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Generosity

The word *generous* originated in the 1580s and initially meant “of noble birth.” It later came to mean “magnanimous,” as nobility often had the means to be so.

Generosity is a biblical virtue, found throughout Scripture. God calls us to share what we’ve been given with those in need. It’s also at the heart of the Franciscan mission. The Peace Prayer reminds us that *in giving we receive* and failing to give to someone in greater need could feel like withholding what we’ve been given.

At FMA, generosity is our mission, and it lives in the hearts of our supporters. It is not reserved for those with much. We may give in different measures, but we’re called to give with the same love. And God rewards our generosity, materially and spiritually.

In this issue, we reflect on the many dimensions of generosity. Thank you for reading. ■



Remembering Pope Francis' Papacy of Generosity

After more than 12 years as Pope, our Holy Father Francis passed from this life on April 21, 2025, just one day after blessing pilgrims in St. Peter's Square on Easter Sunday.

Although he was a Jesuit, upon his succession to Pope in 2013, he chose the name Francis in honor of St. Francis of Assisi, and during his papacy he attempted to imitate this great saint. Among the themes he focused on were care for the poor, improving relations with other religions—both Christian

and non-Christian—and care for the environment.

Francis was born Jorge Mario Bergoglio in Buenos Aires, Argentina, on December 17, 1936. His parents were Italian immigrants to Argentina. After being educated in Jesuit schools, Jorge entered the Jesuit Order in 1958 and was ordained a priest in 1969.

As he progressed in his priesthood, he was elected Superior of the Jesuit Province of Argentina. In 1992, he was ordained a bishop and served as an Auxiliary Bishop of Buenos Aires for six years. In 1998, he became the Archbishop of Buenos Aires, and was appointed a Cardinal on February 21, 2001, by Pope John Paul II. After the resignation of Pope Benedict in 2013, Bergoglio was elected as the 266th successor of St. Peter.



Although unique from the Popes who preceded him, Francis called for a more equitable sharing of the world's goods as did John Paul II and Benedict XVI. He himself tried to live a very simple life, shunning some of the pomp and circumstance that usually goes along with the office of Pope. He encouraged generosity from both individuals and nations so that the necessities of life would be available to all.





Pope Francis' greatest generosity, however, was in the spiritual realm. He declared a "year of mercy," encouraging people to return to their Catholic faith, and inviting clergy to extend the mercy of Christ to all whom they encountered.

We have now welcomed Pope Leo XIV, the first Pope from the United States. Just as the Popes before him, he will bring his own style and experience to the office. We pray for him, that he will be blessed and guided by the Spirit in leading the Church.



We believe that it is God, through the Cardinals, who chooses the Pope. And each Pope brings his own personality and priorities to the office. We pray that the legacy of generosity that Francis has left us will continue in the hearts of men and women everywhere, and that the love of peace that seems to guide Pope Leo will bring unity to the Church and the world. ■



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The Spirituality of Generosity

A person can give with many motivations—we may give money to feel less guilt about our own good fortune or to reduce our tax burden. We can share our talents to be praised. We can share our time to avoid becoming bored or lonely.

While a person can give without being generous, one cannot be generous without giving.

In the Biblical parable of the widow's mite, many rich people put great sums into the treasury without giving it a second thought. The old widow contributes only a few cents, and Jesus tells us that she is the most generous of all.

One interpretation of this parable is that large contributions from people who have more cannot be considered generosity. But really, Jesus' message is that it isn't the *size* of the gift that counts but the attitude behind it which matters most.

Franciscan spirituality contains the principle that we rely exclusively on the generosity of

God as exercised through human beings. Reliance on God to provide for the needs of the Franciscan Friars was a hallmark of Francis' life and is something we all can learn from. It does not mean that we shouldn't work and strive for income, but rather that in our hearts, we should rely on God.

This leads us to the essence of the spirituality of generosity. If we believe that all things—both material and spiritual—are gifts from God, we become more willing to share them with others. If we are generous, God is more generous with us. As Jesus pointed out, it is the attitude with which we give that is important.

That attitude should be one of LOVE. Perhaps our gifts cannot be equal in size to others', but they can be equal in the love we put behind them—that is what the old widow in the parable symbolizes. Whether our gift is time, talent, or treasure, when we give from the heart in gratitude for what we have been given, we exercise true spirituality of generosity. ■

Catholic Gifts

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The generosity of St. Carlo

Our newest Saint shows us many ways of generosity

The millennial age has its first Saint, St. Carlo Acutis. This beautiful example of a young person who lived a Christian life was only 15 years old when he died of leukemia in 2006. During his short life, he exemplified generosity in many and varied ways.

Carlo helped the poor of Milan, including buying a sleeping bag for a homeless man and giving homeless souls warm drinks and food. He would give away gifts he received to poor children and provide snacks to those who were hungry. His generosity extended to defending kids who were being bullied at school—he was so willing to help the vulnerable.

Carlo also lived a life of service. He spent much of his time acting on behalf of others, volunteering at the soup kitchen in his parish, organizing fairs to raise money for the missions, and spending time with the elderly. He also tutored classmates who were struggling with homework or with computer problems.

Although he never got old enough to join the Franciscans, Carlo mirrored the generosity of Saint Francis in caring for



the world around him. He would “hunt” for garbage in local parks to beautify the world and protect the environment.

His generosity extended even to his illness. When he was diagnosed with leukemia, he determined to offer his sufferings up to God for the Church and Pope Benedict XVI.

Throughout his life, Carlo strove to give honor and glory to God. When he died, his funeral was attended by many of the homeless and poor of Milan—his parents were amazed at the number who came, the number of lives Carlo had touched.

Carlo’s personal motto sums up the life he lived and the spirit of generosity he embodied. He said, “Life is a gift, because as long as we are on earth, we can increase our level of love.” It is a beautiful sentiment from one so young, and a value that we can all take to heart. ■



It's never too little to give

The Gospels of Jesus include stories of many people being fed with just a little bit of food.

When the Apostles became concerned because the crowds had been with Jesus so long and had no food, Jesus tells them to give the people something to eat. They wonder how such a thing is possible—they have no food themselves and not nearly enough money to buy food for such a large group.

They find a young lad who has five barley loaves and two fish. “What is this for so many?” they ask. But Jesus knows how valuable a little bit, when given generously, can become. He tells the Apostles to have the people sit down and miraculously feeds thousands with the five loaves and two fish.

In the case of the widow who put two coins into the treasury, Jesus tells the crowd that she has given more than all those who were putting in large amounts. In the worldly view, small acts of generosity are nothing. A few loaves of bread or a few little coins do nothing to make life different. But in the Christian view, these seemingly miniscule gifts are

magnificent because they are given from the heart.

We may feel intimidated by the amount of time, talent or treasure that some people are able to give. If we cannot match such amounts, we might instead give nothing at all. But these two stories remind us that no gift is too small if we give it with love and trust of what God can do with it.

Do you have a few minutes to sit with a lonely elderly person? Some change or a cup of coffee to spare for a homeless person? A hidden talent that you can share with others? Some way to volunteer at your parish or at a place that provides for others? These generous acts seem insignificant to us, but God can multiply them exponentially.

Generosity in action is really love in action because it puts the needs of others before the needs of self—that is the very definition of love. Whatever we give must be given not out of obligation, but out of a true concern for others.

Where in our lives can we be a little more generous? Whatever we have to offer, it is never too small a gift for God. ■

Feed the Poor with St. Anthony's Bread

There is a centuries-old practice of making an offering in honor of St. Anthony to feed the poor. These offerings are made either in petition for a favor sought or in thanksgiving for a favor received and are known as St. Anthony's Bread.

You can learn more about this practice and help us feed the poor with St. Anthony's Bread in these ways:

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St. Maximilian Kolbe: Generosity unto death

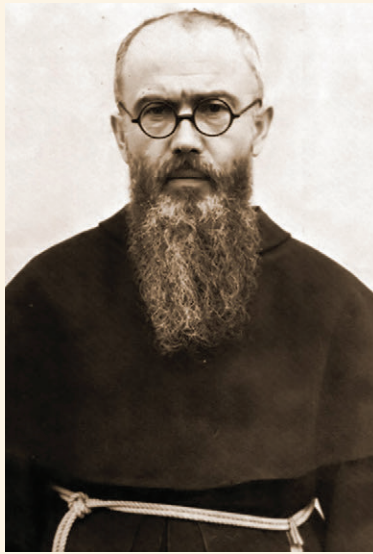
One of Jesus' most profound adages is, "There is no greater love than that a man lay down his life for his friends." Saint Maximilian Kolbe is exemplary for living out this saying.

He was born Raymund Kolbe on January 8, 1894, in Poland. At the age of nine, when he asked the Blessed Mother what would become of him, she appeared and offered him two crowns: a white one, representing purity, and a red one, representing martyrdom. She asked if he would accept either crown, and he replied that he would accept them both.

At the age of 13, Raymund and his brother joined the Conventual Franciscans and went to minor seminary. Three years later, he entered the novitiate and took the name Maximilian. He professed final vows in 1914. Then after studying in Rome during the First World War, Maximilian was ordained a priest in July 1919.

He was tremendously devoted to the Immaculate Virgin and even started the Militia Immaculate while in the seminary to combat enemies of the Church, particularly the Freemasons.

During his priesthood, Maximilian was a seminary professor in Poland and did missionary work in China, India and Japan. In 1936, he was appointed guardian of a friary in Poland and so had to give up his missionary work. Kolbe was one of the few friars who remained at the monastery after



the outbreak of World War II. He organized a temporary hospital, and the monastery provided shelter to refugees, including 2,000 Jews, whom they hid from Nazi persecution.

Maximilian and four other friars were arrested on February 17, 1941, and eventually they were sent to Auschwitz. He continued to act as a priest and suffered harassment, lashings and violent beatings for doing so. At the end of July 1941,

a prisoner at Auschwitz escaped, and the deputy commander decided to punish the camp by selecting 10 men to be starved to death. One of them was Franciszek Gajowniczek, a husband and father. He cried out, "My wife! My children!" Maximilian volunteered to take his place.

The men were placed in a bunker. It is reported that Maximilian led the men in prayer and was always seen standing or kneeling in the middle of the cell. After two weeks without food or water, only four men remained, among them Maximilian. Wanting to clear the bunker, the guards lethally injected the four men with carbolic acid. They died on August 14, 1941.

St. John Paul II, himself Polish, canonized Maximilian in 1982. Both Pope Paul VI and John Paul II named him "the martyr of charity." The generosity that Maximilian showed in offering his life to save another is a tremendous imitation of Jesus. ■

Director's Letter

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Dear Friends in Christ,

By the time you read this letter, our Province will have conducted our Chapter meetings, and a new Provincial Minister will have been elected. In reflecting on both the years that I have spent as Provincial and the theme of generosity, several considerations come to mind.

First, of course, is the awe that I feel in thinking about God's goodness to me. He is the loving Father whose generosity knows no bounds. As I move into my new ministry, I know that He will continue to give me all I need.

Next is my gratitude to all of you, both for your personal generosity to me and your overwhelming generosity to Franciscan Mission Associates (FMA). The friars would not be able to carry out any of our work without your goodness. You are proof that "God will not be outdone in generosity." I know that you will continue to support our work under the Province's new leadership.

Lastly, I am grateful for the generosity of the Franciscan Friars who have supported me during my term of office. They give constantly of themselves to care for others in the image of St. Francis, living out the vows of poverty, chastity and obedience that they have taken. They have made the burden of leadership much easier.

I am excited to begin this new chapter of my Franciscan vocation. I pray that the Lord will continue to bless all of you, and I assure you of my ongoing prayers.

Yours in St. Francis,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Fr. Robert, OFM". The script is fluid and cursive.

Fr. Robert, OFM

Building a Future of Hope at Valley of the Angels

Fr. Joaquin, OFM & Director, Valley of the Angels



The saying, “*Time flies*,” has never felt more true. Reflecting on recent years and major events like the pandemic and rapid shifts in global politics, it often feels as though life changes in an instant.

In Central America, the IC Province has also experienced profound changes. Over the past five years, we have mourned the loss of three dear friars: Father Flavian, Father Jack, and Bishop Roberto. Their passings left a deep void, yet their memories continue to inspire our work. Time moves quickly, yet their impact is long-lasting.

Through the Franciscan presence here, and with the faithful support of Franciscan Mission Associates (FMA) and its generous supporters, our projects have touched countless lives in Valley of the Angels in Guatemala, as well as in our missions in Honduras and El Salvador.

The last five years—just since I arrived at Valley of the Angels—have left a meaningful legacy, changing the future for many children and families. In 2020, I came to Valley with the hope of continuing

the dream originally envisioned by Father Rocco Famiglietti, OFM. Since then, we have contributed a great deal, and I am certain that, with the generosity of people of goodwill, we can do even more.

Today, one of our most urgent projects is raising funds for scholarships for young men and women from highly vulnerable backgrounds. At present, nine teenagers are attending a technical school, where they are learning valuable skills such as alarm and electrical installation, computer programming and automotive repair. These young people have the ability, the drive and the hope for a better future—but they need financial support for basic needs like food, housing, school materials and tuition.

Without intervention, many dreams risk being crushed by the lure of organized gangs, which prey on vulnerable youth by using coercion, manipulation and false promises. In a time when family structures are weakening, there is a critical need for leadership, stability and moral guidance. In our spiritual education efforts, we

offer Saint Joseph, foster father of Jesus, as a model of responsible fatherhood—encouraging boys and girls alike to look to him for strength and inspiration.

Every day, the children at Valley of the Angels pray the Holy Rosary for FMA's benefactors and for your intentions.

With God's help—and with your prayerful and material support—the Franciscan presence here will continue to grow. Together, through mutual assistance, prayer and goodwill, we are building a future of hope. ■

Donate Online to Help More People in Need

Each day, families in the poorest and most dangerous nations see hope and light because of your donations. When you choose to offer financial support through our secure website, you enable us to provide more help, faster.

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We respond personally to every message and donation.



Formation Update from Brother Dagoberto at the Convento San Francesco in Rome



An update from Brother Dagoberto on how donations to St. Anthony's Burse help student friars in their development.

The month of April began joyfully at our friary. We were preparing to embark on our Easter ministry in various fraternities within Italy, who eagerly awaited our

presence to celebrate the Holy Week liturgies with them. It was a propitious time for growth, learning about the traditions and cultures of different regions of Italy, as well as life in other fraternities. Above all, we looked forward to celebrating the Feast of Feasts, the

Great Vigil of Easter. But before that, we wrapped up our final week of lectures at the university before taking a break for the holy days.

We had the joy of celebrating the 55th anniversary of our beloved Father Antonio's priestly ordination in our fraternity. The occasion was a cause of celebration for everyone, complete with beautiful decorations and a delicious lunch to give thanks to God for the gift of his ministry. We also joyfully celebrated our Brother Aldair's birthday. Together, we expressed our gratitude to God for the gift of his life and vocation with a delightful cake and lunch, filled with songs and laughter.

We were invited to assist in the Stations of the Cross service at St. Peter's Basilica. It was an experience of prayer and

growth in faith for each of us. We also participated in the Palm Sunday service at the Franciscan General Headquarters. We then celebrated Easter in fraternity and gratitude.

Our prayers are with all of our benefactors, and we ask that you continue to remember us in your prayers. ■

For more from Br. Dagoberto about his path to Franciscan service, we invite you to read his story on our website.



Vocations

The young men in our formation program continue to discern God's call to follow the way of St. Francis. They are eager to dedicate themselves to God and the good of His people.

Many other men and women who are discerning the call to religious life need only the special courage to hear God's call and to answer Him.

Your prayers and donations help them in their process of listening to God's call, the important first step in ensuring that there are devoted priests, brothers and sisters to do Christ's work in today's world and tomorrow's.

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Words to Live By

For it is in giving that we receive.

– Peace Prayer attributed to St. Francis

We make a living by what we get, but we make a life by what we give.

– Winston Churchill

No one is useless in this world who lightens the burdens of another.

– Charles Dickens

It's not how much we give but how much love we put into giving.

– St. Teresa of Calcutta

*If we are going to be kind, let it be out of simple generosity,
not because we fear guilt or retribution.*

– J.M. Coetzee

*He who sows sparingly will reap sparingly, and he who sows
bountifully shall reap bountifully.*

– 2 Corinthians 9:6

*You have not lived today until you have done something for
someone who can never repay you.*

– John Bunyan

*Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by doing that
some have entertained angels without knowing it.*

– The Letter to the Hebrews

*“You cannot do a kindness too soon because you never know
how soon it will be too late.”*

– Ralph Waldo Emerson

For it is in giving that we receive.

– Jesus Christ

Our Readers Gladly Write...

Dear Fr. Robert,

My husband was near death in a nursing home with sepsis. I started my novena into the second day with the help from everyone. He started to have a clear mind and was sitting up in bed. Thanks to St. Jude, the Blessed Mother and our Lord he is doing much better.
C.C.S., Milwaukee, WI

Dear Fr. Robert,

Thank you very much for the pamphlets I always receive from you. I am very happy when I receive and read all that is written. God bless you and everyone there at the Franciscan Missions. Looking forward to receiving more pamphlets in the future. My prayers are with each one of you.
F.C., Pico Rivera, CA

Dear Fr. Robert,

I read every issue of *FMA FOCUS* from beginning to end. I find the articles inspiring. The issue on fortitude has helped me to make it through some difficult times lately. Seeing how others have persevered has given me what I need to keep going. May God bless you and all those at Franciscan Mission Associates.

T.L., Ames, IA

Fr. Robert,

I am always happy to donate to the Franciscan Mission Associates because of the wonderful work you and the friars do for the poor in Central America. The prayer material you send also helps me to keep focused on God during the day. I will continue to support you and your mission as long as I am able to do so.

J.M., Pittsburgh, PA



Generosity Through Service

One of the more mundane aspects of life in an organization is the administrative details. Religious life is no different—each religious community requires leadership. St. Francis himself would periodically gather the friars to discuss matters vital to the Order and to select leaders. And just as the Cardinals gathered in Rome to elect a new Pope, so do religious communities gather periodically to elect a new leadership team.

Friars do not become friars with the intention of becoming part of the administration; they become friars to serve in missions. But the need for leaders is part of our human experience. We wanted to take this time to thank those who take on these roles, and to give our readers insight into the governance of The Immaculate Conception Province.

Our Province has been privileged to have Fr. Robert, OFM, as Provincial Minister for many years. However, given term limits, it was time to turn the reins of leadership over to a new team.

The election of a new Provincial Minister is given the time it deserves. The friars participate in two “straw ballots” overseen by a visitor appointed by the General Minister of the entire Franciscan Order. In our case, that was Fr. Guillermo from Mexico. These ballots allow all the friars to have a say in

who the new Provincial will be.

When the ballots are counted, ten names are given back to the Province and five names are selected to be sent to the General Minister and his team in Rome. After prayer and reflection, the General Minister sends back the names of three candidates from whom the new Provincial will be selected. Votes are then sent in by each friar in the Province. Early balloting ensures that every friar gets a vote.

In June, we held what is called a Chapter, where all friars of the Province are eligible to participate. Until the new Provincial Minister was elected and officially sworn in, Fr. Guillermo presided over the Chapter. The votes for Provincial Minister, cast over the preceding months, were counted and a new leader selected. After this, the friars who were present at the Chapter elected the rest of the leadership team, including a Vicar (Assistant) Provincial and five board members to help in the governance of the Province. Over these past months, the Province leaders, old and new, have been transitioning to their new positions.

After all the human elements of elections and chapters are finished, we are grateful for those who are generous enough to serve in leadership roles. ■

Generosity Goes On

There is an old saying that there are only two things that cannot be avoided: death and taxes. As Christians, we know that our time on this earth is limited. We are conscious of the phrase, “time flies, remember death.” While the idea of death can be disconcerting, it is also a reminder that we are destined for eternal life.

The virtue of generosity is one of the 12 fruits of the Holy Spirit listed in the Letter of St. Paul to the Galatians. Generosity grows,

like fruit, out of the faith and love that we have been given by God. And that fruit need not stop with our passing from this world.

It is not difficult to ensure that your generosity will continue to feed the poor, house the homeless, and form men for their vocation as a Franciscan Friar well after your earthly time ends. You can do it by making a legacy gift to Franciscan Mission Associates—it is easy to do and costs nothing. Even a small gift will bear much fruit. ■

Generosity in Devastation

It seems that severe weather events and natural disasters have increased around the world in the last few years. Certainly, we hear about more extreme weather events thanks to the internet, streaming services, social media and cable TV news.

Just in the past few months, a hurricane left the southern part of the US in shambles, wildfires ripped through parts of California, and tornadoes destroyed sections of the Midwest. Lives were lost and billions of dollars in property damage occurred, upending the lives of many families.

We might wonder why God allows these things to happen. The answer, we know, is because evil has disrupted the balance of the universe. There is not only moral evil (bad actions), but also physical evil (disease, natural disasters etc.) due to original sin. This explanation can be difficult to accept and understand; it requires prayer and trust in God.

As we try to come to terms with natural disasters, we can also marvel at the generosity of people. In each of the cases mentioned above, an immediate response was taken by

caring people, companies and organizations that donated money, food, water and many other necessities. We are also blessed that the government helps.

Yet none of this generosity can compare to the love and compassion that good people show in caring for their neighbors in need. It is a demonstration of what Matthew Chapter 25 says: “Whatever you do for the least of these, you do for Me.”

The generosity we have seen mirrors that of our donors here at Franciscan Mission Associates (FMA). In the poor and the needy, they see the face of Jesus and are willing to share the good things that God has blessed them with in care for others. Our missions and parishes in Central America, North America and around the world are able to continue because of that generosity.

As Christians, it is important to remember that all we have comes from God. It is meant to be shared. As the old maxim goes: “God will not be outdone in generosity.” Yet may we all strive to try. ■

Your Generosity “Pays it Forward”



Many of our supporters turn to FMA to have Masses offered for their intentions and their loved ones. This is, without a doubt, spiritual generosity—but the stipends that are offered for those Masses are also used for wonderful purposes.

Br. Paschal, now 89 years old, was responsible for distributing these stipends to our friars around the world for most of his 40 years of service. He asked us to share some of the stories that he recalled from letters the office receives:

- In Cameroon, a village priest established an orphanage and was able to feed and house dozens of children thanks to Mass stipends.
- In Honduras, two priests were able to establish food and clothing programs for the poorest of the poor.

- A priest from India wrote to tell of how Mass stipends were helping him to build a school in his parish.

Br. Paschal reflected, “Stipends that our faithful benefactors provide through FMA go directly to the friars who celebrate the Masses and they in turn put the stipends toward their mission work.”

At FMA, we send Mass stipends to the Custody of the Holy Land in Jerusalem, the General Headquarters, our missions in Central America, and other places. Both spiritually and materially, your generosity has an amazing impact throughout the world. ■

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Special Novena Schedule Fall/Advent-Christmas 2025

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

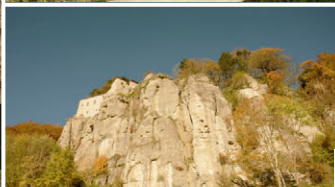
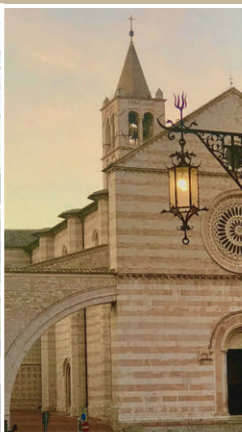
September 21–29	Feast of the Archangels
September 26–October 4	Feast of St. Francis
September 29–October 15	Feast of the Holy Rosary
October 2–19	St. Jude Novena
October 28–December 23 ...	Novena to St. Anthony on the nine Tuesdays before Christmas
November 2–November 30	Novena for the Faithful Departed
December 1–December 31	Infant Savior (31 Masses)
December 8–December 16	Feast of the Immaculate Conception
December 16–December 24	Feast of Christmas (in Padua)
December 24–January 1	Feast of Christmas (in Assisi)
December 25–January 2	Christ Child Novena (in Bethlehem)

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