

Papal Visit Legacy Resources



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Power of silence

'Even amidst the business and stress of our daily lives we need to make space for silence, because it is in silence that we find God. And in silence that we discover our true self.'

Pope Benedict XVI, Message to Young People, 18th September 2010

Never hesitate to proclaim



'I wish to join you in giving thanks for the deep friendship that has grown between us and for the remarkable progress that has been made in so many areas of dialogue during the

forty years that have elapsed since the Anglican-Roman Catholic International Commission began its work. Let us entrust the fruits of that work to the Lord of the harvest, confident that he will bless our friendship with further significant growth.'

'The context in which dialogue takes place between the Anglican Communion and the Catholic Church has evolved in dramatic ways since the private meeting between Pope John XXIII and Archbishop Geoffrey Fisher in 1960. On the one hand, the surrounding culture is growing ever more distant from its Christian roots, despite a deep and widespread hunger for spiritual nourishment.'

'At the same time, we Christians must never hesitate to proclaim our faith in the uniqueness of the salvation won for us by Christ, and to explore together a deeper understanding of the means he has placed at our disposal for attaining that salvation. God "wants all to be saved, and to come to the knowledge of the truth" (1 Tim 2:4), and that truth is nothing other than Jesus Christ, eternal Son of the Father, who has reconciled all things in himself by the power of his Cross. In fidelity to the

Lord's will, as expressed in that passage from Saint Paul's First Letter to Timothy, we recognize that the Church is called to be inclusive, yet never at the expense of Christian truth. Herein lies the dilemma facing all who are genuinely committed to the ecumenical journey.'

Full text of Pope Benedict's Address to the Archbishop of Canterbury: <http://www.thepapalvisit.org.uk/Replay-the-Visit/Speeches/Speeches-17-September/Pope-Benedict-s-address-to-the-Archbishop-of-Canterbury>

Prayer to Our Lady of Evangelisation

We ask you, Mary, to help us to fulfill this mission of evangelisation which your Son has given to his Church and which falls to us. Mindful of your role as Help of Christians, we entrust ourselves to you in the work of carrying the Gospel ever deeper into the hearts and lives of all the people. We entrust to you our missionary mandate and commit our cause totally to your prayers.



To Jesus Christ your Son, with the Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit be praise and thanksgiving forever and ever. Amen.

Source: http://www.caseresources.org/prayer/prayer_ourLady.htm

Saint of the Month: St George, Patron of England

'Pictures of St. George usually show him killing a dragon to rescue a beautiful lady. The dragon stands for wickedness. The lady stands for God's holy truth. St. George was a brave martyr who was victorious over the devil.

'He was a soldier in the army of the Roman Emperor Diocletian, and he was one of the Emperor's favorite soldiers. Diocletian was a pagan and a bitter enemy to the Christians. He put to death every Christian he could find. George was a brave Christian, a real soldier of Christ. Without

fear, he went to the Emperor and sternly scolded him for being so cruel. Then he gave up his position in the Roman army. For this he was tortured in many terrible ways and finally beheaded.

'So boldly daring and so cheerful was St. George in declaring his Faith and in dying for it that Christians felt courage when they heard about it. Many songs and poems were written about this martyr. Soldiers, especially, have always been devoted to him.'



Text source: http://www.catholic.org/saints/saint.php?saint_id=280

Faith Nation



In support of the legacy of the Papal Visit to the UK 'Faith Nation' has been created which is an online space where people can share stories of faith.

Everyone enjoys listening to a good story. Jesus favoured storytelling as a tool of mission and in our times we too are invited to do the same. The internet is the new pulpit, the new Areopagus of our age. We need to be represented in this market place. This is the objective of the video focussed Faith Nation project and you are invited to contribute to it. Your stories are an important part of this outreach initiative.

The Catholic Community has many wonderful stories to share. This resource will provide an archive of who we are and also enable us to reach new audiences. To view the first video story see: <http://vimeo.com/channels/faithnation> To find out how to submit your story please see: <http://www.catholic-ew.org.uk/Catholic-Church/Home-Mission>

Happy Birthday PB16



UK well-wishers were offered an e-card (above) to send to the Holy Father on or around 16th April to mark his 84th birthday.

His Holiness was born Joseph Alois Ratzinger in Marktl am Inn, Diocese of Passau in Germany on 16 April 1927 (Holy Saturday) and was baptised the same day.

The Bishops' Conference electronic birthday card is still available from <http://www.facebook.com/papalvisit>, and it can be emailed to the Holy Father at: benedict.xvi@vatican.va Well-wishers are also invited to post their birthday greetings and prayers on the Facebook page.

A Bishops' Conference spokesperson said: 'Just over six months ago the UK welcomed His Holiness to these lands and sending a birthday card is a small way in which we can express our thanks for his coming and wish him a very happy and blessed day.' See: <http://www.facebook.com/papalvisit>

Offering Everything



Rt Rev Terence Drainey, Bishop of Middlesbrough, shared on camera a moment in his life when he felt that the only thing he could do was to offer everything to the Lord.

The Lord spoke powerfully to him - heart-to-heart - unexpectedly during Mass. He said: 'I began to feel a real resentment to some of my fellow priests... I decided that the only thing to do was to offer everything in my heart to the Lord, which included the anger, the resentment, the bitterness that was going on inside me. So I desperately said to the Lord, "Lord, this is all I have to offer, take it, the lot is yours" and I can honestly say that I never felt such a deep peace descend upon me... a peace so deep that I can honestly say that right up to this day, it's never left me.'

To listen to more see: <http://vimeo.com/14503162>

Please don't forget World Communications Day: <http://www.catholic-ew.org.uk/Catholic-Church/Media-Centre/World-Communications-Day/World-Communications-Day-2011>