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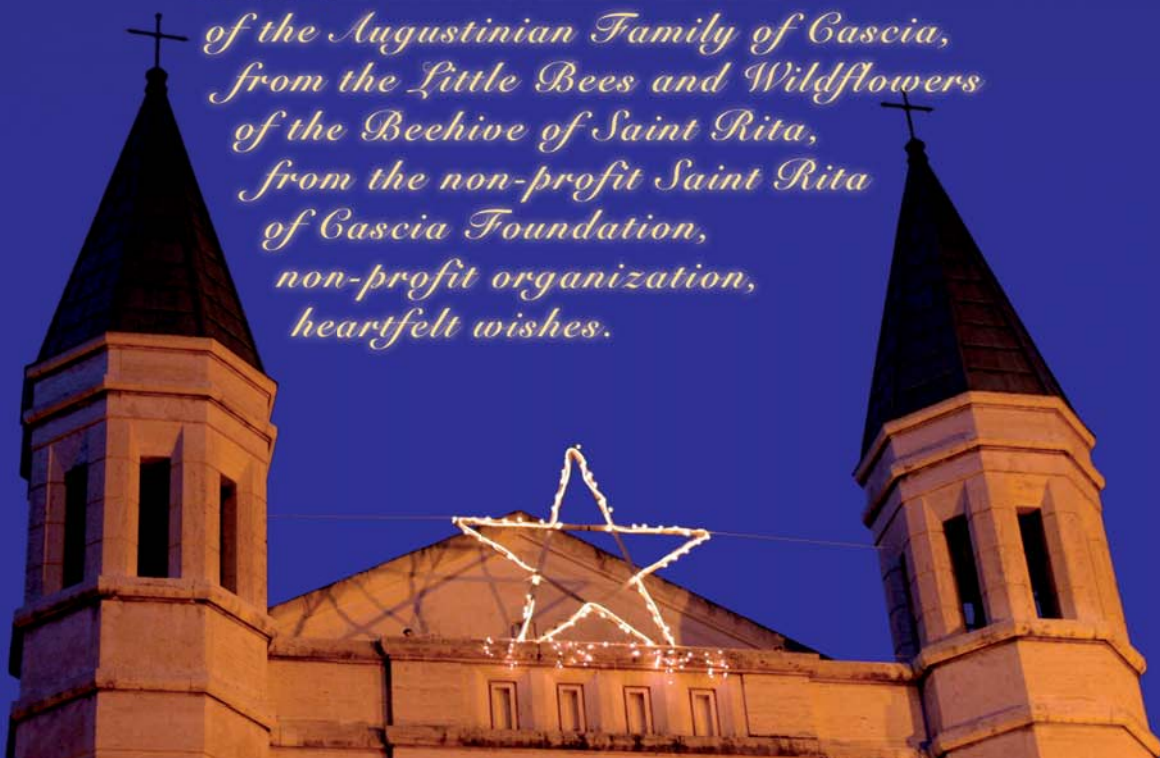
With the family

One of the things I most love to do is spend Holy Christmas with my family, the Community of the Monastery of Saint Rita of Cascia. Without ever forgetting our family of origin, for we who have been consecrated, the household becomes the community of which we become part. For each of us, being in the family means being with the people we love, that protect us and that we protect, no matter what. Following the theme of this issue - which launches the year of consecrated life (from page. 4), we open the doors of our house to you, with a special edition of the "Dialogue with the Monastery" section (from page 8) that gives space to living contributions of our daily lives, and we invite you to reflect with us on imitating the example of the Child Jesus, Mary and Joseph - I leave you with our best wishes through the prayer pronounced by Holy Father Francis for the feast of the Holy Family last year.

*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 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 scandalised find ready comfort
and healing.
Jesus, Mary and Joseph,
graciously hear our prayer.
Amen.*

*(Prayer to the Holy Family, extract. Pope Francis,
Angelus of the Feast of the Holy Family of Nazareth,
29 December 2013)*

*From the Sisters and Fathers
of the Augustinian Family of Cascia,
from the Little Bees and Wildflowers
of the Beehive of Saint Rita,
from the non-profit Saint Rita
of Cascia Foundation,
non-profit organization,
heartfelt wishes.*



What is consecrated life?

The Community involved in the project for the new Monastery in Rossano: (from left) Sr. M. Elisa, Sr. M. Lucia, Sr. Clara Maria and Sr. Mariagrazia.

Sister Maria Lucia Solera, deputy head of the Augustinian community at the Mother of Good Counsel House in Rossano, is interviewed by Monica Guarriello

Pope Francis Pope has proclaimed 2015 the Year of Consecrated Life. Together with the readers of “From the Bees to the Roses“, we would like to celebrate this occasion, which officially begins on 30 November 2014 and ends on 2 February 2016 (World Day of Consecrated Life), starting with the testimony of Sister Maria Lucia Solera, an Augustinian of a wholly contemplative life. Born in Ferrara 41 years ago, Sister Maria Lucia made her first profession of vows in 2000, at the Hermitage in Lecceto. She remained there, nestled in the woods on the outskirts of Siena until, one day, the Community decided to entrust her with a very special task: leave the hermitage to create a new cloistered monastery in Rossano (Cosenza). Today, Sister Maria Lucia lives with three other sisters in the Mother House of the Good Counsel, praying and working that the day will soon come for

the birth of the new monastery, which will bear the name of St. Augustine, the first Augustinian reality for women in Italy dedicated to the Bishop of Hippo ...

Sister Maria Lucia, you are responsible for the Augustinian monastic community which has the task of starting a new monastery in Rossano (Cosenza). Not infrequently, however, seclusion is seen as a mere “isolation” with respect to the surrounding world ... What is the added value of the birth of a monastery? Seclusion is not a distancing from the world but from *worldliness*: that is, a way of life that is only superficial. In fact, monks and nuns are men and women who are particularly sensitive in understanding the heart of man. This is thanks to silence, continual prayer and simplicity of life, which are all values held by seclusion. Then, the Church has always invited monasteries to have a missionary perspective, even with the open-

ing of new Houses where the contemplative life is not present. A monastery should remember that God comes first, all our “mess” comes from losing sight of this primacy within ourselves. In addition, a monastery says that fraternal life is possible. So, the monastery that will rise will follow these steps. Among others, it will be called “Monastery of St. Augustine,” the first female Italian Augustinian monastery dedicated to the Bishop of Hippo.

What does “consecrated life” mean for you? What led you to choose to consecrate yourself to God? “Consecrated life” is a fully dedicated life, in addition to what is already required of all who have been baptised, to let the traits of Jesus, his feelings, shine. People ask one thing of us who are consecrated: let us see Jesus! Let us see the beauty of life according to the Gospel! An overabundance of love brought me here to the monastery during a field school for young people, I found myself reading the page of the Gospel of John (John 4): I heard Jesus’ encounter with the Samaritan woman at the well “narrated” to me. This



Sister Maria Lucia

LIVING IN CHRIST

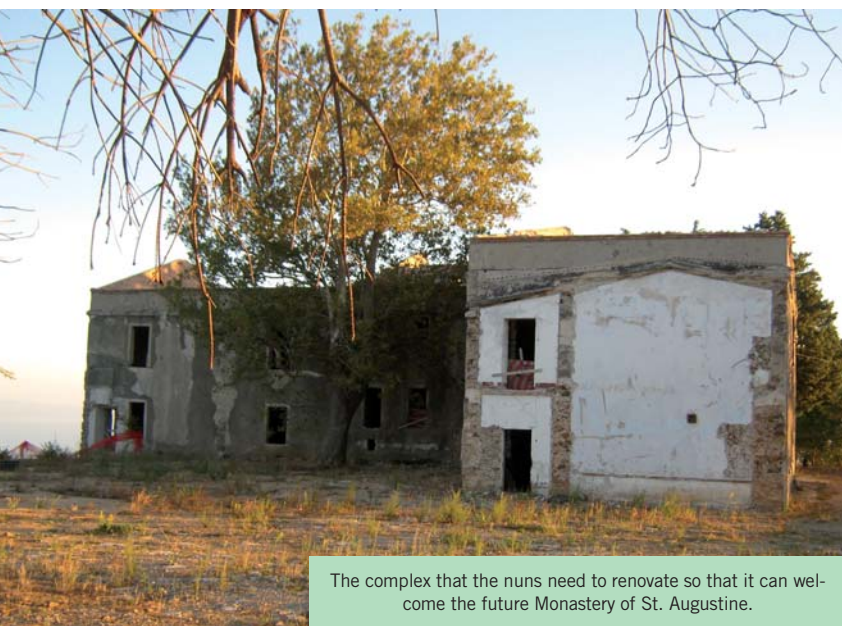
To you, Lord, we humbly recommend these our dead, because as in their mortal life they have always been loved by you of immense love, so now freed from all evil, they may enter, by Your grace, into eternal rest. Amen.

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gave rise to a desire to make the love of Jesus the centre of my life. I found in prayer my way of telling everyone the love of God, and telling God the poverty of the human heart.

Referring instead to the religious order to which you belong and to which Saint Rita of Cascia also belonged, in general, what is the Augustinian proposal for the consecrated life? Be just one heart, reaching out to God: this is the “motto” of St. Augustine, who saw monasteries as small cells of the Church where the brothers and the sisters would live with a strong force of reciprocal unity and a burning love for the *humble* Jesus, as he liked to call him. Inner life and the life of communion are the two hearts of the monastic life as “dreamed” of by St. Augustine, inspired to this by the style of life of the early Christians (see Acts 4:32).

Is the consecrated life a personal or a Church question? The consecrated life is a precious gift of God to the Church; consecrated persons are called by the will of God to express the lifestyle of Jesus and to remind everyone that our human progress has a destiny, a destination: the loving embrace of God, as strong and lasting as eternity! That's why we welcome as providential the year dedicated to the consecrated life (2015, *ed*): let us seize a wonderful opportunity to renew our love for Christ and our dedication to the Gospel.



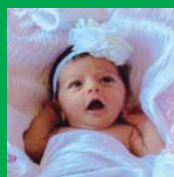
The complex that the nuns need to renovate so that it can welcome the future Monastery of St. Augustine.

The “Rejoice” letter, sent by the Congregation for the Institutes of Consecrated Life to all consecrated men and women, urges you to “bear witness to the joy that comes from the certainty of feeling loved, from the trust in being saved”. What does this mean in practice? And how do you express this message from seclusion? Prayer and diligence with the Word of God are privileged spaces, apart from the sacraments, in which we are allowed to experience the love of God. Prayer is primarily receiving, letting yourself go, listening, and only afterwards is also our speaking, doing, engaging ourselves .. Very slowly, this gives new eyes for looking in wonder and with gratitude at life and people. Only those who feel loved are capable of gratitude. Starting from our life of prayer, we give the opportunity for people to participate in the Liturgy of the Hours; we offer space for listening and meetings for deepening faith; we make available the treasure of the spirituality of St. Augustine, particularly contemporary for offering pathways on the inner life and useful ideas for the *education of feelings* that we are losing dramatically.

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The Holy Family

The Community of the Monastery of Saint Rita of Cascia

The Christmas season for us is a time of prayer and meditation around the infinitely great gift that God has given us, offering His Son to all mankind. His Son, made man, came to us in a manger, born into a family. Symbolically, we use

“our own crib” as we feel and want. No crib, however, can be without the Baby Jesus, along with his parents, Mary and Joseph. The Holy Family, which we celebrate liturgically on the Sunday after Christmas, is the testimony that God did not just want His Son Man, but

cape in a night of fear and uncertainty. Our Holy Father Francis reminds us, *“as we fix our gaze on the Holy Family of Nazareth in that time when it was forced into exile, let us think of the drama of those migrants and refugees who are victims of rejection and exploitation, who are victims of human trafficking and slave labour. Let us also think of those other exiles – I would call them ‘the hidden exiles’ who may be marginalised within their own families – the elderly for example who sometimes are treated like burdens”* (Angelus, Feast of the Holy Family 2013). The proclamation of the Gospel, in fact, also and above all passes from families. Pope Francis gives us much to think about on the subject: *“Jesus wanted to belong to a family that had experienced these difficulties so that no one is excluded from the nearness of God’s love ... God is also there where man is in danger, there where man suffers, there where he escapes, where he experiences rejection and abandonment; but he is also where man dreams, hoping to return to his homeland in freedom, designing and choosing a life of dignity for himself and his family”*. ■



Representation of the Holy Family, made by the Beehive of Saint Rita, the home of the Saint Rita Monastery which houses children in distress.

the crib to represent this. We place those little figures so carefully in our house to commemorate the Holy Night, in the heat of the light emitted by the star, waiting for the sleepy shepherds, in the simplicity of the places, near the offertory of the Wise Men, appearing from beyond the dune ... Each of us takes pleasure in personalising

wanted his son with a family, so that he would be in all and for all, like us, with us. But the Holy Family also represents the plight of refugees that Joseph and Mary experience in order to escape Herod, king of Judea, who is searching for the son of God to kill him. Gripped by the fear of seeing their child taken away, Mary and Joseph es-

FEDERATION OF MONASTERIES: NEW GOVERNING COUNCIL

On 1 October, in Cascia, the nuns of the female Augustinian monasteries in Italy renewed the Governing Council which leads the Federation of "Our Lady of Good Counsel" Augustinian Monasteries in Italy. Thirty-five chapter nuns attended the elective assembly: the outgoing President, Mother M. Rita Piccione, the council she chaired, Mothers

Prior and delegates of the Community. Established on 26 April 1953, the Federation aims to bring "contemplative oases" closer to the needs of the contemporary world, carrying out the will of God for today. The Augustinian Community of Cascia thanks the outgoing council for its valuable work over the past six years, along the lines indicated by the post-Vatican II. With this spirit of vicinity, we welcome the new council chaired by Mother M. Monica Gianfrancesco, former Abbess of the Hermitage of Lecceto (Siena), with prayers of best wishes.



The new Council of the Federation of Augustinian Monasteries in Italy, chaired by Mother M. Monica Gianfrancesco (centre of photo).

100 YEARS FOR SISTER M. MADDALENA

"The Lord my God led me, as a man leads his Son, all the way along the path that I took". Paraphrasing verse 31 of chapter 1 of Deuteronomy, Sister M. Maddalena thanked the Lord during the Eucharistic celebration which was held to celebrate her 100th birthday on 30 August 2014, in the Lower Basilica of Saint Rita, in the presence of the Augustinian Community of Cascia and all her loved ones. The occasion was enhanced by the presence of another centenarian, Father Luigi Giuliani, who presided at the Holy Mass. Father Giuliani recalled the precious presence of Sr. M. Maddalena in the Basilica as sacristan, a role she played until the age of 92, and then added a special wish: If Blessed Mother Fasce was known by everyone as "the Mother", Sr. M. Maddalena may well be remembered as "the Sacristan"! Heartfelt best wishes, dear Sr. M. Maddalena!



Sr. M. Maddalena (front row, centre) with her loved ones.

Attracted by Saint Rita

by Stephanie de Beyer, novice in the Monastery of Saint Rita of Cascia

My name is Stephanie, I'm from Germany and I am a novice in the Monastery of Saint Rita in Cascia. I received the white habit on 31 May this year, the Feast of the Visitation, and the clothing was

part of life for embracing it fully, and each path has its surprises. These are the stages of every family, of every vocation, of every person and, in particular, of every Christian who tries to live his/her life as a loving response to God. My vocational

ingly becoming part of my life. Being consecrated to the Lord, but at the same time living in the world, seemed appropriate for my character and the expectations that I had in my heart and mind.

As a result, I asked my bishop for permission to start the *Ordo Virginum* vocational path. Even in the workplace, I felt the desire to make the Lord *enter me* more concretely, and as a result I engaged myself in *Pro Vita* groups, especially in defence of the unborn and their parents who find it difficult to accept their child as a gift, with the danger of rejecting it. To explore this topic and be better informed, I was given the opportunity to study Bioethics for two years in Rome, thanks to some benefactors. So I embarked on the road to the "Eternal City" in 2007, without knowing much about what to expect. There, I met the Augustinian fathers and, in 2009, we made a pilgrimage to Cascia: nothing special, nothing extraordinary. I did not even know Saint Rita. But the impression I was left with was: *here in Cascia I feel good and something attracts me*. Four months later, I attended the Vocational Orientation Course organised by the nuns. I thought: making a re-



Stephanie, at the end of the ceremony which marked her entry as a novice into the Monastery of Saint Rita of Cascia.

preceded not only by 14 months as a postulant, but above all by several years of reflection and discernment. I am 41 years old and am a professional midwife. I always did my job with joy, despite the various challenges (long shifts and night shifts, irregular hours, etc.). The proximity to life in the true sense taught me so much: every birth is preceded by a necessary period of preparation, and labour and pain are

path so far shows different shades: growing up in a practising Catholic family with faith, an interest – or rather, attraction – grew in me for the consecrated life around the age of 27. I had been working for some time and I was gripped by the desire for a fuller life of prayer: daily Mass (when compatible with work hours), the Liturgy of the Hours, the rosary, adoration and even the study of "holy things" were increas-

treat never hurts. I took the experience: nothing special, nothing extraordinary. But something, or rather Someone, was pushing me to talk often to my family about Cascia, the way of life of the nuns and so on, and being "in the world" I felt strongly that something was missing. Inside me, there was a *thrust* towards Cascia that I could not explain, give a name.

About two months after the course, I asked the nuns to spend 50 days with them. Again I thought: after the final exam in Rome and before returning home, it would not hurt to have some free time, full of prayer and silence. After returning to Germany, I started working again as a midwife, with my heart feeling outstretched towards the contemplative life,

and with my mind wanting to follow the path of the world of the consecrated. Another two and half years passed before asking to be admitted as a postulant. Here I am. I have learned that it is not enough to *want to build*: greater effort is needed to listen to HIS will and seek to respond with courage to the call of love in order to enter deeper happiness. ■

IN MY FRAGILITY, I START AGAIN FROM YOU

To celebrate the 25th anniversary of her Religious Profession, Sister Anna Maria Mannarà held a Mass celebrated by Msgr. Giovanni Scanavino in the Basilica of Saint Rita in Cascia, on 17 August 2014. An important step for the current sacristan of the Basilica, who wanted to share her letter to the Father with the readers of "From the Bees to the Roses", in the knowledge of having achieved a goal and, at the same time, begun a new phase of her path of consecration to the Lord in the Augustinian contemplative life.



Sr. Anna Maria (centre) celebrated with her family of origin.

I thank you, Father! I cannot fail to thank You for the Love, tenderness, compassion, mercy and faithfulness with which You have accompanied my journey as a consecrated person in these 25 years of Religious Profession in the Augustinian Family. No doubt, there have been happy times and those less happy, moments with some hesitation, moments with the certainty that **You are faithful** and without fail. We just have to believe in the total gift of You!

According to the Psalm: **"Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless his holy name"** (Psalm 102.1) and it is this supplication that we can direct to our soul so that everyone of us can have the courage and the strength of the Son, Jesus, who has placed us in the heart of Your Love. A great Love, which leads us back to the origins.

We must rekindle the flame of the "first Love", we can and we must think again about the Love You have for us and start again from You with Joy. Yes, start again ... Because this celebration of my 25th anniversary of Religious Profession was for me both a goal and a new start. A starting again from You, forgetting the past, to resume the path of conversion, aware of my poverty and my fragility, but confident that **You, Lord, are always with me** and do not abandon me. It is really wonderful, being with You and bearing witness to Your Love!

Sr. Anna Maria OSA



JANUARY 2015

1	T	Holy Mother of God
2	F	Sts. Basil and Gregory
3	S	St. Fulgentius, OSA
4	S	1st Sunday after Christmas - Bl. Christiana of the Holy Cross, OSA
5	M	St. Edward
6	T	Epiphany of Our Lord
7	W	St. Lucian
8	T	Bl. Ugolino of Gualdo Cattaneo, OSA
9	F	St. Julian
10	S	St. Aldo
11	S	Baptism of Our Lord
12	M	St. Aelred of Rievaulx
13	T	Bl. Veronica of Binasco, OSA
14	W	St. Nino
15	T	St. Mauro ab.
16	F	Comm. Deceased Relatives, OSA
17	S	St. Anthony ab.
18	S	II Ordinary Time - Bl. Christina of Aquila, OSA
19	M	St. Mario
20	T	Sts. Fabian and Sebastian
21	W	St. Agnes
22	T	St. Vincent
23	F	Bl. Giuseppa Maria of Benigamin, OSA
24	S	St. Francis de Sales
25	S	III Ordinary Time - Conversion of St. Paul
26	M	Sts. Titus and Timothy
27	T	St. Angela Merici
28	W	St. Thomas Aquinas
29	T	Bl. Anthony of Amandola, OSA
30	F	St. David Galvan
31	S	St. John Bosco

FEBRUARY 2015

1	S	IV Ordinary Time - St. Verdiana
2	M	Presentation of the Lord in the Temple
3	T	Bl. Stephen Bellesini, OSA - St. Blaise
4	W	Bl. Angelo of Furci, OSA
5	T	1st Thursday of St. Rita - St. Agatha
6	F	Sts. Paolo Miki and Comp.
7	S	Bl. Anselmo Polanco, OSA
8	S	V Ordinary Time - Sts. Jerome Emiliani and Bakhita
9	M	St. Apollonia
10	T	St. Scholastica
11	W	Our Lady of Lourdes
12	T	2nd Thursday of St. Rita - Sts. Martyrs of Abitene
13	F	Bl. Christine of Spoleto, OSA
14	S	Sts. Cyril and Methodius
15	S	VI Ordinary Time - Bl. Giulia of Certaldo, OSA
16	M	Bl. SIMON FIDATI OF CASCIA, OSA
17	T	St. Donato m.
18	W	Ash Wednesday
19	T	3rd Thursday of St. Rita - S. Corrado Confalonieri
20	F	St. Leo
21	S	St. Peter Damian
22	S	1st Sunday of Lent - Chair of St. Peter
23	M	St. Polycarp
24	T	St. Ethelbert king
25	W	St. Adelmo
26	T	4th Thursday of St. Rita - St. Alexander
27	F	St. Gabriel of Our Lady of Sorrows
28	S	St. Romanus ab.

Make of
our whole
“existence a
pilgrimage of
transformation
in love” .

*Pope Francis
(Year of
Consecrated Life)*

*The message of Pope Francis is
taken from the circular letter
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Photo by Giovanni Galardini

MARCH 2015

1	S	2nd Sunday of Lent - St. Albinius
2	M	St. Angela of the Cross
3	T	St. Teresa Eustochio
4	W	St. Casimir king
5	T	5th Thursday of St. Rita - St. Lucius I
6	F	St. Colette
7	S	Sts. Perpetua and Felicity
8	S	3rd Sunday of Lent - St. John of God
9	M	St. Frances of Rome
10	T	St. Simplicio
11	W	St. Constantine
12	T	6th Thursday of St. Rita - Bl. Girolamo of Recanati, OSA
13	F	Sts. Patricia and Modesta
14	S	St. Matilde queen
15	S	4th Sunday of Lent - St. Zachariah
16	M	St. Agapitus
17	T	St. Patrick
18	W	St. Cyril
19	T	7th Thursday of St. Rita - St. Joseph
20	F	St. Claudia
21	S	St. Birillus
22	S	5th Sunday of Lent - Bl. Ugolino Zefirini, OSA
23	M	St. Turibius of Mogrovejo
24	T	St. Catherine of Sweden
25	W	Annunciation of the Lord
26	T	8th Thursday of St. Rita - St. Emmanuel
27	F	St. Rupert
28	S	St. Stephen Harding
29	S	Palm Sunday
30	M	St. Leonardo Murialdo
31	T	9th Thursday of St. Rita - St. Guido

APRIL 2015

1	W	St. Melitone of Sardis
2	T	Maundy Thursday
3	F	Good Friday
4	S	Holy Saturday
5	S	Easter Sunday
6	M	Easter Monday
7	T	St. John Baptist de La Salle
8	W	St. Walter
9	T	10th Thursday of St. Rita - St. Liborius
10	F	St. Pompeius
11	S	St. Stanislaus
12	S	II Sunday of Easter - St. Julius I
13	M	St. Martin I
14	T	St. Lambert
15	W	St. Maximus
16	T	11th Thursday of St. Rita - St. Bernadette Soubirous
17	F	St. Robert of Molesme
18	S	Bl. Andrew of Monteraale, OSA
19	S	III Sunday of Easter - St. Emma
20	M	Bl. Simon of Todi
21	T	St. Anselm
22	W	St. Leonides
23	T	12th Thursday of St. Rita - Bl. Helen of Udine, OSA
24	F	Conversion of St. Fr. Augustine
25	S	St. Mark ev.
26	S	IV Sunday of Easter - Our Lady of Good Counsel
27	M	St. Zita of Lucca
28	T	St. Gianna Beretta Molla
29	W	St. Catherine of Siena
30	T	13th Thursday of St. Rita - St. Pius V

“Wake up
the world!
Be witnesses
of a different
way of doing
things,
of acting,
of living!”
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MAY 2015

JUNE 2015

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the Gospel
always.
If necessary,
use words” .

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1	F	St. Joseph the Worker
2	S	St. Athanasius
3	S	V Sunday of Easter - Sts. Philip and James
4	M	St. Cyriacus
5	T	Bl. Martyrs of Spain, OSA
6	W	St. Lucius
7	T	14th Thursday of St. Rita - St. Rosa Venerini
8	F	Our Lady of Grace, OSA
9	S	St. Pachomius
10	S	IV Sunday of Easter - St. John of Avila
11	M	Bl. Gregory Celli, OSA
12	T	Bl. William Tirry, OSA
13	W	Our Lady of Perpetual Help, OSA
14	T	15th Thursday of St. Rita - St. Matthias ap.
15	F	St. Isidore
16	S	Sts. Alipius and Possidius, OSA
17	S	Ascension of Our Lord
18	M	Bl. William of T., OSA
19	T	Bl. Clement of O. and Bl. Augustine of T., OSA
20	W	St. Bernardino of Siena
21	T	Sts. Christopher M. and Comp.
22	F	ST. RITA OF CASCIA, OSA
23	S	St. Desiderius
24	S	Pentecost
25	M	St. Bede
26	T	St. Philip Neri
27	W	St. Augustine of Canterbury
28	T	St. Paolo Hanh
29	F	St. Maximinus of Treviri
30	S	St. Joan of Arc
31	S	Trinity Sunday

1	M	St. Justin
2	T	Sts. Marcellinus and Peter
3	W	Sts. Charles L. and Comp.
4	T	Bl. James of Viterbo, OSA
5	F	St. Boniface
6	S	St. Norbert
7	S	Corpus Christi
8	M	St. Medardus
9	T	St. Ephrem
10	W	Bl. Edward Poppe
11	T	St. Barnabas ap.
12	F	Sacred Heart of Jesus
13	S	Immaculate Heart of Mary
14	S	XI Ordinary Time - St. Methodius
15	M	St. Vitus
16	T	S. Aurelianus
17	W	St. Ranieri of Pisa
18	T	St. Gregory
19	F	St. Giuliana Falconieri
20	S	Bl. Philip of Placenza, OSA
21	S	XI Ordinary Time - St. Louis Gonzaga
22	M	St. Thomas More
23	T	St. Lanfranc
24	W	Nativity of St. John the Baptist
25	T	Bl. Peter James of Pesaro, OSA
26	F	St. Vigilius
27	S	St. Cyril of Alexandria
28	S	XIII Ordinary Time - St. Irenaeus
29	M	Sts. Peter and Paul
30	T	First Martyrs of the Roman Church





JULY 2015

1	W	St. Esther queen
2	T	Bl. John and Peter Becchetti, OSA
3	F	St. Thomas ap.
4	S	St. Elizabeth of Portugal
5	S	XIV Ordinary Time - St. Anthony Maria Zaccaria
6	M	St. Maria Goretti
7	T	St. Edda
8	W	Sts. Aquila and Priscilla
9	T	St. Veronica Giuliani
10	F	Sts. Seconda and Rufina
11	S	St. Benedict ab.
12	S	XV Ordinary Time - St. John Gualberto
13	M	St. Clelia Barbieri
14	T	St. Camillus de Lellis
15	W	St. Bonaventure
16	T	Our Lady of Mount Carmel
17	F	Bl. Maddalena Albrici, OSA
18	S	St. Arnulf of Metz
19	S	XVI Ordinary Time - St. Arsenius the Great
20	M	St. Apollinaris
21	T	St. Lawrence of Brindisi
22	W	St. Mary Magdalene
23	T	St. Bridget of Sweden
24	F	Bl. Anthony della Torre, OSA
25	S	St. James ap.
26	S	XVII Ordinary Time - Sts. Joachim and Anne
27	M	Bl. Lucia Bufalari, OSA
28	T	Sts. Nazarius and Celsus
29	W	St. Martha of Bethany
30	T	St. Peter Chrysologus
31	F	St. Ignatius of Loyola

AUGUST 2015

1	S	St. Alphonsus M. Liguori
2	S	XVIII Ordinary Time - Bl. John of Rieti, OSA
3	M	St. Lydia
4	T	St. John M. Vianney
5	W	Dedication of St. Mary Major Basilica
6	T	Transfiguration of Our Lord
7	F	Sts. Sixtus II and Comp.
8	S	St. Dominic of Guzman
9	S	XIX Ordinary Time - St. Teresa Benedicta of the Cross
10	M	St. Lawrence
11	T	St. Clare of Assisi
12	W	St. Jean Frances of Chantal
13	T	Sts. Pontianus and Hippolytus
14	F	St. Maximilian Kolbe
15	S	Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary
16	S	XX Ordinary Time - St. Rocco
17	M	St. Clare of Montefalco, OSA
18	T	St. Helen emp.
19	W	St. Ezekiel Moreno, OSA
20	T	St. Bernard of Clairvaux
21	F	St. Pius X
22	S	Queenship of Mary
23	S	XXI Ordinary Time - St. Rose of Lima
24	M	St. Bartholomew ap.
25	T	St. Ludwig
26	W	Sts. Liberatus, Boniface and Comp., OSA
27	T	St. Monica mother of St. Augustine
28	F	ST. AUGUSTINE B. DOCT.
29	S	Martyrdom of St. John the Baptist
30	S	XXII Ordinary Time - St. Margaret Ward
31	M	St. Raymond Nonnatus

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is a hallmark
of fraternity,
a “Eucharistic
tenderness”,
because
“tenderness
makes us
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SEPTEMBER 2015

1	T	St. Giles
2	W	St. Elpidius
3	T	St. Gregory the Great
4	F	Our Lady of Consolation
5	S	Bl. Mother Teresa of Calcutta
6	S	XXIII Ordinary Time - Bl. Angelo of Foligno, OSA
7	M	St. John of Lodi
8	T	Birth of the Virgin Mary
9	W	St. Peter Claver
10	T	St. Nicholas of Tolentino, OSA
11	F	Sts. Protus and Hyacinth
12	S	Holy Name of Mary
13	S	XXIV Ordinary Time - St. John Chrysostom
14	M	Triumph of the Cross
15	T	Our Lady of Sorrows
16	W	Sts. Cornelius and Ciprian
17	T	St. Robert Bellarmine
18	F	St. Joseph of Copertino
19	S	Sts. Alphonsus of Orozco, OSA and Januarius
20	S	XXV Ordinary Time - Sts. Martyrs of Korea
21	M	St. Matthew ev.
22	T	St. Ignatius of Santhia
23	W	Sts. Pio of Pietrelcina and Tecla
24	T	Our Lady of Mercy
25	F	St. Nicholas of Flüe
26	S	Bl. Paul VI and Sts. Cosmas and Damian
27	S	XXVI Ordinary Time - St. Vincent de Paul
28	M	Bl. Martyrs of Japan, OSA
29	T	Sts. Archangels
30	W	St. Jerome

OCTOBER 2015

1	T	St. Thérèse of the Child Jesus
2	F	Guardian Angels
3	S	Bl. Angelo of Sansepolcro, OSA
4	S	XXVII Ordinary Time - St. Francis of Assisi
5	M	Bl. Sante of Cori, OSA
6	T	St. Bruno
7	W	Our Lady of the Rosary
8	T	St. Pelagia
9	F	Blesseds Anthony P. and Leccetans, OSA
10	S	St. Thomas of Villanova, OSA
11	S	XXVII Ordinary Time - Bl. Elias OSA and St. John XXIII
12	M	BL. M. TERESA FASCE OF CASCIA, OSA
13	T	Comm. of Deceased Benefactors, OSA
14	W	Bl. Gonsalvo of Lagos, OSA
15	T	St. Teresa of Jesus
16	F	St. Margaret M. Alacoque
17	S	St. Ignatius of Antioch
18	S	XXIX Ordinary Time - St. Luke ev.
19	M	St. Laura
20	T	St. Magdalene of Nagasaki, OSA
21	W	St. Ursula
22	T	St. John Paul II
23	F	St. William and Bl. John Bono, OSA
24	S	St. Anthony M. Claret
25	S	XXX Ordinary Time - St. John Stone, OSA
26	M	St. Evaristus p.
27	T	St. Alfred king
28	W	Sts. Juda and Simon ap.
29	T	Bl. Peter of Gubbio, OSA
30	F	St. Germanus
31	S	Bl. James of Cerqueto, OSA

“Abiding
in Jesus!
We remain
attached
to Him, in Him,
with Him,
talking
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NOVEMBER 2015

1	S	All Saints
2	M	All Souls
3	T	Sts. Martin of Porres and Sylvia
4	W	St. Charles Borromeo
5	T	Sts. Zacariah and Elizabeth
6	F	Comm. Of Deceased Friars, OSA
7	S	Bl. Grace of Kotar, OSA
8	S	XXXII Ordinary Time - St. Adeodatus I
9	M	Dedication of Lateran Basilica
10	T	St. Leo I the Great
11	W	St. Martin of Tours
12	T	St. Josephat
13	F	All Saints, OSA Family
14	S	St. Jocundus
15	S	XXXIII Ordinary Time - St. Albert the Great
16	M	St. Gertrude
17	T	St. Elizabeth of Hungary
18	W	St. Odo
19	T	St. Faustus
20	F	St. Edmund king
21	S	Presentation of the B. V. Mary
22	S	Christ the King
23	M	St. Clement I
24	T	Sts. Andrew Dung Lac and Comp.
25	W	St. Catherine of Alexandria
26	T	St. Corrado
27	F	St. Virgilius
28	S	St. James of the Marches
29	S	1st Sunday of Advent - Bl. Frederick of Regensburg, OSA
30	M	St. Andrew ap.

DECEMBER 2015

1	T	St. Eligius
2	W	St. Bibiana
3	T	St. Francis Xavier
4	F	St. Barbara
5	S	St. Sabas
6	S	2nd Sunday of Advent - St. Nicholas of Bari
7	M	St. Ambrose
8	T	Immaculate Conception of the B. V. Mary
9	W	St. Syrus
10	T	Our Lady of Loreto
11	F	St. Damasus I
12	S	Our Lady of Guadalupe
13	S	3rd Sunday of Advent - St. Lucy
14	M	St. John of the Cross
15	T	St. Virginia Centurione Bracelli
16	W	Bl. Cherubim of Avigliana, OSA
17	T	St. Lazarus of Bethany
18	F	St. Gatianus of Tours
19	S	St. Berardus
20	S	4th Sunday of Advent - St. Liberatus
21	M	St. Peter Canisius
22	T	St. Frances Cabrini
23	W	St. Ivo of Chartres
24	T	St. Adele
25	F	Nativity of the Lord
26	S	St. Stephen, m.
27	S	Holy Family
28	M	Holy Innocents' Day, martyrs
29	T	St. Thomas Becket
30	W	St. Eugene
31	T	St. Sylvester I

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task to let
them grow
serenely.

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