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 <p>FAITH • COMMUNITY • JUSTICE • RESPECT</p> <p>https://www.loretto.org/</p>	<p>Nov. 30-Dec. 12, 2023 COP28 is happening in Dubai! We need to keep this conference in our Prayers! https://tinyurl.com/4a9dav3c https://tinyurl.com/5bwmywr2 https://tinyurl.com/42nm3zma Please pray for Pope Francis. He was supposed to attend COP28, but his health is preventing it.</p> <p>“If we are confident in the capacity of human beings to transcend their petty interests and to think in bigger terms, we can keep hoping that COP28 will allow for a decisive acceleration of energy transition, with effective commitments subject to ongoing monitoring. This Conference can represent a change of direction, showing that everything done since 1992 was in fact serious and worth the effort, or else it will be a great disappointment and jeopardize whatever good has been achieved thus far.” (LD, #54)</p>	<p>“If there is sincere interest in making COP28 a historic event that honours and ennobles us as human beings, then one can only hope for binding forms of energy transition that meet three conditions: that they be efficient, obligatory and readily monitored. This, in order to achieve the beginning of a new process marked by three requirements: that it be drastic, intense and count on the commitment of all. That is not what has happened so far, and only a process of this sort can enable international politics to recover its credibility, since only in this concrete manner will it be possible to reduce significantly carbon dioxide levels and to prevent even greater evils over time.” (LD, #59)</p>	<p><i>Advent</i> begins on Sunday, December 3rd.</p>  <p>https://tinyurl.com/4a9j5f8f</p> <p>Adults/Teens Videos</p> <p>https://tinyurl.com/mups4563 Advent in 2 Minutes/Busted Halo https://tinyurl.com/34d4wx9b Advent: Catholic Central https://tinyurl.com/mdyzkhye You Don't Know Jack about Advent! https://tinyurl.com/ycyuc5uj The Catholic Talk Show! https://tinyurl.com/4yc4mwax Understanding True Meaning Advent https://tinyurl.com/423yu3n6 True Meaning: Fr. Mike https://tinyurl.com/2hmy2sjb Advent Candles Colors</p> <p>Kids Videos</p> <p>https://tinyurl.com/5e2ac4yf Advent for KIDS https://tinyurl.com/29apmckr Advent The Religion Teacher https://tinyurl.com/58buwp9b All About Advent for Kids https://tinyurl.com/vcys8tt7 My Time with Jesus – Advent https://tinyurl.com/mtwtbzhz Advent Song: Catholic Icing</p>	<p>12/1 Antarctica Day https://tinyurl.com/4wpm5afy Antarctica Day https://tinyurl.com/4erwd4ss Antarctica Day: U of Tasmania https://tinyurl.com/2p92bh4s Antarctica weather and climate https://tinyurl.com/4eze33rv Antarctica in a single day https://tinyurl.com/mvn9a7bp 70 Days Solo Across Antarctica https://tinyurl.com/y7hvt6y Britannica Antarctica Continent https://tinyurl.com/y2kd9z48 Nat. Geo. Antarctica https://tinyurl.com/5a6t7att The World Fact Book https://tinyurl.com/mpcv78cm NASA Frequently Asked Questions https://tinyurl.com/2ud3sp2r Britannica History https://tinyurl.com/48fxn66s Live Science https://tinyurl.com/4ub2cuas Video: Documentary Storming Antarctica https://tinyurl.com/yc82h5kh Video: Climate Change https://tinyurl.com/39xr4t2a Video: Antarctica for Kids https://tinyurl.com/2r7mtuxa Free printable and worksheets</p> <p>“If it [the global temperature] should rise above 2 degrees, the icecaps of Greenland and a large part of Antarctica will melt completely, with immensely grave consequences for everyone.” (LD, #5)</p>  <p>https://tinyurl.com/nhk9dprx</p>

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The world sings of an infinite Love: how can we fail to care for it?” (LD, #65)</p> 	<p>12/12 Our Lady of Guadalupe</p> <p>https://tinyurl.com/yc4pmvsf Our Lady of Guadalupe https://tinyurl.com/3y4fcvtz Readings of the Day https://tinyurl.com/3bu88s7d Intro to OLG Part 1 OMV Video https://tinyurl.com/2p9esui5 Intro to OLG Part 2 OMV Video https://tinyurl.com/4jx8wndf Intro to OLG Part 3 OMV Video https://tinyurl.com/2pf7kziz Intro to OLG Part 4 OMV Video Take some time to view these OMV videos! They are amazing! https://tinyurl.com/mpkcc373 Music from the Tilma https://tinyurl.com/48khrw2z Explanation of Music from Tilma https://tinyurl.com/3n7eeviz OLG Kid Video https://tinyurl.com/5376zrhe OLG Crafts for Kids https://tinyurl.com/2p8mzbry OLG Color Pages</p>  <p>https://tinyurl.com/yfeb3ecj</p> <p>“She [Mary, in her glorified body] treasures the entire life of Jesus in her heart (cf. Lk 2:19,51), and now understands the meaning of all things. Hence, we can ask her to enable us to look at this world with eyes of wisdom.” (LS, #241)</p>	<p>12/13 National Horse Day</p> <p>https://tinyurl.com/yks4vh7z National Horse Day https://tinyurl.com/yc8nkkpd Horse Britannica https://tinyurl.com/3shv9r4a Horse Breeds https://tinyurl.com/dcbtpzdf 15 Facts https://tinyurl.com/69fk6tux Documentary: Nat. Geo. Horses https://tinyurl.com/h3hzb2xk Horses Kid Video https://tinyurl.com/ywp4t4ew Horse song little and kids https://tinyurl.com/2c3pa5it Farm Horse Craft for Kids https://tinyurl.com/5522es4j Coloring Pages (many!) https://tinyurl.com/mr2vedwz 15 Horse Crafts for Kids https://tinyurl.com/4yamk7mn Horse Crafts for Classroom/Home https://tinyurl.com/bdhi9v2z Horse Activities Kids/Tweens/Teens https://tinyurl.com/bdzzzfbk Equine Science for Kids https://tinyurl.com/ydsmer34 70 Horse Science Links</p> <p>“The bishops of Japan, for their part, made a thought-provoking observation: ‘To sense each creature singing the hymn of its existence is to live joyfully in God’s love and hope’.” (LS, #85)</p>  <p>https://tinyurl.com/pmjtck9j</p>	<p>12/14 Monkey Day</p> <p>https://tinyurl.com/54xin3hd Monkey Day https://tinyurl.com/mr3cix98 Monkey Britannica https://tinyurl.com/2p92ucub Monkey San Diego Zoo https://tinyurl.com/mr2taywn Monkey Britannica Kids https://tinyurl.com/bdzaxit2 MonkeyWorlds https://tinyurl.com/56nxki9b Monkey Facts for Kids https://tinyurl.com/52bmmmcrr Monkey Facts Animal Facts https://tinyurl.com/39zxpEAU Monkey Craft Kids https://tinyurl.com/mif9aa3t Cool Facts about Monkeys Kids https://tinyurl.com/33wmbuz3 Learn Monkeys Toddler Video https://tinyurl.com/kva966tu Coloring pages https://tinyurl.com/2k2kenpr Monkey Song/Dance Kids</p>  <p>“In our time, the Church does not simply state that other creatures are completely subordinated to the good of human beings, as if they have no worth in themselves and can be treated as we wish. The German bishops have taught that, where other creatures are concerned, ‘we can speak of the priority of being over that of being useful’.” (LS, #69)</p>	<p>12/15 National Underdog Day</p> <p>https://tinyurl.com/4x3djrdn National Underdog Day</p> <p>“Love, overflowing with small gestures of mutual care, is also civic and political, and it makes itself felt in every action that seeks to build a better world. Love for society and commitment to the common good are outstanding expressions of a charity which affects not only relationships between individuals but also ‘macro-relationships, social, economic and political ones’.” (LS, #231)</p> <p>May we always be ready to stand on the side of the poor and disenfranchised!!</p> <p>“I ask everyone to accompany this pilgrimage of reconciliation with the world that is our home and to help make it more beautiful, because that commitment has to do with our personal dignity and highest values. At the same time, I cannot deny that it is necessary to be honest and recognize that the most effective solutions will not come from individual efforts alone, but above all from major political decisions on the national and international level.” (LD, #69)</p>  <p>https://tinyurl.com/ya25c5ed</p>

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<p>12/18 International Migrants Day https://tinyurl.com/26fsvzpa International Migrants Day https://tinyurl.com/4kc8atd5 UN International Migrants Day https://tinyurl.com/4z8wk2d9 UN Global Issues https://tinyurl.com/9wpu7ytn UN Global Compact for Migration https://tinyurl.com/5c7x2b7n Migration Data Portal https://tinyurl.com/yhpdvstab Operational Data Portal https://tinyurl.com/bddvpmddp IOM UN Migration https://tinyurl.com/4sxvefxx NPR Migrants at the Southern Border https://tinyurl.com/dm74cb9a NPR Unofficial Camps in California https://tinyurl.com/37zm38ei EP at "Breaking Point." https://tinyurl.com/yjdpfmhm How to Help Migrants in EP, TX https://tinyurl.com/3fb95nue Las Américas El Paso, TX https://tinyurl.com/y2au3rww DMRS El Paso, TX</p> <p>"...we know that authentic faith not only gives strength to the human heart, but also transforms life, transfigures our goals and sheds light on our relationship to others and with creation as a whole." (LD, #61)</p>  <p>https://tinyurl.com/y6xhwuxt</p>	<p>12/19 Look for an Evergreen Day (Christmas is coming!) https://tinyurl.com/3n3ba2hk Look for an Evergreen Day https://tinyurl.com/mrytjvm2 20 Essential Evergreen Garden Shrubs https://tinyurl.com/5n933bu4 13 Shrubs for Landscaping https://tinyurl.com/3v6nwfww Evergreen Facts for Kids https://tinyurl.com/2s3jxsen Science with Kids Evergreen Facts https://tinyurl.com/y7mepvev Kid Video: Trees that never lose leaves https://tinyurl.com/3xetdyec Kid Video: Deciduous and Evergreen Trees https://tinyurl.com/2fxme3tz Kid Video: Evergreen Trees https://tinyurl.com/bd5sprs4w Project Learning Tree (great resource) https://tinyurl.com/55cwh6vh Britannica Kid Conifer https://tinyurl.com/ybyhshy6 10 Evergreen Kid Tree Activities https://tinyurl.com/ynzn4dt6 Evergreen Color Page https://tinyurl.com/5n92a3s6 Pine Tree Coloring pages https://tinyurl.com/35czhdhd Evergreen Color Page</p>  <p>" '...The very flowers of the field and the birds which his human eyes contemplated and admired are now imbued with his radiant presence'." (LD, #65)</p>	<p>12/20 Sacagawea Day https://tinyurl.com/mr27rxwb Sacagawea Day https://tinyurl.com/25civhz9 Britannica Native American Explorer https://tinyurl.com/3wksze3x History https://tinyurl.com/2a2d2sus National Women's History Museum https://tinyurl.com/49b45yx9 Sacagawea Kids Nat. Geo. Kids https://tinyurl.com/3dfwbfn9 Britannica Kids https://tinyurl.com/2x8ppk23 Video: The True Story of Sacagawea https://tinyurl.com/48upd7jw Video: Sacagawea for Kids https://tinyurl.com/3n7258c7 Sacagawea Worksheets https://tinyurl.com/3hec4tse Color Page</p> <p>"...it is essential to show special care for indigenous communities and their cultural traditions. They are not merely one minority among others, but should be the principal dialogue partners, especially when large projects affecting their land are proposed. For them, land is not a commodity but rather a gift from God and from their ancestors who rest there, a sacred space with which they need to interact if they are to maintain their identity and values." (LS, #146)</p>  <p>https://tinyurl.com/23n3y6s4</p>	<p>12/21 Christmas Break</p> <p><i>The Third Sunday of Advent is Dec. 17! This is "rejoicing" week!</i> 😊</p>  <p>https://tinyurl.com/msytf5hk</p>   <p>https://tinyurl.com/27whiy2e</p>	<p>12/22 Christmas Break</p> <p><i>Oh Suffering Jesus! Oh Sorrowful Mary!</i></p> <p><i>We give you glory, thanks, and praise. Oh Bless our works and guide our ways.</i></p>  <p>https://tinyurl.com/bde5xmsz</p> <p><i>May Christ's Peace fill your hearts and homes this Christmas Season.</i></p>