

Papal Visit Legacy Resources



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Bringing Peace Into the World

'Today's Gospel reminds us that Christ continues to send his disciples into the world in order to proclaim the coming of his Kingdom and to bring his peace into the world, beginning house by house, family by family, town by town.'

Pope Benedict XVI, Homily at Bellahouston, 16 September 2010

Keep The Flame Burning



This month we revisit the Holy Father's mid-flight press conference with journalists which happened on 16 September 2010.

When asked about what can make the Church more credible and attractive, he replied: 'I would say

that a Church that seeks to be particularly attractive is already on the wrong path, because the Church does not work for her own ends, she does not work to increase numbers and thus power. The Church is at the service of another: she serves, not for herself, not to be a strong body, rather she serves to make the proclamation of Jesus Christ accessible, the great truths and great forces of love, reconciling love that appeared in this figure and that always comes from the presence of Jesus Christ. In this regard, the Church does not seek to be attractive in and of herself, but must be transparent for Jesus Christ.'

Full text: <http://www.thepapalvisit.org.uk/Replay-the-Visit/Speeches/Speeches-16-September/Pope-Benedict-Interview>

Materials are being offered online to support you in your response to the Holy Father's Visit. Please see: <http://www.thepapalvisit.org.uk/2010-Visit/The-Legacy-of-the-Pope-s-Visit-to-the-UK-Some-Definite-Purpose>

Daily Home Mission Prayer

Dear Jesus,
help me to spread Your fragrance everywhere I go.
Flood my soul with Your spirit and life.
Penetrate and possess my whole being so utterly that all my life may only be a radiance of Yours.
Shine through me,
and be so in me that every soul I come in contact with may feel Your presence in my soul.
Let them look up and see no longer me but only Jesus!
Stay with me,
and then I shall begin to shine as You shine,
so to shine as to be a light to others;
the light, O Jesus, will be all from You;
none of it will be mine;
it will be You shining on others through me.
Let me thus praise You in the way You love best by shining on those around me.
Let me preach You without preaching, not by words but by my example, by the catching force of the sympathetic influence of what I do,
the evident fullness of the love my heart bears to You.
Amen.

Blessed John Henry Newman (1801-1890)

For more information about Blessed Newman see: <http://www.thepapalvisit.org.uk/Cardinal-Newman>

Saint of the Month: St John Roberts

During his visit the Holy Father invited us to learn from the example of British saints. Here Bishop Tom Burns reflects on the 400th anniversary of the martyrdom of St John Roberts:



'Four hundred years have elapsed since the death of St John Roberts and our society has changed greatly in that time. People are no longer prosecuted and executed in our land for being Catholics or Protestants, let alone burnt alive or hanged, drawn and quartered... it is only natural to ask, therefore,

whether there is something we can learn from his example, which could help us in our lives today... 'Following the example of John Roberts we are asked to:

- + have a burning zeal for the Faith that inspires others.
- + make converts and bring back those who have lapsed.
- + be heroic in standing up for what is important and of value.
- + care for those who are sick in mind or body
- + always to be cheerful and avoid being gloomy
- + forgive and be reconciled with others who have wronged us.'

Full text: <http://www.catholicchurch.org.uk/st-john-roberts>

Pope on Newman

Benedict XVI wrote a message to Fr. Hermann Geissler F.S.O., director of the International Centre of Newman Friends, ahead of the recent International Symposium which took place at the Pontifical Gregorian University in Rome on 22-23 November. It read:

'For Newman... primacy of God translates into primacy of truth, a truth that must be sought above all by conforming one's own inner life to acceptance, in an open and sincere dialogue with everyone... In presenting and defending Truth, Cardinal Newman was always careful to use suitable language, correct form and an appropriate tone. He never sought to offend, and attempted to bear witness to the kindly inner light, striving to convince people using humility, joy and patience.'

More: <http://visnews-en.blogspot.com/2010/11/message-from-pope-for-symposium-on.html>

Official Papal Visit DVD



The eagerly-anticipated official Papal Visit DVD has been released.

Celebrating Pope Benedict XVI's historic first State Visit to the UK, the DVD tells the story of the four extraordinary days in September.

Speaking at the launch Archbishop Vincent Nichols said: 'The aims of the Visit can be summarised with the words that Pope Benedict used in his homily at Westminster Cathedral: "How much we need, in the Church and in society, witnesses of the beauty of holiness, witnesses of the splendour of truth, witnesses of the joy and freedom born of a living relationship with Christ."' The DVD can be purchased online. See: http://www.catholicchurch.org.uk/Catholic-Church/Media-Centre/press_releases/press_releases_2010/Official-Papal-Visit-DVD-released

Bishops Model 'Heart Speaks Unto Heart'



Before the visit of Pope Benedict XVI to the United Kingdom, nine Catholic bishops recorded personal stories about their relationship with God to help people understand the theme of the Visit.

The bishops shared a variety of experiences including a moment when faith was tested during a visit to the Holy Land, the impact of a mother's death and what it felt like during a period of 'all-time low'. The nine recordings offer powerful, honest and faith-filled stories of faith.

This month we feature Archbishop Patrick Kelly's story (Liverpool). To watch his DVD recording see: <http://www.thepapalvisit.org.uk/2010-Visit/Cor-ad-Cor-Loquitur-Heart-Speaks-unto-Heart/Bishops-Videos/Archbishop-Kelly>