



ENTRANCE HYMN (Light of the World)

The One that we have seen with our own eyes,
The One that we have touched and felt with our own hands,
The One that we have heard with our own ears,
The One that in the depths of our hearts we have met:
He is the One who we proclaim to you
His splendour is on all,
For he shines upon the world.

So many in our world drift into sleep,
While others only know a darkness without end.
Let brothers rise to call them from the deep!
Let sisters take their hands to heal and be their friends.
Together, let us stand against the storm
And in the heart of night be the watchers of the morn.

*The light of the world,
The salt of the earth,
We scatter the darkness
When love becomes our way.
The light of the world,
Christ is our light.
We shine with his brightness,
The reflection of his light
From day to day!*

So many feel that they have yet to find
The meaning of their lives,
their value and their worth;
If we just walked along with hearts made kind
And listened to their tales and sought to ease their hurt;
Perhaps they'd hearken to the news we bear,
And in the broken bread.
Come to know true love and care!

No worth has salt if it should lose its taste
No usefulness has light if it's hidden away!
So may our souls, our hearts,
our minds be graced.
And for the Spirit's gifts and power let us pray!
May truth abide in everything we do;
May love and justice reign!
And may God our world renew!

OPENING PASSAGE

“So I showed them, ‘Hey, once you think of covenant as family, it's really quite simple.’ I took my students through the series of covenants in the Old Testament which led up to Christ. First, you have the covenant God makes with Adam; that's a marriage, a family bond. The second covenant is the one that God makes with Noah. That's a family, a household with Noah, his wife,





his three sons, and their three wives; together they formed a family of God, a household of faith. Then in Abraham's time you actually have God's family growing to the extent where it becomes a tribal family. Then the next covenant God makes with Moses and Israel has twelve tribes that become one nation, but through the covenant they become God's national family. Until finally when Christ establishes the new covenant. Instead of having God's family identified with one nation, the distinctive greatness of the New Covenant, I taught them, was that now we have an international family, a world wide family — a catholic family.

“One of my students raised her hand and said, ‘What would this look like if we could actually redevelop it?’ I drew a pyramid on the board and I said, ‘Think of it like a big extended family with father and mother figures at all these different levels, and all of us being brothers and sisters in Christ.’ I heard somebody murmur in the back, ‘Sure looks like the Catholic Church to me.’”

- - *Scott Hahn Conversion Story*

OPENING

Leader: Brothers and Sisters, together we are gathered as one united family of God. ☩ In the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Brothers and sisters in Christ, let us begin by acknowledging that we have sinned against God and each other and pray for forgiveness with the help of the Communion of Saints in the traditional way:

TRIDENTINE CONFITEOR

All: **I confess to almighty God, to blessed Mary ever Virgin, to blessed Michael the Archangel, to blessed John the Baptist, to the holy apostles Peter and Paul, to all the saints and to you my brothers and sisters, that I have sinned exceedingly in thought, word and deed: through my fault, through my fault, through my most grievous fault. Therefore I beseech Mary ever virgin, blessed Michael the Archangel, blessed John the Baptist, the holy apostles Peter and Paul, all the saints and you, my brothers and sisters, to pray for me to the Lord our God.**

LITANY OF THE SAINTS

Lord have mercy. **Lord have mercy.**
Christ have mercy. **Christ have mercy.**
Lord have mercy. **Lord have mercy.**
Christ hear us. **Christ graciously hear us.**
God, the Father of Heaven. **Have mercy on us.**
God, the Son Redeemer of the World. **Have mercy on us.**
God, the Holy Spirit. **Have mercy on us.**
Holy Trinity, One God. **Have mercy on us.**

Holy Mary, Mother of God. **Pray for us.**
Saint Michael. **Pray for us.**
St. Gabriel. **Pray for us.**
Holy angels of God. **Pray for us.**
Holy orders of blessed spirits. **Pray for us.**
Abraham, Moses and Elijah. **Pray for us.**
Holy Patriarchs and Prophets. **Pray for us.**





Saint Joachim and Saint Anne. **Pray for us.**

St. Joseph. **Pray for us.**

St. John the Baptist. **Pray for us.**

St. Peter and St. Paul. **Pray for us.**

St. Andrew. **Pray for us.**

St. Thomas. **Pray for us.**

All Holy Apostles. **Pray for us.**

St. Matthew. **Pray for us.**

St. Mark. **Pray for us.**

St. Luke. **Pray for us.**

St. John. **Pray for us.**

St. Mary Magdalene. **Pray for us.**

St. Stephen. **Pray for us.**

Holy Disciples of the Lord. **Pray for us.**

Holy Innocents. **Pray for us.**

St. Ignatius of Antioch. **Pray for us.**

St. Jerome. **Pray for us.**

St. Ambrose. **Pray for us.**

St. Augustine. **Pray for us.**

St. Justin Martyr. **Pray for us.**

St. Athanasius. **Pray for us.**

St. Thomas Aquinas. **Pray for us.**

St. Joseph of Cupertino. **Pray for us.**

St. Teresa of Avila. **Pray for us.**

St. Benedict. **Pray for us.**

St. Francis of Assisi. **Pray for us.**

St. Dominic. **Pray for us.**

St. Gertrude. **Pray for us.**

St. Faustina. **Pray for us.**

St. Vincent de Paul. **Pray for us.**

St. Edith Stein. **Pray for us.**

St. Pio. **Pray for us.**

St. John de Brébeuf and the Holy Canadian Martyrs. **Pray for us.**

St. Agnes of Rome. **Pray for us.**

St. Thérèse of Lisieux. **Pray for us.**

Blessed Kateri Tekakwitha. **Pray for us.**

Blessed Andrew of Phú Yên. **Pray for us.**

Blessed Pier Giorgio Frassati. **Pray for us.**

All World Youth Day patrons. **Pray for us.**

All Holy men and women. **Make intercession for us.**

Lord, be merciful. **Lord, save your people.**

From all harm. **Lord, save your people.**

From every sin and temptation. **Lord, save your people.**

From everlasting death. **Lord, save your people.**

Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world. **Spare us O Lord.**

Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world. **Graciously hear us, O Lord.**

Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world. **Have mercy on us.**





Lord Jesus, hear our prayer. **Lord Jesus, hear our prayer.**

OPENING PRAYER

Leader: Let us pray:

Father, as one holy catholic and apostolic Church, You unite us as the Mystical Body of Christ. May the upcoming World Youth Days strengthen the bonds in your family between all Your adopted sons and daughters in this world and the next. May we continue to grow in togetherness as your pilgrim Church so that we may share in full communion with Jesus Christ your Son, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God forever and ever. **Amen.**

FIRST REFLECTION

Leader: Let us take a couple of minutes for silent reflection on the catechism passage and the life of the first patron of WYD: Blessed Andrew of Phú Yên.

FIRST READING (2 Maccabees 12:38-46, NAB)

Reader: A reading from the second book of Maccabees.

Judas rallied his army and went to the city of Adullam. As the week was ending, they purified themselves according to custom and kept the Sabbath there. On the following day, since the task had now become urgent, Judas and his men went to gather up the bodies of the slain and bury them with their kinsmen in their ancestral tombs. But under the tunic of each of the dead they found amulets sacred to the idols of Jamnia, which the law forbids the Jews to wear. So it was clear to all that this was why these men had been slain. They all therefore praised the ways of the Lord, the just judge who brings to light the things that are hidden. Turning to supplication, they prayed that the sinful deed might be fully blotted out. The noble Judas warned the soldiers to keep themselves free from sin, for they had seen with their own eyes what had happened because of the sin of those who had fallen. He then took up a collection among all his soldiers, amounting to two thousand silver drachmas, which he sent to Jerusalem to provide for an expiatory sacrifice. In doing this he acted in a very excellent and noble way, inasmuch as he had the resurrection of the dead in view; for if he were not expecting the fallen to rise again, it would have been useless and foolish to pray for them in death. But if he did this with a view to the splendid reward that waits those who had gone to rest in godliness, it was a holy and pious thought! Thus he made atonement for the dead that they might be freed from this sin.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

PRAYER OF ST. GERTRUDE THE GREAT

All: **Eternal Father, we offer You the most precious blood of Your divine son Jesus, in union with the Masses said throughout the world today, for all the Holy Souls in purgatory, for sinners everywhere. For sinners in the Universal Church, those in my own home and within my family. Amen.**





SECOND READING (Romans 12:3-8, NAB)

Reader: A reading from Paul's letter to the Romans.

For by the grace given to me I tell everyone among you not to think of himself more highly than one ought to think, but to think soberly, each according to the measure of faith that God has apportioned. For as in one body we have many parts, and all the parts do not have the same function, so we, though many, are one body in Christ and individually parts of one another. Since we have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us, let us exercise them: if prophecy, in proportion to the faith; if ministry, in ministering; if one is a teacher, in teaching; if one exhorts, in exhortation; if one contributes, in generosity; if one is over others, with diligence; if one does acts of mercy, with cheerfulness.

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

FIRST GOSPEL READING (Jn 17:20-26 NAB)

Reader: A reading from the Holy Gospel according to John. **Glory to You Lord.**

I pray not only for them, but also for those who will believe in Me through their word, so that they may all be one, as You, Father, are in Me and I in You, that they also may be in Us, that the world may believe that You sent me. And I have given them the glory You gave Me, so that they may be one, as We are one, I in them and You in Me, that they may be brought to perfection as one, that the world may know that You sent Me, and that You loved them even as You loved Me. Father, they are Your gift to Me. I wish that where I am they also may be with Me, that they may see My glory that You gave Me, because You loved Me before the foundation of the world. Righteous Father, the world also does not know You, but I know You, and they know that You sent Me. I made known to them Your name and I will make it known, that the love with which You loved Me may be in them and I in them.

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to You Lord Jesus Christ.**

SECOND REFLECTION

Leader: Let us take a couple of minutes for silent reflection on the scripture readings and on the life of another patron of WYD: St. Thérèse of Lisieux

PRAYER OF ST. FRANCIS

All: **Lord make me an instrument of your peace. Where there is hatred, let me sow love. Where there is injury, pardon. Where there is doubt, faith. Where there is despair, hope. Where there is darkness, light. Where there is sadness, joy. Grant that I may not so much seek to be consoled as to console; to be understood, as to understand, to be loved as to love; for it is in giving that we receive. It is in pardoning that we are pardoned. And it is in dying that we are born to eternal life.**





THIRD READING (Revelation 12:1-5, NAB)

Reader: A reading from the Revelation to John.

A great sign appeared in the sky, a woman clothed with the sun, with the moon under her feet, and on her head a crown of twelve stars. She was with child and wailed aloud in pain as she labored to give birth. Then another sign appeared in the sky; it was a huge red dragon, with seven heads and ten horns, and on its heads were seven diadems. Its tail swept away a third of the stars in the sky and hurled them down to the earth. Then the dragon stood before the woman about to give birth, to devour her child when she gave birth. She gave birth to a son, a male child, destined to rule all the nations with an iron rod. Her child was caught up to God and his throne.

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

SECOND GOSPEL READING (John 2:1-5, NAB)

Reader: A reading from the holy gospel according to John. **Glory to you Lord.**

On the third day there was a wedding in Cana in Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. Jesus and his disciples were also invited to the wedding. When the wine ran short, the mother of Jesus said to him, "They have no wine." Jesus said to her, "Woman, how does your concern affect me? My hour has not yet come." His mother said to the servers, "Do whatever he tells you."

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.**

ROSARY – THE THIRD GLORIOUS MYSTERY

Leader: I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Creator of Heaven and Earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day He rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

All: **I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Holy Catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.**

Leader: For the intentions of the Holy Father.

Our Father who art in Heaven, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come, Your will be done on Earth as it is in Heaven.

All: **Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil.**

Leader: For an increase in the virtue of Faith.

Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with you. Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb, Jesus.

All: **Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners now and at the hour of our death.**





Leader: For an increase in the virtue of Hope. Hail Mary...
All: **Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners now and at the hour of our death.**

Leader: For an increase in the virtue of Charity. Hail Mary...
All: **Holy Mary...**

Leader: Glory be to the Father, and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.
All: **As it was in the beginning is now and ever shall be world without end.**

Oh my Jesus, forgive us our sins, save us from the fires of Hell. Lead all souls to Heaven, especially those in most need of your mercy.

Leader: Let us offer up this rosary for the intentions of the Holy Father, for the Holy Souls in Purgatory, and the success of World Youth Days. Let us pray to the Lord. **Lord hear our prayer.**

Let us also offer this rosary up for other intentions we have this day.

Leader: The third glorious mystery is the descent of the Holy Spirit.

Our Father who art in Heaven, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come, Your will be done on Earth as it is in Heaven.

All: **Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil.**

Leader: The apostles are gathered in the upper room where Jesus had held the last supper.
Hail Mary...

All: **Holy Mary...**

Leader: They are persevering in prayer with Mary the Mother of Jesus.
Hail Mary...

All: **Holy Mary...**

Leader: A sound comes from heaven like the rush of a mighty wind, and it fills the whole house.
Hail Mary...

All: **Holy Mary...**

Leader: The Holy Spirit descends on each of them in the form of tongues of fire.
Hail Mary...

All: **Holy Mary...**

Leader: Filled with the Gifts of the Holy Spirit, they are enlightened and strengthened to spread the gospel.
Hail Mary...

All: **Holy Mary...**

Leader: Having lost all fear of the Jewish leaders, the apostles boldly preach Christ crucified.
Hail Mary...

All: **Holy Mary...**





Leader: The multitudes are confounded because every man hears them speak in his own tongue.

Hail Mary...

All: **Holy Mary...**

Leader: The Holy Spirit comes upon the Infant Church never to leave it.

Hail Mary...

All: **Holy Mary...**

Leader: That first day Peter goes forth to preach and baptizes three thousand.

Hail Mary...

All: **Holy Mary...**

Leader: The feast of Pentecost is the birthday of the Church, for on that day it begins to grow.

Hail Mary...

All: **Holy Mary...**

Leader: Glory be to the Father, and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.

All: **As it was in the beginning is now and ever shall be world without end.**

Oh my Jesus, forgive us our sins, save us from the fires of Hell. Lead all souls to Heaven, especially those in most need of your mercy.

Hail Holy Queen, Mother of Mercy, our life, our sweetness and our hope! To thee do we cry, poor banished children of Eve; to thee do we send up our sighs, mourning and weeping in this valley of tears. Turn then, most gracious advocate, thine eyes of mercy toward us, and after this our exile, show unto us the blessed fruit of thy womb, Jesus. O clement, O loving, O sweet Virgin Mary!

Leader: Pray for us, O Holy Mother of God

All: **That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ**

Leader: Let us pray:

O God, whose only begotten Son, by His life, death, and resurrection, has purchased for us the rewards of eternal life, grant, we beseech Thee, that meditating upon the mysteries of the Most Holy Rosary of the Blessed Virgin Mary, we may imitate what they contain and obtain what they promise, through the same Christ Our Lord. **Amen.**

THIRD REFLECTION

Leader: Let us take a couple of minutes for silent reflection and read about a North American patron of WYD: Blessed Kateri Tekakwitha.

SHORT DISCUSSION

PRAYER OF THE CROSS

All: **Lord, your Cross has brought salvation to all peoples. It has become the “tree of life” for all nations. Give me living faith in the power of Your Cross for the whole world. For the Cross both heals and restores dignity to those who have wandered**





far from Your love. Today Lord, I accept the power of Your love fro all people through Your loving sacrifice on the Cross. Lord You have restored my dignity and I know that Your Cross will give me courage to remain faithful to the way of love You teach us through Your Son Jesus Christ, who is Lord, forever and ever. **Amen.**

SIGN OF PEACE

Leader: St. Ignatius of Antioch says “God forbid that I should glory in anything other than in the Cross of Jesus Christ”. Let us symbolize the glory we hope to share with Jesus Christ as we work out our reunion with our Creator by offering each other a sign of peace and unity by tracing a cross on each other’s forehead.

PRAYER FOR WORLD YOUTH DAY 2002

All: **God our Father, Your Son Jesus calls us to be salt of the Earth and light for the world. Let the light of your justice shine in our lives, so that our words may season the world with the flavour of the Gospel, and our lives be shining examples of Jesus who is the True Light. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with You in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God for ever and ever. Amen.**

PRAYER TO ST. MICHAEL

All: **St. Michael the Archangel, defend us this day in battle. Be our safeguard against the wickedness and snares of the devil. May God rebuke him we humbly pray, and do you O Prince of the Heavenly Hosts, by the power of God, thrust into Hell Satan and all the evil spirits, who wander throughout the world seeking the ruin of souls.**



CLOSING PRAYER

Leader: Let us pray:

Lord God, whose blessings reach to the ends of the earth, You continue to show us Your love in the life, death and resurrection of Jesus, who is our merciful Saviour. Send your blessing upon us gathering at World Youth Day 2002. May we be strengthened in our faith and encouraged to grow in love; may this pilgrimage be fruitful for young people all over the world. Let Your face shine upon us and look upon us with kindness; may joy and peace accompany us on our journey, and may our abiding presence be with us to keep us safe. To you be glory and praise for ever and ever. **Amen.**

May the gifts of God, ✠ Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, unite us, and may we be strengthened in faith, hope and love, now and forever. **Amen.**





CLOSING HYMN (Let it Be)

When I find myself in times of trouble
Mother Mary comes to me
Speaking words of wisdom, let it be.
And in my hour of darkness
She is standing right in front of me
Speaking words of wisdom, let it be.

Let it be, let it be, let it be, let it be.
Whisper words of wisdom, let it be.

And when the broken hearted people
Living in the world agree,
There will be an answer, let it be.
For though they may be parted there is
Still a chance that they will see
There will be an answer, let it be.

Let it be, let it be, let it be, let it be.
Yea, there will be an answer, let it be.
Let it be, let it be, let it be, let it be.
Whisper words of wisdom, let it be.

Let it be, let it be, let it be, let it be.
Whisper words of wisdom, let it be.

And when the night is cloudy,
There is still a light that shines on me,
Shine on until tomorrow, let it be.
I wake up to the sound of music
Mother Mary comes to me
Speaking words of wisdom, let it be.

Let it be, let it be, let it be, let it be.
Yea, there will be an answer, let it be.
Let it be, let it be, let it be, let it be.
Whisper words of wisdom, let it be.





THE COMMUNION OF THE CHURCH OF HEAVEN AND EARTH

954 *The three states of the Church.* "When the Lord comes in glory, and all his angels with him, death will be no more and all things will be subject to him. But at the present time some of his disciples are pilgrims on earth. Others have died and are being purified, while still others are in glory, contemplating 'in full light, God himself triune and one, exactly as he is'":

All of us, however, in varying degrees and in different ways share in the same charity towards God and our neighbors, and we all sing the one hymn of glory to our God. All, indeed, who are of Christ and who have his Spirit form one Church and in Christ cleave together.

955 "So it is that the union of the wayfarers with the brethren who sleep in the peace of Christ is in no way interrupted, but on the contrary, according to the constant faith of the Church, this union is reinforced by an exchange of spiritual goods."

956 *The intercession of the saints.* "Being more closely united to Christ, those who dwell in heaven fix the whole Church more firmly in holiness.... They do not cease to intercede with the Father for us, as they proffer the merits which they acquired on earth through the one mediator between God and men, Christ Jesus.... So by their fraternal concern is our weakness greatly helped."

Do not weep, for I shall be more useful to you after my death and I shall help you then more effectively than during my life.

I want to spend my heaven in doing good on earth.

957 *Communion with the saints.* "It is not merely by the title of example that we cherish the memory of those in heaven; we seek, rather, that by this devotion to the exercise of fraternal charity the union of the whole Church in the Spirit may be strengthened. Exactly as Christian communion among our fellow pilgrims brings us closer to Christ, so our communion with the saints joins us to Christ, from whom as from its fountain and head issues all grace, and the life of the People of God itself"

We worship Christ as God's Son; we love the martyrs as the Lord's disciples and imitators, and rightly so because of their matchless devotion towards their king and master. May we also be their companions and fellow disciples!

958 *Communion with the dead.* "In full consciousness of this communion of the whole Mystical Body of Jesus Christ, the Church in its pilgrim members, from the very earliest days of the Christian religion, has honored with great respect the memory of the dead; and 'because it is a holy and a wholesome thought to pray for the dead that they may be loosed from their sins' she offers her suffrages for them." Our prayer for them is capable not only of helping them, but also of making their intercession for us effective.

959 *In the one family of God.* "For if we continue to love one another and to join in praising the Most Holy Trinity - all of us who are sons of God and form one family in Christ - we will be faithful to the deepest vocation of the Church."



**Blessed Andrew of Phú Yên**

Born around 1625, died 1644

Feast: July 26

Andrew came from the province of RanRan (Phú Yên), which is now part of Vietnam. He was an intelligent young man with a good heart. At his mother's insistence, the famous Jesuit missionary, Fr. de Rhodes, agreed to educate him. Andrew soon surpassed his fellow students. In 1641, he and his mother were baptized. He would have been about 15 since he was born sometime around 1625. At the time of his death in 1644, he was 19 or 20. In 1642, Andrew became one of Fr. de Rhodes' closest collaborators. After a year of formation, he joined the Maison Dieu ("House of God") catechist association that Fr. de Rhodes had instituted. Members of Maison Dieu promised to spend their lives serving the Church by assisting priests and spreading the Gospel.



Before the end of July 1644, Mandarin Ong Nghe Bo returned to the province he governed, which was where Andrew lived. The King of Annam had given the mandarin orders to prevent the expansion of Christianity in his kingdom. Fr. de Rhodes, unaware of the mandarin's intentions, paid him a courtesy visit. He was quickly informed that the King of Annam was upset by the great number of Cochin-Chinese who were following the Christian law. Fr. de Rhodes was told to leave the country and to stop evangelizing the Cochin-Chinese. As subjects of the King, they would incur the most severe penalties.

Fr. de Rhodes left the palace and went straight to the prison where an elderly catechist was already incarcerated. Meanwhile the mandarin had sent soldiers to Fr. de Rhodes' house in search of another catechist, but he had left on an apostolic mission. Instead, they found young Andrew. In order not to return empty-handed to Ong Nghe Bo, they beat and bound Andrew and transferred him to the governor's palace.

On July 25, 1644, Andrew was taken to the Mandarin. He tried to make Andrew "desist from that foolish opinion of his, and give up the faith". But Andrew replied that he was a Christian and most ready to undergo any suffering rather than abandon the law that he professed. Indignant at Andrew's inflexibility, the mandarin ordered that he be taken to prison. The young Andrew was so serene and joyous at being able to suffer for Christ that people who came to see him recommended themselves to his prayers. He would not hear of this, but asked them to pray that God might give him the grace to be faithful to the end and to "respond with fullness of love to the infinite love of his Lord, who gave his life for men, by giving his own life".

The next day, July 26, Andrew was taken to the governor's public audience, where he was sentenced to death. In the afternoon, a captain led Andrew down the streets of Ke Cham to the place of execution, a field outside the city. Fr. de Rhodes, many Portuguese and Vietnamese Christians, and even pagans followed the procession and witnessed the killing of Andrew. Andrew exhorted the Christians to remain firm in their faith, not to be saddened by his death, and to help him with their prayers to be faithful to the end. He was executed with some blows of a lance and, finally, when he was about to be beheaded with a scimitar, he cried out the name of Jesus in a loud voice. Andrew accepted the sacrifice of his life for the faith and love of Christ.

Source: L'Osservatore Romano



**St. Thérèse de Lisieux**

Born 1873, died 1897

Feast: October 1

Thérèse Martin was born on January 2, 1873, in France. After their mother died, her two older sisters, Pauline and Marie, entered the Carmelite convent of Lisieux. These losses plunged young Thérèse into an emotional illness from which she was miraculously cured by the “Smiling Virgin” Mary. Early on, Thérèse dreamed of becoming a Carmelite nun like her sisters. Her determination led to her being admitted at age 15. She took the name “Thérèse of the Child Jesus and the Holy Face.” The early days were difficult ones; she discovered the challenges of contemplative prayer and the austerity of the convent Rule. Beginning in 1894, she began to write her spiritual autobiography. IN doing so she became aware of the Lord’s mercy but also of her “littleness” before Him. Thus was born her “little way”, a path of trust and giving over of oneself to the mercy and love of Jesus.



When she was diagnosed with tuberculosis in 1896, Thérèse began “a dark night of the soul” – a time of great spiritual darkness and discouragement. And yet, her willingness to give continued: she always offered to do the least enjoyable tasks, which for her was a way to be “salt and light” in her community. As she faced death, she wrote, “I’m not really going to die. I’m just entering into another life.” She died on September 30, 1897, after suffering much agony. During this time of suffering she said, “I feel as if my mission is about to begin...I want to spend Eternity in Heaven doing good here on Earth.” One year after her death, her spiritual autobiography was published and was a great international success. Although she was almost unknown when she was buried, her grave became a pilgrimage site and reports of miracles soon appeared. Beatified in 1923 and canonized in 1925, Thérèse was also named “Patron of the Missions”.

At WYD 1997 in Paris, John Paul II announced that he would name Thérèse “Doctor of the Universal Church” because of the depth of her spiritual writings. In 2001, the visit of the reliquary of Thérèse de Lisieux coincided with the visit of the World Youth Day cross. As one of the nine young saints named as Patrons of WYD 2002 in Toronto, Thérèse calls us to trust in the love and mercy of the Lord. “My vocation, it is love!” she said after much thought about the meaning of her life. From inside her cloister walls, Thérèse sent her prayer out to missionaries, atheists, and prisoners. She found a way to live out all vocations through loving according to her “little way.”

We need Thérèse as Doctor of God’s mercy because she lived in the same world that we live in, a world of science and technology, in which a huge percentage of people do not believe in God or at least do not accept the claim of Jesus to lordship of the universe. Thérèse speaks to us in the here and now of this awesome moment in history. She struggled with so many of the same questions that young people struggle with today; her own faith was faith under siege for the last year and a half of her life. She loved atheists and longed to give them the comfort of the Gospel. In the last days of her life, she was tempted to commit suicide and confessed to surprise that more people in pain and distress do not destroy themselves, especially if they do not believe in God. We need someone in whom we can see ourselves, with our poor human weakness and all the anxiety and panic attacks, which many of us endure.

There is another way to consider her title “doctor.” It is not Thérèse who needs it, but us. Doctors first and foremost heal the sick, the broken, the wounded. We need to be healed by Thérèse and her little way of love and mercy. By placing her in the doctor’s chair and putting on her shoulders the doctor’s gown, the Church calls us all to sit at the feet of this astonishing young woman, to reread the pages of the Gospel and be filled anew with its light, so that we may truly become salt of the earth and light for the world. St. Thérèse of Lisieux, Little Flower, Doctor of the Church, patroness of World Youth Day; heal us and pray for us, as you spend your heaven doing good on earth.



**Blessed Kateri Tekakwitha,**

Born 1656, died 1680

Feast: April 17 (Canada), July 14 (U.S.A.)

Kateri Tekakwitha was born in 1656 according to some authorities at the Turtle Castle of Ossernenon, and according to others at the village of Gandaouge. Her mother was a Christian Algonquin who had been captured by the Iroquois and saved from a captive's fate by the father of Tekakwitha, to whom she also bore a son.

When Kateri was about four years old, her parents and brother died of small pox, and she was adopted by her aunts and an uncle who had become chief of the Turtle clan. Small pox had marked her face and seriously impaired her eyesight. As a result, she was a very shy young girl.

In 1667, the Jesuit missionaries accompanying the Mohawk deputies who had been to Quebec to conclude peace with the French, spent three days in the lodge of Tekakwitha's uncle. From them she received her first knowledge of Christianity. Although she eagerly accepted it in her heart, she did not ask to be baptized at that time.

When Kateri was 18, Father Jacques de Lamberville arrived to take charge of the mission, which included the Turtle clan. Kateri asked to be baptized in an environment that was hostile to the Christian faith.

From that moment onward, she practised her Christian religion unflinchingly in the face of almost unbearable opposition, till finally her uncle's lodge ceased to be a place of protection to her and she was forced to escape to Kahnawake on the St. Lawrence, which is now in the Diocese of St-Jean Longueuil, just south of Montreal. There she lived in the cabin of Anastasia Tegonhatsihonga, a Christian native woman.

Kateri's extraordinary sanctity impressed not only her own people but the French and the missionaries. Kateri's whole life was devoted to teaching prayers to the children and helping the sick and the aged until she was struck with an illness that was to claim her life.

On April 17, 1680, on Wednesday of Holy Week, she died at 3:00 p.m. at the age of 24 in Kahnawake. Her last words were: "Jesos Konoronkwa," which means: Jesus I Love You. Fifteen minutes after her death - before the eyes of two Jesuits and all the natives who could fit into the room - the ugly scars on her face suddenly disappeared.

Devotion to her began among her people immediately after her death. Many pilgrims visit her grave and venerate her relics in Kahnawake, where a monument to her memory was built in 1884. On June 22, 1980, she was beatified by Pope John Paul II.

In our deeply secularized society, with religious indifference so widespread, it takes a lot of courage and inner conviction, especially for young people, to live their faith fully and to witness to it.

Blessed Kateri stands before us all as a model, an inspiration and a help towards living out our faith today. As we prepare for WYD 2002, may we, who honor the brilliant model of faith of the Lily of the Mohawks, be truly enriched, uplifted and renewed by her example.

Prayer for Blessed Kateri's Canonization

O God, who among the many marvels of Your Grace in the New World, allowed to blossom on the banks of the Mohawk and of the St. Lawrence, the pure and tender Lily, Kateri Tekakwitha, grant us this special favour through her intercession - that this Young Lover of Jesus and of His Cross may soon be counted among her Saints by the Church, and that our hearts may burn with a stronger desire to imitate her innocence, her courage and her faith. We ask this through Christ Our Lord. Amen.

