

JULY 2023

July 1-31

**SAINT MARY OF THE LAKE
AND OUR LADY OF LOURDES
CATHOLIC CHURCH**

WELCOME TO OUR *Parish Community*

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THANK YOU!

A special thank you and farewell to Fr. Elvio Baldeon, who served 2 years as an associate pastor; and to Melissa Maldonado who was our parish counselor to our Spanish-speaking community. Thank you both for your generous service and the impact you have made on our community of Saint Mary's and Our Lady of Lourdes!



Our Two Places of Worship

PARISH CHURCH
SAINT MARY OF THE LAKE
4220 N. Sheridan Road,
Chicago, IL 60613



CHAPEL
OUR LADY OF LOURDES
4640 N. Ashland Ave,
Chicago, IL 60640

MASS TIMES

SAINT MARY OF THE LAKE

WEEKEND MASSES

Saturday Vigil
4:30 PM - English

Sunday
8:30 AM - English
10:30 AM - English
12:30 PM - Spanish

DAILY MASSES

Monday - Saturday
9:00 AM - English

RECONCILIATION

Thursdays - 7:00 PM
Saturdays - 9:30 AM

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Thursdays - 7:00 PM

PRIVATE PRAYER

Monday - Friday
8:30 AM - 8:00 PM

OUR LADY OF LOURDES

WEEKEND MASSES

Sunday
9:00 AM - English
11:00 AM - Spanish

ADORATION & PRIVATE PRAYER

Mondays, Wednesdays & Fridays
Our Lady of Lourdes Grotto
8:30 AM - 8:00 PM

*** NEW OFFICE HOURS ***
Effective July 3, 2023

PARISH OFFICE

Saint Mary of the Lake
4220 N. Sheridan Rd, Chicago, IL 60613
(773) 280-7700
office@saintmarys.org

Monday - Friday | 9:00am - 8:00pm
Saturdays & Sundays | 9:00am - 2:00pm

A MESSAGE FROM *Father Erick*



FR. ERICK DIAZ
ASSOCIATE PASTOR

TRADITION, MAGISTERIUM AND REVELATION

Dear fellow parishioners of this Saint Mary of the Lake and Our Lady of Lourdes, once again I am pleased to address you with joy. In the last reflection I wrote to you about the Love of the Trinity and the loving action that was made in all creation including man and that it was not enough that man had been lost but saved in Jesus.

All this beautiful doctrinal reflection is found in the Bible, but beyond it we will also find the reflective contributions in the Tradition and Magisterium of the Church throughout the XXI centuries of History. But, what is this Tradition, Magisterium and Revelation? The word tradition comes from the Greek *paradosis*, in the ecclesiastical sense, which is the only one in which it is used here, sometimes it refers to the doctrine, narration or custom transmitted from one generation to the next.

This Tradition has two ways: The oral and the written. At that time, the oral tradition was the traditional and popular means of collecting and transmitting the facts and sayings of a character to others. Orally, the disciples, direct witnesses of Jesus the Nazarene, transmitted his sayings and deeds to the other Christians of the primitive community, which they later collected in writing, calling them the Gospels. The oral tradition was by word of mouth, because there were no necessary elements to write until the way of writing events was discovered so that nothing of what was seen and said was not erased. There is writing on papyrus, sand, stone, animal skins until ink and paper emerged. More broadly with Johannes Gutenberg in 1450 with the first printing of the Bible on paper.

And what is the Magisterium? The magisterium is the care of the deposit of faith so that it is not contaminated by some doctrinal error, since the doctrine must be cared for and kept intact as Jesus wanted it. Hence, the doctrine did not change,

does not change, nor will it change. The church hierarchically represented by the pope and the bishops in communion with him must guard the deposit of faith. The Church in assemblies, in councils, or through other instances can make decisions regarding discipline, but never in doctrine.

The word Magisterium derives from the mission of the Church to be a Teacher of men. The Church is in charge of protecting the entire People of God from deviations and failures, and of guaranteeing an error-free profession of the authentic faith. The office of the Magisterium is aimed at ensuring that the People of God remain in the Truth. To fulfill this service, Christ has given pastors the charism of infallibility in matters of faith and customs. This means that, due to the special help they have from the Holy Spirit, the Pope and the bishops in communion with him cannot make mistakes when they say something about faith or morals.

And finally we come to the revelation. The revelation is preceded by the Tradition and the Magisterium, but not for that reason it stops being less important or becomes more important. None of the three is more or less. All three are linked together and one serves the other. Thus it is marked that the Revelation that is the word of God or the Bible itself uses these other ways to better understand what God wants from men. As Christians we cannot desert alone or try to interpret the Bible alone, it is the Magisterium who has the authority to interpret and tell us what God wants to tell us through the Bible. Thus it is manifested that the Bible is not the only way to know the designs of God.

There are also many other things that Jesus did, which, if they were written in detail, I think even the world itself could not contain the books that would be written. -John 21:25.

LET US PRAY *Together*

MASS INTENTION REQUEST

To request a Mass Intention in memory of a deceased loved one, for someone who is sick or for general prayers **please call the parish office**. Note that these requests will be mentioned in the Mass time you request and published in our monthly bulletin. Please contact the office one week in advance to request an intention.

The suggested donation is \$15 per intention

Please note that any mass intentions received after the 15th OF THE MONTH will not be published in the bulletin, however it will still be prayed for at mass.

SICK LIST

If you would like to add a family member or friend to our general Prayer List for the Sick, please contact the parish office and provide the name. These names will be published in our monthly bulletin and weekly newsletters so that our community can pray for them.

There is no donation requested for these requests.



MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE MONTH OF JULY

The following are prayer requests we have received from the Saint Mary of the Lake and Our Lady of Lourdes community. Please keep them in your prayers.

Deceased

- † Elise Bell
- † Elliot Bell
- † Spencer Bell
- † Socorro Corral
- † Lina Vida Magno
- † Genevive Selep
- † Albina Rose Lucas
- † Rafael Pagan
- † Lino Rondelli
- † Lella Rondelli
- † George Perez
- † Manuel Rosendo
- † Freddy Subia
- † Olga Guevara
- † Gustavo Tomala
- † Adalberto de Leon
- † Mary Ellen Costello
- † Helen Scott
- † All Souls in Purgatory

Birthdays

- Juan Soto Barrera
- Daniela Suyosa
- Amalio Santiago

Health

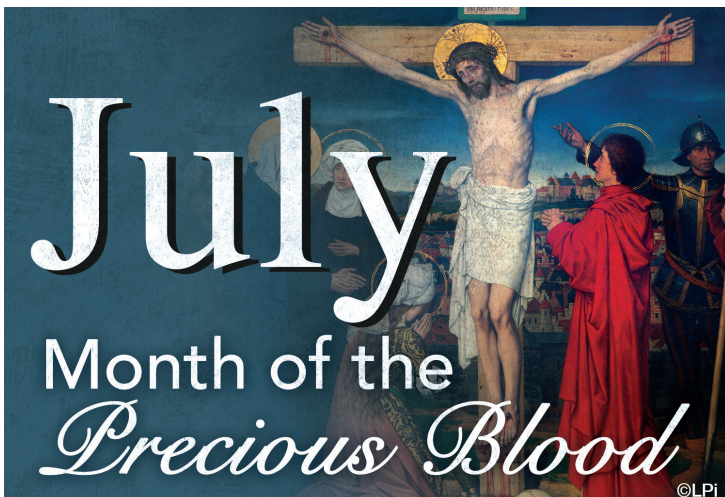
- Esau Ignacio Sanchez

Special Prayers

- Phil & Barb Faro
- Helena Krotewicz

PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO ARE SICK

Marcela Rodriguez, Hector De León, Griffin Marks, Rod Reyes, Maria Estela Alvarez, Austreberta Escobar, Adolfo Ruiz Baca, Melissa Velazquez, Molly Morris, Alfredo Pinon, Rose Mueller, Michael Snyder, Angela Bates, Angelica Luviano, Lauren Troy, Jack Denihan, Maria Pardo, Rachel Hohner, Angela Turley, Mary Pilarczyk, Melva De Leon and for all our sick parishioners and those who are in nursing homes.



In Loving Memory

For the members of our parish community who have recently passed away.

- †Eduardo Rodas DeLeon
- †Ken Bentley
- †Agustin Hurtado
- †Anthony Ostrowski

STRENGTHS & GIFTS *for the Journey*

INTRODUCING THE "STRENGTHS AND GIFTS FOR THE JOURNEY" PROGRAM

This four-week program allows an in-depth exploration of the strengths that participants can grow from their God-given talents, the spiritual gifts that reflect those strengths, and how they can call upon their strengths and gifts to become disciples of Christ. Open to all adult parishioners, the program is based on Gallup's StrengthsFinder 1.0 Assessment™ and the book *Living Your Strengths (Catholic Edition)*, as well as an established online spiritual gifts assessment program.

Participants will take an assessment tool developed by Gallup, Inc. that will identify and explore their God-given talents, strategies for developing their talents into strengths, and ways in which their top strengths can work together on an individual and group basis. Participants will also take an established on-line assessment that allows them to discover their spiritual gifts. Together these assessments will be used to explore how each participant can draw upon his or her God-given talents, strengths and spiritual gifts to become a disciple of Christ.

The *Strengths and Gifts for the Journey* program will be conducted in four small group sessions lasting approximately 2 hours each. Each session will involve prayer, reflection about relevant passages from Scripture, and active sharing of each participant's strengths and spiritual gifts assessment results. Led by trained facilitators, the small group discussions will be focused on how participants can utilize their strengths and spiritual gifts to enrich their faith life and improve their effectiveness in daily life. At the conclusion of the program, participants will be asked to make a specific commitment to use their God-given talents, strengths and spiritual gifts at Saint Mary's and Our Lady of Lourdes or elsewhere on their journey to become disciples of Christ.

The summer/inaugural program is limited to 40 participants only. Each participant is asked to do the following:

1. Register by July 16, 2023 online at www.saintmarys.org/strengths.
2. Contribute a \$20 donation which helps to cover costs of the book and all program materials.
3. Pick up your book: *Living Your Strengths: Discover Your God-Given Talents and Inspire Your Community* in the parish office, which also contains a unique code for you to take a pre-workshop assessment and access to other resources for our discussions.
4. Complete the 45 minute assessment and submit results **no later than July 20th** to prepared for your first session. See the website for details.
5. Plan to join others on Monday nights, beginning July 24th!

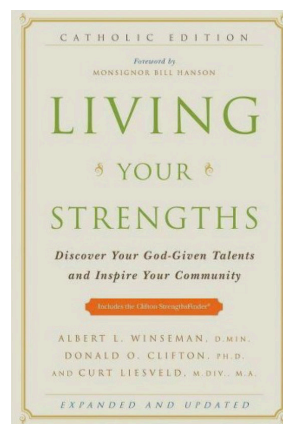
SUMMER/INAUGURAL SESSIONS:

Monday Evenings 7:00-9:00 PM
Parish Hall (4220 N Sheridan Rd)

July 24, 31, August 7 and 14

TO REGISTER NOW visit: www.saintmarys.org/strengths

Questions can be directed to our pastoral associate, Marc Vega at mvega@saintmarys.org or 773-280-7700 x402



"Diverse charisms and gifts with which the Father fills the Church are to grow in harmony, in faith and in his love, as one body only, the Body of Christ, where we each need the other, and where every received gift is fully verified when it is shared with (our) brothers."
-Pope Francis



MOVIE NIGHT

THE SAINT MARYS AND OUR LADY OF LOURDES YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY PRESENTS

SUMMER FILM SERIES

FILMS. FELLOWSHIP. FOOD.

A DIFFERENT MOVIE EVERY MONTH WITH DISCUSSION TO FOLLOW!

FOR YOUNG ADULTS AGES 21-39

NEXT FILM - SUNDAY, JULY 30, 2023

**5:00 PM - BISHOP HAYES ROOM
(PARISH OFFICE - 4220 N. SHERIDAN RD)**

YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY AT SAINT MARY'S AND OUR LADY OF LOURDES

Join the Young Adults Community! The Young Adults of St. Mary of the Lake and Our Lady of Lourdes are a vibrant, inclusive group of parishioners, ages 21-39, dedicated to living and growing in our Catholic faith.

We offer a variety of activities to help us deepen our relationships with Christ, build community with one another and serve those around us. We invite all young adults to join us as we seek to be the light of Christ in the world.

For more info or questions contact YoungAdults@saintmarys.org

Scan the QR code to be added to the email list.



PARISH OFFICE HOURS

The parish office will be **closed on Tuesday, July 4th** in observance of the Fourth of July Holiday. We encourage you to join us in prayer at the 9am Daily Mass.

NEW OFFICE HOURS - Effective Monday, July 3rd, the parish office hours during the week (Monday - Friday) will change to **9:00am-8:00pm**. Thank you for your cooperation as we continue to do our best to serve you and our community. *Have a happy and safe Independence Day!*



MONTHLY MASS WITH THE SACRAMENT OF ANOINTING OF THE SICK IN HONOR OF OUR LADY OF LOURDES

In May we began celebrating a special Mass on the 11th of each month in honor of the blessed Virgin of Lourdes. The Mass will also offer the opportunity to receive the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick. This monthly Mass will be held every 11th of the month and at Our Lady of Lourdes Church (4640 N Ashland Ave, Chicago, IL 60646) until the feast of Our Lady of Lourdes in February.



The Mass will alternate languages each month from Spanish to English, but all parishioners and friends are welcome to join as often as you desire.

The next Mass will be held on Tuesday, July 11, 2023 at 7:00pm in Spanish.

The next Mass in English will be held Friday, August 11, 2023 at 7:00pm. We hope to see you!

Our Lady of Lourdes...pray for us!

OUTREACH AND *Social Justice*

SOUP KITCHEN & SACK MEAL PROGRAM

Volunteers are needed to **MAKE SACK MEALS** and to help with service on Wednesday nights. To make this a success consistently each week, we need **80 individuals/families** to commit to donating at least once a month.

Each sack meal should contain:

- 2 lunch meat sandwiches with no condiments, cheese is optional but a nice addition
- 2 cheese sticks
- 1 bag of chips (or similar)
- 1 piece of soft fruit (for example, orange, banana, grapes)
- Dessert (cookies or candy bar)
- Beverage (juice box, can of soda, or 8 oz water bottle/sports drink)
- Napkin

Please pack each meal in a gallon-sized plastic bag (like Ziploc). Or please use a plastic grocery bag.

DROP OFF

Wednesday between 9:00 a.m. and 6:00pm, drop off at the parish reception desk, as they will be handed out beginning at 6:00pm.

WEDNESDAY VOLUNTEERS

Volunteers are needed to help with the distribution of sack meals, set up and serving a hot meal to our unhoused community members every week. Help is needed every Wednesday from 4:30-7:30pm.

To sign-up to make sack meals or to help on Wednesday nights please visit the parish website or contact Darlene at dkelly@saintmarys.org



LAUNDRY MINISTRY

The Laundry Ministry is a service to LGBTQ homeless youth in the community. Volunteers serve on a weekly basis to pick up bags of laundry at the Center on Halsted, and then take it to a nearby laundromat to wash and fold. This ministry is currently serving on Wednesday evenings between 3-6pm.

For more information please contact Ron Schnorbus at rschnorbus@gmail.com



FOOD FOR ALL: COME TO THE TABLE!

Mark your calendar: **Our next food distribution will be Saturday, July 22nd** on the Saint Mary of the Lake Plaza, with pre-ordering on Wednesday, July 19th and Thursday, July 20th.

All parishioners and friends are welcome to register and place an order for pick up on Saint Mary's Plaza!

The process is very simple:

1. Register your account by using the link on our website at www.saintmarys.org/foodforall.html (no documentation required)
2. Place your order online through the link on our website on Wednesday, July 19th and Thursday, July 20th from 12:01am-11:59pm.
3. Pickup your custom order on Saturday, July 22nd between 11am and 12pm on Saint Mary's Plaza.

If you have registered, all you need to do is order online. If you have not registered, please make sure to register online through the link on our website.

For more information or if you need help, you can call the parish office or go to the parish website.



CLARET CENTER
Resources for the human journey

**IF YOU NEED HELP,
PLEASE REACH OUT
TO OUR PARISH
COUNSELOR TODAY**

JENNI DRESSLER
Parish Counselor

Phone/Text: 872-228-1490
Email: JDressler.Claret@gmail.com

CELEBRATING AS A COMMUNITY OF FAITH! A LOOK BACK AT THE JOYFUL AND GRACE-FILLED MOMENTS IN JUNE



WELCOME THE NEWLY BAPTIZED

We gladly welcome the following children into the family of God and into the faith community of Saint Mary of the Lake and Our Lady of Lourdes, who were baptized during the **month of June**. Please pray for them and their families.

*Eliana Marie Galindo
Harper Lawrence Haddad
Eevee Isabella Olmos Perfecto
Sophia Zoe Delgado
Madison Isabella Garcia
Astrid Michelle Ayala Balcarcel
Miley Adelheid Juarez*



CONGRATULATIONS TO THE NEWLY MARRIED

We congratulate the following people who were married during the **month of June**. May they and their marriage be blessed abundantly in the years to come!

Christian Moreno and Sarah Liccione

*Ryan Logan Clementz and
Jacqueline Azpeitia*

Frederick Naumann and Cristine Tancredi



(PRACTICING) CATHOLIC

A Prophet's Reward

"Move back in with us until you save enough for a decent house," my mother told me over and over again as the birth of my second child neared.

My little family was quickly outgrowing our rented space, but the housing market in our area was a nightmare for first-time homebuyers. As appealing as the offer was, I kept refusing, convinced that my mother didn't understand the chaos, disruption, and loss of personal space that such a move would mean for her and my dad.

I was wrong — she did. And eventually she wore me down. When my son was three months old my family of four moved back into my old bedroom. My parents made an office space for my husband in the basement, and they converted their den into a playroom for two of the loudest children you will ever meet. They told us we could stay as long as we needed to (it ended up being two years). They greeted us with love and warmth every morning and never made us feel like we were an inconvenience.

Today's first reading always reminds me of my mom, not because I consider myself a prophet (hardly) but because of the way she received me — specifically, in whose name she received me.

I've always tried to understand exactly what makes my parents' acts of love — toward me, toward each other, toward perfect strangers — feel so genuine. I think, after more than 30 years, I've finally realized the secret: my parents love God more than they love me. They love God more than they love anyone.

Like making room in their life and their home for me and my boisterous family, these acts originate in sacrifice. They don't come cheap. They come from the cross.

*"Whoever loses his life for my sake will find it."
— Matthew 10:39*

Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

Why do we do that? Catholic Life Explained

Question:

Is the Catholic Mass really celebrated the same throughout the whole world?

Answer:

One of the truisms of the Catholic Faith is that "wherever you go in the world, the Mass is the same." In fact, the answer to this question is both "yes" and "no."

On the one hand, the essential elements of the Roman Rite are the same. The structure of the Mass as it is presented in the Roman Missal is consistent and this is one of the beauties of belonging to a liturgical tradition.

On the other hand, however, there are elements of celebrations that can vary depending on the country or even local region you might be in. For example, in certain parts of the world, certain feasts and solemnities are celebrated on different days (even here in the United States the Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord can be celebrated on Thursday of the Sixth Week of Easter or it may take the place of the Seventh Sunday of Easter, depending on what diocese you are in). Whether it is the use of certain liturgical colors, local celebrations of regional saints, special seasonal blessings of crops or produce, or the use of dance and processions all demonstrate a sort of organic variety that can exist even within our established liturgical tradition. While we always respect what is essential to the rite, such local variations and traditions are very much in keeping with the vision of liturgical renewal and adaption envisioned by the Second Vatican Council's Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy (nos. 37-40).

JULY 2023 SPECIAL LITURGIES

TUESDAY, JULY 11, 2023

7pm - *Spanish Mass* (Our Lady of Lourdes)

Mass with the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick

FRIDAY BIKING & FELLOWSHIP

Join your fellow parishioners for biking and fellowship on the first Friday of each month, May through October. The group meets at 6PM on the church steps. We will take a leisurely ride to a variety of points around the city, followed by fellowship at someone's home or a local establishment. All riding abilities will be accommodated and we will try to utilize bike paths or dedicated bike lanes. You are responsible for your own bike, a helmet, following signage and using hand signals.

Contact Ron Schnorbus at rschnorbus@gmail.com with questions or to be added to our email list.

THE COMMUNITY OF SANT'EGIDIO

The Community of Sant'Egidio is a movement of lay people dedicated to communicating and living out the Gospel through prayer, solidarity with the poor and service to peace. It was born among high school students in Rome in 1968, in the period following the Second Vatican Council and today is present in Rome, the rest of Italy, and in seventy other countries throughout the world.

This ministry meets regularly on Monday nights at 6:30pm in the St. Gabriel Chapel in the parish office. For more info call our office or contact Krysten McOsker at krystenmcosker@gmail.com

NAVIGATING DIVORCE MINISTRY

The Navigating Divorce ministry is offered each **Sunday from 9:15-10:15 AM in-person in the Parish Office**. This ministry consists of confidential small group discussion and sharing for any woman or man experiencing the various stages of grief which accompany the overall divorce process as it moves toward Roman Catholic healing objectives.

Questions can be directed to **Dr. Milt Kobus**, at drmkobus@gmail.com

SUMMER/FALL HOSPITALITY

Do you love meeting new people? Do you want to help welcome others into our parish community? As we begin to plan events for the summer and fall, we are in need of your support to form a hospitality team. You can help either with the creating of new ideas or ways of building community, especially after our Sunday Masses, or simply sign up to lend a hand when needed to serve coffee, donuts etc. **We will begin in mid-July.**

For more info or to sign-up please email Marc Vega at mvega@saintmarys.org or contact our parish office.

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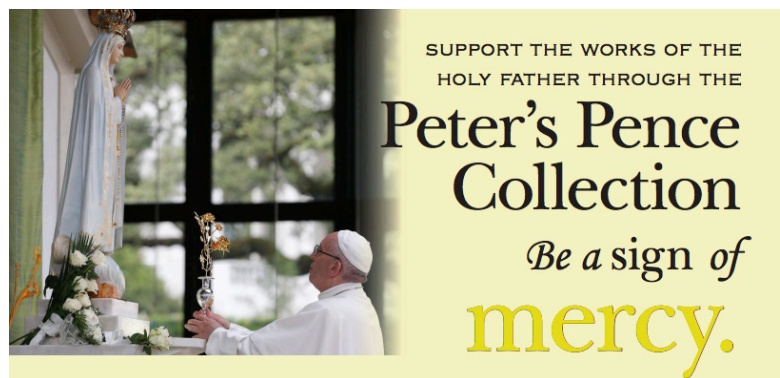
SUNDAY COLLECTIONS JUNE 2023	JUNE 3-4	JUNE 10-11	JUNE 17-18	JUNE 24-25	AVERAGE ATTENDANCE
4:30 p.m.	\$1,830.00	\$1,417.80	\$771.50	\$1,609.00	103
8:30 a.m.	\$1,077.30	\$737.00	\$1,252.00	\$832.37	115
10:30 a.m.	\$1,415.00	\$1,226.00	\$1,755.17	\$633.00	197
12:30 p.m.	\$1,564.00	\$883.21	\$1,001.20	\$579.00	243
Online Giving	\$3,845.00	\$4,250.00	\$1,782.00	\$3,350.00	TOTAL
Saint Mary of the Lake	\$9,731.30	\$8,514.01	\$6,561.87	\$7,003.37	658
9:00 a.m.	\$1,855.22	\$699.81	\$1,334.00	\$1,222.00	124
11:00 a.m.	\$1,613.29	\$1,648.29	\$1,717.56	\$1,611.44	370
Online Giving	\$767.00	\$480.00	\$407.00	\$379.00	TOTAL
Our Lady of Lourdes	\$4,235.51	\$2,828.10	\$3,458.56	\$3,212.44	493
WEEKEND TOTAL	\$13,966.81	\$11,342.11	\$10,020.43	\$10,215.81	

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT OF
OUR MISSION AND PARISH!**

JUNE 2023
TOTAL SUNDAY GIVING
\$45,545.16

(MAY 2023 - \$49,678.88)

AVERAGE WEEKEND MASS
ATTENDANCE IN JUNE 2023
1,151 people



PETER'S PENCE SECOND COLLECTION
SUNDAY, JULY 2, 2023

Support for such papal efforts is rooted in the scriptural message to take care of the poor and expresses unity with the Holy Father in two ways: *through the ongoing activities of the Holy See and through the charitable works of the Holy Father on behalf of those most in need.*

