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Happy Holy Christmas Season and New Year!

Celebrate with us the Jubilee Year of the Apostle Paul for the occasion of the 2000th anniversary of his birth: June 28, 2008 to June 29, 2009

Paul preaches Christ as the Crucified and Glorified Lord, alive and present within the Church. He proclaims Christ's Incarnation and Exaltation, but also His pre-existence with the Father before all time. His affirmation of Christ's pre-existence evokes those Old Testament texts, which portray God's Wisdom as being with Him before creation and coming down to dwell among men (e.g., Pr 8:22-23). Paul thus presents Christ as "the Wisdom of God" (1 Cor 1:24), the center and fulfillment of the Father's Eternal Plan of Salvation. The hymn found in his Letter to the Philippians (Phil 2:6-11) contrasts Christ's pre-existence "in the form of God" and His subsequent "kenosis" or self-emptying, "even to death, death on a Cross". Paul also appeals to Christ's pre-existence and Incarnation in proclaiming Jesus as "the one Mediator between God and man" (1 Tim 3:16), the Firstborn of all creation and the Head of the Church (cf. Col 1:15-20). Paul's ...Christology invites us to welcome the Salvation offered by the Crucified and Risen Lord, the Eternal Son, Who is the very Wisdom and Power of God.

- October 22, 2008 General Audience of Pope Benedict XVI

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Please join us daily in praying for the Handmaids' founding growth and formation! Thank you for this kindness!!!

Eternal Father, give us this day the grace to bring to fruition Jesus' prayer for unity at the Last Supper, by being Jesus for and to others, in living the Family Life of the Blessed Trinity as reflected in the Holy Family, thus, becoming a living prayer of unity, a Saint (Jesus for and to others), especially living Jesus' Way of Life of:

- Sunday** ... private prayer
- Monday** ... community prayer
- Tuesday** ... fasting and penance
- Wednesday** ... spreading the Good News
- Thursday** ... helping the needy
- Friday** ... carrying the Cross
- Saturday** ... forgiveness



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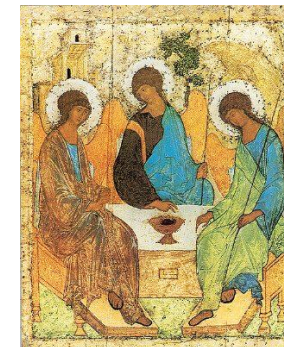
"Behold the Handmaid of the Lord; be it done to me according to Your Word."

Luke 1:38

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"For it is through the Holy Spirit that this Child has been conceived in her. She will bear a Son and you are to name Him Jesus because He will save His people from their sins."

Matthew 1:20-21



Let us go to the Blessed Trinity as reflected in the Holy Family...

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We give praise and thanks to
God our Father,
our Lord Jesus Christ
and the Holy Spirit
for you.

*We are praying that
the Blessed Trinity
may bless you
and your family
this Advent and
Christmas Season and
throughout the New Year!*

We will be offering all of your needs
together with ours
in the Novenas of Masses
for Advent and Christmas
that will be celebrated for
the Handmaids' intensions...

Thank you to all who have made this gift to
others possible!

Praise be Jesus Christ... We come to share
our Lord's many blessings to us this past year:

Sr. Mary Rose accepted an invitation to go on
pilgrimage to World Youth Day in July, traveling
to Auckland, New Zealand and Sydney, Australia
joining over 400,000 pilgrims who gathered from
around the world.

Also in July, we welcomed our new Pastor and
renewed our commitment to live our united
common life, prayer, and apostolate of Christian
renewal expressed in catechesis with
evangelization at San Buenaventura Mission for
our 23rd year. We rejoice in the Blessed Trinity
for all the opportunities of sharing Jesus' Way of
Life with others: We have 340 children in our
Elementary Religious Education Program, 150
High School youth in preparation for
Confirmation, 9 children in the Children's
Catechumenate, 10 adults seeking to enter into
or complete their initiation in the Catholic Church
and all with whom we journey in faith.

*We thank you for your persevering prayers for our
needs! As of August, we both have now
completed the recommended studies so to receive
those whom we trust the Harvest Master will be
sending to help us in the founding process of
bringing to fruition Jesus' prayer for unity at the
Last Supper, by living the Family Life of the
Blessed Trinity as reflected in the Holy Family! Our
doors are opening on the Feast of Christ the King
2008: thirty years after we first began as Lay
Handmaids on September 18, 1978 and nineteen
years after becoming a Public Association of the
Faithful as Religious Handmaids in the
Archdiocese of Los Angeles on December 13 -
14, 1989.*

Be assured that you remain in our hearts
and prayers, as we offer each of you and
your family to Joseph and Mary, together
with Jesus in the Holy Spirit to our
Heavenly Father, in each Mass
celebrated throughout the world,
throughout all time.

Let us together pray for the grace of
perseverance in faith, hope and charity so
to live Jesus' Way of Life by keeping our
eyes fixed upon Him and His Life of
Holiness (Goodness)!

**Let us be united and trust in
Jesus' Love and Mercy,**

