

Monday 26 January 2015

Pope Francis has called 2015 a 'Year For The Promotion of The Consecrated Life'. The Consecrated Life refers to people who have been called by God to live life as a nun, monk or priest. He has asked us to pray for those called to the Consecrated Life and for each one of us to put time aside to consider what role God has for us in life. The future nuns, priests and religious are ordinary young people just like you sitting in schools.

Prayer to Follow the Call of Christ

Lord, I thank You for the gifts You have given me, especially for life, love, family and friends.

Help me to know myself better and to know my talents, as I pray, study and decide on my life's work.

Help me to see and understand the path You open for me. Help me choose a life's work which will be in response to my potential and your love for me.

If I am being invited to follow You as a priest, brother, sister, give me a generous heart to respond to your challenging call and the strength to follow You wherever You lead me. Amen.

We ask Mary our Mother to join in our prayers.

Hail Mary.....

Tuesday 27 January 2015

Today we praise God for our School.

Lord we praise you for how you work through our school. We praise you for the Christ-centred education that our school provides to the local community and its children is inspiring them to relate to one another in a loving, giving way, and pray for them as they reach out to the poor in their community.

We give thanks that our school is thriving: that it has an excellent reputation in the area and that places are in high demand. We pray that the pupils will learn to be more like Jesus and they will grow in faith and become shining beacons of His love.

We pray for our staff that they will be filled with the Holy Spirit and strengthened in faith in their important work. Amen

Hail Mary.....

Wednesday 28 January 2015

Today is the Memorial of St Thomas Aquinas who lived in the Thirteenth Century in Italy. St Thomas is perhaps best known for his work on the proofs of the existence of God and he realised that to know the truth about our World we needed to use both faith and reason. The false conflict between science and religion would not be something Thomas Aquinas would have understood.

Prayer of St. Thomas Aquinas
Grant me, O Lord my God,
a mind to know you,
a heart to seek you,
wisdom to find you,
conduct pleasing to you,
faithful perseverance in waiting for you,
and a hope of finally embracing you. Amen.

Hail Mary.....

Thursday 29 January 2015.

Pope Francis recently talked about our noisy world. A world so noisy in our minds that we may not hear God speak to us. The Pope encourages us to set aside some quiet time in prayer.

In God's loving presence I think about this day,
starting from now and forward, moment by moment.
I gather in all the goodness and light, in gratitude.
I attend to the shadows and what they say to me,
seeking healing, courage, forgiveness.
The more we call on God
the more we can feel God's presence.
Day by day we are drawn closer
to the loving heart of God.

Hail Mary.....

Friday 30 January 2014

Saturday is the Memorial of St John Bosco known popularly as Don Bosco lived in Italy in the Nineteenth Century. Becoming a priest aged twenty six he later saw a great need to work with the poor, troubled and indeed trouble causing young people who had moved into Turin from the country side in search of work. In his time Don Bosco worked with many challenging teenagers and realised that it was important to intervene in their lives, to get them to think about their ways and to look for more positive activities. Much of current thinking on dealing with troubled young people of today was being done by Don Bosco over a hundred years ago.

Today we pray for those young people who make poor choices. We pray that through the example of good teachers like Don Bosco they will see better and positive ways to act and live. We pray for parents, teachers and all who work with young people that they will always manage to see Christ in even the most troubling youngsters.

Hail Mary.....