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Decree of the Congregation for Divine Worship and the Discipline of the Sacraments on the inscription of the celebration of the Blessed Virgin Mary of Loreto in the General Roman Calendar

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DECREE
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to be inscribed in the General Roman Calendar

Since the Middle Ages veneration for the Holy House of Loreto has been the origin of that particular shrine which still today is visited by many faithful pilgrims in order to nourish their faith in the Word of God made flesh for us.

This shrine recalls the mystery of the Incarnation, leading all those who visit it to consider "the fullness of time", when God sent his Son, born of a woman, as well as to meditate both on the words of the Angel announcing the Good News and on the words of the Virgin in response to the divine call. Overshadowed by the Spirit, the humble handmaid of the Lord so became the dwelling-place of divinity, the purist image of the holy Church.

Closely bound to the Apostolic See this shrine, praised by Popes and known throughout the world, has, over the years and no less than Nazareth in the Holy Land, been able to illustrate powerfully the evangelical virtues of the Holy Family.

In the Holy House, before the image of the Mother of the Redeemer and of the Church, Saints and Blesseds have responded to their vocation, the sick have invoked consolation in suffering, the people of God have begun to praise and plead with Mary using the Litany of Loreto, which is known throughout the world. In a particular

way all those who travel via aircraft have found in her their heavenly patron.

In light of this, Pope Francis has decreed, by his own authority, that the optional memorial of the Blessed Virgin Mary of Loreto should be inscribed in the Roman Calendar on 10 December, the day on which the feast falls in Loreto, and celebrated every year. This celebration will help all people, especially families, youth and religious to imitate the virtues of that perfect disciple of the Gospel, the Virgin Mother, who, in conceiving the Head of the Church also accepted us as her own.

Therefore the new memorial must appear in all Calendars and Liturgical Books for the celebration of Mass and the Liturgy of the Hours; the relative texts are attached to this decree and their translations, approved by the Episcopal Conferences, will be published after confirmation by this Dicastery.

Anything to the contrary notwithstanding.

From the Congregation for Divine Worship and the Discipline of the Sacraments, 7 October 2019, the memorial of the Blessed Virgin Mary of the Rosary.

Robert Card. Sarah
Prefect

+Arthur Roche
Archbishop Secretary

"Memoria ad libitum" of the Blessed Virgin Mary of Loreto in the Book of Roman Rite

Adnexus decreto diei 7 mensis Octobris 2019

Additiones in Libris liturgicis Ritus Romani
de memoria ad libitum B. Mariæ Virginis de Loreto

IN CALENDARIUM ROMANUM GENERALEM

DECEMBER

10 B. Mariae Virginis de Loreto

IN MISSALE ROMANUM

Die 10 decembris

Beatae Mariae Virginis de Loreto

De Communi beatae Mariae Virginis

Collecta

Deus, qui promíssa Pátribus adímplens
beátam Vírginem Maríam elegísti,
ut matrem fíeret Salvatóris,

concéde nobis illíus exémpla sectári,
cuius humílitas tibi plácuit,
et oboediéntia nobis prófuit.
Per Dóminum.

IN ORDINEM LECTIONUM MISSAE

Dei 10 decembris

689 bis **Beatae Mariae Virginis de Loreto**

De Communi beatae Mariae Virginis.

Lectio I **Is 7**,10-14; **8**,10, n. 707, 7.
Ps. Resp. **Lc 1,** 46-47. 48-49. 50-51. 52-53. 54-55, n. 709, 5.
Alleuia Cf. **Lc 1**, 28, n. 711, 1.
Evang. **Lc 1,** 26-38, n. 712, 4.

IN LITURGIAM HORARUM

Die 10 decembris

BEATAE MARIAE VIRGINIS DE LORETO

Alma Domus – quam chronica anno 1465 exarata dicit inventam nocte inter 9 et 10 decembris 1294, in ipso colle ubi adhuc est – origo est devotionis marianae quae in sanctuario Lauretano ostenditur, memoria mysterii incarnationis atque exemplorum evangelicorum Sanctae Familiae Nazarethanae Multi Summi Pontifices apostolicam curam sanctuario Virginis Lauretanae tribuerunt, quae a Benedicto XV patrona aeronautarum proclamata est. Litaniae vero Lauretanae per universam Ecclesiam diffunduntur.

De Communi b. Mariae Virginis: Liturgia Horarum I, praeter sequentia.

Ad Officium lectionis

Lectio Altera

Ex Epístola sancti Ioánnis Pauli II papae pro VII saeculári anniversário Almae Domus Lauretánae (Lettera a Mons. P. Macchi, 15 agosto 1993: *Insegnamenti di Giovanni Paolo II*, XVI/2, 526-537)

Maria spatium corporale spiritualeque Incarnationis

Lauretána Alma Domus, non “relíquia” tantum est, sed pótius pretiósa ac vera “icóna”. “Icóna” non veritátum a sénsibus sepositárum, sed unius evéntus et mystérii, id est *Incarnatiónis Verbi*.

Incarnátio quidem, quae intra has sacras paríetes memorátur, statim próprium germanúmque sensum bíblicum recúperat; non enim de mera doctrína ágitur, quae ad uniónem inter divínum et humánum áttinet, sed pótius de evéntu, qui in exácto témporis moménto ac definíto loco áccidit, sicut verba Apóstoli mirabíliter maniféstant: *Ubi venit plenitúdo témporis, misit Deus Fílium suum, factum ex mulíere*.

María est Múlier; illa est, ut ita dicámus, spátium eódem témpore corpóreum et spirituále in quo Incarnátio facta est. Sed Domus étiam, in qua vixit, huius rei evocátio est manifésta.

Memória vitae abscónditae Nazarethánae res certas évocat et vitae próprias ómnium hóminum mulierúmque. Ea nempe sensum sanctitátis famíliae rénovat, repénte osténdens univérsam summam virtútum, quae hódie tam minitátæ sunt, id est fidélitas, vitae obséquium, educátio filiórum, cura oratiónis, et quas christiánae famíliae dénuo inveníre possunt intra paríetes Domus illíus sanctae primae atque exímiae históriae ecclésiae domésticae.

Domus illa alma commémorat, eódem témpore, magnitúdinem vocatiónis ad vitam consecrátam ac virginitátem pro Dei Regno, quæ praeclárum hábuit inítium in persóna Maríae Vírginis et Matris.

Iuvénibus deínde, qui innumerábiles petunt peregrinántes ad Domum Matris, iteráre cúpimus ea verba quae olim eis díximus: «Ite ad Maríam, ite cum María … in corde vestro eius "fiat" résonet». Utinam iúvenes, iuxta praecépta Domus Nazarethánae, renováre váleant suam diligéntiam in cathólico laicórum órdine ad Christum in córdibus, famíliis, sciéntia atque societáte restituéndum.

Iustus ímpetus nostri témporis ad agnoscéndum pro mulíere illum statum qui ad eam pértinet in Ecclésia et societáte, hic vero aptíssimam opportunitátem pervestigatiónis ínvenit. Quia *misit Deus Fílium suum, factum ex mulíere*, omnes mulíeres, in María, ad talem dignitátem ita elevátae sunt ut áliam illa maiórem cogitári néqueat.

Nulla theórica considerátio, praetérea, dignitátem humáni labóris exaltáre póterit magis quam scire quod Ipse Fílius Dei Názareth laborávit et vocári permísit *fabri fílius*.

Quómodo, dénique, non mentiónem fácere possímus "electiónis páuperum", quam Ecclésia in Concílio fecit et magis magísque clare póstea confirmávit? Austérae et modéstae sanctae Domus paríetes nos ádmonent Deum Ipsum hanc electiónem inauguravísse in María, quae, sicut légitur in textum conciliarem, «praecéllit inter húmiles ac páuperes Dómini, qui salútem cum fidúcia ab Eo sperant et accípiunt».

Omni témpore étenim, ad paupertátem et passiónem quod áttinet, locum praecípuum in história Sanctuárii aegróti habuérunt, qui, primi ex ómnibus, peregrinántes ad Almam Domum accurrérunt et eius famam in géntibus diffudérunt. Ubinam céterum illi mélius excipiántur, nisi in Domo Illíus quam in Litaníis Lauretánis invocámus sicut "salútem infirmórum" et "consolatrícem afflictórum"?

«Hoc Sanctuárium Lauretánum – sicut dixit Ioánnes XXIII – semper pátula fenéstra in univérsum orbem terrárum esse váleat, voces illas arcánas révocans, quae animárum, familiárum populorúmque sanctificatiónem annúntiant».

Responsorium

R/. Vere benedícta tu in muliéribus quia Deus in te pósuit tabernáculum suum. * Consecrábis Dómino multitúdines populórum.
V/. Quem caeli cápere non póterant, tuo grémio contulísti. * Consecrábis.

Oratio

Deus, qui promíssa Pátribus adímplens beátam Vírginem Maríam elegísti, ut matrem fíeret Salvatóris, concéde nobis illíus exémpla sectári, cuius humílitas tibi plácuit, et oboediéntia nobis prófuit. Per Dóminum.

IN MARTYROLOGIUM ROMANUM

Addi debet ad diem 10 decembris primo loco elogium quod sequitur:

Beátae Maríae Vírginis de *Loreto*, in Itália, cuius venerátio ducit ad mystérium Incarnatiónis Verbi Dei pro salúte nostra contemplándum, nos docens ad vocatiónem christiánam aequo ánimo assentíri.