope Francis.

Members Corner

- ◆ Fr. Inniah, India, died recently.
- ◆ New members—Bernie Krumpelman (MO), Kevin & Brenda Allen (MO), Eva Sue Bixeman (MO).
- ◆ Priests from India and Tanzania express appreciation for the rosaries and religious items sent recently.
- ◆ The “Our Lady of Fatima” priests in India and Tanzania express an urgent need for more rosaries.
- ◆ Divine Mercy bumper stickers (\$4.95) and car magnets (\$5.95) can be purchased at divinemercybumperstickers.com. (select bumper stickers tab or car magnets tab).

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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.*

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