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Virtue: Knowledge

Knowledge of God has a greater meaning than we often give it. To know God followers must enter into His spirit and share His life. That is what Christ promised and that is the virtue we should be seeking. One of the main reasons we, as disciples, don't know God is that we are rushing, distractedly, through life. We go to church, we say prayers, too often we go through the routine of being a Christian and it all becomes rote. That is where our deepening of faith begins to break down. When we realize we are going through the motions, not giving our faith the time it needs to thrive, we need to stop. We need to put aside earthly distractions and dedicate time to the one true God. ■



Learn More About Jesus on Earth and Deepen your own faith

Learning about Jesus and how to enter into His spirit and share His life is a lifelong adventure. We learn, initially, about God at school, and from our parents. We learn about His birth and death but how much do we really remember or internalize about his earthly life? Our knowledge blossoms as we age into middle school and astute teachers remind us that the Jesus in the Bible, who was lost in the temple, like middle school students, was a young man. Albeit, a mature young man, one who when left on his own did not panic, according to the Bible stories, but instead assuredly spoke with elders, answering and

asking questions for days until his worried parents returned for him. And the passage from Luke reminds us also that the Holy Family was indeed a family. With a concerned mother and father and a sometimes headstrong or wayward preteen son. When his relieved mother, Mary, asked Jesus why he had caused them such worry, he responded, “Why were you looking for me? Did you not know that I must be in my Father’s house?” (Luke 2:49) So much like a young adult, respectful but also knowing. Joseph and Mary had family obligations as well – they were parents to an exceptional child. They knew it all along – but they were still his earthly parents and dedicated their lives to him. Imagine the lives they lived, so filled with love and life and faith. One of the best interactions between Mary and Jesus that illustrates their relationship involved wine and a wedding. The scene at Cana clearly shows a mother, who believes in her son, and a young adult who is not as certain. Jesus is there to enjoy a wedding, but his mother knows he is needed. When the wine runs out she tells her son and he responds, “Woman, how does your concern affect me? My hour has not yet come” (John 2:4). Ah, but Mary knows how it affects him and what he can do about it. She tells the waiters to do what

Jesus says and wine is made from water – a miracle. What a beautiful picture of a true disciple and believer, she knows her son in a way so few ever will.

Reading and discussing the life of Jesus and his relationships is one of the best ways to learn more about our Lord and his truths. Connecting on an academic level through stories about his life can enhance our understanding of Jesus on earth and lead to a deepening of our own faith. Remember God calls each of us by name. He knows each of us individually; we owe it to ourselves to make that relationship a two way street. ■

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ST. FRANCIS'S ENDURING RULES

Hundreds of years after St. Francis put together a guideline for his followers, the words could not be more meaningful and useful. Today's world is so filled with unimportant, insignificant things. All the shiny objects Francis wanted stripped away so his brothers could focus on spreading the Word of God. The rules developed so many years ago describe St. Francis and also the way he hoped for centuries to come, his followers would act and live. Some of the rules are straightforward and more logistic in nature, for example, their manner of dress "two tunics without a hood and cord and breeches." The familiar brown dress we know from artists' rendering of St. Francis. This, as we know, comes from his desire to have his followers live humbly and without distraction, "let them not desire rich clothes in this world, that they may possess a garment in the kingdom of heaven."

We see in our own beloved Pope Francis how he chooses to emulate his chosen namesake with his choice of

housing and clothing and his spotlight on poverty.

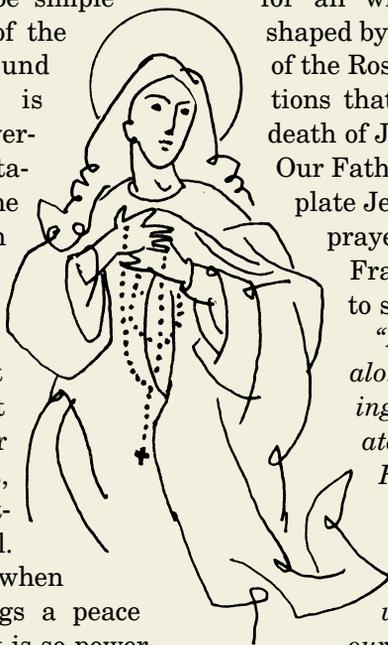
St. Francis dictates how the brothers should serve and work and it is still true today. "Let all brothers apply themselves with diligence to good works, for it is written – be always busy in some good work and that the devil may find thee occupied." Keeping busy is essential to warding off laziness or temptation. But always, brothers worked for no money – they were to dedicate themselves to a life of poverty. Knowing how difficult this would be for some to work for no pay, St. Francis made it abundantly clear their reward would not be here – and they would do best to not show their displeasure "Let the friars take care not to appear gloomy and sad like hypocrites, but let them be jovial and merry, showing that they rejoice in the Lord, and becomingly courteous." This mirrors the words in Matthew's Gospel, "When you fast do not look gloomy like the hypocrites, they neglect their appearance so that they may appear to others to be fasting. Amen I say to you, they have received their reward." (Matthew 6:16)

Living a life of reverence to our Lord, compassion for our brothers and humility were the goals of St. Francis in the 13th century. While he was not as prolific a writer as some saints of the time, his work in establishing his order remains a true testament to his belief in the joy of following only our one true God, and his understanding that the reward would outweigh any treasures he might find in this world.



Our Lady of the Rosary: Mary's Special Prayer

So often with the apparitions of Mary at Lourdes, at Fatima, at La Salette, at Guadalupe, she came to a child or a peasant and filled them with great love of God. This knowledge of God, which they received, came from prayer and often from the prayer of the Rosary, which can be simple and yet profound. One of the reasons for the profound nature of the Rosary is because it operates at several levels: prayer, meditation, union and peace. The levels one can reach in prayer are all present here. The two prayers used for the Rosary are Biblical, though we don't often think of them that way. They are the Our Father, written by Jesus, and the Hail Mary, written by the Angel Gabriel. The repetition of these when prayed with focus, brings a peace and meditative nature. It is so powerful and instructive to flow through the decades and pour over the sacred mysteries which center on the events in Christ's life. With each decade the beautiful Hail Mary is said ten times. Each time we say "Holy Mary, mother of God, pray for us sinners now and at the hour of our death" we reach out to Mary with our words and our hearts asking for her intercession. She, as a mother, loves us unconditionally and



we know she will deliver our prayers to Jesus.

Pope Francis speaks often of his dedication to and reverence of the Rosary. He calls the Rosary the "synthesis of the history of God's mercy which becomes a history of salvation for all who let themselves be shaped by Christ." The Mysteries of the Rosary are clearly meditations that focus on the life and death of Jesus. Certainly at each Our Father we stop and contemplate Jesus, but during the ten prayers in between, as Pope Francis points out, we get to speak to Mary.

"Mary accompanies us along this journey pointing to her Son who radiates the very mercy of the Father. Mary helps us understand what it means to be disciples of Christ. In her faith we learn how to open our hearts to obey God; in her self-denial we see the importance of tending to the needs of others; in her tears we find the strength to console those experiencing pain. In each of these moments Mary expresses her wealth of divine mercy that reaches out to all in their daily needs."

Perhaps during her month of October, dedicated to the Holy Rosary, we can return again to say at least one decade a day for peace. ■

WORKING FOR A LIVING

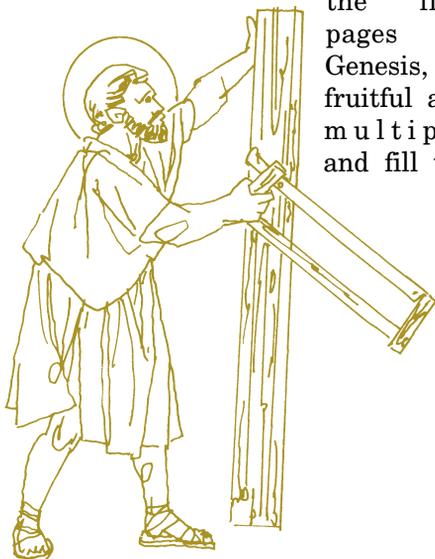
With the end of summer brings the end to what many have as an easier work schedule. With holiday travels in the past, some do not look forward to the long fall and winter because it means back to work. It's a hard mindset to change, the weather is often not as good, children have homework and projects and sports and the pace of life is just speeding up. But work is not a four-letter word, unless we make it so.

In looking at the papal writings, it is clear the church leaders believe work can be more than toil. One of the many writings was from then Pope, now Saint, John Paul II who wrote his third encyclical letter on Human Work, *Laborem Exercens* which was published in 1981. One of the many overriding themes in this historical document is the way in which work itself, is viewed. In his section titled *Work and Man*, Saint John Paul II calls work “a fundamental dimension of man’s existence on earth,” recalling

the first pages of Genesis, “be fruitful and multiply and fill the

earth and subdue it.” Some argue “work” came about because of the transgressions of Adam and Eve and so work somehow separates us from the joy of life and its drudgery. In his writing, Saint John Paul II instead talks about the dignity of work and how it is a good thing for humanity because, “through work man not only transforms nature, adapting it to his own needs but also achieves fulfillment as a human being and indeed, in a sense, becomes ‘more a human being.’” So, Saint John Paul II is asking us to shift our perspective slightly. To welcome work as a positive, not look at it as a negative. And as we all know this outlook can make a long Monday go by much faster. We can also begin to find spirituality and goodness in places we might have previously just found frustration.

In the section titled *Elements for a Spirituality of Work*, Saint John Paul II makes three clear points, first that work can bring us closer to our creator, and second that in working we are emulating Jesus, described as “the man of work.” Lastly work is linked with toil in that we are too, subject to crosses. There is so much more in the encyclical and it makes good reading, so find the time to do that. And remember this Labor Day as we head into fall and its increased workloads, that our earthly toil brings heavenly rewards and draws us to our Lord. ■

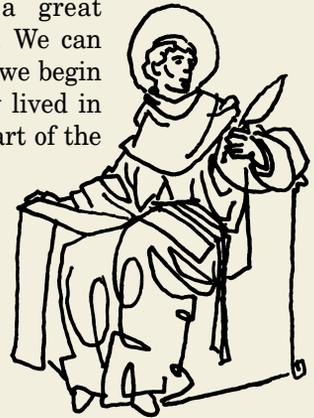


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How did St. Anthony really become a saint?

As you read about St. Anthony or any of the saints, did you ever wonder what it was that made them saints? Each one is different. Each one comes to his or her sainthood on an individual path laid out by our Lord. The callings are different and the methods are different but the love each had for the faith and for God was the same. St. Anthony's road was certainly filled with twists and turns. He thought he was destined for mission work when poor health forced him to give up his life-long dream. Imagine the heartbreak. What he came to realize, is that God was revealing a path, and awakening in St. Anthony his true gift, to spread the Word of God. Before he was recognized as a true conduit to the Lord, Anthony toiled in a small hermitage. He stayed out of the limelight and spent days praying and reading the Scripture. Little did he know all that time, while he was cleaning and doing other menial tasks he was spiritually building himself up. Each time he absorbed another lesson from the Scripture, or saw a new perspective on the life of our Lord, he moved one step closer to sainthood. We often think of our saints as heroes, martyrs so many times and that is the life St. Anthony

initially sought. But as is often the way, God had another plan for him. Instead of sacrificing and using his body, St. Anthony's gift was his mind and his oratory. And once it was clear what his gift was, St. Anthony was asked to be a missionary of sorts. He traveled to convert others with his beautiful and profound knowledge of Scripture. Because of his dedication to prayer earlier in his life, he was able to convert and comfort those who did not have the same abilities to understand the true path. That's really what made Anthony a saint, not his penitents, but his prayer life, his knowledge of God in prayer, and his acting on that knowledge. St. Anthony is now recognized as a theology scholar and a great man of prayer. We can do the same if we begin today. Anthony lived in only a small part of the world, yet he now transcends time and space and calls us to know God as he knows God.



ST. ANTHONY'S BREAD

Offerings in honor of St. Anthony, either in petition for a favor sought, or in thanksgiving for a favor received, are used to assist the poor. Thus, they have received the name, St. Anthony's Bread. Such offerings are also used to help educate priests and religious.

Fr. Robert will gladly send you a leaflet explaining the origin and purpose of this devout practice, now centuries old. Please write:

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Director's Letter

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Dear Friends of the Franciscans,

Another fall season is here, filled with renewals. Trees shed their leaves, students begin a new chapter in a new grade and we can use the time to renew our spiritual relationship with God.

A good part of this newsletter deals with knowing our Lord. Throughout our lives we believe we know our family, and ourselves and even God, but what do we really know? Do we just scratch the surface, go through the motions and not become truly knowledgeable?

There are simple ways to become closer to our Lord: prayer, participation at Mass, and spreading the Good Word. But maybe this fall try to go deeper. Take a theology class, begin a Bible study group or do some hands-on volunteering in your parish. God calls each of us by name, he knows us individually. Make the effort this fall to turn to him and renew.

God bless,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Fr. Robert, ofm".

Fr. Robert, O.F.M.

AN UNSETTLING REALITY

A Valley of the Angels volunteer shares her love for those lost or in danger

By Miss Amanda

I often forget where the kids at Valley come from. I forget the lifestyles they face at home. I forget that they are at Valley for a reason. I forget this because more often than not, the kids are full of love and smiles. I see them laughing, studying, and playing games. I experience them giving me hugs and kisses, braiding my hair, and helping me practice my Spanish. I can't see where they live, the food they eat when at home, or the people they live with. I can't experience the pain they suffer from losing family members to gang violence, the fear of abuse they might face, or poverty they live in. And for me, this is an unsettling reality.

This unsettling reality comes with a lot of baggage. Recently the kids at Valley returned from a ten-day mid-year break. As they prepared to leave I was worried. Worried for their safety, for their physical and mental well being, and for the lifestyle they have no control over. This worry stems from an unfortunate situation that we recently experienced here at Valley. One of our kitchen workers lost her husband to a drive-by gang shooting. They believe that his death was retaliation from forbidding their son to hang out with the local gang members. This story has been weighing heavily on my heart for the past few weeks, not only for the woman and her family, but for the knowledge that this is reality for so many people here in Guatemala and for so many of the kids.



The kids here at Valley have captured my heart faster than I ever could have imagined possible, but the more I know about their lives the more unsettled I feel. Their everyday lives involve things I can only imagine—abuse, malnutrition, violence and drugs. Their “normal” challenges me to come out of my comfort zone. With this unsettling reality comes a great deal of responsibility for me as a missionary. As a missionary dedicated to the Franciscan charism, it is part of my call from God to be present, just as St. Francis was. I am not called to dwell on what has been unsettling in the past and I am not called to worry about what could happen in the future and outside of my control. I have been called to walk the journey with people I encounter on mission despite feeling unsettled or uncomfortable. I am called to hear their stories, however overwhelming, and embrace them in their pain. I am called to love them as my own family, so that they know they will always be loved. This unsettling reality could weigh me down, but it has lifted me up and is calling me deeper into mission. ■



DIVINE PREPARATION FOR TODDLERS AND THEIR FAMILIES

Fr. Jack, O.F.M.

“Let us learn together” (Aprendamos Juntos) is a program under the supervision of the Social Department in the Association AGAPE of El Salvador. What it entails is the opportunity for preschoolers to receive educational services in different communities where AGAPE is present. And it’s not just learning about school. This program also has a social outreach component that provides health care, family counseling and religious values, all in keeping with the mission and vision of the association.

AGAPE has 17 communities throughout the entire country in which children of the interior of El Salvador have the advantage to begin a preschool program which will prepare them for their formal education later on.

When I mention the “interior” of El Salvador, I want our readers and donors to understand that these places are remote and access from our central facility requires a full day’s journey to and from just for a routine medical visit by our doctors and social workers. Fortunately these communities are staffed with residents who have been trained and licensed by AGAPE to provide any necessary emergency health care attention, family counseling and preliminary educational opportunities for the toddlers.

One of the values which I like to stress, besides the wonderful work our representatives in these communities undertake, is the religious presence which has been renewed with the arrival of the Franciscan Sisters of the Immaculate Conception. Sister Suyapa Garcia has been assigned to AGAPE’s Social Department and has made a tremendous impact in these areas bringing to the families the Word of God and speaking to the children about Jesus

and His love for them and the world. AGAPE is all about helping the poorest of the poor socially and spiritually. With the presence of Sister Suyapa, **“let us learn together”** gets a divine dimension too. ■



Sister Suyapa is speaking to the children (and some adults) about Jesus and God’s love for them and all people in AGAPE’s “let us learn together” program.



Sister Suyapa’s presence adds the vital spiritual and Franciscan touch which enters the little hearts and minds of the children.

Words Worth Noting



God loves each of us as if there were only one of us to love.

St. Augustine

Never ask anyone over 70 how they feel, they will tell you.

Barbara Bush

Tears shed for another person are not a sign of weakness, but a sign of a pure heart.

Jose N. Harris

Let no one ever come to you without leaving happier.

Saint Teresa of Calcutta

Duty is ours, results are God's.

John Quincy Adams

There is a road from the eye to the heart that does not go through the intellect.

G.K. Chesterton

The price of greatness is responsibility.

Winston Churchill

Tact is the ability to describe others as they see themselves.

Abraham Lincoln

Money has to serve, not to rule.

Pope Francis

A man who correctly guesses a woman's age may be smart but he's not very bright.

Lucille Ball

Our Readers gladly write...



Dear Father,

I am writing this letter in hopes that it will get published. I said a novena to St. Jude, St. Anthony, St. Anne, St. Therese of the Little Flower and to the Blessed Mother. I prayed that my breast biopsy would come back negative and it did. I also prayed that my daughter would find a little job while she is in college and she did. I am so thankful to the saints and Blessed Mother for hearing my prayers and answering them. I continue to pray to them every day and say my novenas. Also thank you for the FMA Focus pamphlet. I enjoy reading other people's miracles. Enclosed is a small check.

Thank you,
Y.C.
Staten Island, NY

Dear all,

St. Jude, patron saint of the impossible, thank you for reminding me that nothing is impossible with God. Thank you for giving me the grace to ask for help. If this was truly impossible I would not have asked. Thank you for reminding me that I can leave the impossible with God and I can do the possible. Thank you for the gratitude I now have for my impossible situation.

This will be published elsewhere as a tribute to the Novena I did this month. Thank you for the opportunity to do my first novena.

In Christ,
The B Family,
Fremont, CA

Dear Father,

I called Franciscan Mission back in December. I was lost and I really needed support and a reminder that God is always there. Thank God you picked up the phone and were able to talk to me. You made me feel better, reminded me of God's love for us and told me it would be okay. A few months' later things have been getting better. I appreciate your kindness, prayers and support. Thank you for praying for me and reminding me how important God is and how much He loves us. You saved my life that day and you will forever be in my thoughts and prayers.

S.G.
Orange, CT

Dear Father,

Thank you all and thank St. Anthony for your prayers. My son is well again. What a miracle – he went through that bad treatment but I got my wonderful boy back. Love to you all and to St. Anthony.

J.C.
Millbrae, CA

MARY MODEL FOR MEN AND WOMEN FOR ALL-TIME

Who are the role models for today's youth, the stars of television and movies and social media? We may believe that, and sometimes it may be true but, more often than not it is a mother, grandmother, a father or an older brother or sister who sets the pattern the next generation tries to follow. What can you do about the world? You can be the best model for the next generation by starting to reform yourself today. One role model adults can look to for help in their quest to reform is our Blessed Mother. As a teen she gave herself to the Lord and welcomed the life he laid out for her even when it meant intimately losing her son. This pales in comparison to many of our challenges. So, if we can only emulate our Lady by being a true and consistent follower that is a start, and we can do that in some simple ways. First, go to Mass each Sunday, if you are not infirm or otherwise incapable. This commitment shows your teen you are part of a community and you are giving a part of your busy week to the Lord who deserves so much. And here's the important part. Go willingly and happily. Dress up, go with a smile on your face and greet others with a graceful countenance. When your family attends Mass and your teen sees it is not a forced, begrudging obligation, but a time of joy and community, they will want to come and the graces afforded at Mass will be theirs. Another way to model best behavior is to avoid gossip. It is so easy sometimes

to slip in to a conversation critical of someone, even someone on TV or in the news. It does no one any good. Pope Francis had some tough words about this topic, "The gossip is a 'terrorist' who throws a grenade chatter in order to destroy." Idleness leads to this temptation so instead of talking about others, spend your time in prayer or in voluntary service to your parish. Look at the weekly bulletin or ask members of the community groups where help is needed. These activities will build your spiritual health not tear it down. It isn't a stretch to think Mary and Joseph might have been gossiped about during their time. Think of that next time you begin down that path. It isn't easy to change ways and lead a more virtuous life. It is a marathon not a sprint, so keep at it every day. And if one day you don't succeed ask the great role model Mary for help. ■



MEDITATION: A PRACTICAL PLAN



Calming your mind is no easy task. Shedding the day's woes and stress takes work but can clear the way to allow for more peace. Want to learn to meditate in a very simple

way? Take some task you perform regularly, like taking out the garbage or doing the dishes or making the bed. Each day have a different companion by your side as you do this simple work. Day one Mother Mary is at your side. With her help and assurances you can start to clear away the clutter in your mind. With focus and Mary's help, begin the practice with recitation of as many Hail Mary prayers as you need. Thank our Lady for her protection and intercession.

On day two your patron saint helps. Spend the night before doing a short amount of research on your saint, if you don't have too much information. Catholic websites have an abundance

of information. When meditating, just reach out to your patron saint with gratitude again for his/her guidance. On day three your parish patron is with you. Often we sit in the pews at Mass, and bring home the bulletin but don't really pay attention to the parish patron – make your day and your short meditative practice about that saint today. A favorite relative, now in heaven, stands by your side on day four. How comforting it will be to commune with those lost to you on earth but now with our Lord in heaven. St. Anthony joins in on the task on day five and can lend his trademark help in finding your peace of mind and spirituality. Our beloved St. Francis sits with you and talks while you work on day six. Read his beautiful Canticle and look to the earth and its creatures on this day thanking God for our world's beauty. On Sunday, bring Jesus with you. Feel his sacrifices deep in your heart and his unending and merciful love for you. By weeks' end you have learned how to meditate, because meditation merely means being with someone for a spiritual time. Try it and see. ■

VOCATIONS

Please pray for the young people at home and in the missions who are ready and eager to dedicate their lives to God and the spiritual welfare of His people.

Often all they really need is the special courage to hear God's call and to answer Him. Please join us in daily prayer for God's grace in providing devoted brothers, sisters, priests, and religious for Christ's work in today's world.

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ST. PETER CLAVER, EVANGELIST AND COMFORTER

Jesuit Peter Claver was born into a deeply Catholic family in 1580 Spain. He attended the University of Barcelona where he became determined to join the Jesuits. And soon after he began his studies he was sent to Columbia, first Bogotá and then to Cartagena where he was ordained. At that time Cartagena was a large bustling port, one of two where slaves from Africa arrived to be sold in South America. For almost 40 years St. Peter Claver, at first under the tutelage of the great Jesuit missionary Alfonso de Sandoval, ministered to the needs of the thousands of slaves who arrived each year.

According to historians, when a ship arrived, St. Peter Claver and his assistants brought lemons, biscuits, medicine and tobacco to the slaves – many of whom were too frightened to accept the gifts. He climbed down into the ships to be with those he knew needed comfort. He baptized those who were dying and the babies born on the voyage. It wasn't just those in captivity to whom he ministered, St. Peter Claver also petitioned the slave owners and ship captains to repent and disavow themselves of the horror of slavery. This did not endear him to many merchants nor to ship owners.

In order to communicate with the slaves St. Peter Claver developed a series of picture stories and learned Angolan. He also preached in the towns and city squares and traveled to the plantations to check on his converts to preach more humane treatment. After 40 years of hard

work, St. Peter Claver who called himself “the slave of the slaves” contracted the plague. After four years of being neglected while terribly ill he succumbed to his illness.

At the end of his life in 1654 it was said he baptized more than 300,000 slaves. St. Peter Claver was canonized in 1888 by Pope Leo XIII and is the patron saint of Colombia, slaves, missionary work to Africans and seafarers.

Last year another famous Jesuit, Pope Francis, visited the Shrine of St. Peter Claver in Cartagena. The Pope urged Columbian Catholics to follow the saint's example and push for the rights of the poor and marginalized, an issue close to Pope Francis. At the Shrine, Pope Francis said St. Peter Claver understood that charity and mercy need to go together. As Christians, Pope Francis said St. Peter Claver's spirit “invites us to work to promote the dignity of all our brothers and sisters particularly the poor and the excluded of society.” ■



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Special Novena Schedule Fall 2018

All year round Franciscan Mission Associates conducts a regular schedule of spiritual and devotional exercises in which all benefactors are invited to take part. During the Fall months the Special Novena schedule is:

September 2-10/11-19St. Jude Novena
September 21-29Feast of St. Michael
September 26-October 4Feast of St. Francis (in Assisi)
September 29-October 7Feast of the Holy Rosary
October 7-15Feast of the Holy Rosary
October 23-December 18Novena to St. Anthony on
the 9 Tuesdays before Christmas

All Franciscan Mission Associates, sponsors, and benefactors are asked to join in prayer for the intentions and petitions of those taking part in the exercises. Please pray also for our Franciscan missionaries, for the people they serve, for an increase in vocations and for all our associates. Holy Mass is offered each day for all benefactors and for the intentions they request. Kindly forward your petitions for the Novenas scheduled to:

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