



## CMD November 2020

*In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God, through him all things were made and redeemed. Amen*

### Through Mary to Jesus!

The month of November is dedicated to the Souls in Purgatory, whose feast is celebrated on November 2. With the exception of the last two days, the entire month of November falls during the liturgical season known as Ordinary Time, which is represented by the liturgical color green. This symbol of hope is the color of the sprouting seed and arouses in the faithful the hope of reaping the eternal harvest of heaven, especially the hope of a glorious resurrection. It is used in the offices and Masses of Ordinary Time. The last portion of the liturgical year represents the time of our pilgrimage to heaven during which we hope for reward. The last Sunday, which marks the beginning of Advent, the liturgical color changes to purple, representing a time of penance.

The Holy Father's Intentions for the Month of November 2020

Artificial Intelligence: We pray that the progress of robotics and artificial intelligence may always serve humankind. (See also <http://www.popesprayerusa.net/>)

### Feasts for November

The feasts on the General Roman Calendar celebrated during the month of November are:

1. All Saints, Solemnity
2. Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed, Feast
3. Martin de Porres, Opt. Mem.
4. Charles Borromeo, Memorial
8. Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time, Sunday
9. Lateran Basilica, Feast
10. Leo the Great, Memorial
11. Martin of Tours; Veterans Day (USA), Memorial
12. Josaphat, Memorial
13. Frances Xavier Cabrini, Memorial
15. Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time, Sunday

16. Margaret of Scotland; Gertrude, Opt. Mem.
17. Elizabeth of Hungary, Memorial
18. Churches of Peter and Paul; Rose Philippine Duchesne (USA), Opt. Mem.
21. Presentation of Mary, Memorial
22. Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe, Solemnity
23. Clement I; Columban; Bl. Miguel Agustín Pro (USA), Opt. Mem.
24. Andrew Dung-Lac and Companions, Memorial
25. Catherine of Alexandria, Opt. Mem.
29. First Sunday of Advent, Sunday
30. Andrew, Feast



## Focus of the Liturgy

The Gospel readings for the first four Sundays in November 2020, are taken from St. Mathew and are from Year A, Cycle 2. The last Sunday's Gospel is from St. Mark, Year B, Cycle 1.

### ***November 1st - All Saints***

In this Gospel, Jesus gives us the Beatitudes

### ***November 8th - 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time***

This Gospel relates the parable of the wise and foolish virgins.

### ***November 15th - 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time***

This Gospel recounts the parable of the talents.

### ***November 22nd - Solemnity of Christ the King***

Jesus says "Amen, I say to you, whatever you did for one of the least brothers of mine, you did for me."

### ***November 29th - First Sunday of Advent***

In this Gospel, Jesus warns us to be watchful because we don't know when the Lord is coming.

## Highlights of the Month

During November, as in all of Ordinary Time (Time After Pentecost), the Liturgy signifies and expresses the regenerated life from the coming of the Holy Spirit, which is to be spent on the model of Christ's Life and under the direction of His Spirit. As we come to the end of the Church year we are asked to consider the end times, our own as well as the world's. The culmination of the liturgical year is the Feast of Christ the King. "This feast asserts the supreme authority of Christ over human beings and their institutions.... Beyond it we see Advent dawning with its perspective of the Lord's coming in glory."— The Liturgy and Time, A.G. Mortimort.

## CHAPLET AND NOVENA TO CHRIST THE KING

Novena begins

November 22 and ends on December 4, 2020- Please go to <https://cmdorg.org/prayers>

Click on "OTHER PRAYERS TO Christ the King Novena"





## **CMD A COMMUNITY OF THE WORD OF GOD HAVING JESUS CHRIST AS THE KING AND CENTRE OF ALL THINGS**

Enjoining St Irenaeus while refuting heresies who says that, "Just as dry flour cannot coalesce into a lump of dough, still less a loaf, without moisture, so too we, being many, could not become one in Christ Jesus without the water which comes from heaven. And just as dry soil cannot bear fruit unless it receives moisture, so we, who to begin with are dry wood, can never bear the fruit of life unless the rain from heaven falls upon our will".

**This means that CMD members will dedicate their lives to praying for the ministers and hearers of the world of God.**

The systematic nature of this prayer comes in three dimensional ways: praying for the ministers and hearers of the word BEFORE, DURING and AFTER preaching the word of God in order for the ministers to preach with boldness with the direction of the Holy Spirit and for the word to be rooted in the heart of the hearers. Just as blessed Virgin Mary was in prayer while the apostles were preaching and as Aaron and Hur were holding the hands of Moses while Joshua gained victory (Ex. 7:8-17), so also CMD members pray for effective transformation of lives by the word of God, distribution of graces upon the ministers and Christians most in need of grace and effective proclamation of the word of God.

As CMD propagates this Global Renewal Fire which is the restoration of the efficacy of the word of God and rechristianizing the entire world through prayer, she has a unique 7 days of the week she prays for the 7 continents of the world ranging from Africa, North America, South America, Antatica, Asia, Australia to Europe. As these go on within the week, CMD equally prays for the lay members, consecrated persons, Deacons, Priests, Bishops, Cardinals and the Pope; each having it's day ranging from Monday to Sunday.

As the Church celebrates Christ the King on the 24th of this November, it is a great feast for CMD since every prayer on the word is to enthrone Jeus Christ at the centre of the world which secularism has tampered with people heart, driving them away from God.

### **Background on First Saturday Devotions**

**First Saturday Healing Mass November 7, 2020 Branchville, NJ**

#### **Sanctuary of Mary**

On December 10,1925, the **Most Holy Virgin** appeared to **Sister Lucia Santos** (then a postulant of the Institute of the Dorothean Sisters at Pontevedra, Spain) and by Her side, elevated on a luminous cloud, was the **Child Jesus**. The Most Holy Virgin rested Her hand on her shoulder and as She did so, She showed Her Heart encircled by thorns, which She was holding in her other



hand.

At the same time, the Child said: Have compassion on the Heart of your Most Holy Mother, covered with thorns, with which ungrateful men pierce it at every moment and there is none to make an act of reparation to remove them. Then the Most Holy Virgin said: Look, my daughter, at My Heart, surrounded with thorns with which ungrateful men pierce Me at every moment by their blasphemies and ingratitude. You at least try to console Me and announce in My name that I promise to assist, at the moment of death, with all the graces necessary for salvation, all those who:



- **first** Saturday of five consecutive months,
- shall confess,
- receive Holy Communion,
- recite five decades of the Rosary and
- keep Me company for fifteen minutes while meditating on the fifteen mysteries of the Rosary
- with the intention of making reparation to Me.

## **NEWS FROM MATER DOMINI COMMUNITIES NIGERIA AND CAMEROON**

### **ST. JOSEPH POSTULANT COMMUNITY ATTAKWU ENUGU STATE**

The community had a fatherly visit of a senior lecturer at Spiritan International School of Theology, Attakwu. On the 8th of May, 2020, a priest of the congregation of Claretian Missionary Fathers visited the community house, he celebrated mass for the Postulants. In his homily, he advised everyone to carry his cross and follow Christ who is the Way, the Truth and the Life (cf. Jn. 14:6). He added that Christianity is never smooth. It is a journey of faith therefore, vocation to priesthood can never as well be smooth, the challenges are always there to make one prove himself strong.

Severally, the house had also had the constant celebration of the Holy Eucharist by Rev Fr. Augustine Ewulu MSM. The Formation program of the year ended on the 27th day of August preceded by Eucharistic celebration by Rev Fr. Augustine Ewulu. The new formation program has begun on the 8th of September, with the feast of the birthday of the Blessed Virgin Mary. There was also birthday of the Superior, Rev Joseph Mary Uchenna Udegbe on the 11th October. The birthday anniversary of Bro Innocent was equally celebrated on the 28th October 2020, there was sudden presence of Rev Sr Mary DDL.



## **IMMACULATE CONCEPTION NOVITIATE, REPORT, LIMBE-CAMEROON**

In line with the church and CMD spirituality, the community and country from the Month of September to October marked the following events:

These are: the feasts of the nativity of Blessed Virgin Mary, companion saints of CMD, exaltation of the cross, the beginning and end of the 40 days novena to the Holy Spirit, Nigeria's Independence Day and beginning of ongoing October devotion, community mass, Our Lady of the Rosary and Bishop's 1st pastoral visit to the nearby (St.Patrick's) Parish. Outside the Bishop's futuristic first official Pastoral visit coming up on the 1st of November, 2020 and ongoing devotion; all other events were past and held on different days and dates. And each began with a solemn mass précised over by the officiating clergy(s). The rendered homilies were both adrem and encouraging. The venues of these events were the parish and community.

The zenith of all these celebrations is their uniqueness and role in the church's life and CMD. Hence, it is clear to note that each of the events was colourful, herculean, amazing .

### **ST. MAXIMILIAN KOLBE PHILOSOPHATE COMMUNITY NEKEDE IMO STATE**

The community thanks the Trinitarian God for his blessings and guidance so far. Presently, they have finished their 2019/2020 academic year cum examinations and has kicked off the next academic year on the 26th October 2020. There have been series of retreats especially during the Novena to the Sacred Scripture which was concluded by the General Superior Rev Joseph Mary Udegbe. There have been several masses, service rituals and benedictions superheaded by the General Superior Rev Joseph Mary Uchenna Udegbe and a priest friend Rev. Fr James Ekwebelem.

The celebration of St. Maximilian Kolbe feast on 14th of August was done in a grand style where the neighbours honoured their invitation and joined us to celebrate it, being officiated by the General Superior. There was an official hand over of the former formators to new ones. One brother was sent to the community for his philosophy studies after finishing his potulant.

### **ST FRANCIS Of ASSISI COMMUNITY FADAN-KAGOMA, KAFANCHAN, KADUNA STATE**

The community is yet to complete their 2019/2020 Academic/ Formative Year of St. Albertine Institute, Kafanchan. Resumption date was on 24th October while revision begin 26th October to 12th of November 2020, second semester examinations begin 13th November to 26th November 2020. Resumption date for 2020/2021 academic/formative year of St. Albertine Institute begin 27th November 2020. Eight brothers were sent to Kafanchan Community. Five of the brothers are to begin Philosophy; one brother is to begin theology and two other brothers were sent for their pastoral work.



## **CHRIST THE KING PHILOSOPHATE COMMUNITY ORBA NSUKKA ENUGU STATE**

The community began their second semester examination on 2nd November 2020 which would mark its ending on 13th November 2020. Their date for new 2020/2021 academic calendar semester is not yet out. It is believed to be out by the end of their second semester examination. Our second semester examination is starting on 2nd November 2020. And it is going to end on 13th November 2020. The date for new semester is not yet out. We are hoping to see it after the second semester examination. Automatically the school closes here after exams.

There was three days retreat at the beginning of this academic section. It started on 24th October 2019 and ended on 26th. The theme was, \*Jesus the light of the world\* Jon 8:12. During the pandemic, they had another retreat which was held for seven days. The theme was \*CMD life of Holiness- the basic principle for revival\* it started on 9th April and ended on 15th April 2020. The third retreat was within the CMD 30 days novena and devotion to the sacred Scriptures which started on June 15 and ended on July 15. There was invitation of two Catholic priests for the retreats: Rev Fr Hillary Ogbakam parish parish C.K.C Amalla and Rev Fr Oliver Onah C.S.Sp.

***At this juncture, we thank God for life and protection upon CMD members and pray for more grace and intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary and upon our Spiritual Director Rev. Fr. Ignatius Mary Okoroji, the General Superior Rev. Joseph Mary Uchenna Udegbe and upon CMD members at large, Amen.***

***Through Mary to Jesus.***



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