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Begins January 14 – 7 to 9 p.m.

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Begins January 14 – 7 to 9 p.m.

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Mass Intention

Saturday (December 27)

5:00 PM +Remy Pe Benito

Sunday (December 28)

7:30 AM For the Parish Community

9:00 AM +Thomas de Montbrun, Thanksgiving to the Holy Family

11:00 AM Open

12:30 PM Open

Monday (December 29)

7:00 PM +Fr. Claude Richard

Tuesday (December 30)

7:30 AM Departed family and friends

of E. Salomon

Wednesday (December 31)

All Masses for our Parish Community

Thursday (January 1)

All Masses for our Parish Community

Friday (January 2)

7:00 PM Departed family and relatives

of Oliver Tadeo

Saturday (January 3)

9:00 AM +Candido & Virginia Dungo

5:00 PM +Alvita Furtado

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General Audience: Jesus chose to come to the world as part of a family



Vatican City, 17 December 2014 (VIS) – The family is the “great gift that the Lord has given to the world ever since the beginning, when he entrusted to Adam and Eve the mission of multiplying and filling the earth; the gift that Jesus confirmed and sealed in His Gospel”, said the Holy Father during this Wednesday’s general audience, in the first of the new cycle of catechesis dedicated to the family, which will continue throughout the coming year.

The proximity to Christmas illuminates the mystery of the incarnation of the Son of God, which opens a new chapter in the universal history of man and woman. “And this new beginning occurs within a family, in Nazareth. He could have come spectacularly, or as a warrior, an emperor... No – he came as the son of a family, in a family”, he emphasized.

God chose to be born “in a human family, that He Himself had formed. He created this family in a remote village in the outer reaches of the Roman Empire. Not in Rome, the capital of the Empire, not in a great city, but in an almost invisible and somewhat notorious periphery. This is even noted in the Gospel, almost as if it were a turn of phrase: ‘Can anything good come out of Nazareth?’. Perhaps, in many parts of the world, we too still speak in this way when we hear the name of certain peripheral areas of large cities. And yet, it was precisely there, in the outskirts of the great Empire, that there began the most holy and good story of Jesus among mankind”.

“Jesus chose to remain in the periphery for thirty years, during which there is no mention of miracles or healing, of preaching, of crowds who run after him. In Nazareth, everything seems to happen ‘normally’, according to the habits of a pious and hard-working family of Israelites. ... The Gospels, in their sobriety, say nothing of Jesus’ adolescence and leave this task to our affectionate imaginings. Art, literature and music have followed the path of the imagination. Certainly, it is not difficult to imagine how much mothers could learn from Mary’s tender care for her Son! And how much fathers could benefit from the example of Joseph, a righteous man, who dedicated his life to supporting and defending his wife and child – his family – through difficult times. To say nothing of how much the young could be encouraged by the adolescent Jesus in understanding the necessity and beauty of cultivating their deepest vocation, and of having great dreams”, he added.

“Every Christian family – as Mary and Joseph did – must first welcome Jesus, listen to Him, speak with Him, shelter Him, protect Him, grow with Him; and in this way, make the world better. Let us make space in our heart and in our days for the Lord. This is what Mary and Joseph did, and it was not easy: how many difficulties they had to overcome! It was not a false or unreal family. The family of Nazareth calls to us to rediscover the vocation and the mission of the family, of every family. And so what happened in those thirty years in Nazareth can also happen to us: making love, not hate, normal; mutual help common, instead of indifference and hostility. It is not by chance that Nazareth means ‘she who preserves’, like Mary who, as the Gospel tells us, ‘treasured all these things in her heart’. From then on, whenever there is a family that preserves this mystery, even if it should be at the outer reaches of the world, the mystery of the Son of God is at work. And He comes to save the world”.

PRAYER FOR FAMILIES

God, our Father, loving and merciful,
bring together and keep all families
in perfect unity of love
and mutual support.
Infuse in each member
the spirit of understanding,
forbearance, and affection for each
other.

Keep quarrels, bitterness, and pettiness
far from them

and for their occasional failures install
forgiveness and peace

May the mutual love and affection of
parents be a source of loving obedience
and discipline.

May their charity and fidelity be an
inspiration to their children.

Instil in children such self-respect
that they may respect each other, obey
their parents and those in authority,
and grow in mature independence and
the tender joys of friendship.

Make the mutual affection and respect
of families

a sign of Christian life here and
hereafter,

through Jesus Christ our Lord and
Saviour.

Amen.

COME & SEE

WEEKEND

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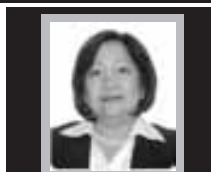
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