

Papal Visit Legacy Resources



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God Loves You

'I hope that among those of you listening to me today there are some of the future saints of the twenty-first century. What God wants most of all for each one of you is that you should become holy. He loves you much more than you could ever begin to imagine.'

Pope Benedict XVI, Address to Pupils, 17 September 2010

Important Witness



'I would like to begin my remarks by expressing the Catholic Church's appreciation for the important witness that all of you bear as spiritual men and women living at a

time when religious convictions are not always understood or appreciated. The presence of committed believers in various fields of social and economic life speaks eloquently of the fact that the spiritual dimension of our lives is fundamental to our identity as human beings, that man, in other words, does not live by bread alone (cf. Deut 8:3). As followers of different religious traditions working together for the good of the community at large, we attach great importance to this "side by side" dimension of our cooperation, which complements the "face to face" aspect of our continuing dialogue.'

'On the spiritual level, all of us, in our different ways, are personally engaged in a journey that grants an answer to the most important question of all – the question concerning the ultimate meaning of our human existence. The quest for the sacred is the search for the one thing necessary, which alone satisfies the longings of the human heart. In the fifth century, Saint Augustine described that search in these terms: "Lord, you have created us for yourself and our hearts are restless until they rest in you" (Confessions, Book I, 1). As we

embark on this adventure we come to realise more and more that the initiative lies not with us, but with the Lord: it is not so much we who are seeking him, but rather he who is seeking us, indeed it was he who placed that longing for him deep within our hearts.' *Pope Benedict XVI, 17th Sept. 2010*

Full text: <http://www.thepapalvisit.org.uk/Replay-the-Visit/Speeches/Speeches-17-September/Pope-Benedict-s-Speech-to-Representatives-of-other-Religions>

Augustinian Prayer

O Lord, you have made us for yourself,
and our hearts are restless until they rest in you.
And breathe into me, Holy Spirit,
that my thoughts may all be holy.
Move in me, Holy Spirit,
that my work, too, may be holy. Attract my heart,
Holy Spirit,
that I may love only what is holy.
Strengthen me, Holy Spirit,
that I may defend all that is holy.
Protect me, Holy Spirit,
that I may always be holy.
Amen.

St Augustine of Hippo



Text sourced from: <http://www.thepapalvisit.org.uk/2010-Visit/Papal-Visit-Resources/Parish-Resources/Prayer/Intinerary-Prayer/Day-1/Augustinian-Prayer>

Saint of the Month: St Margaret Clitherow

Pope Benedict invited us to share and celebrate our Catholic heritage. This month we focus on St Margaret Clitherow.

'St. Margaret Clitherow was born in Middleton, England, in 1555, of protestant parents. Possessed of good looks and full of wit and merriment, she was a charming personality. In 1571, she married John Clitherow, a well-to-do grazier and butcher (to whom she bore two children), and a few years later entered the Catholic Church. Her zeal led her to harbor fugitive priests, for which she was arrested and imprisoned by hostile authorities. She was

condemned to be pressed to death on March 25, 1586.'

'The humanity and holiness of this servant of God can be readily glimpsed in her words to a friend when she learned of her condemnation: "The sheriffs have said that I am going to die this coming Friday; and I feel the weakness of my flesh which is troubled at this news, but my spirit rejoices greatly. For the love of God, pray for me and ask all good people to do likewise." Her feast day is March 26th.'



Text source: http://www.catholic.org/saints/saint.php?saint_id=515

Non churchgoing Catholics



As part of the legacy of the Papal Visit to the UK representatives from across England and Wales gathered for a unique event on Saturday 26th March about ministry and outreach to non churchgoing Catholics.

Three bishops, representatives from 19 dioceses and from a broad cross section of Catholic organisations were among nearly 90 delegates who came together to pray, share experiences and good practice. The focus of the day was the needs of baptised Roman Catholics who for different reasons never or rarely participate in parish life.

This event is part of an ongoing project to equip and resource parishes for this area of ministry. New resources are now available from: <http://www.catholicchurch.org.uk/Catholic-Church/Home-Mission/Non-Churchgoing-Catholics>

Bishops Speak From the Heart



We continue our series featuring video faith testimonies from the Bishops of England and Wales which were recorded in support of the Papal Visit. This month Bishop John Arnold shares the experience of accompanying his mother to the moment of her death. He says: 'God was present when he invited her to himself and he left me with that reassurance that she's always listening and she's always someone that I can speak to... we are held in his hands... The wonderful sense that I had on that occasion was something I discovered just a few months later when I was ordained a bishop. It was another sense of being in God's hands.'

To watch and listen please see: <http://www.thepapalvisit.org.uk/2010-Visit/Cor-ad-Cor-Loquitur-Heart-Speaks-unto-Heart/Bishops-Videos/Bishop-Arnold>

Journey of Faith



More than 4,700 people gathered in Cathedrals across England and Wales recently as part of their preparation to be received into the Catholic Church.

It is estimated that around 900 of those people will be received into the Catholic Church and registered as members of the Personal Ordinariate of Our Lady of Walsingham during Holy Week; this includes 61 former Anglican clergy in addition to the five who have already been ordained as Catholic priests.

Each year those preparing to join the Catholic Church are invited to attend a gathering called the Rite of Election. A number have expressed that the visit of the Holy Father in 2010 was an encouragement to them in their journey of faith.

Full story: http://www.catholicchurch.org.uk/Catholic-Church/Media-Centre/press_releases/Press-Releases-2011/Receptions-into-the-Church