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Peace, joy and love this Christmas season!

Dear Radio Maria Family,

As I cross my one-year anniversary as the Director of Radio Maria USA, I am filled with gratitude for the opportunity to serve you in such a wonderful ministry that also serves our Blessed Mother and her adorable Son, Jesus!

This month is full of beautiful feasts and solemnities. On December 8, we celebrate the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary. In this amazing mystery we contemplate God creating Mary with no stain of sin or concupiscence so that she could be the perfect and immaculate vessel for God's Son to enter into creation as Jesus.

And, on December 25, we celebrate the Nativity of Jesus, his birthday! The scriptures are full of awe and splendor surrounding this event. The star that led the wise men was streaming across the heavens, and angels sang in the presence of the shepherds:

And the angel said to them,

"Be not afraid; for behold, I bring you good news of a great joy which will come to all the people; for to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord. And this will be a sign for you: you will find a babe wrapped in swaddling cloths and lying in a manger." And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying,

"Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace among men with whom he is pleased!" Lk. 2:10-14

The very next day, we celebrate the feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph. The model of domestic life for us all! May we all strive to live more like the Holy Family in 2022 by adoring Jesus, serving our families, and loving God with all our hearts.

May your hearts swell with the peace, joy and love that resides in the Christ child.

† Fr. Dan Reehil, RM National Priest Director

Let me leave you with this beautiful prayer
composed by Pope St. John XXIII

*"O sweet Child of Bethlehem,
grant that we may share with all our hearts
in this profound mystery of Christmas.
Put into the hearts of men and women this peace
for which they sometimes seek so desperately
and which you alone can give to them.
Help them to know one another better,
and to live as brothers and sisters,
children of the same Father.
Reveal to them also your beauty, holiness and purity.
Awaken in their hearts
love and gratitude for your infinite goodness.
Join them all together in your love.
And give us your heavenly peace. Amen."*

— Pope John XXIII



Frank Hare leaves Radio Maria after 21 years of service

Frank Hare, the production manager at Radio Maria, was honored Nov. 11 with a going away dinner. Hare left Radio Maria after 21 years of service.

Hare grew up around radio -- his father was in the radio business all of his life. Shortly after high school, Hare joined the staff at Radio Maria to run the fledging new studio in Alexandria in Dec, 2000.

As the longest serving employee at Radio Maria, Frank served under seven priest directors including Fr. Theophilus Herlong, the first priest director; followed by Fr. Duane Stenzel, Fr. Robert Young, Fr. John Tino, Fr. Emilio Garreaud, Fr. John Fletcher, and our current national priest director, Fr. Dan Reehil.



FRANK HARE, (sitting with wife Brandi front and center) was honored Nov. 11 by the staff and volunteers with a dinner at Verona's Italian Restaurant. Frank has been the only production manager since Radio Maria started in May 2000. He will be greatly missed!

Frank was there when Radio Maria was one station and has seen the addition of 12 new frequencies. Many of you know his

voice as the one that has led countless Mariathons over the years.

"We are sad to lose Frank after all of these

years," said Carlo DiMaggio, president of Radio Maria USA. "He has done a great job for us and we wish him well in his new

Fr. Dan Reehil addresses group at Marian Conference

• Fr. Dan Reehil, (at right) national priest director for Radio Maria, was one of the keynote speakers at the Marian Conference held Nov. 13-14 in Boston.

• Pictured below at the conference is Carlo DiMaggio, president of Radio Maria USA; Ivan Dragicevic, one of the Medjugorje visionaries, who also spoke at the conference; and Fr. Dan Reehil.



10 meaningful Advent traditions for Catholic families

1. Advent Wreath

If you don't have an Advent wreath in your home yet, make getting one a priority this year. Once you have an Advent wreath, it's easy to pull out year after year. Don't miss out on this beautiful Catholic tradition!

2. Feast Of the Immaculate Conception

This is a holy day of obligation in the USA, which means that Catholics attend Mass on this day. It's a common misconception that this day is about Mary being pregnant with Jesus, when it's really a day to remember St. Anne being pregnant with Mary! Make sure your kids understand this!

3. St. Nicholas Day

St. Nicholas Day is Dec. 6, and celebrating this saint feast day is a great way to remember who Santa Claus really is! A favorite tradition is to leave out shoes for St. Nick to fill with candy and small treats.

4. Nativity Set

Display a nativity set prominently in your home. This is an easy way to send a message of what's most important for this season.

5. Feast of St. Lucy

On Dec. 13, the feast of St. Lucy, celebrate with the traditional Swedish saffron buns, (or in the case of busy moms, --canned cinnamon rolls or making gingerbread!)

6. Feasts of St. Juan Diego & Our Lady Of Guadalupe

The feast of St. Juan Diego is on Dec. 9, and Our Lady of Guadalupe is on Dec. 12. There are lots of ways to celebrate these days, including learning the story or teaching it to others.

7. Confession as a family

A lot of churches have a big confession service during Advent, so watch your parish's bulletin! This is a great way to prepare for the coming of our Savior.

8. Pray the St. Andrew Christmas Novena

This is a beautiful tradition. You can add it to your daily prayers, or do this in place of your current family prayers during

the Advent season.

9. Start A Jesse Tree

Take a small tree of some kind, and each day in December you hang one ornament on the tree. Ornaments should show stories of the Old Testament leading up to the birth of our savior. Kids have fun making the ornaments.

10. O Antiphons

Each night for the octave (8 days) before Christmas, we ask Christ to come, and call him by a different name. Each of these names starts with "O", such as "O Come O Come Emmanuel".

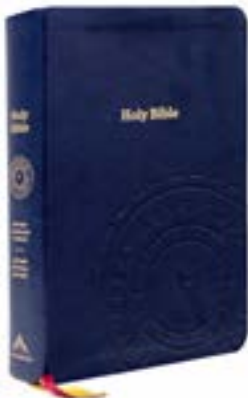
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Bibles make great Christmas gifts for all ages

In Our Blessed Mother's monthly messages to Marija, she repeatedly urges us to pray the Rosary, fast once a week, go to confession monthly,, and to read Scripture.

With Christmas upon us, what better time to give the gift of God's Eternal Word to our loved ones of all ages. Pictured below are three excellent Catholic Bibles that will delight any person on

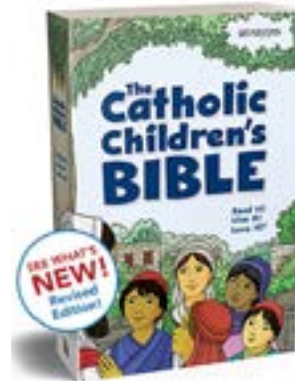
your Christmas list. The two Great Adventure Bibles pictured below are the same Bible, except that the cowhide edition is mostly text; the paperback edition is filled with colorful charts, color-coded tabs, and side notes to help you understand the readings. Visit the website to see what extras are available for each Bible, including Bible study guides, activity books, coloring books, and so much more.



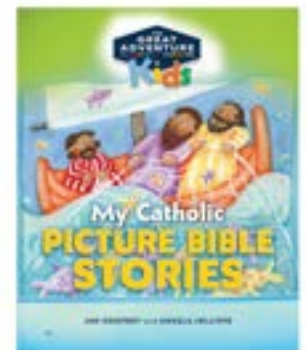
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U.S. bishops vote to accept Eucharistic document

by Christine Rousselle
Catholic News Agency

The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops voted overwhelmingly to accept the document “The Mystery of the Eucharist in the Life of the Church” during the morning session of the fall USCCB meeting on Nov. 17, 2021.

The vote, which is held in a secret electronic ballot, was 222 in favor to eight against, with three abstentions.

To pass, two-thirds of the bishops had to vote in favor of the document.

This vote total was even more lopsided than the June vote to move forward with the drafting of the document. In June, the bishops voted 168 to



55 to move forward with the document.

Initially, it was speculated that the document would provide explicit directives on who and who is not eligible to receive the Eucharist. Particularly, it was feared that the bishops would use the document to rebuke Catholic politicians who are in fa-

vor of abortion rights.

President Joe Biden (D), the second Catholic president of the United States, has publicly supported a right to legal abortion throughout the entirety of a pregnancy. During his presidential campaign, he broke from several decades of his past beliefs and announced that he

was now opposed to the Hyde Amendment.

The final draft of the document does not make explicit mention of denying the sacrament from certain high-profile Catholics, and instead focuses on the importance of teaching the Real Presence of the Eucharist and the Eucharist as a tool for evangelization.

The two sections of the document are “The Gift,” which centers on the Eucharist as a gift from Christ through his incarnation, death, and resurrection, and “Our Response,” which focuses on gratitude for the gift of the Eucharist, the role the laity play in regards to reception of the Eucharist, and the importance of the Eucharist in conversion.



YEAR OF SAINT JOSEPH

Dec. 8, 2020 - Dec. 8, 2021

Prayer to St. Joseph

Hail, Guardian of the Redeemer,
Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary.
To you God entrusted his only Son;
in you Mary placed her trust;
with you Christ became man.

Blessed Joseph, to us too,
show yourself a father
and guide us in the path of life.
Obtain for us grace, mercy, and courage,
and defend us from every evil. Amen.

Year of St. Joseph comes to an end Dec. 8

On the solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary Dec. 8, 2021, the Year of St. Joseph will come to an end.

Last year, on the same date (Dec. 8), Pope Francis issued an apostolic letter, *Patris corde* (“With a Father’s Heart”), for the 150th anniversary of the declaration of St. Joseph as patron of the universal Church. To mark the occasion, the pope proclaimed a year dedicated to Mary’s husband, Joseph, foster father to Jesus.

In his apostolic letter, Pope Francis explained that the aim of this special year was “to increase our love for this great saint, to encourage us to implore his intercession and to imitate his virtues and his zeal,” describing St. Joseph as a “beloved father, a tender and loving father, an obedient father, an accepting father; a father who is creatively courageous, a working father, a father in the shadows.”

Celebrate the end of this special year with Mass or Adoration.



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Program Schedule

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CENTRAL	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	EASTERN	
6:00AM	Full Rosary Pope John Paul II	Angelus, Holy Rosary with Various Bishops, Litany						7:00AM	
6:30AM		Food for the Journey, Sr. Ann Shields					Mary Queen of Peace Fr. John Fletcher	7:30AM	
7:00AM		Morning Prayers & Holy Rosary						Morning Prayer & Holy Rosary	8:00AM
7:30AM	Morning Prayers	Morning Office of the Liturgy of the Hours (Lauds) and Preparation for Holy Mass						Lauds & Bishop Glen Provost	8:30AM
8:00AM	Healing Through the Mass Fr. Duane Stenzel	Sacrifice of the Holy Mass						Cross Roads Mark Newman	9:00AM
8:30AM	God's Word Alive: Sunday's Readings Tom Webb	Living the Lectionary Various Presenters	Mary Queen of Peace Fr. John Fletcher	St. Faustina's Diary Fr. John Fletcher		God's Word Alive and Active Tom Webb		9:30AM	
9:00AM	The Catholic "Take" on Truth & Culture Fr. Peter Pilcher	Battle Ready Fr. Dan Reuhl						Homeschool Lifeline Katy Moran	
		Live with Passion Fr. Cedric Pisegna	Healing Through the Mass Fr. Duane Stenzel	Heroes of Faith Isaac Longworth	Hope and Purpose Dcn. Larry Orney	Healing Through the Mass Fr. Duane Stenzel			
10:00AM	Sacrifice of the Holy Mass time varies by week	Catholic Classics Fr. Joseph Koterski	Beyond the Veil Fr. Thomas Loya	Marian Apparitions Mary Pypier	The School of Mary (A Kindergarten of The Divine Will) Depalma	Aim High Fr. Jacek Kuczyński Medjugorje: Message of Hope for the World Ann Vucic	Carmelite Teresian Spirituality Dr. Patrick DWietri	11:00AM	
11:00AM	Renewing Our Faith Dcn. Bill Brennan	Brokenhearted Dan Jurk	Quest for a Culture of Life in America Steve Koob	Hearty Recipes for Life and Love Francesca Franchina	The Flame of Love (1st, 3rd, 5th) Vicki McGrath The Good News Hour: Personal Testimonies (2nd, 4th) Penny Antill	Pro-Life Activism from Creation to Death Jim Sedlak	Learning to Live in God's Divine Will Fr. Joseph Iannuzzi	Noon	
Noon	Angelus, Midday Office of the Liturgy of the Hours & Holy Rosary							1:00PM	
12:30PM	God's Word Alive: Sunday's Readings Tom Webb	Food for the Journey - Sr. Ann Shields / Vatican News					God's Word Alive and Active Tom Webb	1:20PM	
1:00PM	Catholic Kaleidoscope Alyssa Bormes	Beyond Fatima Katie Moran	Spirit and Truth Live Joe Patch	Faith and Sport John Acquaviva	Marian Studies & Spirituality Marian Library at UD	Faith and Finance Thomas Zandani	Divine Mercy Diary Fr. John O'Brien	2:00PM	
2:00PM	Companions on the Journey Mark Poletunow and Michael Norton	Sacred Treasures In The Church Kathie Duggan	Be Your Best As A Catholic Christian John Wright	A Light In The World Christine Rossi	Meet the Author Ken Huck	Catholic Classics Fr. Joseph Koterski	Jesus: the Promised Messiah of Judaism Roy Schoeman	3:00PM	
3:00PM	Chaplet of Divine Mercy, Holy Rosary, Music & Inspiration							4:00PM	
4:00PM	The Word of the Lord Florinda Iannace & Fr. Vincent Euk	Prayer Time Penny Antill	The School of Mary (A Kindergarten of The Divine Will) Depalma	Family Caregiving Dr. Warren Hebert	Prayer Time Fr. John O'Brien	Heroes of Faith Isaac Longworth Forming Faithful Families James Luffen	Sacrifice of the Holy Mass	5:00PM	
5:00PM	Marian Apparitions Mary Pypier	Cross Roads Mark Newman	Gospel of Life: Pro-Life Issues Priests for Life	Homeschool Lifeline Katy Moran	Apologetics - Understanding Catholicism Jimmy Seghers	Good Night, Good Day Marta Varga	Beyond the Veil Fr. Thomas Loya	6:00PM	
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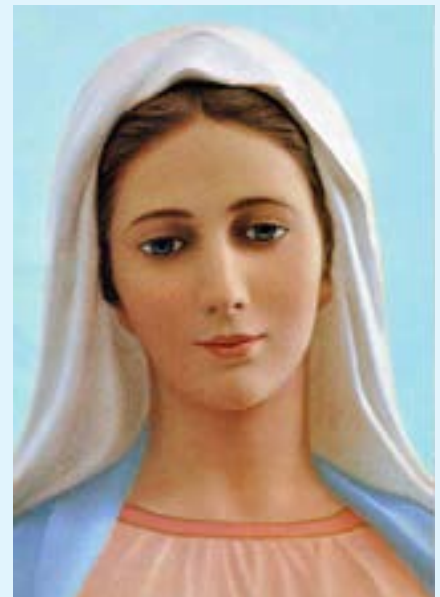


November 25, 2021 Message to Marija

“Dear children!

I am with you in this time of mercy and I am calling all of you to be carriers of peace and love in this world where, through me, little children, God is calling you to be prayer and love, and an expression of Heaven here on earth.

May your hearts be filled with joy and faith in God; that, little children, you may have complete trust in His holy will. That is why I am with you, because He, the Most High, is sending me among you to encourage you to the hope; and you will be peacemakers in



this peaceless world.

Thank you for having responded to my call.”

Note: These messages are not yet recognized by the Catholic Church as having a supernatural origin.

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- Thank you for Radio Maria and Fr. Reehil for the blessing of your daily programs and devotions! N. D, Nashville, TN
- Thank you for all you do for fellow Catholics! M.P., Pineville, LA
- Thank you so much for bringing us Radio Maria. It brings such comfort and inspiration as does, Fr. Dan. Pat R.
- Thanks for your great work and wonderful programs that keep us connected in faith and love. N. R., Round Mountain, TX



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