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“DISCERN TRUE REST FROM FALSE REST”

(General Audience of Pope Francis on 5/09/2018, taken from <https://www.vaticannews.va/en/pope/news/2018-09/pope-francis-audience0.html> , accessed on 06/09/2018)

Joining tourists and faithful in St Peter’s Square on Wednesday, Pope Francis during his General Audience focuses on the Commandment, "Remember to keep holy the Lord’s Day."

The Pope told those gathered that resting on Sunday was not “a mere escape or diversion, but a command to imitate God himself, who on the seventh day rested from his works and contemplated the goodness of his creation.”

False rest and true rest

He pointed out that there was “false rest and true rest”. Society, he said, was thirsty for entertainment and holidays. The image-model, the Pope continued, was “that of a successful person who can afford different kinds of pleasure. But this mentality, he noted, slips towards the dissatisfaction of an anesthetized existence of entertainment that is not rest, but alienation and escape from reality. Man has never rested as much as today, yet man has never experienced as much emptiness as today.”

Rest and contemplation

On the other hand, explained Pope Francis, true rest “is a moment of contemplation, of praise.” It is a time to look at reality and say: how beautiful life is. It is the day, he continued, to say to God: thank you for your life, for your mercy, for all your gifts.” Sunday, the Pontiff stressed, was not the day to cancel the other days but to recall them, bless them and make peace with life because it is life is precious. Peace is chosen, he said, it “cannot be imposed and cannot be found by chance. “

The Pope concluded by saying, “when, on our weekly day of rest, we contemplate our lives and the world around us, let us be conscious of God’s provident care and conform

ourselves, like Jesus, to the Father's will, knowing that, in the end, "all is grace". For, as the Psalmist assures us, in God alone do our souls find rest."

Nativity of the Blessed Mother (Feast of Maria Bambina): 8th September, 2018

The birth of the Blessed Mother announced joy and happiness in this world and it was the prelude to the salvation of the whole world. She was conceived without sin and it was a special grace given by God who had chosen her to become the mother of His Son. When Eve, Mother of our race brought punishment into the world, mother of our Lord brought salvation to the world. On the day of the nativity of Our Mother, we need to join our hands along with Mother Mary and sing aloud with one voice: My soul glorifies the Lord, my spirit rejoices in God, my Savior. I wish all of you the festal greetings of the Nativity of the Blessed Mother.

Celebrating the Girl Child Day: 8th September, 2018

Commemorating the birth of Mother Mary, the Church in India celebrates September 8th as the "Girl Child Day". The cause of this celebration is to make people aware of the declining sex ratio in our society and the increase in violence against girls. Female feticides are one of the extreme manifestations of violence against women. United in Spirit let us celebrate the joyous occasion of the conception and birth of every girl child.

Death Anniversary of Bishop Aldo Maria Patroni

Death Anniversary of our Bishop Aldo Maria Patroni falls on 22nd September, 2018. You are cordially invited to participate in the Mass at Mother of God Cathedral at 5.00pm to pray for Bishop Aldo Maria Patroni.

Birthdays

September	2	Rev. Fr Victor Papali Rev. Fr Kelvin Padua
	8	Rev. Fr Paul A. J.
	12	Rev. Fr Edwin Thundathil
	14	Rev. Fr Geo Payyapilly
	20	Rev. Fr M. K. George S. J.
	23	Rev. Fr Antony Pallyathara

We join you dear fathers in thanking the Lord for the gift of life and wish you a very happy Birthday and God's blessings. "*Ad Multos Annos*"

Seminary Formation Fund

1. Stephen, Meppadi.....Rs 5,000/-
2. Mr George Gladys, Peruvayal.....Rs 45,000/-
3. Rita Fernandez, MaheRs 20,000/-
4. Well Wisher, C/o Fr JijuRs 10,000/-
5. Mr George, Peruvayal.....Rs 10,000/-
6. Mr Jinto, Vythiri.....Rs 5,000/-
7. Mr Shaibu Vattaparambil, Holy Cross Church, Poomala.....Rs 2,000/-
8. Mr Thaddaeus Pulickal is from St Patrick Church, Kallai.....Rs 1,000/-

Total.....Rs 98,000/-

Deepalayam School of Visually Impaired

1. St Joseph's English Medium School, Marikunnu.....Rs 5,000

BISHOP'S DIARY- SEPTEMBER, 2018

September 4	10.00am:	Meeting of Priests (Flood relief), St Jude's Shrine, Chundale
September 5	9.00 am:	Talk, Province Assembly, UMI sisters, Marikunnu
	6.00pm:	Feast Mass, Snehabhavan, Westhill
September 6	:	Wayanad
September 8	10.00am:	Bathery
	5.30pm:	Parish Feast, Arokhya Matha Church, Munderi
September 9	:	Engaged
September 10	:	Bishop's House
September 11	:	Bishop's House
September 12	10.30am:	Calicut Forane Meeting, St Paul's Minor Seminary
September 13	:	Engaged
September 14	10.00am:	Feast Mass, Holy Cross Shrine, Mapranam, Irinjalakuda
September 15	9.30am:	Episcopal Ordination of Bishop Elect of Mangalore
September 16	5.00pm:	Feast Mass, Santa Cruz Chapel, Calicut
September 17	:	Bishop's house
September 18	:	Priests' Conference with their parents (10years), Bishop's House
September 19	:	Priests'(25years) Conference, Bishop's House
September 20	:	Bishop's House
September 21	9.00am:	Golden Jubilee, POC, Palarivattam
September 22	5.00pm :	Requiem Mass at Cathedral, Death anniversary of Late Bishop Aldo Maria Patroni S.J.
September 23	10.30am:	Feast Mass, Holy Cross Church, Manjeri
September 24	:	Engaged
September 25	:	Engaged
September 27	6.30pm:	Feast Mass, St Vincent Colony, Calicut
September 28	:	Bishop's House
September 30	:	Feast Mass, Westhill