“Lord, What Do You Want Me To Do?”

Sunday 5 August 2012:

«Go To Assisi And I Will Show You the Way»

First Day: Arrival and Orientation at campsite.

19.00 Dinner at the Piazza of the Basilica of St. Francis

21.00 Evening Prayer at the **Lower Basilica of St. Francis**: Presided by fr. Giuseppe Piemontese OFMConv, Custodian of the Sacro Convento

Monday 6 August 2012:

FEAST OF THE TRANSFIGURATION

«Repair MY House»

7.00-8.00 Breakfast

9.00 Morning Prayer at the Cathedral of **San Rufino** with Reflection by fr. Marco Tasca, OFM Conv, Minister General

13.00 Lunch at campsite

15.30 Pilgrimage to **San Damiano Church**

19.00 Eucharistic Celebration at the Upper Basilica of St. Francis

20.00 Dinner at Piazza San Francesco

21.00 Individual prayer time at the tomb of St. Francis, open until 23.00

Tuesday 7 August 2012:

«Recognize Me in Others»

7.00-8.00 Breakfast.

08.30 Pilgrimage to the church of **Rivotorto** with Morning Prayer.

10.30 Rivotorto Shrine: Reflection on the theme of the day

13.00 Lunch at the Convento of RIVOTORTO

15.00 Celebration of Reconciliation and Penance at Rivotorto

18.30 Eucharistic Celebration by Fr. Sorrentino, parish priest of Rivotorto

20.00 Dinner at campsite

21.30 Euchristic Adoration at the Prayer Tent in campsite

Wednesday 8 August 2012:

FEAST OF ST. DOMINIC

«Trust In My Word»

7.00-8.00 Breakfast.

08.30 Pilgrimage and Morning Prayer at the Church of Our Lady of Angels

10,30 Reflection by fr Jude Winkler, OFMConv, assistant general

13.00 Lunch at the Piazza of the Portiuncula

15.00 Small group discussion on the theme of the day

16.30 Eucharistic Celebration at the Portiuncula by fr. Jude Winkler, OFMConv

20.00 Dinner at campsite then free time to rehearse for the Fraternity Night

Thursday 9 August 2012:

ST. TERESA BENEDICTA OF THE CROSS (EDITH STEIN)

«Love My Church»

06.00 Breakfast

07.00 Early Departure by bus to **Rome**

Visit to the Basilica of St. Peter and the Lateran Cathedral

Bagged lunch

17.00 Basilica of **Santi Apostoli:** Eucharistic Celebration

18.00 Evening bus ride to return to Assisi

21.00 Dinner at campsite, then a free evening

Friday 10 August 2012:

FEAST OF ST. RUFINO AND ST. LAWRENCE

«Contemplate Creation»

7.00-8.00 Breakfast

09.30 Morning Prayer at the Upper Basilica of St. Francis

followed by **Workshop sessions on the Canticle of Creatures** at the Sacro Convento

13.00 Lunch at the Sacro Convento

15.00 Continuation of workshop sessions at the Sacro Convento

18.30 Eucharistic Celebration at the Upper Basilica

20.00 Bagged dinner at the Piazza of the Basilica

20.30 Fraternity Night I at the Piazza of the Upper Basilica

Saturday 11 August 20012:

FEAST OF ST. CLARE

«SEARCH ME IN SILENCE»

7.00-8.00 Breakfast.

08.30 Pilgrimage to the hermitages of Carceri

13.00 Lunch at campsite

15.30 Pilgrimage to the BASILICA OF ST. CLARE

19.00 Lower Basilica of St. Francis: Eucharistic celebration presided by Fr. Miljenko Hontic OFMConv assistant general

20.00 Dinner at the Piazza of the Basilica

20.30 Fraternity Night II at the Piazza of the Upper Basilica

Sunday 12 August 2012:

«Share Your Faith»

7.00-8.00 Breakfast.

09.30 Upper Basilica of St. Francis: Eucharistic Celebration

Presided by Fr. Jersi Norel OFMConv, vicar general

Followed by closing rites and departure

Sunday, Aug. 5, 2012

“Go to Assisi, and I will show you the way…”

Lower Basilica of St. Francis

Vespers

“Living stones for building up the Church of God”

*Opening Hymn to the Holy Spirit*

Celebrant: In the name of the Father who always loves us, and of the Son who has redeemed us by his blood, and of the Holy Spirit who intercedes for us according to the will of God.

**Response:** Amen.

**Cel.:** Let us pray.

We adore you Lord Jesus Christ in all the churches throughout the world; and we bless you because through your holy cross, you have redeemed the world.

**Ass.:** Amen.

**Welcome Address** *(From all parts of the world, gathered in Assisi, a joyful fellowship)*

***Peace: The fruit of the Spirit***

**Cel.:** At this time, let us welcome one another as a sign of our joy in coming together. As young people inspired by St. Francis, let us give an embrace to our brothers and sisters to show our desire for peace. Please offer each other a sign of peace.

*Acclamation Hymn for the Word of God*

*Please be seated.*

**A Reading from the Letter of St. Paul to the Ephesians** *(2, 14-22)*

For he is our peace, he who made both one and broke down the dividing wall of enmity, through his flesh, abolishing the law with its commandments and legal claims, that he might create in himself one new person in place of the two, thus establishing peace, and might reconcile both with God, in one body, through the cross, putting that enmity to death by it. He came and preached peace to you who were far off and peace to those who were near, for through him we both have access in one Spirit to the Father.

So then you are no longer strangers and sojourners, but you are fellow citizens with the holy ones and members of the household of God, built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the capstone. Through him the whole structure is held together and grows into a temple sacred in the Lord; in him you also are being built together into a dwelling place of God in the Spirit**.**

**Hymn**

**A reading from the First Life of St. Francis by Thomas of Celano**

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| Verily on the foundation of steadfastness a noble structure of charity arose, wherein living stones heaped together from all parts of the world were built up into an habitation of the Holy Spirit. Oh, with what ardor of charity did Christ's new disciples burn! What love of the pious fellowship flourished among them! For whenever they came together in any place, or met one another in the way (as is usual), there sprang up a shoot of spiritual love scattering over all love the seeds of true affection. What can I say more? Their embraces were chaste, their feelings gentle, their kisses holy, their intercourse sweet, their laughter modest, their look cheerful, their eye single, their spirit submissive, their tongue peaceable, their answer soft, their purpose identical, their obedience ready, their hand untiring.  *And for that they despised all earthly things, and never loved one* another with private love, but poured forth their whole affection in common, the business of all alike was to give up themselves as the price of supplying their brethren's need. They came together with longing, they dwelt together with delight, but the parting of companions was grievous on both sides, a bitter divorce, a cruel separation. But these obedient knights dared put nothing before the orders of holy Obedience, and before the word of command was finished they were preparing to fulfill the order; not knowing how to distinguish between precept and precept, they ran, as it were, headlong to perform whatever was enjoined, all contradiction being put aside.  *Silent meditation.*  ***Unity in Diversity***  *During the hymn, symbols that represent each country will be brought along together with a prayer.*  *Short reflection offered by the celebrant.*  ***Contemplating the One Father***  **Cel.:** We know that we are all brothers and sisters of the one Father in heaven. As a sign of our unity, let us hold hands as we pray for all peoples of the world in the way the Lord Jesus taught us:  *Our Father… (Sung)*  **Cel.:** Let us pray.  All powerful, eternal, just and merciful God grant to us sinners the grace to know your will and to always strive to please you in all things, so that after having been internally purified, illuminated and touched by the Holy Spirit, we can follow in the footsteps of your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ. With the help of your grace, may we attain to stand before your presence, You who live and reign in perfect Trinity and simple Unity, God Almighty, forever and ever.  **Ass.:** Amen.  **Blessing**  **Cel.:** May God bless you and keep you.  **Ass.:** Amen.  **Cel.:** May God’s face shine upon you and show you mercy.  **Ass.:** Amen.  **Cel.:** May God protect you and give you peace.  **Ass.:** Amen.  **Cel.: May the blessing of Almighty God**  ✠ **the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit descend upon you and remain with you always.**  **Ass.:** Amen.  **Cel.: May the Father’s love be our strength this week. Go in peace.**  **Ass.:** Thanks be to God  **Monday, Aug. 6, 2012**  ***«Repair My House»***  **CATHEDRAL OF ST. RUFINO**  **Morning Prayer**  **Initial Greeting**  **Cel.:** In the name of the Father...  **Ass.:** Amen.  *Song:* **In manus tuas, Pater** (Taizè)  **Prayer**  *Various delegates of different languages will pray the following invocation as the morning hymn is sung.*  Holy Spirit, You are the strength of our lives and the source of encouragement, give us the encouragement of St. Francis, so that we can participate in repairing your house: your Church. Be with us Lord, for you alone have the power of renewing us and our world.  *At the conclusion, please be seated as we pray Psalm 127*  *Antiphon:* **By the strength of the Lord and by His truth, we can do great things.**  Unless the LORD builds the house, they labor in vain who build.  Unless the LORD guard the city, in vain does the guard keep watch.  It is vain for you to rise early and put off your rest at night,  To eat bread earned by hard toil—all these God gives to his beloved in sleep.  Certainly sons are a gift from the LORD, the fruit of the womb, a reward.  Like arrows in the hand of a warrior are the sons born in one’s youth.  Blessed is the man who has filled his quiver with them. He will never be shamed for he will destroy his foes at the gate.  **Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit…**  *Antiphon:* **By the strength of the Lord and by His truth, we can do great things**  **Scripture Reading**  **From the Gospel of St. Matthew** *(7, 24-27)*  “Everyone who listens to these words of mine and acts on them will be like a wise man who built his house on rock. **The rain fell, the floods came, and the winds blew and buffeted the house.** But it did not collapse; it had been set solidly on rock. **And everyone who listens to these words of mine but does not act on them will be like a fool who built his house on sand. The rain fell, the floods came, and the winds blew and buffeted the house. And it collapsed and was completely ruined.”**  **Franciscan Reading**  **From the Major Legend by St. Bonaventure** *(LM II,1)*  One day when Francis *went out to meditate in the fields,* he walked near the church of San Damiano which was threatening to collapse because of age. Impelled by the Spirit, he went inside to pray. Prostrate before an image of the Crucified, he was filled with no little consolation as he prayed. While his tear-filled eyes were gazing at the Lord's cross, he heard with his bodily ears a voice coming from that cross, telling him three times: "Francis, go and repair my house which, as you see, is all being destroyed."  Trembling, Francis was stunned at the sound of such an astonishing voice, since he was alone in the church; and as he absorbed the power of the divine words into his heart, he fell into an ecstasy of mind. At last, coming back to himself, he prepared himself to obey and pulled himself together to carry out the command of repairing the material church, although the principal intention of the words referred to that which *Christ purchased with his own blood,* as the Holy Spirit taught him and as he himself later disclosed to the brothers.  Then, after fortifying himself with the sign of the cross, he arose, and taking cloth to sell, he hurried off to a city called Foligno. There, after selling everything he had brought with him, even the horse he was riding, the successful merchant quickly returned with the price he had obtained. Returning to Assisi, he reverently entered the church he had received the command to repair. When he found the poor priest there, he showed him fitting reverence, offered him money for the repair of the church and for the use of the poor, and humbly requested that he be allowed to stay with him for a time. The priest agreed to his staying there but, out of fear of his parents, would not accept the money that the true scorner of wealth had thrown on a windowsill, valuing it no more than if it were dust.  Brief silence  **Benedictus**  **In place of the Antiphon, we will use “Confitemini Domine” throughout the Canticle**  Blessed Be the Lord, the God of Israël, because He has visited and wrought redemption for His people.  And has raised up a horn of salvation for us in the house of David His servant,  As He promised through the mouths of His holy ones, the prophets from of old: Salvation from our enemies and from the hands of all our foes.  He has fulfilled His kindness to our fathers, and has been mindful of His holy covenant.  In the oath to Abraham our father, by which He swore to grant us, That delivered from the hands of our enemies, we should serve Him without fear. In holiness and justice before Him all our days.  And thou, O child, shall be called the prophet of the Most High; for thou shalt go before the Lord to prepare His ways,  To give His people knowledge of salvation through forgiveness of their sins,  Because of the compassionate kindness of our God with which the Orient from on high will visit us,  To shine on those who sit in darkness and the shadow of death, to guide our feet in the way of peace.  Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.  **Intercessions**  **Cel.:** O God, in baptism you raised up living stones for your Church, through the prayers of St. Francis, we pray:  **Lector 1.:** *Most High and Glorious God …*  **Lector 2.:** Lord, we pray for our youth who have gathered these days here in Assisi, may their hearts be disposed to receive whatever you intend to accomplish in their lives.  **1 Lect.:** *Enlighten my heart…*  **2 Lect.:** Lord, we pray for all who are oppressed by delusions, difficulties, and uncertainties of life, that like St. Francis, they may experience your presence and be saved by your love.  **1 Lect.:** *Give me true faith…*  **2 Lect.:** Lord, our present society promotes plurality of choices, may your Spirit give us the courage to choose values that are consistent with the Gospel and may the Church support and promote our desire for solidarity.  **1 Lect.:** *Give me certain hope…*  **2 Lect.: Lord,** we have often been tempted to give up everything right at the first sign of difficulty. St. Francis experienced human weakness too, but he learned to abandon himself to you. Grant us to hope unceasingly and strengthen us through fervent prayer and trust in you.  **1 Lect.:** *Give me perfect charity…*  **2 Lect.: Lord**, you have given us the commandment of love as the standard of our lives, we entrust to you not only our loved ones, but others as well whom we find difficult to love.  *Brief Silence*  **Cel.: Let us now bring to the Father all the prayers and intentions which we hold dearly in our hearts through the prayer that Jesus taught us**:  *Our Father…*  **Concluding Prayer**  **Cel.:** God, our Father, in the transfiguration of your Son, you have reminded us that we are among those children with whom you are well pleased. Give us your Spirit today, just as you have done to St. Francis, so that we may have the courage to honestly and openly ask the same question that Francis asked you: Master what do you want me to do? That is to say - to be available to do Your will. We ask this through Christ our Lord.  **Assembly:** Amen.  **Blessing**  **Cel.:** The Lord be with you.  **Ass.:** And with your spirit.  **Cel:** May God bless you and keep you.  **Ass.:** Amen.  **Cel.:** May God’s face shine upon you and show you mercy .  **Ass.:** Amen.  **Cel.:** May God protect you and give you peace.  **Ass.:** Amen.  **Cel.:** May the blessing of Almighty God,  The Father, and the Son ✠ and the Holy Spirit  Descend upon you and remain with you forever.  **Ass.:** Amen.  **Cel.:** Glorify the Lord with your life, go in peace  **Ass.:** Thanks be to God.  *Final Hymn*  **Monday, Aug. 6, 2012**  **Upper Basilica**  **Eucharistic Celebration**  ***Feast Of the Transfiguration***  *Entrance Hymn.*  **Greeting**  **Cel.:** In the name of the Father...  **Ass.:** Amen.  **Cel.:** Dear young pilgrims, the God of life who has called you to charity and grow in its fullness, be with you all.  **Ass.:** And with your spirit.  **Penitential Act**  **Cel.:** Lord Jesus Christ, you are the High Priest who intercedes for us before the Father in order to reconcile us back to God. May you open our hearts to repentance and our need for God’s mercy.  *A pause for examination of conscience.*  **Cel.:** You are compassionate to forgive our ignorance and failures, Lord have mercy.  **Coro** *Kyrie, eléison.*  **Ass.:** *Kyrie, eléison.*  **Cel.:** You have taken upon yourself our weaknesses, Christ have mercy.  **Coro** *Christe, eléison.*  **Ass.:** *Christe, eléison.*  **Cel.:** You have offered yourself as sacrifice for our sins, Lord have mercy.  **Coro** *Kyrie, eléison.*  **Ass.:** *Kyrie, eléison.*  **Cel.:** May Almighty God have mercy on us forgive us our sins and bring us to everlasting life.  **Ass.**: Amen  **Gloria**  **Opening Prayer**  **Cel.:** O God, who in the glorious Transfiguration of your Only Begotten Son, confirmed the mysteries of faith by witness of the Fathers and wonderfully prefigured our full adoption to sonship, grant, we pray, to your servants, that listening to the voice of your beloved Son, we may merit to become co-heirs with him. Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God forever and ever.  **Ass.:** Amen.  **First Reading**  **From the Book of the Prophet Daniel**  *(7,9-10.13-14)*  As I watched, Thrones were set up and the Ancient One took his throne. His clothing was snow bright, and the hair on his head as white as wool; His throne was flames of fire, with wheels of burning fire. A surging stream of fire flowed out from where he sat; Thousands upon thousands were ministering to him, and myriads upon myriads attended him. The court was convened, and the books were opened.  As the visions during the night continued, I saw One like a son of man coming, on the clouds of heaven; When he reached the Ancient One and was presented before him, He received dominion, glory, and kingship; nations and peoples of every language serve him. His dominion is an everlasting dominion that shall not be taken away; his kingship shall not be destroyed.  The Word of the Lord.  **Responsorial Psalm**  *(Ps. 96)*  ***Response Splende sul suo volto la gloria del Padre. (Shine us the glory of the Father’s face)***  The Lord is king! Let the earth rejoice; let the many coastlands be glad! Clouds and thick darkness are all around him; righteousness and justice are the foundation of his throne.  The mountains melt like wax before the Lord, before the Lord of all the earth.The heavens proclaim his righteousness; and all the peoples behold his glory.  For you, O Lord, are most high over all the earth; you are exalted far above all gods.  Gospel Acclamation  **Alleluia, alleluia.**  «This is my Beloved Son with whom I am well pleased, listen to him.» **Alleluia**  Gospel  **From the Gospel of Mark**  *(9, 2-10)*  After six days Jesus took Peter, James, and John and led them up a high mountain apart by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his clothes became dazzling white, such as no fuller on earth could bleach them. Then Elijah appeared to them along with Moses, and they were conversing with Jesus.  Then Peter said to Jesus in reply, "Rabbi, it is good that we are here! Let us make three tents: one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." He hardly knew what to say, they were so terrified. Then a cloud came, casting a shadow over them; 4 then from the cloud came a voice, "This is my beloved Son. Listen to him."  Suddenly, looking around, they no longer saw anyone but Jesus alone with them. As they were coming down from the mountain, he charged them not to relate what they had seen to anyone, except when the Son of Man had risen from the dead.  The Gospel of the Lord.  **Prayers of the Faithful**  **Cel.: On this feast of the Transfiguration, let us present our prayers to God the Father, who has graciously given us his only Son, Jesus Christ, for our salvation. Let us pray together:**  **Lett.: Ascoltaci, o Signore. (Lord, hear our prayer)**  **Lett.: That the Church may reflect the splendor of Christ’s love and truth to the world. Let us pray to the Lord**:  **Lett.: That the Pope, bishops and priests may show the glory of the face of Christ, the God-made-man, before all people. Let us pray to the Lord**:  **Lett.: That those who are drawn to Jesus may grow from initial sentiments of admiration to true faith in him, let us pray to the Lord**:  **Lett.: That those who are sick may find consolation in the Lord’s promise of transforming our mortal bodies to become like his, and through this hope find serenity in the midst of their sufferings. Let us pray to the Lord**:  **Lett.: For all of us who eagerly seek to grow in our knowledge of Christ, may we have lives that are always faithful to the message of the Gospel. Let us pray to the Lord.**  **Cel.: God, our Father, with confident trust, we bring to you our prayers, so that we may also share in the resplendent light of Christ our Lord, for he lives and reigns forever and ever. Amen**  *Offertory Hymn*  **Prayer Over Gifts**  **Cel.:** Sanctify O Lord, we pray, these offerings here made to celebrate the glorious Transfiguration of your Only Begotten Son, and by his radiant splendor cleanse us from the stain of sin. Through Christ our Lord.  **Ass.:** Amen.  **Preface**  **Cel.: The Lord be with you**.  **Ass.:** And with your Spirit    **Cel.: Lift up your hearts**  **Ass.:** We lift them up to the Lorde.  **Cel.:** **Let us give thanks to the Lord our God**.  **Ass.:** It is right and just.  **It is truly right and just, our duty and our salvation, always and everywhere to give you thanks. Lord, holy Father, almighty and eternal God, through Christ our Lord**.  **For he revealed his glory in the presence of chosen witnesses and filled with the greatest splendor that bodily form which he shares with all humanity, that the scandal of the Cross might be removed from the hearts of his disciples and that he might show how in the Body of the whole Church is to be filled what so wonderfully shone forth first in its head.**  **And so with the Powers of heaven, we worship you constantly on earth, and before your majesty wihtout end we acclaim:**  **Holy, holy, holy...**  **eucharistic Prayer iii**  **CP** You are indeed Holy, O Lord, and all you have created rightly gives you praise, for through your Son our Lord Jesus Christ, by the power and working of the Holy Spirit, you give life to all things and make them holy, and you never cease to gather a people to yourself, so that from the rising of the sun to its setting a pure sacrifice may be offered to your name.  **CC** **Therefore, O Lord, we humbly implore you: by the same Spirit graciously make holy these gifts we have brought to you for consecration,** that they may becomethe Body and Blood of your Son our Lord Jesus Christ at whose command we celebrate **these mysteries.**  **For** on the night he was betrayed **he himself** took bread, and **giving** you thanks **he said the blessing**, broke the bread **and** gave it to his disciples, **saying**:  Take this, all of you, and eat **of** it: **for** this is my Body which will be given up for you.  **In a similar way**, when supper was ended, he took the **chalice, and** **giving** you thanks **he said the blessing, and** gave **the chalice** to his disciples, **saying:**  Take this, all of you, and drink from it: **for** this is the **chalice** of my Blood, the Blood of the new and **eternal** covenant**; which** will be **poured out** for you and **for many for the forgiveness of sins.** Do this in memory of me.    **CP** **The Mystery of Faith**.  **Ass.:** **Tu ci hai redenti con la tua croce e la tua risurrezione: salvaci, o Salvatore del mondo.**  **(Save us Savior of the world, for by your Cross and Resurrection you have set us free)**  **CC** **Therefore, O Lord, we celebrate the memorial of the saving Passion of your Son,** his **wondrous** Resurrectionand Ascension into heaven, and **as we look forward to his second coming**, we offer you in thanksgiving this holy and living sacrifice.  Look, **we pray, upon the oblation of your Church,** and, **recognizing** the **sacrificial** Victim **by** whose death **you willed to reconcile** us to yourself,grant that we, who are nourished by **the** Body and Blood **of your Son** **and** filled with his Holy Spirit, may become one body, one spirit in Christ.  **1C** May he make **of** us an **eternal offering** to you**, so that we may obtain an** inheritance **with** your **elect, especially with the most blessed Virgin** Mary, Mother of God, with **your blessed** Apostles **and glorious** Martyrs (**with** Saint N.: the Saint of the day or Patron Saint) and **with** all **the** Saints, on whose constant intercession **in your presence we rely for unfailing** help.    **2C** May this Sacrifice **of our reconciliation, we pray, O Lord, advance the peace and** salvation of all the world. **Be pleased to confirm** in faith and **charity** your pilgrim Church on earth, **with** your servant **Benedict our Pope** **and** **Dominic our Bishop, the Order of** Bishops, all the clergy, and the entire people **you have gained for your own. Listen graciously to the prayers of this family, whom you have summoned before you: in your compassion, O merciful Father, gather to yourself** allyour children **scattered throughout the world.**  **To** our departed brothers and sisters and **to** all who **were pleasing to you at their passing from this life, give kind admittance to your kingdom. There** we hope to enjoy forever the **fullness** of your glory through Christ our Lord **through** whom **you bestow on the world** all **that is good.**  *Through him and with him and in him, O God, almighty Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor is yours, forever and ever.*  **Ass.:** **Amen.**  **Communion Rite**  **Our Father...**  **Exchange of Peace**  *Communion hymn*  **Prayer after communion**  **Cel.:** May the heavenly nourishment we have received, O Lord, transform us into the likeness of your Son, whose radiant splendor you willed to be manifested in his glorious Transfiguration. Who lives and reigns forever and ever.  **Ass.:** Amen.  **Blessing**  Cel.: The Lord be with you  Ass.: And with your Spirit  Cel.: May the all powerful and merciful God bless you and grant you the gift of true wisdom which leads to salvation.  Ass. Amen.  Cel.: May God illumine you always with the sign of faith and help you to persevere in goodness.  Ass.: Amen.  Cel.: May he show you the way to truth and peace, and guide your steps along the way of eternal life.  .  Ass.: Amen.  Cel.: May the bblessing of almighty God the Taher and of the Son ✠ and of the Holy Spirit descend upon you and remain with you forever.  Ass.: Amen.  **Cel.:** The joy of the Lord is our strength, go in peace  **Ass.:** Thanks be to God.  *Closing hymn*  **Tuesday Aug. 7, 2012**  ***«Recognize me in others»***  **Morning Prayer**  **While on pilgrimage to Rivotorto**  **Initial Greeting**  **Cel.:** In the name of the Father…  **Ass.:** Amen.  *Hymn:* **In manus tuas, Pater** (Taizè)  Prayer Antiphon  Holy Spirit, our source of life and unity, grant us the encouragement of Francis, so that we will not close our world to others, but like him, welcome everyone that we meet.  *Psalm 15*  **Ant.** **Vi do un comandamento nuovo: che vi amiate come io vi ho amato.**  **(I give you a new commandment, love one another as I have loved you)**  LORD, who may abide in your tent?  Who may dwell on your holy mountain?  Whoever walks without blame,  doing what is right,  speaking truth from the heart;  Who does not slander with his tongue,  does no harm to a friend,  never defames a neighbor;  Who disdains the wicked,  but honors those who fear the LORD;    Who keeps an oath despite the cost  lends no money at interest,  accepts no bribe against the innocent.  Whoever acts like this  shall never be shaken.  Glory to the Father…  **Ant.** **Vi do un comandamento nuovo: che vi amiate come io vi ho amato.**  **(I give you a new commandment: Love one another as I have loved you.)**  **Scripture Reading**  **From the Gospel of Luke** *(10,25-37)*  There was a scholar of the law[**\***](http://www.usccb.org/bible/luke/10#50010025-2) who stood up to test him and said, “Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?” Jesus said to him, “What is written in the law? How do you read it?” He said in reply, “You shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, with all your being, with all your strength, and with all your mind, and your neighbor as yourself.” He replied to him, “You have answered correctly; do this and you will live.”  But because he wished to justify himself, he said to Jesus, “And who is my neighbor?” Jesus replied, “A man fell victim to robbers as he went down from Jerusalem to Jericho. They stripped and beat him and went off leaving him half-dead. A priest happened to be going down that road, but when he saw him, he passed by on the opposite side. Likewise a Levite came to the place, and when he saw him, he passed by on the opposite side. But a Samaritan traveler who came upon him was moved with compassion at the sight. He approached the victim, poured oil and wine over his wounds and bandaged them. Then he lifted him up on his own animal, took him to an inn and cared for him. The next day he took out two silver coins and gave them to the innkeeper with the instruction, ‘Take care of him. If you spend more than what I have given you, I shall repay you on my way back.’ Which of these three, in your opinion, was neighbor to the robbers’ victim?” He answered, “The one who treated him with mercy.” Jesus said to him, “Go and do likewise.”  **Franciscan Reading**  **From the Major Legend by St. Bonaventure** *(LM I,5)*  0ne day, therefore, while he was riding his horse through the plain that lies below the city of Assisi, he met a leper, This unforeseen encounter struck him with not a little horror. Recalling the plan of perfection he had already conceived in his mind, and remembering that he must first conquer himself if he wanted to become *a knight of Christ,* he dismounted from his horse and ran to kiss him. As the leper stretched out his hand as if to receive something, he gave him money with a kiss. Immediately mounting his horse, however, and turning all around, even though the open plain stretched clear in all directions, he could not see the leper anywhere. He began, therefore, *filled with wonder and joy,* to sing praises to the Lord, while proposing, because of this, to embark always on the greater.  Brief silence  **Benedictus** *(Text is the same as from the previous morning prayer)*  *In place of the antiphon, we will chant* **Laudate Dominum**.  **prayer of the faithful**  **Cel.:** God, our Father, encourages us to follow the example of St. Francis, and so let us pray:  **1 Lett.: Wherever there is love and wisdom, there is neither fear nor ignorance***.*  **2 Lett.: You did not leave St. Francis to follow his own designs, but showed him the value of love as the greatest wealth that anyone could ever have. May our coming together in Assisi break down the walls of prejudice as we seek the good of one another.**  **1 Lett.: Where there is patience and humility***,* there is neither anger nor disturbance:  **2 Lett.: You did not leave St. Francis to follow his own designs, but taught him to see how much he needed the presence of others. Give us the grace to accept everyone despite human weakness and poverty, and preserve us from judging others.**  **1 Lett.:** Where there is poverty with joy, there is neither greed nor avarice**.**  **2 Lett.: You did not leave St. Francis to follow his own designs, but taught him instead to open his heart to everyone. Help us to overcome the dissatisfaction and negativities we carry in our lives, and grant us to appreciate the beauty that is all around us, even in the small and simple things.**  **1 Lett.:** Where there is rest and meditation, there is neither anxiety nor restlessness.  **2 Lett.: You did not leave St. Francis to follow his own designs, but gave him strength through silence in prayer. Grant that our days in Assisi may be marked by particular moments of prayer which will allow us to hear God and to find strength to in living intensely our Christian lives.**  **1 Lett.:** Where there is fear of the Lord to guard an entrance, there the enemy cannot have a place to enter.  **2 Lett.: You did not leave St. Francis to follow his own designs, but through your grace gave him the strength to renounce everything out of love for you. In the same way, help us to avoid anything can separate us from you and from one another.**  *Brief Silence*  **Cel.:** Conscious that wherever there is mercy and love, there is neither frivolity nor rigidity, let us then pray as our Lord taught us.:  **Our Father…**  **Closing Prayer**  **Cel.:** O God, our Father, you have created humanity in your image and likeness. Grant that like St. Francis, we too may find new ways of encountering You and our brothers and sisters. Give us your Spirit, so that we can have fellowship with them. Help us to recognize that they are all children of the one Father, through Christ our Lord. Amen.  **Blessing**  **Cel.:** The Lord be with you.  **Ass.:** And with your Spirit.  **Cel:** May God bless you and keep you.  **Ass.:** Amen.  **Cel.:** May God’s face shine upon you and show you mercy .  **Ass.:** Amen.  **Cel.:** May God protect you and give you peace.  **Ass.:** Amen.  **Cel.:** May the blessing of Almighty God,  The Father, and the Son ✠ and the Holy Spirit  Descend upon you and remain with you forever.  **Ass.:** Amen.  **Cel.:** Glorify the Lord with your life, go in peace  **Ass.:** Thanks be to God.  *Final Hymn*  **Tuesday Aug. 7, 2012**  **SANCTUARY OF RIVOTORTO**  **Sacrament of Reconciliation**  ***“Today salvation has come to this house”***  **Introduction**  We celebrate in the sacrament of reconciliation the joy of discovering that God is truly a merciful Father. Whenever we recognize our failings, repent of our sins and amend our lives, God surely forgives. God’s love is greater than all of our weakness and sins combined. And so, we need this love of God, that frees us from all evil, and which leads us to true happiness …  **Initial Greeting**  **Cel.:** In the name of the Father…  **Ass.:** Amen.  **Cel.:** May the Lord who directs our hearts toward the love and patience of Christ be with you all.  **Ass.:** E con il tuo spirito. (and with your spirit)  **Cel.:** We come to you Lord. Through St. Francis, you have taught us that being successful in life is not of the highest priority; it is rather the possession of great charity. And so dear young people, let us now open ourselves, with our hearts, our minds, and in indeed, our whole lives to God, for he longs to meet us in this place and to trace in the story of our lives the way to our true home.  **Ass.:** Lord Jesus, we believe that we can experience your forgiveness when our lives follow after your example. Grant us the grace to forgive those who have hurt us and to ask forgiveness from those whom we have hurt.  **Cel.:** ***Let us pray***  Listen, Holy Father, to our humble supplication as we confess our sins to you; graciously grant us your forgiveness and peace. Through Christ our Lord.  **Ass.:** Amen.  **Gospel Acclamation**  **Alleluia, alleluia.**  “Today salvation has come to this house; For the Son of Man has come to seek and to save what was lost.” Alleluia.  From the Gospel of Luke *(Lk 19,1-10)*  He came to Jericho and intended to pass through the town. Now a man there named Zacchaeus, who was a chief tax collector and also a wealthy man, was seeking to see who Jesus was; but he could not see him because of the crowd, for he was short in stature. So he ran ahead and climbed a sycamore tree in order to see Jesus, who was about to pass that way. When he reached the place, Jesus looked up and said to him, “Zacchaeus, come down quickly, for today I must stay at your house.”And he came down quickly and received him with joy. When they all saw this, they began to grumble, saying, “He has gone to stay at the house of a sinner.” But Zacchaeus stood there and said to the Lord, “Behold, half of my possessions, Lord, I shall give to the poor, and if I have extorted anything from anyone I shall repay it four times over.” And Jesus said to him, “Today salvation has come to this house because this man too is a descendant of Abraham. For the Son of Man has come to seek and to save what was lost.”  The Gospel of the Lord.  *Brief Reflection*  **Confession and individual Absolution**  *You are all invited to take the privilege of celebrating the sacrament of reconciliation. At the Sanctuary, priests will be available to hear individual confessions. There will be songs and readings to accompany the penitential service.*  *After receiving the absolution, the priest will give you a card where you can write a Thanksgiving prayer to God for the grace of the sacrament and to write your personal prayer. These cards will be used later as a symbol of your personal offering to God during the adoration of the Blessed Sacrament at one of the vigils during the week.*  **Prayer before the examination of conscience**  Good God, I know that you love me despite of my shortcomings. I want your forgiveness; grant me the grace to see how much I have offended you. Give me the grace of conversion so I can serve You well and help my brothers and sisters who are needy. Amen.  **Examination of Conscience**  **Some helpful suggestions**   1. Begin your path to reconciliation with a prayer, which will dispose you to God. Such a disposition will renew your mind and heart as you listen to the Gospel. Allow the Word of God to challenge and show you new ways of thinking and living, then stay with it, meditate on it… 2. Make a good confession and do it out of love for God. Let this love be as light which illuminates the darkness of our sins. Ask the Lord’s forgiveness for every sin by humbly presenting it before God. Be assured that God forgives us whatever sin that we confess sincerely. Before making your confession, profess your faith in the forgiving love of Christ and his promise of new life to those who repent. 3. Welcome the grace of forgiveness and reconciliation which the Holy Spirit gives as gift to help us continue our work of conversion and growth in loving God and others. 4. Offer a thanksgiving prayer for the gift of forgiveness and for those who have supported us along the way (family, friends, parish community, etc.)  My actions before God *«Love the Lord, with all your heart»*   1. What place does God occupy in my heart? Do I take sufficient time to pray every day? Do I spend my whole day in the spirit of prayer? 2. Are the choices I make enlightened by the Gospel? 3. Do I dable with superstition such as astrology, horoscope, magic and the like? Have I abandoned my faith in God? 4. Have I given thanks to God in prayer or have I only prayed for what I want? 5. Do I talk to God only when I need something? Do I make an effort to know the teachings of the Church? Do I take time to read the Bible, frequent the sacraments and participate in my parish? 6. Do I bear good witness to my faith at all times? 7. Do I acknowledge God as the only Master of my life, or are there people or things I puts above God? 8. Do I to live my life in God who transforms my work, studies, free time, leisure ...as a joyful praise to him? 9. Do I recognize the gifts that I received from God and do I use them properly to bear good fruits in discerning my vocation?  My action toward myself *«Love others as you love yourself»*   1. Do I respect myself as a member of the body of Christ? 2. Do I love and appreciate my life as a gift from God? 3. Am I content and grateful for what I have? 4. Do I have the Gospel spirit of poverty or do I attach too much importance on material things? Do I act according to the dictates of my conscience or do I do so only when others can see me? 5. Do I look at my future with optimism and hope that springs from the love of God? 6. As part of my sexual integrity, do I observe chastity for the good of my later vocational choice to marry or to live a consecrated life? Do I take care of my physical health or do I abuse it with over eating, alcohol, smoking or drugs? 7. When making desicions, whether big or small, do I consider first what is the will of God for me and how I should live it?  My action toward others *«Love one another as I have loved you»*   * Do I love others as myself? Amo il mio prossimo come me stesso? Am I easily proveked to anger or am I patient and kind with others?  1. Do I prefer being served instead of serving? 2. Do I hold my opinion and my manner of doing things to be always more important than that of others? Am I self-serving in the choices I make? 3. Am I forgiving of those who have offended me? 4. Am I selfish or am I joyful when sharing with others? 5. Am I obedient and respectful to persons who have authority over me (parents, teachers, etc?) 6. In my relationship with my boyfriend/girlfriend, do I respect him/her as fitting to his/her dignity as a person or do I only consider for whatever pleases me? 7. Am I generous in giving myself to others whenever I can? Do I help the poor according to my means? Do I involve myself in charitable causes? 8. Have I always respected the life of others? Have I calumniated anyone? Lied about them? Harbored hatred, jelousy, animosity? Have I forgiven them? 9. Have I robbed anyone or any institution? Have I cheated in my work/business? 10. Have I respected creation which has been entrusted to my care? Have I done my part of cultivating the things around me for the benefit of others?   **Brief meditation before confession**  A young man was sitting alone in the bus. He was looking outside the window. He was just a little more than 20 years old, and he was good-looking. A woman sat beside him. After having chatted for a while on the weather, the spring as being warm, the young man suddenly told the woman: "I have been in prison for two years. I just got out this morning and I'm going home".  Words were flowing out of his mouth like a flooded river. He recounted to her that he was born in a poor but honest family and how his criminal activities had brought shame and sorrow to his parents. And, for the past two years he had never heard from them. He understood that they were too poor to travel to visit the jail where he was detained and they felt too timid to write. For his part, the young man stopped sending mails to his family because he was not receiving any answers from them.  Three weeks before the prison-release, the young man did his last desperate attempt to connect with his parents by letter. He apologized to them for having let them down, imploring their forgiveness – still he got no response from them. Upon leaving the jail, he got on the bus which will take him home. The bus will pass in front of the house where he grew up and where his parents are still residing.  In the last letter he had written, he indicated a condition which will help him know if he could still come home. In order to make things simpler, he asked them to give him a sign which he will be able to see from the bus. If they had forgiven to welcome him back into their house, they will visibly tie a white ribbon on the old apple tree by the front yard. If the sign is not there, he would stay on the bus, and go to another city and quit communicating with them forever.  As the bus was getting closer to his street, the young man was becoming more and more nervous, to the point that he was afraid even to look outside the bus window. He was almost certain that there wouldn't be any ribbon on the tree. After having listened to the young man’s story, the woman suggested to him: "Let's switch seats and I will look outside the window for you".  As the bus went a little bit further, the woman finally saw the tree. She gently touched the young man's shoulder and, choking back her tears, said: "Look at that! Look at that! They covered the whole tree with white ribbons!"  **Thanksgiving Prayer**  Merciful God, I thank you for pardoning my sins and I’m grateful that you have always made it possible for me to come for forgiveness. Help me now to proclaim the joy of your resurrection to everyone I meet by the new life which you have given me. Like Christ, may I also bring forth light into the world? I only ask that you stay with me forever. Amen.  **Tuesday Aug. 7, 2012**  **SANCTUARY of RIVOTORTO**  **Eucharistic Celebration**  *Opening Hymn.*  **Greeting**  **Cel.:** In the name of the Father...  **Ass.:** Amen  **Cel.: May the God of justice who has brought us joy and peace which come from faith through the power of the Holy Spirit be with you all.**  **Ass.:** E con il tuo spirito. (and with your spirit)  **Penitential rite**  **Cel.: Dear Young people, the gift of our Lord’s forgiveness has been especially offered to us today, let us then enter into the mystery of this Eucharist with expressions of joy and peace as we give thanks to the Father for the many wonderful things he has given us.**  *Brief pause.*  **Cel.:** You are good, the only good, the highest good.  **Coro** *Kyrie, eléison*.  **Ass.:** *Kyrie, eléison.*  **Cel.: You made yourself poor to enrich us.**  **Coro** *Christe, eléison*.  **Ass.:** *Christe, eléison.*  **Cel.: You have given us your Fatherly love**.  **Coro** *Kyrie, eléison*.  **Ass.:** *Kyrie, eléison.*  **Cel.: May almighty God have mercy on us forgive us our sins and bring us to everlasting life.**  **Ass.:** Amen.  **Opening Prayer**  **Cel.: Show us your continued goodness, Oh Father, and assist your people, for it is you whom we acknowledge as our pastor and guide. Renew the work of your creation and protect what you have renewed. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ…**  **Ass.:** Amen.  **First reading**  **From Jeremiah**  *(30,1-2.12-15.18-22)*  **This word came to Jeremiah from the LORD:** **Thus says the LORD, the God of Israel: Write down on a scroll all the words I have spoken to you.**  For thus says the LORD: Incurable is your wound, grievous your injury; There is none to plead your case, no remedy for your running sore, no healing for you. All your lovers have forgotten you, they do not seek you out. I struck you as an enemy would strike, punishing you cruelly. Why cry out over your wound? There is no relief for your pain. Because of your great guilt, your numerous sins, I have done this to you.  Thus says the LORD: See! I will restore the fortunes of Jacob’s tents, on his dwellings I will have compassion; A city shall be rebuilt upon its own ruins, a citadel restored where it should be. From them will come praise, the sound of people rejoicing. I will increase them, they will not decrease, I will glorify them, they will not be insignificant. His children shall be as of old, his assembly shall stand firm in my presence, I will punish all his oppressors. His leader shall be one of his own, and his ruler shall emerge from his ranks. He shall approach me when I summon him; Why else would he dare approach me?—oracle of the LORD. You shall be my people, and I will be your God.  The Word of the Lord.  **Responsorial Psalm** *(Ps. 76)*  ***Rit. Ricordiamo con gioia, Signore, le tue meraviglie.***  ***(Lord, we remember with joy your marvelous deeds)***  I will recall the deeds of the LORD;  yes, recall your wonders of old.  I will ponder all your works;  on your exploits I will meditate.  Your way, God, is holy;  what god is as great as our God?  You are the God who does wonders;  among the peoples you have revealed your might    With your mighty arm you redeemed your people,  the children of Jacob and Joseph  You led your people like a flock  by the hand of Moses and Aaron  Gospel Acclamation  **Alleluia, alleluia.**  Rabbì, you are the Son of God, you are the King of Israel! **Alleluia.**  **Gospel**  **From** Matthew *(14, 22-36)*  Then he made the disciples get into the boat and precede him to the other side, while he dismissed the crowds. After doing so, he went up on the mountain by himself to pray. When it was evening he was there alone. Meanwhile the boat, already a few miles offshore, was being tossed about by the waves, for the wind was against it. During the fourth watch of the night,[\*](http://www.usccb.org/bible/matthew/14" \l "48014025-1) he came toward them, walking on the sea. When the disciples saw him walking on the sea they were terrified. “It is a ghost,” they said, and they cried out in fear. At once [Jesus] spoke to them, “Take courage, it is I; do not be afraid.” Peter said to him in reply, “Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water.” He said, “Come.” Peter got out of the boat and began to walk on the water toward Jesus. But when he saw how [strong] the wind was he became frightened; and, beginning to sink, he cried out, “Lord, save me!” Immediately Jesus stretched out his hand and caught him, and said to him, “O you of little faith,[\*](http://www.usccb.org/bible/matthew/14" \l "48014031-1) why did you doubt?” After they got into the boat, the wind died down. Those who were in the boat did him homage, saying, “Truly, you are the Son of God.”  After making the crossing, they came to land at Gennesaret.35When the men of that place recognized him, they sent word to all the surrounding country. People brought to him all those who were sick and begged him that they might touch only the tassel on his cloak, and as many as touched it were healed.  **The Gospel of the Lord**  *Offertory Hymn*  **Prayer over the Gifts**  **Cel.: Sanctify, O God, these gifts which we present to you and though this offering may our lives be perpetually transformed to become a pleasing sacrifice in your sight in union with the spiritual victim, Jesus Christ your servant, who lives and reigns forever and ever**.  **Ass.:** Amen.  **Eucharistic Prayer**  **Cel.:** The Lord be with you  **Ass.:** and with your spirit.  **Cel.:** Lift up your hearts  **Ass.:** We lift them up to the Lord.  **Cel.:** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  **Ass.:** It is right and just.  Father, all powerful and ever living God, we do well always and everywhere to give you thanks and praise. You never cease to call us to a new and more abundant life.  God of love and mercy, you are always ready to forgive; we are sinners, and you invite us to trust in your mercy.  Time and time again we broke your covenant, but you did not abandon us. Instead, through your Son, Jesus our Lord, you bound yourself even more closely to the human family by a bond that can never be broken.  Now is the time for your people to turn back to you and to be renewed in Christ your Son, a time of grace and reconciliation.  You invite us to serve the family of mankind by opening our hearts to the fullness of your Holy Spirit.  In wonder and gratitude, we join our voices with the choirs of heaven to proclaim the power of your love and to sing of our salvation in Christ:  **Holy, holy, holy…**  **Eucharistic Prayer of Reconciliation**  **CP** Father, from the beginning of time you have always done what is good for man so that we may be holy as you are holy.  Look with kindness on your people gathered here before you; send forth the power of your Spirit so that these gifts may become for us the body **+** and blood of your beloved Son, Jesus the Christ, in whom we have become your sons and daughters.  When we were lost and could not find the way to you, you loved us more than ever; Jesus, your Son, innocent and without sin, gave himself into our hands and was nailed to a cross. Yet before he stretched out his arms between heaven and earth in the everlasting sign of your covenant, he desired to celebrate the Paschal feast in the company of his disciples.  While they were at supper, he took bread and gave you thanks and praise. He broke the bread, gave it to his disciples, and said:  Take this, all of you, and eat it; this is my body which will be given up for you.  At the end of the meal, knowing that he was to reconcile all things in himself by the blood of his cross, he took the cup filled with wine. Again he gave you thanks, handed the cup to his friends, and said:  Take this, all of you, and drink from it; this is the cup of my blood, the blood of the new and everlasting covenant. It will be shed for you and for all so that sins may be forgiven. Do this in memory of me.  **The mystery of Faith**  **CC** We do this in memory of Jesus Christ, our Passover and our lasting peace. We celebrate his death and resurrection and look for the coming of that day when he will return to give us the fullness of joy. Therefore we offer you, God ever faithful and true, the sacrifice which restores man to your friendship.  Father, look with love on those you have called to share in the one sacrifice of Christ. By the power of your Holy Spirit make them one body, healed of all division.  Keep us all in communion of mind and heart with {Benedict} our Pope, {*name of local bishop*} our bishop. Help us to work together for the coming of your kingdom, until at last we stand in your presence to share the life of the saints, in the company of the Virgin Mary and the apostles, and of our departed brothers and sisters whom we commend to your mercy.  Then, freed from every shadow of death, we shall take our place in the new creation and give you thanks through Christ, our risen Lord.  Through him, with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor is yours, almighty Father, for ever and ever.  ***All*: Amen.**  **Communion Rite**  **Our Father...**  **Exchange of Peace**  **Communion**  **Prayer after Communion**  Accompany with your protection, O Lord, the people who have been nourished by the heavenly bread and make them fit to inherit eternal life. Through Christ our Lord.  **Ass.:** Amen.  **Final blessing**  **Cel.:** The Lord be with you  **Ass.:** And with your spirit.  **Cel.: May Almighty God protect you from all evil and give you his blessing.**  **Ass.:** Amen.  **Cel.: May God make your hearts attentive to his Word**, that you may always walk according to his precepts.  **Ass.:** Amen.  **Cel.: May God illumine you with understanding so that you may know what is right and just**, that you may be coheirs to eternal life.  **Ass.:** Amen.  **Cel.: May the blessing of Almighty God, the Father, and the Son** ✠ and the Holy Spirit descend upon you and remain with you forever.  **Ass.:** Amen.  **Cel.:** Nel nome del Signore, andate in pace. (Go in peace)  **Ass.:** Rendiamo grazie a Dio. (Thanks be to God)  *Final Hymn*  **Tuesday Aug. 7, 2012**  **At the Prayer Tent**  **Night of Eucharistic Adoration**  ***“Apart from me you can do nothing”*** *(Jn. 15, 5)*  *Exposition Hymn*  *Silent Adoration*  **Adoration For English Speaking Pilgrims**  **Initial Greeting**  **Cel.:** In the name of the Father...  **Ass.:** Amen.  **Cel.: The peace of Christ, the lamb of God who was sacrificed, be with you all.**  **Ass.:** and with your Spirit.  **Cel.:** Dear Young people, the presence of Christ among us in the Eucharist is the visible sign of God’s love which we encounter in our lives. Let us then allow the Eucharist to penetrate us with Christ’s divine presence; to awaken us with his voice and to welcome him who has welcomed us first and made us his friends. Let us listen to him who is the Way, the Truth and the Life.  **From the Letter of Paul to the Ephesians** *(1, 3-10)*  Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavens,as he chose us in him, before the foundation of the world, to be holy and without blemish before him. In love he destined us for adoption to himself through Jesus Christ, in accord with the favor of his will, for the praise of the glory of his grace that he granted us in the beloved.  In him we have redemption by his blood, the forgiveness of transgressions, in accord with the riches of his grace that he lavished upon us. In all wisdom and insight, he has made known to us the mystery of his will in accord with his favor that he set forth in him as a plan for the fullness of times, to sum up all things in Christ, in heaven and on earth.  The Word of the Lord**.**  *Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia*  **From the Gospel of John** *(15, 1-8)*  “I am the true vine, and my Father is the vine grower. He takes away every branch in me that does not bear fruit, and everyone that does he prunes so that it bears more fruit. You are already pruned because of the word that I spoke to you. Remain in me, as I remain in you. Just as a branch cannot bear fruit on its own unless it remains on the vine, so neither can you unless you remain in me. I am the vine, you are the branches. Whoever remains in me and I in him will bear much fruit, because without me you can do nothing. Anyone who does not remain in me will be thrown out like a branch and wither; people will gather them and throw them into a fire and they will be burned. If you remain in me and my words remain in you, ask for whatever you want and it will be done for you. By this is my Father glorified, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples.  **The Gospel of the Lord.**  *Silent Adoration*  *Hymn*  **From the Admonitions of St. Francis of Assisi**: On the Body of the Lord  The Lord Jesus said to His disciples: "I am the Way, the Truth and the Life; no one comes to the Father except through Me." **·** "If" you know "Me," you would know "My Father as well; and from now on you shall know Him and have seen Him." **·** "Philip said to Him: Lord, show us the Father, and that suffices for us." **·** "Jesus said to him: So much time I have been with you, and you do not known Me? Philip, he who sees Me, sees even" My "Father" (Jn 14:6-9). **·** The Father dwells "in inaccessible light" (cf. 1 Tm 6:16), and "God is spirit" (Jn 4:24), and "no one ever sees God" (Jn 1:18). **·** For this reason He cannot be seen except in spirit, "since it is the spirit which vivifies, the flesh is good for nothing" (Jn 6:64). But neither does the Son in that, which He is equal to the Father, seem to anyone to be otherwise than the Father, otherwise than the Holy Spirit. Whence all who saw the Lord Jesus according to the Humanity and both did not see and believe according to the spirit and the Divinity, that He Himself is the true Son of God, have been damned; so even now all who see the Sacrament, which is sanctified by the words of the Lord upon the altar by the hand of the priest in the form of bread and wine, and do not see and believe according to the spirit and the Divinity, that this is truly the Most Holy Body and Blood of Our Lord Jesus Christ, have been damned, since the Most High Himself testifies, who said: "This is My Body and" My "Blood of the New Testament [which is poured forth on behalf of the many]" (Mt 14:22,24); and "He who eats" My Flesh "and drinks" My Blood, "has life eternal" (cf. Jn 6:55). Whence of the Spirit of the Lord, who dwells in His faithful, is he who receives the Most Holy Body and Blood of the Lord. All others, who do not share this same Spirit and presume to receive Him, eat "and" drink "judgment upon themselves" (cf. 1 Cor. 11:29).  Whence: "Sons of men, how long with a heavy heart?" (Ps 4:3) Why is it that do you not know the truth and believe "in the Son of God?" (cf. Jn 9:35) Behold, every day He humbles Himself (cf. Phil 2:8), just as when "from royal thrones" (Wis 18:15) He came into the womb of the Virgin; every day He comes to us Himself humbly appearing; **·** everyday He descends from the bosom of the Father upon the altar in the hands of the priest. And just as to the holy Apostles in true flesh, so even now He shows Himself to us in the Sacred Bread. And just as when they gazed at His very own flesh they saw only His flesh, but contemplating with spiritual eyes believed Him to be God, so we too seeing bread and wine with bodily eyes, are to see and firmly believe, that they are His Most Holy Body and Blood, living and true. And in such a manner the Lord is always with His faithful, just as He Himself says: "Behold I am with you even to the consummation of the age" (cf. Mt 28:20)    *Silent Adoration follows*  **Prayer of St. Francis: Praise to God**  *Everyone is invited to respond to each of the praises*  **1 Let.:** You are holy, Lord, the only God, and Your deeds are wonderful.  Response: You are powerful. You are great. You are the most high.    **2 Let.:** You are Almighty. You, Holy Father are King of [heaven](http://www.catholic.org/encyclopedia/view.php?id=5593) and earth.  Resp.: You, Holy Father are King of [heaven](http://www.catholic.org/encyclopedia/view.php?id=5593) and earth    **3 Let.:** You are Good, all Good, supreme Good, Lord God, living and true.  Response: You are love. You are wisdom. You are humility.  **4 Let.:** You are endurance. You are rest.  Response: You are peace. You are joy and gladness.    **5 Let.:** You are [justice](http://www.catholic.org/encyclopedia/view.php?id=6550) and moderation. You are all our riches, and You suffice for us. (Resp.)  Response: You are our protector. You are our guardian and defender    **6 Let.:** You are our faith, our great consolation.  Response: You are our courage. You are our haven and our hope.    **7 Let.:**  You are our eternal life, Great and Wonderful Lord,  Response: God Almighty, Merciful Saviour.  *Silent Adoration*  **Spontaneous Prayer Offering from everyone in the assembly**  ***Concluding Prayer***  **Cel.:** Almighty, most holy, most high, and supreme God, highest good, all good, wholly good, who alone are good. To you we render all praise, all glory, all thanks, all honor, all blessing, and we shall always refer all good to you. Amen.  Final Hymn*.*  **Wednesday Aug. 8, 2012**  ***«Hold on to my words»***  **Church of St. Peter - Assisi**  **Morning Prayer**  **Greeting**  **Cel.:** In the name of the Father...  **Ass.:** Amen.  *Hymn:* **In manus tuas, Pater** (Taizè)  **Prayer**  *A leader will invoke the following prayer while the hymn is sung:*  Holy Spirit, our strength and source of life, give us the encouragement of St. Francis that we may listen to the Word of the Lord and orient our lives according to His word.  Come to us and open the doors of our hearts that we may hear the Word of the Lord, so that your holy operation may be upon us.  ***Psalm 2****7 (27,1.4-5.7-11.14)*  **Ant. Signore, da chi andremo? Tu solo hai parole di vita eterna.**  **(Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life.)**  The LORD is my light and my salvation;  whom should I fear?  The LORD is my life’s refuge;  of whom should I be afraid? (Ant.)  One thing I ask of the LORD;  this I seek:  To dwell in the LORD’s house  all the days of my life,  To gaze on the LORD’s beauty,  to visit his temple (Ant.)  .  For God will hide me in his shelter  in time of trouble,  He will conceal me in the cover of his tent;  and set me high upon a rock. (Ant.)  Hear my voice, LORD, when I call;  have mercy on me and answer me.  “Come,” says my heart, “seek his face”;  your face, LORD, do I seek! (Ant.)  “Come,” says my heart, “seek his face”;[**\***](http://www.usccb.org/bible/psalms/27#23027008-1)  your face, LORD, do I seek!  Do not hide your face from me;  do not repel your servant in anger. (Ant.)  You are my salvation; do not cast me off;  do not forsake me, God my savior!  Even if my father and mother forsake me,  the LORD will take me in. (Ant.)  LORD, show me your way;  lead me on a level path  because of my enemies. (Ant.)  Wait for the LORD, take courage;  be stouthearted, wait for the LORD! (Ant.)  Glory to the Father...  **Scripture reading**  **From the Letter of James** *(1, 19-25)*  Know this, my dear brothers: everyone should be quick to hear, slow to speak, slow to wrath, for the wrath of a man does not accomplish the righteousness of God. Therefore, put away all filth and evil excess and humbly welcome the word that has been planted in you and is able to save your souls.  Be doers of the word and not hearers only, deluding yourselves. For if anyone is a hearer of the word and not a doer, he is like a man who looks at his own face in a mirror. He sees himself, then goes off and promptly forgets what he looked like. But the one who peers into the perfect law of freedom and perseveres, and is not a hearer who forgets but a doer who acts, such a one shall be blessed in what he does.  **Franciscan Reading**  **From the First Life by Thomas of Celano** *(1Cel 72)*  Truly he was most steadfast, nor did he attend to anything but what was the Lord's. For when, as very often happened, he was preaching God's word among many thousands of people, Francis was as confident as if he had been speaking with an intimate companion. He saw the greatest concourse of people as one man, and to one man he preached most carefully, as if to a multitude. His purity of mind furnished him with confidence in preaching; and without premeditation he would utter things wonderful and unheard before by all. Sometimes, however, it happened, if he had meditated his sermon beforehand, that when the people were come together he had forgotten what he had thought of, and could not say anything else. Then, without any embarrassment, he confessed to the people that he had thought of many things beforehand of which he could remember nothing at all, and suddenly he would be filled with such eloquence that he moved his hearers to admiration. At other times, however, when he could say nothing, he dismissed the people with his blessing, having by that alone preached to them most effectually.  **Benedictus** *(The same as in Aug. 6)*  *In place of an antiphon, we will sing the following* **Domine Deus**.  Prayer of the Faithful  **Cel.:** Lord, you have the Word of eternal life: Word that accomplishes everything that you want; Word that lifts up those who are fallen; Word that heals the injured; Word that heals divisions. You are the one who gives right words into our mouths, because You know the things that we need to ask for in prayer:  **1 Lett.: You are holy, O Lord God, the only one who does marvelous deeds***:*  **2 Lett.:** Lord, St. Francis, the man of prayer, expressed your attributes in a beautiful hymn of praise, may we unceasingly wonder at the works of your hands and be always grateful for the precious gift of our life.  **1 Lett.: You are the good, the all-good, the supreme good, Lord God, living and true:**  **2 Lett.:** Teach us Lord to understand that only in you is the fullness of life**,** may those who are deaf because of a wrong choice they made, hear your voice and find the way to life.  **1 Lett.: You are beauty, You are security, You are rest***:*  **2 Lett.:** Lord, often there are people who look at faith or the Church as nothing but commands, prohibitions or regulations, may we become witnesses of Your love and mirror to them your beauty and gentleness.  **1 Lett.: You are joy and happiness**  **2 Lett.:** Lord, may those who do not find happiness in life, and those who see themselves as failure, recognize the love that God has for them, which is beyond all measure.  **1 Lett.: You are refuge, You are our hope, You are our faith, you are our charity.**  **2 Lett.:** Lord, we do not always know how to ask in prayer, and so in the silence of our hearts we lift up to you all our worries, desires and those things that we seek.  *Brief silence*  **Cel.: Lord you have given us your Word so we can turn to you at all times. Help us to accomplish your Will with joy and strength as we raise our voice in prayer**:  **Our Father…**  **Closing Prayer**  **Cel.: O God, we hear many words, and not every word have the same value. Some of them make us happy, while others upset or offend us. Your Word, however, lifts us up and renews us. Give us today your Spirit, as you have given it to St. Francis, so we may not be deaf to the your word, but ponder and live it. We ask this through Christ our Lord.**  **Ass.:** Amen.  **Blessing**  **Cel.:** The Lord be with you.  **Ass.:** E con il tuo spirito. (And with your spirit)  **Cel.:** Il Signore vi benedica e vi protegga. (May God bless you and keep you)  **Ass.:** Amen.  **Cel.:** Faccia risplendere il suo volto su di voi e vi doni la sua misericordia. (May God show you his face and be merciful to you)  **Ass.:** Amen.  **Cel.:** Rivolga su di voi il suo sguardo e vi doni la sua pace. (May God protect you and give you peace)  **Ass.:** Amen.  **Cel.:** May Almighty God bless you, the Father…  **Ass.:** Amen.  **Cel.:** Glorify the Lord with your life, go in peace.  **Ass.:** Rendiamo grazie a Dio. (Thanks be to God)  *Final Hymn*  **Wednesday Aug. 8, 2012**  **BASILICA of S. MARIA DEGLI ANGELI**  **Eucharistic Celebration**  ***Feast of Our Father, St. Dominic, OP***  *Opening Hymn.*  **Greeting**  **Cel.:** In the name of the Father...  **Ass.:** Amen.  **Cel.: The Lord be with you.**  **Ass.:** E con il tuo spirito. (And with your spirit.)  **Penitential rite**  **Cel.: Grant us, O merciful Father, the conversion of our hearts so we can re-establish the joy of our relationship with you and with one another.**  Brief pause  **Cel.: Have mercy on us O Lord**  **Ass.:** Contro di te abbiamo peccato (For we have sinned against you).  **Cel.: Show us, O Lord, your mercy.**  **Ass.:** E donaci la tua salvezza. **(And grant us your salvation)**  **Cel.:** May almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us our sins and bring us to everlasting life.  **Ass.:** Amen.  **Coro** *Kyrie, eléison.*  **Ass.:** *Kyrie, eléison.*  **Coro** *Christe, eléison.*  **Ass.** *Christe, eléison.*  **Coro** *Kyrie, eléison.*  **Ass.:** *Kyrie, eléison.*  **Gloria**  **Opening Prayer**  **Cel.:** May Saint Dominic come to the help of your Church O Lord, through his merits and teaching. May he, who was outstanding in preaching your truth, be a constant intercessor on our behalf. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever  **Ass.:** Amen.  **First Reading**  **From the Second Letter to Timothy** *(4, 1-5)*  I charge you in the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who will judge the living and the dead, and by his appearing and his kingly power: proclaim the word; be persistent whether it is convenient or inconvenient; convince, reprimand, encourage through all patience and teaching.  For the time will come when people will not tolerate sound doctrine but, following their own desires and insatiable curiosity, will accumulate teachers and will stop listening to the truth and will be diverted to myths. But you, be self-possessed in all circumstances; put up with hardship; perform the work of an evangelist; fulfill your ministry.  **The Word of the Lord.**  **Responsorial PSalm** *(Psalm 36)*  ***Rit. Risplende nei giusti la sapienza del Signore. (The glory of the just is the wisdom of the Lord)***  Trust in the LORD and do good  that you may dwell in the land and live secure.  Find your delight in the LORD  who will give you your heart’s desire. (response)  Commit your way to the LORD;  trust in him and he will act  And make your righteousness shine like the dawn,  your justice like noonday. (response)  The mouth of the righteous utters wisdom;  his tongue speaks what is right.  God’s teaching is in his heart;  his steps do not falter. (response)  **Alleluia, alleluia.**  The just shall blossom like the lily in the presence of the Lord.  **Alleluia.**  **Gospel**  **According to Matthew**  *(5, 13-16)*  “You are the salt of the earth. But if salt loses its taste, with what can it be seasoned? It is no longer good for anything but to be thrown out and trampled underfoot.You are the light of the world. A city set on a mountain cannot be hidden. Nor do they light a lamp and then put it under a bushel basket; it is set on a lamp stand, where it gives light to all in the house. Just so, your light must shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your heavenly Father.  The Gospel of the Lord  **Prayer**  **Cel.: Listen graciously, O Lord, to the prayers and offering we present to you through the intercession of St. Dominic, and may the strength of this sacrifice, confirm and sustain us in preaching the Gospel. Through Christ our Lord.**  **Ass.:** Amen.  **Preface**  Cel.: The Lord be with you.  Ass.: E con il tuo spirito. (and with your spirit)    Cel.: In alto i nostri cuori.  Ass.: Sono rivolti al Signore. (we lift them up to the Lord)  Cel.: Rendiamo grazie al Signore, nostro Dio.  Ass.: è cosa buona e giusta. (It is right and just.)  Father, all-powerful and ever-living God,  we do well always and everywhere  to give You thanks.  You give the Church this feast in honour of Saint Dominic;  You inspire us by his holy life,  instruct us by his preaching,  and give us Your protection in answer to his prayers.  We join the angels and the saints as they sing their unending hymn of praise:  Holy, holy, holy…  **eucharistic Prayer II**  **CP** You areindeed Holy, O Lord, the fount of all holiness.  **CC** Make holy, therefore, these gifts, we pray, by sending down your Spirit upon them like the dewfall,so that they may become for us the Body and Blood of our Lord, Jesus Christ.  At the time he was betrayed and entered willingly into his Passion, he took bread and, giving thanks, broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:  Take this, all of you, and eat of it: for this is my Body which will be given up for you.  In a similar way, when supper was ended, he took the chalice and, once more giving thanks, he gave it to his disciples, saying:  Take this, all of you, and drink from it: for this is the chalice of my Blood, the Blood of the new and eternal covenant, which will be poured out for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this in memory of me.  **CP** **Mystery of faith**  **Ass: Annunziamo la tua morte, Signore, (We proclaim your death O Lord)**  **proclamiamo la tua risurrezione, (and profess your resurrection)**  **nell'attesa della tua venuta. (until you come again.)**  In memory of his death and resurrection, we offer you, Father, this life-giving bread, this saving cup. We thank you for counting us worthy to stand in your presence and serve you.  **May all of us who share in** the body and blood of Christ be **brought together in unity** by the Holy Spirit. Lord, remember your Church throughout the world; make us grow in love,together with Benedict our Pope, N. our bishop, and all the clergy.  Remember our brothers and sisters who have gone to their rest in the hope of rising again; bringall the departedinto the light of your presence. Have mercy on us all; make us worthy to share eternal life with Mary, the virginMother of God, with the apostles, and with all the saints who have done your will throughout the ages. May we praise you in union with them, and give you glory through your Son, Jesus Christ.  **Ass:** Amen.  **communion rite**  **Our Father**  **Sign of Peace**  *Communion Hymn*  **Prayer after communion**  **Cel.: O God, you have nourished us with the bread of eternal life in memory of the glorious St. Dominic, may the Church, illumined by his preaching and sustained by his prayers, come to the fullness of communion with you. Through Christ our Lord.**  **Ass.:** Amen.  **Final Blessing**  **Cel.:** The Lord be with you  **Ass.:** E con il tuo Spirito. (And with your spirit)  **Cel.: May God our Father who has gathered us to celebrate the feast of St. Dominic, bless, protect you and confirm you in peace.**  **Ass.:** Amen.  **Cel.: May Christ our Lord who has appeared to St. Dominic, renew the power of Easter to make you authentic witnesses of the Gospel**.  **Ass.:** Amen.  **Cel.: May the Holy Spirit who offered the sign of fraternal solidarity through St. Dominic, enable you to express true communion of faith and love in the Church.**  **Ass.:** Amen.  **Cel.:** May Almighty God bless you, the Father...  **Ass.:** Amen.  **Cel.: Glorify the Lord with your life, go in peace.**  **Ass.:** Rendiamo grazie a Dio. (Thanks be to God)  *Final Hymn*  **Thursday Aug. 9, 2012**  ***«Love the Church»***  **Morning Prayer**  **En route to Rome by bus**  **Greeting**  **Cel.:** In the name of the Father...  **Ass.:** Amen.  *Hymn:* **In manus tuas, Pater** (Taizè)  **Prayer**  Holy Spirit, strength of our lives, you are the source and origin of the Church, give us the encouragement of Francis, that we may also repair the Church today according to your will.  Come, make our communion with you possible, that as youth of the Church, we may be the ambassadors of God. Open the doors of our hearts to the Word of the Lord that he may work in us.  *Psalm 66*  **Ant. Dio doni a tutti che lo amano, i suoi beni. (O God, you give gifts to those whom you love)**  Shout joyfully to God, all the earth;  sing of his glorious name;  give him glorious praise    Say to God: “How awesome your deeds!  Before your great strength your enemies cringe    All the earth falls in worship before you;  they sing of you, sing of your name!”  Come and see the works of God,  awesome in deeds before the children of Adam  He changed the sea to dry land;  through the river they passed on foot.  There we rejoiced in him  Who rules by his might forever,  His eyes are fixed upon the nations.  Let no rebel rise to challenge  Bless our God, you peoples;  loudly sound his praise,  Who has kept us alive  and not allowed our feet to slip  .  You tested us, O God,  tried us as silver tried by fire.  You led us into a snare;  you bound us at the waist as captives.  .  You let captors set foot on our neck;  we went through fire and water;  then you led us out to freedom  .  I will bring burnt offerings to your house;  to you I will fulfill my vows,  Which my lips pronounced  and my mouth spoke in my distress  .  Burnt offerings of fatlings I will offer you  and sacrificial smoke of rams;  I will sacrifice oxen and goats.  .  Come and hear, all you who fear God,  while I recount what has been done for me.  I called to him with my mouth;  praise was upon my tongue.  Had I cherished evil in my heart,  the Lord would not have heard.  .  But God did hear  and listened to my voice in prayer.  Blessed be God, who did not reject my prayer  and refuse his mercy  .  Glory to the Father …  **Ant. Dio doni a tutti che lo amano, i suoi beni. (O God, you give gifts to those whom you love)**  **Biblical Reading**  **From Paul’s letter to the Colossians** *(1,18-29)*  He is the head of the body, the church.  He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead,  that in all things he himself might be preeminent.  For in him all the fullness was pleased to dwell,  and through him to reconcile all things for him,  making peace by the blood of his cross[\*](http://www.usccb.org/bible/colossians/1#59001020-1)  [through him], whether those on earth or those in heaven.  And you who once were alienated and hostile in mind because of evil deeds he has now reconciled in his fleshly body through his death, to present you holy, without blemish, and irreproachable before him provided that you persevere in the faith, firmly grounded, stable, and not shifting from the hope of the gospel that you heard, which has been preached to every creature under heaven, of which I, Paul, am a minister.  Now I rejoice in my sufferings for your sake, and in my flesh I am filling up what is lacking[\*](http://www.usccb.org/bible/colossians/1" \l "59001024-2) in the afflictions of Christ on behalf of his body, which is the church,of which I am a minister in accordance with God’s stewardship given to me to bring to completion for you the word of God, the mystery hidden from ages and from generations past. But now it has been manifested to his holy ones, to whom God chose to make known the riches of the glory of this mystery among the Gentiles; it is Christ in you, the hope for glory. It is he whom we proclaim, admonishing everyone and teaching everyone with all wisdom, that we may present everyone perfect in Christ. For this I labor and struggle, in accord with the exercise of his power working within me.  .  **Franciscan Reading**  **From the Testament of St. Francis** *(Test 1-5)*  The Lord gave to me, Brother Francis, thus to begin to do penance; for when I was in sin it seemed to me very bitter to see lepers, and the Lord Himself led me amongst them and I showed mercy to them. And when I left them, that which had seemed to me bitter was changed for me into sweetness of body and soul. And afterwards I remained a little and I left the world. And the Lord gave me so much faith in churches and that I would simply pray and say thus: "We adore Thee Lord Jesus Christ here and in all Thy churches which are in the whole world, and we bless Thee because by Thy holy cross Thou hast redeemed the world."  **Benedictus** *(Same as in in Aug. 6)*  *In place of the antiphon, we will chant* **Ubi caritas, Pater.**  **Prayer of the Faithful**  **Cel.:** In baptism we have all become members of the Body of Christ, the Church. Because of this, we can intercede for the salvation of all people. Let us then unite ourselves with the ideals of St Francis and pray to the Lord.  **Response:** *“Bonum est confidere” (It is good to trust in the Lord)*  Lord, make me an instrument of your peace. Where there is hatred let me show love, where there is discord let be bring unity.  **Response:** *“Bonum est confidere” (It is good to trust in the Lord)*  Where there is error, let me bring truth, where there is doubt, faith, where there is despair, hope.  **Response:** *“Bonum est confidere” (It is good to trust in the Lord)*  O Divine Master, let me not seek to be consoled, as to console, to be understood as to understand, to be loved as to love.  **Response:** *“Bonum est confidere” (It is good to trust in the Lord)*  For it is in giving that we receive, in forgetting ourselves that we comprehend, in pardoning that we are pardoned, and in dying that we are born to eternal life.  **Response:** *“Bonum est confidere” (It is good to trust in the Lord)*  *Brief silence*  **Cel.: God did not give us a Spirit of timidity but one of courage, of love and of wisdom. Let us therefore pray with hope:**  **Our Father…**  **Concluding Prayer**  **Cel.: O God, through baptism you have called us by name and have made us to be the living stones of your Church. Grant us today your Spirit, so that like St. Francis, we may be encouraged to rediscover your work in our daily lives in bearing witness to you, and that we can hear and recognize you in those we meet. This we ask though Christ our Lord.**  **Ass.:** Amen.  **Blessing**  **Cel.:** The Lord be with you  **Ass.:** E con il tuo spirito. (and with your Spirit)  **Cel.:** May the Lord bless and keep you.  **Ass.:** Amen.  **Cel.:** May God show you his face and be merciful to you.  **Ass.:** Amen.  **Cel.:** May God safeguard you and give your peace.  **Ass.:** Amen.  **Cel.:** May almighty God bless you, the Father ✠ …  **Ass.:** Amen.  **Cel.:** Glorify the Lord in your life, go in peace.  **Ass.:** Rendiamo grazie a Dio. (Thanks be to God)  *Final Hymn*  **Thursday Aug. 9, 2012**  **BASILICA Ss. APOSTOLI - Roma**  **Eucharistic Celebration**  ***Feast of Saint Teresa Benedicta of the Cross***  ***(Edith Stein)***  *Openinh Hymn*  **Greeting**  **Cel.:** In the name of the Father....  **Ass.:** Amen.  **Cel.:** The peace, love and fidelity of God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.  **Ass.:** E con il tuo spirito. (And with your spirit)  **Penitential Rite**  **Cel.:** Dear young people, our Lord Jesus Christ has left us an example, we therefore follow in his footsteps. Let us come to him in prayer with humility and faith because he is the one who frees us from evil, to turn our spirits anew to follow the Gospel.  *Brief silence.*  **Cel.:** Lord you command us to have you as our only God and no other, Lord have mercy.  **Ass.:** Signore pietà. (Lord have mercy)  **Cel.:** Christ Jesus, you invite us to be faithful to you, for you alone can save us from sin and temptations. Chirst have mercy.  **Ass.:** Cristo pietà. (Christ have mercy)  **Cel.:** Lord, you alone can show us the joy in our poverty, in our humility, and in our service to others. Lord have mercy.  **Ass.:** Signore pietà. (Lord have mercy)  **Cel.:** May almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us our sins and bring us to everlasting life.  **Ass.:** Amen.  **Gloria**  **Opening Prayer**  Lord God of our fathers, who brought Saint Teresa Benedicta to the fullness of the science of the Cross at the hour of her martyrdom, fill us with that same knowledge and, through her intercession, allow us always to seek after you, the Supreme Truth, and to remain faithful until death to the covenant of love, ratified in the Blood of your Son for the salvation of all men and women. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God forever and ever.  **Ass.:** Amen.  **First Reading**  **From the prophet Hosea***(2,16.17.21-22)*  Therefore, I will allure her now;  I will lead her into the wilderness  and speak persuasively to her.  Then I will give her the vineyards she had,  and the valley of Achor as a door of hope.  There she will respond as in the days of her youth,  as on the day when she came up from the land of Egypt.  I will betroth you to me forever:  I will betroth you to me with justice and with judgment,  with loyalty and with compassion;  I will betroth you to me with fidelity,  and you shall know the LORD.  **Word of the Lord**  **responsorial Psalm** *(Ps. 44)*  ***Response: Ecco lo sposo: andate incontro a Cristo Signore. (Behold your Spouse: Christ the Lord)***  Listen, my daughter, and understand;  pay me careful heed.  Forget your people and your father’s house,  that the king might desire your beauty.  He is your lord. (Resp.)  All glorious is the king’s daughter as she enters,  her raiment threaded with gold;  In embroidered apparel she is led to the king.  The maids of her train are presented to the king. (Resp.)  They are led in with glad and joyous acclaim;  they enter the palace of the king.  The throne of your fathers your sons will have;  you shall make them princes through all the land. (Resp.)    **Gospel Acclamation**  **Alleluia, alleluia.**  Come, Bride of Christ, receive the crown the Lord has prepared for you for all eternity. **Alleluia.**  **From the Gospel of Matthew** *(25,1-13)*  **“Then** the kingdom of heaven will be like ten virgins who took their lamps and went out to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish and five were wise. **The foolish ones, when taking their lamps, brought no oil with them,** **but the wise brought flasks of oil with their lamps.** **Since the bridegroom was long delayed, they all became drowsy and fell asleep.** **At midnight, there was a cry, ‘Behold, the bridegroom! Come out to meet him!’** **Then all those virgins got up and trimmed their lamps.** **The foolish ones said to the wise, ‘Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.’** **But the wise ones replied, ‘No, for there may not be enough for us and you. Go instead to the merchants and buy some for yourselves.’** **While they went off to buy it, the bridegroom came and those who were ready went into the wedding feast with him. Then the door was locked.** Afterwards the other virgins came and said, ‘Lord, Lord, open the door for us!’ **But he said in reply, ‘Amen, I say to you, I do not know you.’** Therefore, stay awake, for you know neither the day nor the hour.  **The Gospel of the Lord.**  **Prayer of the Faithful**  **Cel.:** Dear young people, redeemed by Christ, we have become part of God’s family as living stones to form a spiritual temple. Carissimi giovani, redenti da Cristo, siamo diventati familiari di Dio, pietre vive di un unico edificio spirituale. With confident faith like St. Teresa Benedicta, let us lift up our prayers saying:  **Lett.:** ***Send to us your spirit, Lord***  **Lett.:** That the Church, through humility and peace, show the living presence of Christ to all people. Let us pray to the Lord.***.***  **Lett.:** That all Christians, through the example of St. Teresa Benedicta of the Cross, may radiate the Gospel to the world, and tranform human history into the history of salvation. Let us pray to the Lord. ***Rit.***  **Lett.:** That the collaboration between pastors and lay people may increase the harmony and sanctity of the Church and the entire human family. Let us pray to the Lord.  **Lett.:** That the prayer from the hearts of the faithful may flow like rivers of tranquility and charity for the praise of God and the benefit of all. Let us pray to the Lord.  **Lett.:** That the youth who have learned from the life of St. Teresa Benedicta, may know how to effectively witness by their lives that they are Christians. Let us pray to the Lord.  **Cel.:** O Lord, we rejoice that you have made us coheirs of the saints and of your spiritual household. We render to you our thanks in union with Christ, our cornerstone, who lives and reigns forever and ever.  **Ass.:** Amen.  Offertory Hymn  **Prayer over gifts**  **Cel.:** Lord, you brought to completion the different sacrifices of the ancient covenant to the one perfect sacrifice, which is consecrated in the blood of your Son. Accept favorably the gifts we offer you in the company of yours holy martyr Saint Teresa and transform them to become our Eucharist. Through Christ our Lord.  **Ass.:** Amen.  **Preface**  **Cel.:** **The Lord be with you**  **Ass.:** E con il tuo spirito. (And with your Spirit)  **Cel.:** **I**n alto i nostri cuori. (Lift up your hearts)  **Ass.:** Sono rivolti al Signore. (We lift them up to the Lord)  **Cel.:** **R**endiamo grazie al Signore, nostro Dio. (Let us give thanks to the Lord our God)  **Ass.:** è cosa buona e giusta. (It is right and just)    It is truly right and just,  our duty and our salvation,  always and everywhere to give you thanks,  Lord, holy Father,  almighty and eternal God.  For the blood of your blessed Martyr St. Teresa Benedicta of the Cross,  poured out like Christ's to glorify your name,  shows forth your marvellous works,  by which in our weakness you perfect your power  and on the feeble bestow strength to bear you witness,  through Christ our Lord.  Therefore, now and for ages unending,  with all the host of Angels,  we sing to you with all our hearts,  crying out as we acclaim:  **Holy, holy, holy…**  eucharistic Prayer i  To you, therefore, most merciful Father, we make humble prayer and petition through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord:  that you accept and bless these gifts, these offerings, these holy and unblemished sacrifices,  which we offer you firstly for your holy catholic Church. Be pleased to grant her peace, to guard, unite and govern her throughout the whole world, together with your servant Benedict our Pope and N. our Bishop, and all those who, holding to the truth, hand on thecatholic and apostolic faith.  Remember, Lord, your **servants** N. and N. **and all** gathered here**, whose faith and devotion are known to you. For them,** we offer you this sacrifice of praise **or they offer it for themselves and all** who are dear **to them, for the redemption of their souls, in hope of health and well-being, and paying their homage to you, the eternal God, living and true.**  In **communion** with **those whose memory we venerate,** **especially the glorious ever-Virgin** Mary, **Mother of our God and Lord,** Jesus Christ**,** **and blessed** Joseph, her **Spouse,** **your blessed** Apostles and Martyrs, Peter and Paul, Andrew, (James, John, Thomas, James, Philip, Bartholomew, Matthew, Simon and Jude: Linus, Cletus, Clement, Sixtus, Cornelius, Cyprian, Lawrence, Chrysogonus, John and Paul, Cosmas and Damian) and all **your** Saints: **we ask that through** their merits and prayers, **in all things we may be defended by your protecting help.**  **Therefore, Lord, we pray: graciously** accept this **oblation of our service, that of** your whole family**; order our days in** your peace**, and command that we be delivered** from **eternal** damnation **and counted** among **the flock of** those you have chosen.  Be pleased, O God, we pray, topless, acknowledge, and approve this offering in every respect; make it spiritual and acceptable, so that it may become for us the Body and Blood of your most beloved Son, our Lord Jesus Christ.  On the day before he was to suffer he took bread in his holy and venerable hands, and with eyes raised to heaven to you, O God, his almighty Father, giving you thanks he said the blessing*,* broke the bread and gave it to his disciples, saying:  Take this, all of you, and eat of it: for this is my Body which will be given up for you.  In a similar way, when supper was ended, he took this precious chalice in his holy and venerable hands, and once more giving you thanks, he said the blessing and gave the chalice to his disciples, saying:  Take this, all of you, and drink from it: for this is the chalice of my Blood, the Blood of the new and eternal covenant, which will be poured out for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this in memory of me.  **The Mystery of Faith: You have redeemed us by your cross and resurrection, you are the Savior of the world.**  Therefore, O Lord, as we celebrate the memorial of the blessed Passion, the Resurrection from the dead, and the glorious Ascension into heaven of Christ, your Son, our Lord, we, your servants and your holy people, offer to your glorious majesty, from the gifts that you have given us, this pure victim, this holy victim, this spotless victim, the holy Bread of eternal life and the Chalice of everlasting salvation.  Be pleased to look upon these offerings with a serene and kindly countenance, and to accept them, as you were pleased to accept the gifts of your servant Abel the just, the sacrifice of Abraham, our father in faith, and the offering of your high priest Melchizedek, a holy sacrifice, a spotless victim.  **In humble prayer we ask you,** almighty God: **command that these gifts be borne by the hands of your holy** Angel to your altar **on high in the sight of your divine majesty, so that all of us who through this participation at the altar receive the most holy** Body and Blood of your Son **may**be filled with every grace and **heavenly** blessing.  Remember also, Lord, your servants N. and N., who have gone before us with the sign of faith and rest in the sleep of peace. Grant them, O Lord, we pray, and all who sleep in Christ, a place of refreshment, light, and peace.  To us, also, your servants, who, though sinners, hope in your abundant mercies, graciously grant some share and fellowship with your holy Apostles and Martyrs: with John the Baptist, Stephen, Matthias, Barnabas, (Ignatius, Alexander, Marcelinus, Peter, Felicity, Perpetua, Agatha, Lucy, Agnes, Cecilia, Anastasia) and all your Saints: admit us, we beseech you, into their company, not weighing our merits, but granting us your pardon, through Christ our Lord.  Through whom you continue to make all these good things, O Lord; you sanctify them, fill them with life, bless them, and bestow them upon us.  Through him, and with him, and in him, O God, almighty Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor is yours, forever and ever.  Ass.: Amen.  **Communion rite**  **Our Father...**  **Exchange of Peace**  *Communion Hymn*  **Prayer after Communion**  **Cel.:** Merciful Father, grant to us who venerate St. Teresa Benedicta, to be so inflamed in our hearts with the fruits of the wood of the cross, that drawing strength from this sacrifice, we may cling faithfully to Christ and receive the gift to behold the tree of life in paradise. Through Christ our Lord.  **Ass.:** Amen.  **Blessing**  **Cel.:** Il Signore sia con voi. (The Lord be with you)  **Ass.:** E con il tuo spirito. (And with your Spirit)  **Cel.:** May God, who founded our faith upon the witness of the apostles, give you every blessing through the intercession of Saints Philipi and James.  **Ass.:** Amen.  **Cel.:** Guided by the teachings and example of the Apostles, may you become courageous in bearing witness to the Gospel before all.  .  **Ass.:** Amen.  **Cel.:** The holy Apostles, transmitted to us the first proclamation of the faith; may they intercede for us to enter into the joy of the Eternal Father’s dwelling place.  **Ass.:** Amen.  **Cel.:** May the blessing of almighty God, the Father… ✠  **Ass.:** Amen.  **Cel.:** The joy of the Lord is our strength, go in peace.  **Ass.:** Rendiamo grazie a Dio. (Thanks be to God)  *Final Hymn* |  |
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| **Friday, Aug. 10, 2012**  ***«Contemplate all of creation»***  **THE UPPER BASILICA OF ST. FRANCIS**  **MORNING PRAYER**  **GREETING**  **Cel.:** In the name of the Father…  Ass: Amen  *Hymn:* **In manus tuas, Pater** (Taizè)  **Prayer**  Santo Spirito, forza della nostra vita, tu che sei fonte di tutto il creato donaci l’entusiasmo di Francesco, affinché riconosciamo i segni di Dio in tutto il creato. Vieni, e fa che in comunione con te ringraziamo Dio per la Madre Terra e la custodiamo. (Holy Spirit, strength of our life, you are the source of all creation. Grant us the encouragement of St. Francis, that we may recognize the imprint of God in all creatures. Come, and in union with you, may we give thanks to God for mother earth which you entrusted to our care.  *Psalm 148*  **Ant. Lodate il Signore, perché è buono. (Praise the Lord for He is good)**  Alleluia.  Praise the LORD from the heavens;  praise him in the heights.  Praise him, all you his angels;  give praise, all you his hosts.  Praise him, sun and moon;  praise him, all shining stars.  Praise him, highest heavens,  you waters above the heavens.  Let them all praise the LORD’s name;  For he commanded and they were created,  Assigned them their station forever,  set an order that will never change.  Praise the LORD from the earth,  you sea monsters and all the deeps of the sea;  Lightning and hail, snow and thick clouds,  storm wind that fulfills his command;  Mountains and all hills,  fruit trees and all cedars;  Animals wild and tame,  creatures that crawl and birds that fly  Kings of the earth and all peoples,  princes and all who govern on earth;  Young men and women too,  old and young alike.  Let them all praise the LORD’s name,  for his name alone is exalted,  His majesty above earth and heaven.  He has lifted high the horn of his people;  to the praise of all his faithful,  the Israelites, the people near to him. Alleluia  Glory to the Father…  **Scripture Reading**  **From Isaiah**  *(40,25-31)*  To whom can you liken me as an equal? says the Holy One. Lift up your eyes on high  and see who created these: He leads out their army and numbers them, calling them all by name. By his great might and the strength of his power not one of them is missing!  Why, O Jacob, do you say, and declare, O Israel, “My way is hidden from the LORD,  and my right is disregarded by my God”? Do you not know? Have you not heard?  The LORD is God from of old, creator of the ends of the earth. He does not faint or grow weary, and his knowledge is beyond scrutiny. He gives power to the faint, abundant strength to the weak. Though young men faint and grow weary, and youths stagger and fall, They that hope in the LORD will renew their strength, they will soar on eagles’ wings; They will run and not grow weary, walk and not grow faint.  **Franciscan Reading**  ***Canticle of Creatures by St. Francis***  Most High, all-powerful, good Lord,  all praise is yours, all glory, all honor, and all blessing.  To you, alone, Most High, do they belong.  No mortal lips are worthy to pronounce your name.  All praise be yours, my Lord,  through all you have made,  and first my lord Brother Sun, who brings the day;  and through whom you give us light.  How beautiful is he, how radiant in all his splendor;  Of you, Most High, he bears the likeness.  All Praise be yours, my Lord, through Sister Moon  and the stars; in the heavens you have made them,  bright, and precious, and fair.  All praise be yours, my Lord,  through Brothers wind and air, and fair and stormy,  all the weather's moods,  by which you cherish all that you have made.  All praise be yours, my Lord, through Sister Water,  so useful, humble, precious and pure.  All praise be yours, my Lord, through Brother Fire,  through whom you brighten up the night.  How beautiful is he, how cheerful!  Full of power and strength.  All praise be yours, my Lord, through our Sister  Mother Earth, who sustains us and governs us,  and produces various fruits with colored flowers  and herbs.  All praise be yours, my Lord,  through those who grant pardon for love of you;  through those who endure sickness and trial.  Happy are those who endure in peace,  By You, Most High, they will be crowned.  All praise be yours, my Lord, through Sister Death,  From whose embrace no mortal can escape.  Woe to those who die in mortal sin!  Happy those she finds doing your will!  The second death can do them no harm.  Praise and bless my Lord, and give him thanks  And serve him with great humility.  *Brief Silence*  **Benedictus** *(same as in every morning prayer)*  *Hymn refrain:* **Domine Deus**  **Prayer of the Faithful**  **Cel.:** O God, the beginning and end of our lives, everything is in your hands. You created us in your image and then gave us our dignity. In you, we find shelter and safety. For this reason we ask you:  *Repeat the refrain for every petition*  **1 Lett.:** *Laudato sii, o mio Signore, per tutte le creature, specialmente per messer Frate Sole (Praise to you, my Lord for all of your creatures, especially for our Brother Sun)*  **2 Lett.:** Lord, we pray for our land. May we not forget the needs of others, but diligently use the resources of our land, which you have entrusted to our keeping.  **1 Lett.:** *Laudato sii, o mio Signore, per frate Vento e per l’Aria, le Nuvole*  *(Praise to you, my Lord, for brother Wind and Air, the Clouds)*  **2 Lett.:** For people who have lost hope because of social injustice, may we never give up being vigilant for justice and peace.  **1 Lett.:** *Laudato sii, o mio Signore, per sora Acqua (Praise to you, my Lord, for sister Water*  **2 Lett.:** Many regions of the world lack water; while others waste it. May we understand how precious is the gift of creation, which has been entrusted to us; and may we not be hardened of heart so as to neglect it, out of selfishness and indifference.  **1 Lett.:** *Laudato sii, o mio Signore, per quelli che perdonano per amor tuo:*  *(Praise to you my Lord, for those who forgive out of love for you)*  **2 Lett.:** We entrust to you those who are burdened in life. We pray for families that are divided, for couples who no longer communicate to each other, and for persons who feel alienated. May they experience through your Spirit the gift of peace and the forgiveness.  **1 Lett.:** *Laudato sii, o mio Signore, per nostra sora Morte corporale:*  *(Praise to you my Lord, for our sister Death)*  **2 Lett.:** In a moment of silence we entrust to the Lord all who have died. We entrust those victims of war and terrorism, the unborn children who died from abortion or miscarriage, those who lost their lives in this Basilica during the earthquake and for all the ones who are no longer remembered …  *Brief silence*  **Cel.:** Lord, through all of creation, you remind us that you never forget us (Is 49,15). Grateful for this, we raise our voice in prayer:  **Our Father…**  **Closing Prayer**  **Cel.:** Almighty God, apart from your will and operations nothing can exist, yet you delighted to dwell among the human family. Give us then your Spirit, that like St. Francis, may we trust you in every circumstance and see your presence in the work of creation. We ask this through Christ our Lord.  **Ass.**:Amen.  **Blessing**  **Cel.:** Il Signore sia con voi. (The Lord be with you)  **Ass.:** E con il tuo spirito. (And with your Spirit)  **Cel.:** Il Signore vi benedica e vi protegga. (The Lord bless you and keep you)  **Ass.:** Amen.  **Cel.:** Faccia risplendere il suo volto su di voi e vi doni la sua misericordia. (The Lord show you his face and be merciful to you)  **Ass.:** Amen.  **Cel.:** Rivolga su di voi il suo sguardo e vi doni la sua pace. (May God protect you and give you peace)  **Ass.:** Amen.  **Cel.:** May Almighty God bless you, the Father...  **Ass.:** Amen.  **Cel.:** Glorificate il Signore con la vostra vita, andate in pace. (Glorify the Lord with your life, go in peace.)  **Ass.:** Rendiamo grazie a Dio. (Thanks be to God)  *Final Hymn*  **Friday august 10, 2012**  **The Upper BASILICA**  **Eucharistic Celebration**  ***Feast of St. Lawrence, Deacon and Martyr***  *Opening Hymn*  **Greetings**  **Cel.:** In the name of the Father...  **Ass.:** Amen.  **Cel.:** Il Dio della speranza, che ci riempie di ogni gioia e pace nella fede per la potenza dello Spirito Santo, sia con tutti voi. (....The Lord be with you)  **Ass.:** E con il tuo spirito. (And with your spirit)  **Penitential Rite**  **Cel.:** My dear young people of the Lord, who are invited in the table of the Word and the Eucharist, you are called by the Lord to conversion. Let us then remember our sins and ask for God’s mercy with confidence.  *Brief silence*  **Cel.:** Lord, you are the way that brings us back to the Father, Lord have mercy.  **Ass.:** *Signore, pietà.* (Lord, have mercy)  **Cel.:** Christ Jesus, you came to give us your life and to save all people, Christ have mercy.  **Ass.:** *Cristo, pietà. (Christ have mercy)*  **Cel.: Lord, you have made us sharers of your body and blood, Lord have mercy.**  **Ass.:** *Signore, pietà. (Lord have mercy)*  **Cel.:** May Almighty God, have mercy on us, forgive us our sins and bring us to eternal life.  **Ass.:** Amen.  **Gloria**  **Opening Prayer**  **Cel.:** O God, giver of that ardor of love by which Saint Lawrence was outstandingly faithful in service and glorious in martyrdom, grant that we may love what he loved and put into practice what he taught. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.  **Ass.:** Amen.  **First Reading**  **From II Corinthians** *(9, 6-10)*  Consider this: whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. Each must do as already determined, without sadness or compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. Moreover, God is able to make every grace abundant for you, so that in all things, always having all you need, you may have an abundance for every good work.As it is written:  “He scatters abroad, he gives to the poor; his righteousness endures forever.”  The one who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will supply and multiply your seed and increase the harvest of your righteousness.  **Word of the Lord.**  **Resposorial Psalm** *(Ps. 111)*  ***Resp. Beato l’uomo che teme il Signore. (Blest the man who fears the Lord)***  Blessed the man who fears the LORD,  who greatly delights in his commands.  His descendants shall be mighty in the land,  a generation of the upright will be blessed. (Resp)  It is good for the man gracious in lending,  who conducts his affairs with justice.  For he shall never be shaken;  the righteous shall be remembered forever, (Resp.)  Lavishly he gives to the poor;  his righteousness shall endure forever;  his horn shall be exalted in honor. (Resp.)    **Gospel acclamation**  **Alleluia, alleluia.**  The one who follows me will not walk in darkness but will have the light of life, says the Lord.  **Alleluia.**  Gospel  **From John**  *(12, 24-26)*  Amen, amen, I say to you, unless a grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains just a grain of wheat; but if it dies, it produces much fruit. **Whoever loves his life** loses it, and whoever hates his life in this world will preserve it for eternal life. **Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there also will my servant be. The Father will honor whoever serves me.**  **The Gospel of the Lord.**  **Prayer of the Faithful**  **Cel.:** The sacrament of the Body and Blood of the Lord is the summit and source of the very life of the Church, a pledge of blessing and salvation for the whole world. We now raise our corporate prayer before God, for it is through this great mystery that we derive the gift of unity and peace. Let us pray:  **Lett.:** ***Ascoltaci o Signore. (Hear us, O Lord)***  **Lett.:** For the holy Church, through the example of St. Lawrence, may She take the path of bearing witness to the words and works of the saving Gospel before the world, we pray.  **Lett.:** For priests, who announce the Word and break the Eucharistic Bread for us, that their lives may express the mystery which they celebrate on the altar, so as to effectively bring the world closer to God, we pray***.***  **Lett.:** For families, that they may promote true love for Christ in the Eucharist, so they can rediscover the joy of meeting God and the Church at every Sunday mass, which is the source of delight and fraternal communion among Christians, we pray.  **Lett.:** For our community, may we learn to share, like St. Lawrence, the earthly bread we eat so as to help those who are in poverty and in pain, we pray.  **Lett.:** For all of us, that like St. Lawrence, we may courageously grow in faith, hope, and charity; and become the instruments of peace and forgiveness for everyone, we pray.  **Cel.:** Lord Jesus, through the sacrament of your Body and Blood, you have brought us to the fount of the Spirit who gives life, vivifies the Church, draws us to your table, and brings renewal to all of humanity, for the glory of God the Father. You who live and reign with the Father in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.  **Ass.:** Amen.  *Offertory Hymn*  **Prayer over the Gifts**  **Cel.:** Receive with favor, O Lord, this offering which we joyfully present on the feast day of St. Lawrence and grant that it may lead us to salvation. Through Christ our Lord.  **Ass.:** Amen.  **Preface**  **Cel.:** **I**l Signore sia con voi. (The Lord be with you)  **Ass.:** E con il tuo spirito. (And with your spirit)  **Cel.:** **I**n alto i nostri cuori. (Lift up your hearts)  **Ass.:** Sono rivolti al Signore. (We lift them up to the Lord)  **Cel.:** **R**endiamo grazie al Signore, nostro Dio. (Let us give thanks to the Lord our God)  **Ass.:** è cosa buona e giusta. (It is right and just)  **Father, all-powerful and ever-living God,**  **we do well always and everywhere to give You thanks.**  **Your holy martyr St. Lawrence followed the example of Christ,**  **and gave his life for the glory of Your Name.**  **His death reveals Your power shining through our human weakness.**  **You choose the weak and make them strong in bearing witness to You,**  **through Jesus Christ our Lord.**  **In our unending joy we echo on earth**  **the song of the angels in heaven as they praise Your glory for ever:**  **Holy, holy, holy…**  **eucharistic Prayer II**  **CP** You are **indeed Holy, O Lord,** the **fount** of all holiness  **CC** **Make holy, therefore,** these gifts**, we pray, by sending down your Spirit upon them like the dewfall,** so that they may become for us the Body and Blood of our Lord, Jesus Christ.  **At the time he was betrayed and entered willingly into his Passion**, he took bread and**, giving thanks, broke it,** **and** gave it to his disciples, **saying:**  Take this, all of you, and eat **of** it: **for** this is my Body which will be given up for you.  **In a similar way**, when supper was ended, he took the **chalice and,** **once more giving** thanks, **he** gave **it** to his disciples, **saying**:  Take this, all of you, and drink from it: **for** this is the **chalice** of my Blood, the Blood of the new and **eternal** covenant**, which** will be **poured out** for you and **for many for the forgiveness of sins.** Do this in memory of me.  **CP** **The Mystery of faith**  **Ass: Annunziamo la tua morte, Signore, (We proclaim your death, O Lord)**  **proclamiamo la tua risurrezione, (And profess your resurrection)**  **nell'attesa della tua venuta. (Until you come again.)**  **CC** **Therefore, as we celebrate the memorial** of his Death and Resurrection, we offer you, **Lord, the** Bread **of life and the Chalice of salvation, giving thanks that you have held us** worthyto **be** in your presence and **minister to** you.  **Humbly we pray that, partaking of** the Body and Blood of Christ**, we may** be **gathered into one** by the Holy Spirit.  **Remember, Lord,** your Church, **spread** throughout the world, and **bring her to the fullness of charity,** together with N. our Pope **and** N. our Bishop and all the clergy.  Remember also our brothers and sisters who **have fallen asleep** in the hope of **the resurrection** and all **who have died in your mercy: welcome them** into the light of your **face.** Have mercy on us all, **we pray, that with the blessed Virgin** Mary, Mother of God, with the **blessed** Apostles, and **all** the Saintswho have **pleased you** throughout the ages**, we may merit to be co-heirs to eternal life, and may praise and glorify you** through your Son, Jesus Christ.  **Doxology:** Through Him, and with Him, and in Him....  **Ass:** Amen.  **Communion Rite**  **Our Father**  **Exchange of Peace**  *Communion Hymn*  **Prayer after Communion**  **Cel.:** Nourished by these sacred gifts, we humbly implore you, Lord, that the homage of dutiful service, which we render on the feast of St. Lawrence, may bring us increase of your saving grace. Through Christ our Lord  **Ass.:** Amen.  **Blessing**  **Cel.:** Il Signore sia con voi. (The Lord be with you.)  **Ass.:** E con il tuo spirito. (And with your spirit)  **Cel.:** May the omnipotent and merciful God, through the intercession of St. Lawrence give us the gift of true wisdom which leads us to salvation.  **Ass.:** Amen.  **Cel.:** May God always illumine you with signs of faith and help you to persevere in goodness even in difficult moments  **Ass.:** Amen.  **Cel.:** May God show you the path to truth and peace, and guide our feet along the way to eternal life.  **Ass.:** Amen.  **Cel.:** May Almighty God bless you, the Father…  **Ass.:** Amen.  **Cel.:** Glorificate il Signore con la vostra vita, andate in pace. (Go in peace, glorifying God in your lives)  **Ass.:** Rendiamo grazie a Dio. (Thanks be to God)  *Final Hymn* |  |
| **Saturday, Aug. 11, 2012**  ***«Search for me in silence»***  **Morning Prayer in Small Groups**  **On the way to the Hermitages of Carceri**  **Greeting**  **Cel.:** In the name of the Father…  **Ass.:** Amen.  *Hymn:* **In manus tuas, Pater** (Taizè)  **Prayer**  Holy Spirit, strength of our lives, you are the source of interior silence, give us the encouragement of St. Francis, that we may always seek you in silence, in order that we can learn to hear, without distraction, the voice of the Lord. Come, and in union with you, may we listen with quiet hearts to the words of consolation and encouragement of the Lord Jesus.  *Psalm 23*  **Ant. Il Signore è il mio pastore, non manco di nulla. (The Lord is my Shepherd, I shall want for nothing)**  The LORD is my shepherd;  there is nothing I lack.  In green pastures he makes me lie down;  to still waters he leads me  He restores my soul.  He guides me along right paths  for the sake of his name.  Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,  I will fear no evil, for you are with me;  your rod and your staff comfort me.  You set a table before me  in front of my enemies;  You anoint my head with oil;  my cup overflows.  Indeed, goodness and mercy will pursue me  all the days of my life;  I will dwell in the house of the LORD  for endless days.  Glory to the Father…  **Scripture Reading**  **From Wisdom**  *(9,1-6.9-12a)*  God of my ancestors, Lord of mercy, you who have made all things by your word. And in your wisdom have established humankind to rule the creatures produced by you, and to govern the world in holiness and righteousness, and to render judgment in integrity of heart: Give me Wisdom, the consort at your throne, and do not reject me from among your children; For I am your servant, the child of your maidservant, a man weak and short-lived and lacking in comprehension of judgment and of laws.  Indeed, though one be perfect among mortals, if Wisdom, who comes from you, be lacking, that one will count for nothing. Now with you is Wisdom, who knows your works and was present when you made the world; Who understands what is pleasing in your eyes and what is conformable with your commands. Send her forth from your holy heavens and from your glorious throne dispatch her that she may be with me and work with me, that I may know what is pleasing to you, for she knows and understands all things, and will guide me prudently in my affairs and safeguard me by her glory.  **Franciscan Reading**  **From the Major Legend by St. Bonaventure** *(LM II,5)*  Released now from the chains of all earthly desires, this scorner of the world left the town and in a carefree mood sought the secret of solitude that alone and in silence he would hear the mystery of the divine eloquence.  While Francis, the man of God, was making his way through a certain forest, singing with glee praises to the Lord in French, robbers suddenly rushed upon him from an ambush. When they asked who he was, the man of God, filled with confidence, replied in a prophetic voice: "I am the herald of the great King!" But they beat him and threw him into a ditch filled with snow, saying: "Lie there, you stupid herald of God!" After they left, he jumped out of the ditch, and exhilarated with great joy, he began in an even louder voice to make the woods resound with praises to the Creator of all,  *Brief Silence*  **Benedictus** *(as in every morning)*  *In place of the antiphon, we will use the following:* **Sanctum Nomen Domini** *(Blessed be the name of the Lord)*  **Prayer of the Faithful**  **Cel.:** Francis and Clare are the most important saints of Assisi. In this their hometown, everyone feels embraced by the experience of their spirituality. Let us ask for their intercession before the Lord:  1 Lett.: Lord, our eyes see the good things that you have accomplished in our lives, may we not mistrust our neighbors.   2 Lett.: Lord, Francis and Clare recognized their strength and their weakness through silence and solitude. They learned to accept their limitations without denying them. May we also find You and ourselves through prayer and silence.  3 Lett.:Lord, Francis and Clare did not shy away to answer your call. May we be open to Your will as we search for our place in the world and in the Church.  **4 Lett.:** Lord, in the Holy Scripture there are many passages that tell us of Your encounter with humanity: Moses in the burning bush, Elijah in the gentle breeze, the apostles in their daily lives. May we help other young people to become attentive to your actions in the world that they too may become contributors in the renewal of the Church.  **5 Lett.:** Lord, in a moment of silence, I entrust to You all our concerns and the work that we do.  *Brief Silence*  **Cel.: To you, Father of all humanity, be glory and honor as we pray in the words that Jesus gave us:**  **Our Father**  Closing Prayer  **Cel.: Almighty God, you have called us to be tireless in our efforts to seek new lives as we faithfully follow you. Grant us today your Spirit, as you did in the lives of Saints Francis and Clare, that we may find the courage never to give up, but to trust in you always. This we ask through Christ our Lord.**  **Ass.:** Amen.  **Blessing**  **Cel.:** Il Signore sia con voi. (The Lord be with you)  **Ass.:** E con il tuo spirito. (And with your spirit)  **Cel.:** Il Signore vi benedica e vi protegga. (May the Lord bless and keep you)  **Ass.:** Amen.  **Cel.:** Faccia risplendere il suo volto su di voi e vi doni la sua misericordia. (May God show you his face and be merciful to you)  **Ass.:** Amen.  **Cel.:** Rivolga su di voi il suo sguardo e vi doni la sua pace. (May God safeguard you and give you peace)  **Ass.:** Amen.  **Cel.:** May Almighty God bless you, the Father…  **Ass.:** Amen.  **Cel.:** Glorificate il Signore con la vostra vita, andate in pace. (Glorify the Lord with your life, go in peace)  **Ass.:** Rendiamo grazie a Dio. (Thanks be to God)  *Final Hymn*  **Saturday, Aug. 11, 2012**  **Lowere BASILICA of St. Francis**  **Eucharistic Celebration**  ***Feast of Saint Clare of Assisi***  **From the Rule of St. Clare**  The form of life of the order of the Poor Sisters that Blessed Francis established is this: to observe the Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, by living in obedience, without anything of one's own, and in chastity.  Clare, the unworthy servant of Christ and the little plant of the most blessed Francis, promises obedience and reverence to the Lord Pope Innocent and his canonically elected successors, and to the Roman Church. And as, at the beginning of her conversion she, together with her sisters, promised obedience to Blessed Francis, so now she promises his successors to observe the same obedience inviolably. And the other sisters shall always be obliged to obey the successors of Blessed Francis and Sister Clare and the other canonically elected Abbesses who succeed her.  *Opening Hymn*  Greeting  **Cel.:** In the name of the Father...  **Ass.:** Amen.  **Cel.:** May peace, love and faith from God the Father, and the Lord Jesus be with you all.  **Ass.:** E con il tuo spirito. (and with your spirit)  **Penitential Act**  **Cel.:** Lord Jesus you came for sinners. No one stands before you self-justified, rather we trust that you would change our hearts to make it like yours so we can once again be children of the Heavenly Father. As you present us before God with all of our poverty and weakness, may we receive mercy and forgiveness.  *Brief silence*  **Cel.:** Lord, you made yourself our companion in this life’s journey to share not just our toils but also our dreams, have mercy on us.  **Ass.:** *Kýrie eléison.*  **Cel.:** Christ Jesus, you have the heart to listen to the things that we say and ask for, Christ have mercy.  **Ass.:** *Christe eléison.*  **Cel.:** Lord, you want us to entrust all our cares to you, Lord have mercy.  **Ass.:** *Kýrie eléison.*  **Cel.:** May Almighty God, have mercy on us, forgive us our sins and bring us to everlasting life.  **Ass.:** Amen.  **Gloria**  **Colletta**  **Cel.:** O God, who in your mercy led Saint Clare to a love of poverty, grant, through her intercession, that, following Christ in poverty of spirit, we may merit to contemplate you one day in the heavenly Kingdom. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.  **Ass.:** Amen.  First Reading  **From Hosea** *(2,16 –17. 21-22)*  Therefore, I will allure her now; I will lead her into the wilderness and speak persuasively to her. Then I will give her the vineyards she had, and the valley of Achor as a door of hope. There she will respond as in the days of her youth, as on the day when she came up from the land of Egypt.  I will betroth you to me forever: I will betroth you to me with justice and with judgment, with loyalty and with compassion; I will betroth you to me with fidelity, and you shall know the LORD.  **Word of the Lord.**  **Responsorial Psalm**  *(Ps. 44)*  ***Resp. Ecco lo sposo, andate incontro a Cristo Signore! (Behold your Spouse, meet Christ the Lord)***  Listen, my daughter, and understand;  pay me careful heed.  Forget your people and your father’s house,  that the king might desire your beauty.  He is your lord. (Resp.)  All glorious is the king’s daughter as she enters,  her raiment threaded with gold;  In embroidered apparel she is led to the king. (Resp)  The maids of her train are presented to the king.  They are led in with glad and joyous acclaim;  they enter the palace of the king. (Resp)  **Gospel Acclamation**  **Alleluia, alleluia.**  Come, Spouse of Christ, receive the corwn that God has prepared for you from all eternity. **Alleluia.**  **From John** *(15, 4-10)*  Remain in me, as I remain in you. Just as a branch cannot bear fruit on its own unless it remains on the vine, so neither can you unless you remain in me. I am the vine, you are the branches. Whoever remains in me and I in him will bear much fruit, because without me you can do nothing.Anyone who does not remain in me will be thrown out like a branch and wither; people will gather them and throw them into a fire and they will be burned.If you remain in me and my words remain in you, ask for whatever you want and it will be done for you. By this is my Father glorified, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples. As the Father loves me, so I also love you. Remain in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will remain in my love, just as I have kept my Father’s commandments and remain in his love.  The Gospel of the Lord.  **Prayer of the Faithful**  **Cel.: On this feast of St Clare, let us invoke God our Father through the merciful heart of Jesus to grant us our prayers**:  **Lett.:** Let us pray:  **Donaci, Signore, un cuore nuovo. (Give us, Lord, a new heart)**  **Lett.:** Lord, like St. Francis and Clare of Assisi, may Your Church be merciful in caring for your children; and as She presents them to you, may they find security in Your love, we pray.  **Lett.:** Lord, you fashioned bishops to be ministers and distributors of your mysteries, grant them faithfulness, wisdom and charity, so that they may always seek what is good, honest and just, we pray.  **Lett.:** You sent your Son to heal every kind of illness, create in us a new heart, capable of seeing and helping our brothers and sister who are marginalized in society and who groan in their sufferings, we pray.  **Lett.:** You revealed your power above all through the love that you have showed us, may we be reconciled with you as we imitate our father, St. Francis, and our holy mother, St. Clare, and like them become your instruments of forgiveness and peace, we pray.  **Cel.:** God of Consolation listen graciously to your children, through the intercession of Saint Clare, attend to the supplications we have raised before you and support us in our earthly journey until at last we arrive at the joyful banquet of the eternal Easter. Through Christ our Lord.  **Ass.:** Amen.  *Offertory hymn*  **Prayer over gifts**  **Cel.:** Accept Lord, the humble service that we offer you as we honor the memory of St. Clare, the virgin, and through this holy sacrifice of Christ your Son, transform us to become zealous apostles of your love. Through Christ our Lord.  **Ass.:** Amen.  **Preface**  **Cel.:** **I**l Signore sia con voi.(The Lord be with you)  **Ass.:** E con il tuo spirito. (And with your spirit)  **Cel.:** **I**n alto i nostri cuori. (Lift up your hearts)  **Ass.:** Sono rivolti al Signore. (We lift them up to the Lord)  **Cel.:** **R**endiamo grazie al Signore, nostro Dio. (Let us give thanks to the Lord our God)  **Ass.:** È cosa buona e giusta. (It is right and just)  Father all-powerful and ever-living God, we do well always and everywhere to give you thanks. You wondrously inflamed your servant Clare to follow like Francis in the footsteps of your Son.  To him you espoused her mystically through perpetual fidelity and love. Raising her to the summit of seraphic perfection through the highest poverty. You made her the mother of countless virgins.  Through him the choirs of angels and all the powers of heaven praise and worship your glory. May our voices blend with theirs as we join in their unending hymn of praise:  **Holy, Holy, Holy…**  **Eucharistic Prayer iii**  **CP** You are indeed Holy, O Lord, and all you have created rightly gives you praise, for through your Son our Lord Jesus Christ, by the power and working of the Holy Spirit, you give life to all things and make them holy, and you never cease to gather a people to yourself, so that from the rising of the sun to its setting a pure sacrifice may be offered to your name.  **CC** **Therefore, O Lord, we humbly implore you: by the same Spirit graciously make holy these gifts we have brought to you for consecration,** that they may becomethe Body and Blood of your Son our Lord Jesus Christ at whose command we celebrate **these mysteries.**  **For** on the night he was betrayed **he himself** took bread, and **giving** you thanks **he said the blessing**, broke the bread **and** gave it to his disciples, **saying**:  Take this, all of you, and eat **of** it: **for** this is my Body which will be given up for you.  **In a similar way**, when supper was ended, he took the **chalice, and** **giving** you thanks **he said the blessing, and** gave **the chalice** to his disciples, **saying:**  Take this, all of you, and drink from it: **for** this is the **chalice** of my Blood, the Blood of the new and **eternal** covenant**; which** will be **poured out** for you and **for many for the forgiveness of sins.** Do this in memory of me.    **CP** **The Mystery of Faith**.  **Ass.:** **Tu ci hai redenti con la tua croce e la tua risurrezione: salvaci, o Salvatore del mondo.**  **(Save us Savior of the world, for by your Cross and Resurrection you have set us free)**  **CC** **Therefore, O Lord, we celebrate the memorial of the saving Passion of your Son,** his **wondrous** Resurrectionand Ascension into heaven, and **as we look forward to his second coming**, we offer you in thanksgiving this holy and living sacrifice.  Look, **we pray, upon the oblation of your Church,** and, **recognizing**the **sacrificial** Victim **by** whose death **you willed to reconcile** us to yourself,grant that we, who are nourished by **the** Body and Blood **of your Son** **and** filled with his Holy Spirit, may become one body, one spirit in Christ.  **1C** May he make **of** us an **eternal offering** to you**, so that we may obtain an** inheritance **with** your **elect, especially with the most blessed Virgin** Mary, Mother of God, with **your blessed** Apostles **and glorious** Martyrs **with** Saint Clare of Assisi and **with** all **the** Saints, on whose constant intercession **in your presence** we rely for **unfailing** help.    **2C** May this Sacrifice **of our reconciliation, we pray, O Lord,** advance the peace and salvation of all the world. **Be pleased to confirm** in faith and **charity** your pilgrim Church on earth, **with** your servant **Benedict our Pope** **and** **N. our Bishop, the Order of** Bishops, all the clergy, and the entire people **you have** gained for **your own.** **Listen graciously to** the prayers of **this** family**, whom** you have **summoned** before you**: in your compassion, O merciful Father, gather to yourself** allyour children **scattered throughout the world.**  **To** our departed brothers and sisters and **to** all who **were pleasing to you at their passing from this life, give kind admittance to your kingdom. There** we hope to enjoy forever the **fullness** of your glory through Christ our Lord **through** whom **you bestow on the world** all **that is good.**  *Through him and with him and in him, O God, almighty Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor is yours, forever and ever.*  **Ass.:** **Amen.**  **Communion Rite**  Ou Father...  Exchange of Peace  *Communion Hymn*  **Prayer after communion**  **Cel.:** O God, you have satisfied us with the Bread of Life, through the example of St. Clare, may we carry within our mortal flesh the passion of Christ, that we may cling to you, the only and supreme Good. Through Christ our Lord.  **Ass.:** Amen.  **Blessing**  **Cel.:** May God our Father, who gathered us to celebrate the feast of St. Clare today, bless and keep you and confirm you in peace.  **Ass.:** Amen.  **Cel.:** May Christ the Lord, who has revealed to St. Clare the strength of his love, make your hearts attentive to his Word, that you may always walk in the way that he shows you.  **Ass.:** Amen.  **Cel.:** May the Holy Spirit, who has given St. Clare a clear sign of fraternal unity, grant you the grace to live in true communion of faith and love for the good of the Church.  **Ass.:** Amen.  **Cel.:** May the blessing of Almighty God, the Father...  **Ass.:** Amen.  *Final Hymn*  **Sunday, Aug. 12, 2012**  ***«Share your faith»***  **Upper BASILICA**  **Eucharistic Celebration**  ***Solemnity of St. Rufino***  ***Patron of the City of Assisi***  *Opening Hymn*  **Greeting**  **Cel.:** In the name of the Father...  **Ass.:** Amen.  **Cel.: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God the Father, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you.**  **Ass.:** E con il tuo spirito. (and with your spirit)  **Penitential Rite**  **Cel.:** Dear young pilgrims, the Lord Jesus assures us that he intercedes for us in the presence of God the Father. Let us confidently ask him to forgive our sins.  *Brief Silence*  **Cel.:** Lord, you want us to be disciples of truth. Forgive our hypocrisy. Lord, have mercy.  **Ass.:**Signore, pietà. (Lord, have mercy)  **Cel.:** Christ Jesus, you want us to be lovers of justice. Forgive the wrongs we have done to our neighbor. Christ, have mercy.  **Ass.:**Cristo, pietà. (Christ. have mercy)  **Cel.:** Lord, you want us to be witnesses of charity. Forgive our pride. Lord, have mercy.  **Ass.:**Signore, pietà. (Lord, have mercy)  **Cel.: May Almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us our sins and bring us to everlasting life**.  **Ass.:** Amen.  **Gloria**  **Prayer**  **Cel.: O God, through the apostolic preaching of St. Rufino, bishop and martyr, you called our ancestors to the marvelous light of the Gospel. May his intercession increase our faith, hope and charity, that your Church may be a sign and instrument of Christ’s presence in the world. Through our Lord Jesus Christ you Son…**  **Ass.:** Amen.  **First reading**  **From Ezekiel**  *(34, 11-16)*  **For thus says the Lord GOD: Look! I myself will search for my sheep and examine them.** **As a shepherd examines his flock while he himself is among his scattered sheep, so will I examine my sheep. I will deliver them from every place where they were scattered on the day of dark clouds.** **I will lead them out from among the peoples and gather them from the lands; I will bring them back to their own country and pasture them upon the mountains of Israel, in the ravines and every inhabited place in the land.** **In good pastures I will pasture them; on the mountain heights of Israel will be their grazing land. There they will lie down on good grazing ground; in rich pastures they will be pastured on the mountains of Israel.** **I myself will pasture my sheep; I myself will give them rest—oracle of the Lord GOD.The lost I will search out, the strays I will bring back, the injured I will bind up, and the sick I will heal; but the sleek and the strong I will destroy. I will shepherd them in judgment.**  **Word of the Lord.**  **Responsorial Psalm** *(Ps. 22)*  ***Rit. Il Signore è il mio pastore: non manco di nulla.***  ***(The Lord is my Shepherd, I shall want for nothing)***  In green pastures he makes me lie down;  to still waters he leads me; he restores my soul.  He guides me along right paths  for the sake of his name. (Resp)  Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,  I will fear no evil, for you are with me;  your rod and your staff comfort me. (Resp)  You set a table before me  in front of my enemies;  You anoint my head with oil;  my cup overflows. (Resp.)  Indeed, goodness and mercy will pursue me  all the days of my life;  I will dwell in the house of the LORD  for endless days. (Resp)  **Second Reading**  **From 1 Thessalonians** *(2, 2-8)*  **We drew courage through our God to speak to you the gospel of God with much struggle.** **Our exhortation was not from delusion or impure motives, nor did it work through deception.** **But as we were judged worthy** by God to be entrusted with the gospel, that is how we speak, not as trying to please human beings, but rather God, who judges our hearts. **Nor, indeed, did we ever appear with flattering speech, as you know, or with a pretext for greed — God is witness** **nor did we seek praise from human beings, either from you or from others,** **although we were able to impose our weight as apostles of Christ. Rather, we were gentle** among you, as a nursing mother cares for her children. **With such affection for you, we were determined to share with you not only the gospel of God, but our very selves as well, so dearly beloved had you become to us.**  **The Word of the Lord**  Gospel Acclamation  **Alleluia, alleluia.**  I am the Good Shepherd, says the Lord, I know my sheep and mine know me. **Alleluia.**  **Gospel**  **From John** *(10, 11-16)*  **I am the good shepherd. A good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep.** **A hired man, who is not a shepherd and whose sheep are not his own, sees a wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away, and the wolf catches and scatters them.** **This is because he works for pay and has no concern for the sheep.** **I am the good shepherd, and I know mine and mine know me,** **just as the Father knows me and I know the Father; and I will lay down my life for the sheep.** **I have other sheep** that do not belong to this fold. These also I must lead, and they will hear my voice, and there will be one flock, one shepherd.  The Gospel of the Lord  **Rite of the “Effeta”- priests concelebrating at the Liturgy will touch the ears of the congregation as a sign of blessing to open the ears to hear the message of the Gospel. The priest will say:**  **Effatà, cioè: Apriti,**  **perché tu possa professare la tua fede**  **a lode e gloria di Dio.**  **(Effata, that is, be “Opened!” That you may profess your faith to the praise and glory of God)**  **Profession of faith**  **Prayer of the faithful**  **Cel.:** Dear Young people, on this solemnity of St. Rufino, bishop and martyr, from whom the Church of Assisi received its teaching of divine revelation, let us now ask the omnipotent God to listen to our prayers for the love of His only Son, as we say:  **Lett.:** **Cristo Signore, ascoltaci. (Christ hear our prayer)**  **Lett.:** For the Church that the celebration of the Eucharist may ever increase the communion between Christians and remove from them every cause of division, let us pray.  **Lett.:** For those who seek God and for those who do not know Him, that Christians who are united in listening to the Word may invoke the gift of faith upon them, let us pray.  **Lett.:** For Christian families, that they may be reunited around the table of earthly food and share with each other their love and fellowship just as the Church gathers us around the table of the Eucharist, we pray.  **Lett.:** For all of us who take part in this Eucharist, may we participate with joy at this Mass and share our bread with those who are distant from us, let us pray.  **Cel.:** O God, who through your Martyr and Bishop St. Rufino, have brought us to the knowledge of your name. May You increase our faith, hope and charity through the merits and intercession of our honored saint, and grant to us the fullness of what we seek in faith. Through Christ our Lord.  **Ass.:** Amen.  *Offertory Hymn*  **Prayer over the Gifts**  **Cel.: Guard our gifts Lord, with a father’s care, and transform them with the blessing of your Spirit, that they may bring to us the flame of your divine love, which sustained St. Rufino in his suffering and martyrdom. Through Christ our Lord.**  **Ass.:** Amen.  **Preface**  **Cel.: I**l Signore sia con voi. (The Lord be with you  **Ass.:** E con il tuo spirito. (and with your spirit)    **Cel.: I**n alto i nostri cuori. (Lift up your hearts)  **Ass.:** Sono rivolti al Signore. (We lift them up to the Lord)  **Cel.:** **R**endiamo grazie al Signore, nostro Dio. (Let us give thanks to the Lord our God)  **Ass.:** è cosa buona e giusta. (It is right and just)  It is truly right and just,  our duty and our salvation,  always and everywhere to give you thanks,  Lord, holy Father,  Almighty and eternal God, through Jesus Christ our Lord and Redeemer.  For by his blood spilled on the cross, Christ has renewed the world, And through the power of your Spirit, you have sustained all those who announce the Gospel to spread your Kingdom. Through the preaching and martyrdom of your bishop Rufino, you brought the knowledge of your name to our ancestors that they may be born in the Church, a community of believers scattered throughout the world to proclaim the wonders of your love. And so with great wonder at this benevolent mystery, we unite our voice to the heavenly liturgy as we sing with the angels and saints the hymn of your glory:  **Holy, Holy, Holy…**  **Eucharistic Prayer iii**  **CP** You are indeed Holy, O Lord, and all you have created rightly gives you praise, for through your Son our Lord Jesus Christ, by the power and working of the Holy Spirit, you give life to all things and make them holy, and you never cease to gather a people to yourself, so that from the rising of the sun to its setting a pure sacrifice may be offered to your name.  **CC** **Therefore, O Lord, we humbly implore you: by the same Spirit graciously make holy these gifts we have brought to you for consecration,** that they may becomethe Body and Blood of your Son our Lord Jesus Christ at whose command we celebrate **these mysteries.**  **For** on the night he was betrayed **he himself** took bread, and **giving** you thanks **he said the blessing**, broke the bread **and** gave it to his disciples, **saying**:  Take this, all of you, and eat **of** it: **for** this is my Body which will be given up for you.  **In a similar way**, when supper was ended, he took the **chalice, and** **giving** you thanks **he said the blessing, and** gave **the chalice** to his disciples, **saying:**  Take this, all of you, and drink from it: **for** this is the **chalice** of my Blood, the Blood of the new and **eternal** covenant**; which** will be **poured out** for you and **for many for the forgiveness of sins.** Do this in memory of me.    **CP** **The Mystery of Faith**.  **Ass.:** **Tu ci hai redenti con la tua croce e la tua risurrezione: salvaci, o Salvatore del mondo.**  **(Save us Savior of the world, for by your Cross and Resurrection you have set us free)**  **CC** **Therefore, O Lord, we celebrate the memorial of the saving Passion of your Son,** his **wondrous** Resurrectionand Ascension into heaven, and **as we look forward to his second coming**, we offer you in thanksgiving this holy and living sacrifice.  Look, **we pray, upon the oblation of your Church,** and, **recognizing**the **sacrificial** Victim **by** whose death **you willed to reconcile** us to yourself,grant that we, who are nourished by **the** Body and Blood **of your Son** **and** filled with his Holy Spirit, may become one body, one spirit in Christ.  **1C** May he make **of** us an **eternal offering** to you**, so that we may obtain an** inheritance **with** your **elect, especially with the most blessed Virgin** Mary, Mother of God, with **your blessed** Apostles **and glorious** Martyrs **with** Saint Clare of Assisi and **with** all **the** Saints, on whose constant intercession **in your presence** we rely for **unfailing** help.  **2C** May this Sacrifice **of our reconciliation, we pray, O Lord,** advance the peace and salvation of all the world. **Be pleased to confirm** in faith and **charity** your pilgrim Church on earth, **with** your servant **Benedict our Pope** **and** **Dominic our Bishop, the Order of** Bishops, all the clergy, and the entire people **you have** gained for **your own.** **Listen graciously to** the prayers of **this** family**, whom** you have **summoned** before you**: in your compassion, O merciful Father, gather to yourself** allyour children **scattered throughout the world.**  **To** our departed brothers and sisters and **to** all who **were pleasing to you at their passing from this life, give kind admittance to your kingdom. There** we hope to enjoy forever the **fullness** of your glory through Christ our Lord **through** whom **you bestow on the world** all **that is good.**  *Through him and with him and in him, O God, almighty Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor is yours, forever and ever.*  **Ass.:** **Amen.**  **Communion Rite**  Ou Father...  Exchange of Peace  *Communion Hymn*  **Prayer after communion**  **Cel.: Father, you have fed us with delight in the sacrament of our salvation which we offered on the solemnity of St. Rufino, bishop and martyr. May the Church continue to flourish in faith and holiness of life. Through Christ our Lord.**  **Ass.:** Amen.  Commissioning of the Youth Delegates/Pilgrims  **Lett.:** Jesus desires to be with us always that his Word may remain in the hearts of all, but who shall carry this out? The answer is clear and simple, and imperative: it is every one of us. Like the first Christians, we too must announce the Gospel to everyone. Listen now to the words of Christ that you may respond with confident generosity:  **From Matthew**  *(28,16-20)*  The eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had ordered them. When they saw him, they worshiped, but they doubted. Then Jesus approached and said to them, “All power in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the holy Spirit,teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, until the end of the age.”  **Message of John Paul II to the Youth (Nov. 27, 1988)**  Today’s world needs many apostles – especially apostles who are young and courageous. You young people have in a special way the task of witnessing today to the faith; the commitment to bring the Gospel of Christ – the Way, the Truth and the Life – into the third Christian Millennium, to build a new civilization – a civilization of love, of justice and of peace.  Each new generation needs new apostles. This means a special mission for you. You young people are the first apostles and evangelizers of the world of youth, assailed today by so many challenges and so much that is threatening. Above all, you can be evangelizers, and no one can take your place, where you study, and in your work and your free time. So many of those of your own age do not know Christ, or do not know Him well enough. So you cannot remain silent and indifferent! You must have the courage to speak about Christ, to bear witness to your faith through a life-style inspired by the Gospel. St Paul wrote: “Woe to me if I do not preach the Gospel!” (1Cor 9:16). The harvest is great indeed for evangelization and so many workers are needed. Christ trusts you and counts on your collaboration… Christ needs you! Respond to his call with courage and with the enthusiasm that belongs to your age.  **Giving the Symbol of the Great Commission**  **Cel.: Dear Young people, in the beginning the Lord sent his first disciple to the world, today he is sending you to be his apostles among your friends. Today you have pledged to practice your faith by welcoming the Word of God, especially present in the Holy Eucharist. As young people of the Church, you are indeed courageous to announce the Gospel to all, by becoming credible witnesses of charity and of the Lord’s resurrection. The Crucified One accompanies you now in your walk of life to help you realize your hope of a new world.**  **Cel.:** Receive this symbol of Christ’s charity and of our Faith. Preach Christ crucified, the power and wisdom of God.  **Ass.:** Amen.  *A hymn will be sung while the symbol of commissioning is distributed to the participants. At the end of which, the following prayer is said:*  **Prayer**  **Lett.:** Lord Jesus, we ask that you send us your Spirit so we may have the your light to guide our path. Be with us as we return to our parishes and our homes. Speak your words to our hearts, comfort us in our insecurity; and bring back all those who have strayed. We ask that you awaken the indifferent, enlighten the doubtful and strengthen the believer. Make us your true disciples: the youth who are guided by the light of your Word, unafraid to welcome, to live and to bear witness to the Gospel. Make us the salt of the earth and the light of the world.  **Ass.:** Amen.  **Blessing**  **Cel.:** Il Signore sia con voi. (The Lord be with you)  **Ass.:** E con il tuo spirito. (and with your spirit)  **Cel.:** May God Our Father, who has brought us together today to celebrate the solemnity of St. Rufino, father and patron of the Church of Assisi, bless and keep you and confirm you in his peace.  **Ass.:** Amen.  **Cel.:** Christ Jesus, manifested the renewing power of the glorious cross through the zealous preaching of the Word and the courageous martyrdom of St. Rufino. May he give you the grace to live the Gospel.  **Ass.:** Amen.    **Cel.:** The Holy Spirit gave St. Rufino an untiring zeal to spend his life for his flock. May the Spirit now grant you the grace to dedicate yourselves to the service of the Church in building a community of faith and love.  **Ass.:** Amen.  **Cel.:** May Almighty God bless you, the Father...  **Ass.:** Amen.  **Cel.:** Glorificate il Signore con la vostra vita, andate in pace. (Glorify the Lord in your life, go in peace)  **Ass.:** Rendiamo grazie a Dio. (Thanks be to God)  Final hymn |  |
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