BIRTH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST

FROM: <u>YOUCAT</u> Youth Catechism of the Catholic Church

I Believe in Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God

84. Was Mary only an instrument of God?

Mary was more than a merely passive instrument of God. The Incarnation of God took place through her active consent as well. {493-494, 508-511]

When the angel told her that she would bear "the Son of God", Mary replied, "Let it be to me according to your word" (Lk 1:38). The redemption of mankind by Jesus Christ thus begins with a request by God and the free consent of a human being—and a pregnancy before Mary was married to Joseph. By such an unusual path Mary became for us the "Gate of Salvation". 479

85. Why is Mary our mother also?

Mary is our mother because Christ the Lord gave her to us as a mother. [963-966, 973]

"Woman, behold, your son!... Behold, your mother!" [Jn 19:26b-27a]. The second command, which Jesus spoke from the Cross to John, has always been understood by the Church as an act of entrusting the whole Church to Mary. Thus Mary is our mother, too. We may call upon her and ask her to intercede with God. 147-149

86. Why did Jesus wait for thirty years to begin his public life? Jesus wanted to share a normal life with us and thus sanctify our everyday routine. [531-534, 564]

Jesus was a child who received love and affection from his parents and was brought up by them. Thus he increased "in wisdom and stature, and in favor with God and man" (Lk 2:52); he belonged to a Jewish village community and took part in its religious rituals; he learned a trade and had to prove his ability as a craftsman. The fact that God in Jesus willed to be born into a human family and to grow up in it has made the family a place where God is present and a prototype of a helping community.

"VOCATION SEEDS"

In every age and time the Lord's call brings forth priests to prepare a people for the Lord. Would you be willing to proclaim the truth of God's love and presence in your life as a priest, religious or deacon? If you think God is calling you,

call Fr. Hansoo 416 968 0997 email: vocations@vocations.ca www.vocationstoronto.ca

This is the last Bulletin before the summer months. Mass Intentions will be posted on the bulletin board in the foyer. Have a safe and enjoyable summer!!

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday June 23:

- 5:00 pm +Claudine Rodrigues
 - +Constancio Fernandes
 - +Lilian Dino
 - +Lenny Limjoco
 - +Grace Sumadh
 - +Wifred Silva
 - +Agueda Santos
 - +Belinda Loyola
 - +Manuel Tan Sr.

Deceased Members of Patterson and Nugara Families

Sunday June 24:

9:00 am +Emmanuel Schembri

10:30 am +Giovanni Colosimo

12:00 pm Pro - Populo

Monday June 25:

9:00 am Special Intention

Tuesday June 26:

9:00 am +Godofredo Mabbayad

Wednesday June 27:

7:30 pm In Thanksgiving of Joe & Irene Dias and Family

Thursday June 28:

9:00 am Intention of Members & Families of the CWL, St. Aidan Council

Friday June 29:

9:30 am Celebrant's Intention

7:30 pm +Francis D'Costa

Saturday June 30:

9:00 am Celebrant's Intention

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament every Friday starting with Mass at 9:30 am and concluded with Benediction and Mass at 7:30 pm

> SANCTUARY LAMP Arulnesan Family

PAPAL BLESSING SCROLLS

The Development Office has expanded the categories for which Papal Blessing scrolls can be ordered. We are now able to accept orders to commemorate the following sacraments: Fist Communion, Confirmation, Marriage and Priestly Ordination.

If you wish to apply for any of the above, please notify the parish office for the proper form.

"COME AND SEE"- DISCERNMENT RETREAT

Ever thought of serving Christ as a Scarboro missioner? Like to learn more about the vocation to global mission? Join us for our "Come and See" - Discernment Retreat on Friday July 13th (6:30pm) - Sunday July 15th (noon) at Scarboro Missions, 2685 Kingston Rd., Scarborough, ON

Come, Pray and Reflect with us on the Missionary Vocation for our world today. Meet Scarboro missioners. Hear their stories. It's a weekend that may change your life forever!

To register please contact us at: 416 261 7135 ext. 265 or Email: lmo@scarboromissions.ca Cost: \$100—(\$50 non-refundable deposit required). Subsidized costs available.

Registration deadline July 6, 2012

SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL Tel: 416-821-1319 www.svdptoronto.org

Happy the merciful who give to those in need -Psalm 112 When we pray the "Our Father", we ask God to give us 'our daily bread'. Most of us receive sufficient food, but, some do not.

It is a struggle for our neighbour-in-need. Your generous contribution to the POOR BOX each week, helps to relieve their burden and distress. Please continue the good work

BAKE SALE: This weekend is the SVP Bake Sale.

Please patronize and support this worthy cause. Thank you for your support

The 2012 Marriage Preparation Program at St. Aidan Church will commence on September 22, 2012. Please note that this program is held once a year; therefore couples planning to marry by December 2013 must register for it. For more information, please contact Aggie Gomez at 416-292-5707.

SHARELIFE CAMPAIGN

Your donations now amount to \$32,000.00. Thank you very much to those who generously contributed towards this charitable organization. Those who have not given their donations and wish to do so, please put the ShareLife envelope in the collection basket. The ShareLife campaign ends by the end of July.

Our Parish Goal is \$ 35,500.00

The St. Aidan Youth and the ShareLife Coordinators wish to **THANK** all the supporters and walkers of the ShareLife Walkathon held on Saturday June 9. They raised \$835.00 which will be added to the St. Aidan ShareLife goal.

IN MEMORIAM PROGRAM

The Archdiocese of Toronto has an In Memoriam Program that will help parishioners make a donation to their parish or Catholic charity to remember a friend or loved one, or to request that all in lieu of flowers donations made in their memory be directed towards their parish or favourite Archdiocesan charity.

Our parish is where we celebrate the special moments of our lives. It is where we come to be married, see our children and grandchildren baptized, come to be reconciled with God, and to be nourished by the Holy Eucharist. Our parish is where we will come to take our final journey out of this world or the next.

One way you can show others that the Church is important to you is to request that all in lieu of flowers donations made in your memory be directed toward your parish or favourite Archdiocesan charity. To ensure that your wishes are fulfilled, let your family know of your intention. Then sign and date a handwritten letter that states your wishes and keep it with your Will. The Archdiocese will ensure that In Memoriam cards are delivered to the funeral home for visitation.

To the Family

A thoughtful gift has been made to the Catholic Church to honour the memory of:

May God bless you and comfort you during your difficult time of need. Please accept deepest sympathies from:

Please direct my gift to (select one):

- () Parish (name/city)
- () ShareLife
- () The Shepherds' Trust
- () St. Augustine's Seminary