

## Life Marriage Family Youth Committee – December 2014

Promoting the dignity and sacredness of Life, protecting the sanctity of the sacrament of Marriage, promoting Catholic Social teaching on the Family and promoting activities for the proper formation of Catholic Youth and Young Adults.

## **2015 World Meeting of Families Prayer**

Join together with families from around the world in prayer. Pray the World Meeting of Families prayer each day with your family for the success of the event and for your family's personal intentions.

God and Father of us all, in Jesus, your Son and our Savior, you have made us your sons and daughters in the family of the Church. May your grace and love help our families in every part of the world be united to one another in fidelity to the Gospel. May the example of the Holy Family, with the aid of your Holy Spirit, guide all families, especially those most troubled, to be homes of communion and prayer and to always seek your truth and live in your love. Through Christ our Lord. **Amen.** Jesus, Mary and Joseph, pray for us!

World Meeting of Families — Philadelphia 2015 \*\*\*Please keep the upcoming October 2015 Ordinary Synod of Bishops on the Family and the World Meeting of Families in your prayers.\*\*\*



**Love** is Our Mission: The Family **fully alive** Called together from all over the world in faithful celebration of the family—the sanctuary of love and life. • "It is very important to reaffirm the family, which remains the essential cell of society."

### Pope Francis, World Youth Day, Address to the Bishops of Brazil, July 2013

• In Nazareth, "on the periphery of the Roman Empire, is where the holiest story, the best one, began, that of Jesus among men! And there was this family" composed of "great saints: Mary, the holiest, the immaculate woman, and Joseph, the most righteous man... The family."

# Pope Francis highlighted this at last Wednesday's General Audience, as he continued his catechesis on the family in preparation for the Ordinary Synod of 2015.

• "I believe that the Catholic Church has in her hands this treasure of God's revelation, that is of the beauty, of the extraordinary character of the family—father, mother, children and the preceding generations. Here,—Msgr. Paglia continued—this treasure has become a sacrament: it is the sacrament of matrimony, which then founds the family."

#### Marriage: The Family's "Motor"

An interview with Archbishop Vincenzo Paglia in the pages of "Ad Gentes," the magazine of the Pontificia Opera missionaria of the Mexican Episcopate

### Please share this bulletin with the membership of your diocesan Holy Name Society Union and your parish Holy Name Society.

## To all of our members of the Holy Name Society, wishing you and your family a most Holy and Blessed Christmas season.



Holy Family. Pray for us! Feast - Sunday after Christmas





Blessed John of Vercelli, Pray for Us.