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HOLY SPIRIT GOD OF FAMILY COME HOLY SPIRIT

Through the intercession of the Holy Family of Nazareth, grant that the Church may fruitfully carry out her worldwide mission in the family and through the family.

May Your Spirit penetrate our thoughts, our desires, our words and our works. Bless our undertakings, share in our joys, in our trials, and in our labors. Grant us to know You better, to love You more and to serve You without faltering.

HOLY SPIRIT PROTECT
OUR FAMILIES





1ST CENTURY

ST. JOSEPH

A saint for fathers

Just as God the Father selected the Blessed Virgin Mary to be the mother of his son, he also chose St. Joseph to be Mary's chaste spouse and Jesus' foster father. As the head of the Holy Family - the model for all families - he is also the inspiration for and the protector of all fathers.

St. Luke's Gospel tells the story of Christ's infancy from Mary's perspective, while St. Matthew's Gospel gives us the story from St. Joseph's point of view.

He is introduced to us as a just man, a descendant of King David, a native of Bethlehem, a carpenter living in Nazareth and engaged to Mary. After the Annunciation, when Mary told Joseph she was pregnant, he resolved to break off the engagement privately. Under the law of Moses given in the book of Deuteronomy, if Joseph had made a public charge of

St. Joseph, a native of Bethlehem, made his living as a carpenter.

PRAYER TO ST. JOSEPH

O Joseph, Holy Guardian of Jesus and Mary, assist us by Thy prayers in all necessities of life. Ask of Jesus that special grace, which He granted to thee, to watch over our home at the pillow of the sick and dying, so that with Mary and with thee, Heaven may find our family unbroken in the Sacred Heart of Jesus. Amen.

infidelity against Mary, she would have been stoned to death. Before Joseph could do anything, however, God granted him his own annunciation. An angel of the Lord visited Joseph in a dream, urging him to take Mary as his wife, assuring him that the child she carried had been conceived by the Holy Spirit.

Joseph must have died before Christ began his public ministry. If he were still alive, he would have stood with Mary at the foot of the cross and there would have been no need for Jesus to entrust his mother to St. John.

**FEAST
DAYS
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19
MAY
1**

It was fear of heresy that delayed devotion to St. Joseph for nearly 1,400 years. So many heretical splinter groups had denied the divinity of Christ that Church authorities felt it was more important to emphasize the doctrine that God was Christ's father than to venerate the man whom God had chosen to be the guardian of Jesus and Mary. Although there are isolated examples of Joseph receiving some recognition during the Middle Ages in Egypt, in England and in Germany, the Church did not grant him official recognition until 1479 when Pope Sixtus IV established March 19 as the feast of St. Joseph. From that point, devotion to St. Joseph increased dramatically. The Franciscans, the Carmelites and the Jesuits all promoted St. Joseph. St. Teresa of Avila (1515-1582), who was particularly attached to him, said of St. Joseph in her autobiography, "With other saints it seems the Lord has given them grace to be of help in one need, whereas with this glorious saint, I have experience that he helps in all our needs."

Perhaps to make up for all those centuries when veneration of St. Joseph was almost nil, since the 15th century he has been adopted as patron of everything from the universal Church, to doubters, to carpenters and all laborers, to immigrants and refugees, to the family, and most recently of those hoping for a successful real estate transaction. St. Joseph is also invoked for a good death, and he is the patron of innumerable cities and countries, including Canada, Mexico and China.

1ST CENTURY

THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

A saint for mothers

As Christ hung dying on the cross, he placed his Blessed Mother under the care of his apostle, St. John the Evangelist. "Behold your mother," Christ said to John, and by extension, Jesus said the same to us. Mary is our spiritual mother - the most loving mother the world has ever known because she counts as her children all of humankind. The Venerable Archbishop Fulton Sheen once said, "Every person carries in his heart a blueprint of the one he loves." And among Catholics and Orthodox Christians, no saint is more beloved than Mary. I suppose all mothers both know and yet do not completely know everything about their children - this was especially the case for Mary. That God chose her from among all women to be the mother of the savior was a mystery that, during her earthly life, she never entirely understood. In his Gospel, St. Luke tells us that Mary pondered, or meditated upon this mystery in her heart. To look at him, her son Jesus was in every respect fully human, except that unlike us he never committed any sin. Yet he was also fully God, which he first revealed at a wedding at Cana when, at his mother's request, he spared the bride and groom embarrassment



by changing water into fine vintage wine. We can imagine Mary's pride when Jesus began his public ministry and by his teaching showed the world the way to salvation, and by his miracles showed God's compassion and mercy to a sick, suffering world. We can also imagine her intense emotional agony as she followed her son as he was humiliated, tortured and crucified. There is no more poignant image of Mary than the Pieta - the Heartbroken mother holding in her arms the body of her lifeless child. Any parent who has lost a child knows exactly how Mary felt at that moment. Today in the great shrines of Lourdes, Fatima and Guadalupe, in parish churches, chapels and oratories, in some silent corner of the heart, millions call on Mary for help. She is, as Blessed Pope Pius IX said in 1851, "the best of mothers, our safest confidante ...the very motive of our hope."

The major feasts of Our Lady are:

- *Jan. 1 (Mary, Mother of God)*
- *March 25 (Annunciation)*
- *May 31 (Visitation)*
- *Aug. 15 (Assumption)*
- *Aug. 22 (Queenship of Mary)*
- *Sept. 8 (Nativity of Mary)*
- *Sept. 15 (Our Lady of Sorrows)*
- *Oct. 7 (Our Lady of the Rosary)*
- *Nov. 21 (Presentation of Mary)*
- *Dec. 8 (Immaculate Conception)*

Most Holy Mary, with confidence in your intercession, I ask your prayers for our family, give us wisdom and strength to meet our responsibilities and may we in our love for one another find true joy, peace and fulfilment.

In addition to being the patron of mothers, Our Lady is the patron saint of women in childbirth, nuns, religious vocations and of countless cities, towns and countries, including the United States, under her title the Immaculate Conception.

Prayers to the Holy Spirit



“Come, Holy Spirit”

SANCTIFY OUR FAMILY LIFE IN THE SPIRIT OF CHRIST

The Christian family is the Church in its smallest and most powerful form. When the family gathers together to pray then Christ is in the midst in a special way. He blesses the father, mother and children in their unique relationship with one another. Through sharing in prayer the family grows together in Christ.

PRAYER OF ST. POPE JOHN PAUL II FOR THE FAMILY

Lord God, from You every family in heaven and on earth takes its name. Father, You are love and life. Through Your Son, Jesus Christ, born of woman, and through the Holy Spirit, the fountain of divine charity, grant that every family on earth may become for each successive generation a true shrine of life and love.

Grant that Your grace may guide the thoughts and actions of husbands and wives for the good of their families and of all the families in the world.

Grant that the young may find in the family solid support for their human dignity and for their growth in truth and love.

Grant that love, strengthened by the grace of the sacrament of marriage, may prove mightier than all the weaknesses and trials through which our families sometimes pass.

Through the intercession of the Holy Family of Nazareth, grant that the Church may fruitfully carry out her worldwide mission in the family and through the family.

We ask this of You, who are life, truth, and love with the Son and the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Family Prayer

For the Family: parents and children

Heavenly Father bless us all this day. In our lives at work, at school and at home help us always to do your holy will, and to know that in doing it we are pleasing to you and fulfilling your plan for our salvation.

Michael Buckley

For appreciation of each other

We thank you, Father, for the gift of Jesus your Son who came to our earth and lived in a simple home. We have a greater appreciation of the value and dignity of the human family because he loved and was loved within its shelter. Bless us this day; may we grow in love for each other in our family and so give thanks to you who are the maker of all human families and our abiding peace.

Michael Buckley

To the Holy Spirit

Holy Spirit, be with us throughout this day. Strengthen us in our work, enlighten us in our study, make us constantly aware of each other and of you, so that we will live every moment of this day as you would have us do.

Michael Buckley

For Peace in the Family

Lord Jesus, my family needs your help today. We need Your peace and tranquility, an end to discord. Give us strength and compassion to understand each other, and the trust and patience we need to live peacefully together. Grant that, through the intercession of Your mother, Mary and St. Joseph, our family too may become a holy family, a family that works together as one, a family that embraces peace and love, a family whose members are dedicated to each other and to you. Amen

One Candle May Light A Thousand

When you are finished with your bulletin pass it on.



Prayer to St. Monica

Holy Saint Monica, I know that your life on earth as a wife, mother, kind grandmother, and wise friend to many women and men made you a saint when you stood before the Throne of God.

As I pray for your intercession, I pray for the courage to overcome fear and to find the Lord in the face of my friends, my neighbors, and especially in my own family, especially my family members whom I remember in a special way today.

Saint Monica, help me when I grow discouraged in prayer. For you lived in the knowledge that even in the darkest moments, Our Lord never leaves us. He knows our needs better than we do, and loves us more than we could ever imagine in this world.

May your example help me to bring my prayers to the Lord, ever confident of His tender love and concern... even as I pray for these special intentions today. Amen.

The Parent's Prayer for A Family Vocation

O Merciful God, fulfill our desire that our home become the nursery of a vocation to the priesthood or the religious life, that our home be a seminary or novitiate filled with the Holy Spirit and productive of Christian virtue, and that we may be God-fearing and pious parents to whom our child can after Thee trace his vocation. Grant that we may never fail to utter the encouraging word influencing our children toward a consecrated life, thus cooperating in Thy Divine plan. Thou hast promised to reward a hundred fold and with everlasting life those who leave father and mother, brothers and sisters for Thy sake and shalt also remember us who have given one of ours unto Thee.

Pour forth Thy Spirit abundantly upon our family, that at least one child from it, beholding this path that leads to perfection, will set foot upon it unafraid. Holy Spirit do Thou descend upon this chosen one. Do Thou, Lord Jesus, dwell in that dedicated heart that it may comprehend the height, the length, the breadth and the depth of Thy all consuming love. Amen.

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“The family that prays together stays together”

This phrase was coined many years ago by

- Fr. Patrick Peyton



“Come Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and enkindle in them the fire of your love”.



SAINT ANTHONY Pray for Us

PRAYER FOR OUR FAMILY

Gracious God, through the heavenly intercession of St. Anthony of Padua, send Your graces upon us. Bless our family and our home. Watch over and protect us each day. Be our guardian here, and our constant companion when we are away. Provide all we need for good health, happiness and prosperity.



Grant us peace, hope, forgiveness, compassion and love, so we may be united forever with You and with each other. Amen

PRAYER FOR OUR FAMILY UNITY

O holy St. Anthony, I fervently ask for your heavenly intercession on behalf of my family. (Here mention your petition.) Fill our hearts with mutual love, compassion, and understanding. Help us to be forgiving of each other's mistakes and failures, so that our family may reflect God's presence in our homes and in our lives. Grant us family harmony, unity, and peace. Amen.

A ST. ANTHONY LITANY

From all hardness of heart; from fear, anger and strife: from every injustice,

St. Anthony, pray for our family

From quarreling and conflict; from envy and jealousy: from every addiction,

St. Anthony, pray for our family

From self-hatred and lack of self-esteem; from bitterness and evil,

St. Anthony, pray for our family

From all deception and dishonesty; from despair and hopelessness,

St. Anthony, pray for our family

That we may grow in the peace, compassion and generosity of Jesus Christ,

St. Anthony, pray for our family

That we may love our neighbor as ourselves,

St. Anthony, pray for our family

That the Word of God may enlighten our minds and lead us into all truth,

St. Anthony, pray for our family

That we may always advance in the knowledge and love of Jesus Christ,

St. Anthony, pray for our family

Through the intercession of St. Anthony, may almighty God Bless us: the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.

*Come Holy Spirit. Fill the hearts of our families.
Enkindle in them the fire of your love.*



“COME LET US ADORE HIM”
Thoughts on the Eucharist

The Eucharist is the chief source of growth in the spiritual life. We priests, called to have a special kind of union with Christ, should have a unique desire to grow in appreciation of the Eucharist. It is in the Eucharist that we unite with Jesus’ paschal mystery in a special way. Here are some reflections on the Eucharist, Jesus’ great gift of love to us:

- Saint Pope John Paul II told us: “The Church and the world have a great need of Eucharistic adoration. Jesus waits for us in the Sacrament of love. Let us be generous with our time in going to meet him in adoration and contemplation that is full of faith and ready to make reparation for the great faults and crimes of the world. May our adoration never cease.”¹⁰

- Archbishop Luis M. Martinez offers us these inspiring words: “If we could dispose ourselves at least to think about what He suffered for each one of us! Our souls are enveloped in His tenderness and in His pain. We are the fruit of His love and His martyrdom. We increasingly receive His gifts of all kinds. We receive them tranquilly, at times joyfully. But those gifts are marked with the blood of Jesus, the blood from His veins and from his Heart. In order that we might taste the least of His heavenly consolations, Jesus had to taste the gall and vinegar of interior desolation...”

“Each communion we receive cost Jesus the sacrifice of Calvary...Holy Communion is a banquet from heaven prepared with the blood of Jesus and the bitterness of His Heart.”¹¹



**PRAYER FOR
 THE SPREAD OF
 EUCHARISTIC
 ADORATION**

Heavenly Father, increase our faith in the Real Presence of Your Son, Jesus Christ in the Holy Eucharist.

We are obliged to adore Him, to give Him thanks and to make reparation for sins. We need Your peace in our hearts and among nations. We need conversion from our sins and the mercy of Your forgiveness. May we obtain this through prayer and our union with the Eucharistic Lord. Please send down the Holy Spirit upon all peoples to give them love, courage, strength and willingness to respond to the invitation to Eucharistic Adoration. We beseech You to spread exposition of the Most Blessed Sacrament in parishes around the world. We ask this in the name of Jesus the Lord.

Amen.

**JESUS WILL BLESS YOU, YOUR FAMILY AND THE
 WHOLE WORLD FOR THIS HOUR OF FAITH YOU
 SPEND WITH HIM IN THE BLESSED SACRAMENT**

“Blessed are they who do not see and yet believe...” “Faith can move mountains...” “What is needed is trust...” “Behold I come to make all things new.”
 (jn 20;29; Mk 11:23; Mk 5:36; Rev. 21:5)

**EACH HOUR I SPEND WITH JESUS WILL DEEPEN
 HIS DIVINE PEACE WITHIN MY HEART**

“Come to Me all of you who are weary and find life burdensome and I will refresh you...” “Cast all of your anxieties upon the Lord, who cares for you.”
 (Mt 11:28; 1 PT 5:7)

Editor’s Note: We have available in the A.H.S. office material to help your parish get started with adoration - material for your committee, bulletin, etc...all you need to know about Eucharistic adoration. It’s yours for the asking. Just send our office a card or letter today!



TROUBLED MARRIAGES

O holy St. Anthony, wives and husbands have often called on your saintly intercession concerning problems in their marriage. Heal the pain and conflict that presently threatens the marriage relationship of (hear mention names).

Help them to communicate honestly with one another, move beyond their difficulties, and open their hearts to Jesus Christ, the source of all true love and our lasting Hope. Give them the grace of mutual respect and the desire to always be committed to each other in love. Amen.

PRAYER FOR THE HEALING OF A LOVED ONE

O holy St. Anthony, God granted you the power to heal those afflicted with every kind of sickness. Hear my plea for my loved ones (here name) who are ill and in need of your heavenly assistance. Obtain for them health in mind and body, and give them the strength to overcome pain and suffering. Quickly and completely restore them to the fullness of good health. Amen.

PRAYER IN TIME OF SORROW

Father of all mercies and God of consolation, you love us eternally and transform the shadows of death into the dawn of life.

Look upon our grief; be our refuge and comfort so that our sadness and sorrow may turn into the light and peace of your presence. In dying, Your Son destroyed death; in rising, He restored life.

Grant that at the end of our earthly pilgrimage we may be found in His company with our brothers and sisters. There, you shall wipe away every tear. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

“O God, source of all good, help us to do good, so we can present to you, who are all good, the offering of our actions and hope for a just reward.”

-St. Anthony of Padua



RETURN TO THE CHURCH

O holy St. Anthony, your heart is filled with mercy for those who had fallen away from their Catholic Faith. I place before you now my deep concern for those dear to me (hear mention names) who are away from the Church and not presently receiving the Sacraments.

Enlighten their minds, touch their hearts, and lead them to true friendship with God. Give me the wisdom and patience to be a good and worthy example of faith to them. Amen.

“O my Jesus, I am ready to follow you, even into jail, even unto death, and give up my life for you, for you who sacrificed your life for us!”

- St. Anthony of Padua



“The Virgin Mary gave birth to her son. His father gave divine nature, his mother human nature. His father gave Majesty, his mother weakness. This is Emmanuel, God with us. Who therefore can stand against us! We should have no fear. Victory is assured to our side because God is on our side.”

- St. Anthony of Padua

PRAYER TO FIND THINGS LOST OR STOLEN

O holy St. Anthony, special heavenly patron of those who pray to find things lost or stolen, guide me in the recovery of lost items that are precious and dear, especially... (Here mention.) assist me in this urgent need. Restore my peace of mind when I am forgetful, confused, or careless. Pray for me, that lost things, needful and helpful, maybe returned safely to my keeping. Amen.

St. Anthony, return to you when we have troubles and stress, sure of your love, for you knew well the Christ child's soft caress.

For you clearly heard His gentle voice, you clasped Him to your chest, you felt His Holy Face against yours, His arms about you pressed.

A PRAYER TO OUR BLESSED MOTHER

Take my hand, O Blessed Mother.
Hold me firmly last I fall.
I grow nervous while walking and
Humbly on the call.

Guide me over every crossing,
Watch me when I'm on the stairs.
Let me know that you're beside me.
Listen to my fervent prayers.

Bring me to my destination,
Safely along the way.
Bless my every undertaking,
And my duties for the day.

And when evening creeps up on me,
I'll never fear to be alone.
Once again, O Blessed Mother,
Take my hand and lead me home.

PRAYER FOR PEACE OF MIND

O holy St. Anthony, your deep faith in Jesus Christ comforted your heart, especially during times of trial and distress. Help me grow in faith, so I may experience peace of mind and heart in my present needs. (Here mention) Free me from undo anxiety, needless worry, and burdensome fears. Grant me sure confidence, unflinching trust in God's loving mercy and daily serenity. Amen.



O Gentle Saint, tell Jesus our needs, His children to are we, and ask Him now to grant our prayers and we at peace shall be.

We would, O Blessed Saint, with you the Holy Child adore, with hearts as pure as yours, dear Saint, now and forever more. Amen

The Sacrament of Matrimony

In this Sacrament the spouses receive the Holy Spirit as the communion of Love of Christ and the church. The Holy Spirit is the seal of their covenant, the ever available source of their love and strength to renew their fidelity.

Fidelity, Love and Patience give strength and endurance to the marriage bond and all three must be supplied by the Holy Spirit.

Family life will be a happy one if based on these three gifts. More attention must be given to the Holy Spirit in the efforts to sanctify family life in the Spirit of Christ.

The vows made on a wedding day have to be rethought and remade many times over the years.

A Few Excerpts From The New Catechism of the Catholic Church

It can seem difficult, even impossible, to bind oneself for life to another human being. This makes it all the more important to proclaim the Good News that God loves us with a definitive and irrevocable love, that married couples share in this love, that it supports and sustains them, and that by their own faithfulness they can be witnesses to God's faithful love. Spouses who with God's grace give this witness, often in very difficult conditions, deserve the gratitude and support of the ecclesial community.

"By its very nature the institution of marriage and married love is ordered to the procreation and education of the offspring and it is in them that it finds its crowning glory."

Children are the supreme gift of marriage and contribute greatly to the good of the parents themselves. God himself said: "It is not good that man should be alone," and "from the beginning [he] made them male and female"; wishing to associate them in a special way in his own creative work, God blessed man and woman with the words: "Be fruitful and multiply." Hence, true married love and the whole structure of family life which results from it, without diminishment of the other ends of marriage, are directed to disposing the spouses to cooperate valiantly with the love of the Creator and Savior, who through them will increase and enrich his family from day to day.

Families, You Are Not Alone!

Vatican City (Zenit) - In a Saturday, July 2, 2011 audience with pilgrims from a southern Italian diocese, the Holy Father offered a profile of children formed in the faith: mature, coherent, joyful.

Benedict XVI says that learning about God is a lifelong endeavor, much broader than simply preparing a child to receive the sacraments.

The Pope made this observation Saturday, July 2, when he received in audience a group of several thousand pilgrims from the southern Italian Diocese of Altamura- Gravina-Acquaviva delle Fonti.

The diocese is having a local synod, and the Holy Father spoke of this occasion as an opportunity to experience the Church as a pilgrim people. He said that particular attention must be given to Christian education.

"In this educational effort, the family remains the first responsible party. Dear parents, be the first witnesses of the faith," the Pontiff exhorted. "Do not be afraid of the difficulties amid which you are called to realize your mission. You are not alone! The Christian community is close to you and sustains you."

He spoke of catechesis as permanent formation. "We must grow throughout our lives in knowledge of God, thus in knowledge of what it means to be a man," he said.

The Holy Father called on parents to find light and strength for their educational efforts in the liturgy, particularly in the Sunday celebration of the Eucharist.

He invited parents to take advantage of diocesan opportunities for education and volunteer work so as to form people who know how to live in solidarity, "open and attentive to situations of spiritual and material hardship."

"In short," the Pope said, "pastoral action should be geared to forming persons mature in the faith, able to live in contexts in which often God is ignored; persons coherent with the faith, so that the light of Christ will be taken to all environments; persons that live the faith with joy, to transmit the beauty of being Christians."

Pope Benedict XVI has said: "If you follow the will of God, you know that in spite of all the terrible things that happen to you, you will never lose a final refuge. You know that the foundation of the world is love, so that even when no human being can or will help you, you may go on, trusting in the One who loves you" (Jesus of Nazareth)



Masses to Launch the Family-Focused Event Were Held in Country's 26 Dioceses Ahead of Papal Visit

Faced with daunting cultural challenges, the Church must engage in difficult discussions rather than seeking quick answers, said Bishop Donal McKeown of Derry at one of the local opening Masses for the World Meeting of Families.

The bishop offered prayers that the gatherings of pilgrims in Ireland during the week preceding Pope Francis' visit Aug. 25 and 26 "will inspire dioceses, parishes and families to build community in the face of an epidemic of loneliness."

"I pray that faith communities will be places of God's hope in a frightened

world," he continued. "I pray that churches will promote a gracious way of having difficult conversations in a world where harsh words often seem to dominate."

Masses to launch the World Meeting of Families were held simultaneously in the 26 Dioceses of Ireland on Aug. 21. Bishop McKeown delivered the homily at the opening Mass in Derry, at St. Eugene's Cathedral.

Held every three years at a different location, the World Meeting of Families focuses on marriage and family as the foundation of society and the Church.

Pope's Agenda a WMOF 2018

August 25

- 8:15am** Departure by plane from Rome/Fiumicino.
- 10:30am** Arrival at Dublin International Airport.
- 10:45am** Transfer to Áras an Uachtaráin.
- 11:15am** Arrival at the Presidential Residence for welcome ceremony.
- 11:30am** Visit the Presidential Residence.
- Noon** Transfer to Dublin Castle.
- 12:10pm** Arrival at Dublin Castle for meeting with authorities, civil society and diplomatic corps in with speech of the Holy Father.
- 3:30pm** Arrival at St Mary's Pro-Cathedral for visit and greeting of the Holy Father.
- 4:15pm** Transfer to the Day Centre of the Capuchin Fathers.
- 4:30pm** Private visit of the Pope with homeless families.
- 7:30pm** Arrival at Croke Park Stadium for the Festival of Families.
- 7:45pm** Speech of the Holy Father to gathered families.

August 26

- 8:40am** Departure by plane for Knock.
- 9:20am** Arrival at the Airport in Knock.
- 9:45am** Arrival at Knock Shrine with visit to the chapel and Angelus in the square in front of the shrine.
- 10:45am** Transfer to the airport in Knock.
- 11:10am** Arrival at the airport in Knock.
- 11:15am** Departure by plane for Dublin.
- 11:50am** Arrival at Dublin International Airport to be followed by lunch with the papal delegation.
- 2:30pm** Arrival at Phoenix Park.
- 3:00pm** Celebration of Holy Mass in Phoenix Park, with homily of the Holy Father. To follow is meeting with the bishops in the Convent of the Dominican Sisters and speech of the Holy Father.
- 6:30pm** Arrival at Dublin International Airport for Farewell Ceremony.
- 6:45pm** Departure by plane for Roma/Ciampino
- 11:00pm** Arrival in Rome.

*The Pope is also expected to meet privately with abuse victims during his two-day visit.



Since 1994, Catholics have gathered every few years for the World Meeting of Families. Last year's gathering was held Aug. 21-26 in Dublin. In honor of this celebration, Pope Francis journeyed to Ireland for an apostolic visit Aug. 25-26. This trip marks the second visit of a pope to Ireland — the first being Pope St. John Paul II in 1979 — and the second time Pope Francis has visited the country. During his time on the Emerald Isle, the Holy Father acknowledged the evils the Church continues to battle while encouraging Catholics to the hope and example of strong families centered in Christ. In true Francis style, the pope made time to share personal encounters with the people of Ireland and pilgrims from around the world. Upon arriving, he visited civil, cultural and religious leaders in Dublin. He also met with recently or soon-to-be married couples, young families during the Festival

of Families, clients and volunteers at a Capuchin day center for the homeless, and Irish survivors of clerical, religious and institutional abuse.

While the Holy Father's trip was clouded with recent developments in the abuse scandal, he used the visit to reinforce his condemnation of such evils. He prayed for the victims of abuse at St. Mary's Pro-Cathedral, the Marian shrine of Our Lady of Knock in County Mayo, and addressed the issue once more prior to celebrating the closing Mass at Phoenix Park. Still, the pope found hope in the assembly's purpose: the family. Closing the event, he said that it is the Holy Spirit who "constantly breathes new life into our world, into our hearts, into our families, into our homes and parishes."

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*"God's Love has been
poured into our hearts
through the Holy Spirit."
Rom. 5:5*

Prayer For Unity

One only Holy Spirit of Father and Son
in whom all are baptized,
one Giver of many gifts,
one Tree of many fruits,
one Speaker of every tongue,
renew in our day
the wonders of Pentecost.
Grant that people of every race and nation
may understand one another,
and as one, proclaim
the praises of God.
Grant that all may be one
as you, Spirit, with the Father and the Son
are one God, one Lord.
Grant unity to the Body of Christ;
grant unity to the human family.
Sole breath of every living thing,
may all be one who, in you,
live and move and have their being.

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