

# Sunday Bulletin

Blessed Sacrament & Roncalli Newman Parishes  
February 5th, 2023 | Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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## RNP Office Hours:

Mon - Thurs 9am - 12pm, 1pm - 4pm  
Fri 9am - 12pm

## BSP Office Hours:

Mon - Thurs 9am - 12pm, 1pm - 4pm  
Fri 9am - 12pm

## Sunday Mass Times

Sat. 4:30pm @ BSP  
Sun. 9am (BSP), 11:15am (RNP), & 8:30pm (RNP)

## Daily Mass Times

BSP Mon - Fri 8:00am  
RNP Tues 5:15pm  
RNP Wed & Fri Noon  
RNP Thurs 7pm

## Confession Times

Saturday evening @ 3:30pm or by appt.

## Around the Parish

### Women's Morning of Reflection

Ladies: Please save the morning of March 4, for a Morning of Reflection at the Cathedral. Elizabeth Kelly will be our guest speaker, she is a national award winning Catholic author and speaker. The event is free and open to all ladies. A light breakfast buffet will be provided.

### Anointing of the Sick next weekend

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### Gathering Loaves & Fishes

Gathering Loaves & Fishes will be getting together for a Soup & Salad Bar Luncheon at Piggy's on Front on **Wednesday, February 15th** at 12:30 p.m. Please call Colleen at 608-787-1120 to reserve a spot.

### Birthright Fundraiser

Baby bottles and envelopes available in the back of the church for your donations to Birthright of La Crosse. The annual campaign runs through February.

### Campus Ministry

As we begin the spring semester, we are still in need of snack donations (chips, crackers, etc) for our college students. Donations can be left outside the campus ministry office. Thank you for all you do for our students!

### High School Faith Formation

High School Faith Formation does **NOT** meet **Wednesday February 8th** enjoy the night off!

### Families Forming Disciples

FFD does **NOT** meet this Sunday February 5th at Blessed Sacrament or Wednesday February 8th at Mary Mother of the Church. Families should be completing their At Home Mission for Lesson 6-Preparing for Lent. We will meet in person again on **February 12th and 15th** respectively.

### Donate to the Exchange

The EXCHANGE is in need of items to set up apartments for community members in need. The need includes such items as crockpots, toaster ovens, end tables, beds, dressers. To see a complete list please visit their website at [theExchange@shelterdevelopment.org](mailto:theExchange@shelterdevelopment.org)

### Women's Club - Feb 13th

The BSP Women's Club will be having a pot luck meeting on **Monday, February 13, 2023**, at 6:00 pm, in the BSP Parish Center. This will be our first pot luck meeting since February of 2020! All women of Blessed Sacrament Parish and Roncalli Newman Parish are invited. We will have updates on our activities and reflections on the year of the Eucharist. Any Questions call Helen at 608-796-2644.

# Liturgical Ministers Schedule

## February 11/12

### Saturday, Feb 11, 4:30 PM (Mass at Blessed Sacrament)

Mary E Saphner	Reader (1)
Paulette Drozdowicz	Reader (2)
Jose Rubio-Zepeda	Cantor
Mary Blaha-DeBoer	Accompanist
Kyle C.	Server
Chip Backlund	Hospitality Minister (usher/greeter)
Alice Mcquire Backlund	Hospitality Minister (usher/greeter)
Rose Porter	Hospitality Minister (usher/greeter)
Michael J Porter	Hospitality Minister (usher/greeter)
Mike Vanderploeg	Sacristan/MC
Caryl Doberstein	EMHC
Luci Johnson	EMHC

### Sunday, Feb 12, 9:00 AM (Mass at Blessed Sacrament)

Natalie Bennett	Reader (1)
Ann Lankford	Reader (2)
Christine Nelson	Cantor
Mary Blaha-DeBoer	Accompanist
Matthew B.	Server
Bernice Lansing	Hospitality Minister (usher/greeter)
Karen Gamoke	Hospitality Minister (usher/greeter)
Sunny Onyeabor	Hospitality Minister (usher/greeter)
Scott Smerud	Hospitality Minister (usher/greeter)
William Arnold	Sacristan/MC
Larry Lee	EMHC
Donna Lee	EMHC

### Sunday, Feb 12, 11:15 AM (Mass at Roncalli Newman)

Margaret Anderson	Reader (1)	Kelley Manson	Cantor
Maureen Neuville	Reader (2)	ME Hauptert	Accompanist
Kathie Hanna	Hospitality Minister (usher/greeter)		
Pat Cavadini	Hospitality Minister (usher/greeter)		
Vanessa Machado	Hospitality Minister (usher/greeter)		
Ressano Machado	Hospitality Minister (usher/greeter)		
Lois Martin & Jen Masewicz	-	Gift Bearers	
Mary Lou Balts	-	Sacristan/MC	

## February 18/19

### Saturday, Feb 18, 4:30 PM (Mass at Blessed Sacrament)

Gene Kolaczowski	Reader (1)
Margaret Anderson	Reader (2)
Jennifer Kulzer	Cantor
Mary Blaha-DeBoer	Accompanist
Elizabeth H.	Server
Mike H.	Server
Mark Schuttenhelm	Hospitality Minister (usher/greeter)
Mary Schuttenhelm	Hospitality Minister (usher/greeter)
Mary O'Mara	Hospitality Minister (usher/greeter)
Michael J Porter	Hospitality Minister (usher/greeter)
Mike Vanderploeg	Sacristan/MC
Peter Drozdowicz	EMHC
Paulette Drozdowicz	EMHC

### Sunday, Feb 19, 9:00 AM (Mass at Blessed Sacrament)

Dave Weinberger	Reader (1)
Kris Gerke	Reader (2)
Andrea Fritts	Cantor
Mary Blaha-DeBoer	Accompanist
Greg S	Server
Steve Flottmeyer	Hospitality Minister (usher/greeter)
Mark Hyde	Hospitality Minister (usher/greeter)
LuAnne Kratt	Hospitality Minister (usher/greeter)
Bob Roth	Hospitality Minister (usher/greeter)
William Arnold	Sacristan/MC
Chris SansCrainte	EMHC
Patti SansCrainte	EMHC

### Sunday, Feb 19, 11:15 AM (Mass at Roncalli Newman)

Carol Mader	Reader (1)
Roger Korger	Reader (2)
Michelle Skemp	Cantor
Ryan Howe	Accompanist
Mike Mader	Hospitality Minister (usher/greeter)
Gabe Berendes	Hospitality Minister (usher/greeter)
Annie Berendes	Hospitality Minister (usher/greeter)
Erma Hafner	Hospitality Minister (usher/greeter)
Mark Thorn	Gift Bearer
Ellen Thorn	Gift Bearer
Mary Lou Balts	Sacristan/MC

# Mass Intentions

## Saturday, February 4

4:30pm BSP +Richard & Joan Kastman

## Sunday, February 5

9am BSP +Paul Swieciak

11:15am RNP +Norma Thiele

## Monday, February 6

8am BSP +Ed Trussoni

## Tuesday, February 7

8am BSP +Lyra Heath and +Sister Joan Kelzer

5:15pm RNP +Mary Jenks

## Wednesday, February 8

8am BSP For the Students in Aquinas Catholic Schools (SCHOOL MASS)

Noon RNP +Tom Strange

## Thursday, February 9

8am BSP +Ray and Florence Mashak

7pm RNP +Kristine Sandy

## Friday, February 10

8am BSP +Kevin Cooney

Noon RNP +Tom Skogan

## Saturday, February 11

4:30pm BSP +Woody Godbold

## Sunday, February 12

9am BSP +Carol Arnold

11:15am RNP +Jack Neidfeldt

## This Week

### Saturday, February 4

- Confessions, 3:30pm @ BSP
- Rosary, 4:05pm (led by Natalie Schwinn-Weaver)

### Sunday, February 5

- Rosary, 8:35am (led by Steve and Annette Flottmeyer)

### Monday, February 6

- Salvation Army Service, 4:15pm

### Tuesday, February 7

### Wednesday, February 8

- Dogma and Donuts Men's Group, 8:45am BSP
- Liturgical Choir, 5pm RNP
- Triduum Choir, 5:30pm RNP

### Thursday, February 9

- Salvation Army Service, 4:15pm
- Evening Rosary, 6:30pm BSP

### Friday, February 10

### Saturday, February 11

- Confessions, 3:30pm @ BSP
- Rosary, 4:05pm (led by Mary Schuttenhelm)

### Sunday, February 12

- Rosary, 8:35am (led by Les and Terry Lachine)
- FFD, 10:10am @ BSP

## Weekend Collection 01/29

BSP \$8,209.00 // RNP \$5,017.35

## Soles for Souls

A few of our young parishioners are participating in the La Crescent Leos –Lions Club Soles for Souls Drive. They are collecting any type of shoe to be passed on to those in need, or recycled and repurposed. Shoes donations will be accepted from January 30th – February 28th. A box will be kept near the coat rack. More information in the online bulletin.

## Thursday Evening Rosary @ BSP

A reminder to bring your intentions to our Thursday evening Rosary. 6:30 in the Main Church @ BSP. Please use the side entrance off the alley. Not able to join us? Write your intentions in the intention note book found in the Adoration Chapel entrance and the side chapel of the main Church on the table near Sacred Heart Statue.

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## Associate Pastoral Notes

From the desk of Father Sam McCarty

Hi All,

This week I have another student testimony from the SEEK conference; many lives were impacted!

-Fr. Sam

*I started investigating Catholicism after running across the channel "Pints with Aquinas" on YouTube. The host of the podcast, Matt Fradd, helped renew my interest in Christianity, and clarified a question I had about a common Catholic practice. Now, a year and a half out from this particular episode, I have learned so much and changed my mind on many things. I have gained new friends and deepened my relationship with God.*

*At SEEK 2023, I was able to meet Matt Fradd in person and tell him about how he was the reason I had ended up at the conference. I am so grateful that I was able to attend SEEK and share my gratitude for him and the work he does, as well as grow in my passion for Christianity. SEEK was an amazing whirlwind of an experience, and I would encourage anyone who is on the fence about it to go."*

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## Pastoral Notes

From the desk of Father Billy Dodge

Praised be Jesus Christ,

Lately I have noticed an uptick in questions and rumors about why certain decisions are being made - especially regarding the Triduum schedule. I will address some of these questions in upcoming bulletin articles. In addition, in order to give as many people an opportunity to hear directly from their pastor, I think it is time we have another Listening Session. It's your opportunity to ask me any question regarding the parishes, or simply come and listen to the questions raised by others. I propose having the Listening Session on Thursday, March 2, at 5pm at Blessed Sacrament Parish Hall. I wish I could conduct the Listening Session sooner, but my schedule does not allow it. Whatever happens, you remain in my daily prayers, please keep me in yours!

God bless,

Father Billy Dodge

## Music & Liturgy

From the desk of Mary Ellen Hauptert

### **ANOINTING OF THE SICK NEXT WEEKEND**

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### **ADORATION ON THURSDAYS**

Every Thursday before the 7:00 PM Mass at Newman, the college students gather for their HOLY HOUR before the Blessed Sacrament. Quiet, meditative music is provided by Viterbo music major Tanner Groshek and lights are turned down. There is always a priest in the confessional, as well. Consider it an option when stress starts to take its toll.

### **TRIDUUM CHOIR NEEDS SINGERS**

If you are interested in singing with the Triduum Choir this year, please contact Mary Ellen Hauptert or Mary Blaha-DeBoer (marybdmusic@gmail.com). The choir will sing at both Blessed Sacrament and Roncalli Newman on Palm Sunday (April 2nd), Holy Thursday (RNP), Good Friday (BSP and RNP), the Easter Vigil (RNP), and Easter Sunday (9:00 AM at Blessed Sacrament). Triduum Choir practices will start early this year because I (Mary Ellen) will have total hip replacement surgery on February 20th. The following Wednesday rehearsals will be held at Roncalli Newman Parish; **the first rehearsal is this Wednesday, February 8th:**

February 8 – Liturgical Choir @ 5:00 PM; Triduum Choir @ 5:30 PM

February 15 – Liturgical Choir @ 5:00 PM; Triduum Choir @ 5:30 PM

February 22 – ASH WEDNESDAY

March 1 – Liturgical Choir @ 5:00 PM

March 8 – Liturgical Choir @ 5:00 PM

March 15 – Liturgical Choir @ 5:00 PM

March 22 – Liturgical Choir @ 5:00 PM; Triduum Choir @ 5:30 PM

March 29 – Liturgical Choir @ 5:00 PM; Triduum Choir @ 5:30 PM

April 5 – Triduum Choir @ 5:00 – 7:00 PM

### **MSP SCHEDULE IS LIVE!**

The new Ministry Scheduler Pro schedule for February through May is now live. There are 291 volunteers in the system from both Blessed Sacrament and Roncalli Newman parishes. Most of the volunteers are liturgical ministers, but we it also schedules the Bethany-Riverside weekly ministry, and could accommodate other ministries, as well. The system provides a central location where volunteers can manage their own profiles and request subs, if necessary. We added Deacons David Allen and David Belland this scheduling period and would be happy to talk with you about your scheduling needs. If you think you have a ministry that requires ongoing, weekly scheduling, please let Mary Ellen know.

### **FREE CLASSICAL MUSIC CONCERT**

The next Out of Our Minds Chamber Music Series will feature two beautiful works by French composers Francis Poulenc and Gabriel Faure. Carolyn Hauptert Drazich will perform Poulenc's Sonata for Oboe and Piano and Michelle Lee, Busya Lugovier, Derek Clark, and me (Mary Ellen) will perform Faure's Piano Quartet in C Minor, Op. 15. The FREE concert will be held in the Viterbo University Fine Arts Center Recital Hall on Sunday, February 19th @ 3:00 PM. If you've never been to a Classical music concert, come and check it out!

## DIocese OF LA CROSSE GUIDELINES FOR REPORTING INSTANCES OF CHILD ABUSE

The Diocese of La Crosse, through its policies and procedures, seeks to provide a prompt, appropriate and compassionate response to reporters of sexual abuse of a child by any diocesan agent (bishop, priest, deacon, employee, religious, vendor or volunteer). Anyone wishing to make a report of an allegation of sexual abuse should send that report to Mrs. Teresa Brown, Complaint Intake Agent, at the Diocese of La Crosse, P.O. Box 4004, La Crosse, WI 54602- 4004. Alternatively, you can contact Mrs. Brown at 608.791.0179 or [intakeagent@diolc.org](mailto:intakeagent@diolc.org). The reporting form is available through the Diocese of La Crosse Office of Safe Environment or on the diocesan website at: [diolc.org/safe-environment/reporting](http://diolc.org/safe-environment/reporting). Individuals are also encouraged to take their reports directly to civil authorities. Copies of the diocesan policy are available through your local Parish and on the diocesan website. If you have any questions about the Diocese of La Crosse and the implementation of the Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People, please contact Teresa Brown, Diocese of La Crosse, at 608.791.2679 or [tbrown@diolc.org](mailto:tbrown@diolc.org).



On Behalf of La Crescent Leos –Lions Club of La Crescent, I would like to ask my parishioners at Newman Parish & Blessed Sacrament Parish to please consider to help the La Crescent Leos with their project for Soles 4 Souls by donating Shoes, Flip Flops, slippers and Sandals of any size or condition (even torn or broken conditions, even ½ sandal). La Crescent Leos are the youngest generation of La Crescent Lions Club between the age group of 12-18 years. They will be sending these shoes to those who cannot afford to buy shoes and will also be sent to the Hurricane Affected Areas. Those shoes which are not in wearable condition will be recycled and will be utilized to make rubber materials for the playground amongst some other good things. Shoes donations will be accepted from January 30th – February 28th. A box will be kept near the coat rack.

Thanks,  
Vanessa Machado

## Lenten Adult Faith Formation Program

We often hear about Jesus' passion and death, but imagine experiencing them for the very first time. In No Greater Love: A Biblical Walk Through Christ's Passion, we are going to walk step-by-step with Jesus on his journey from his agony in the garden to his crucifixion on Calvary. Along the way, we will unpack the biblical background to these events, the prophecies, and most especially, the ways Jesus is inviting us to walk more closely with Him today. No Greater Love is a six-part Bible study program that begins the week of February 19. In order to make this program more accessible, this class will be offered in multiple parishes. Each week you can go to the class that best fits your schedule. Workbook, Book, and access to the videos are \$23.00 each.

### **Mondays 6:00 – 7:30 pm Blessed Sacrament**

Tuesdays 9:00 – 10:30 am St. James the Less

Wednesdays 8:15 – 9:45 am Mary, Mother of the Church

Wednesdays 1:00 – 2:30 pm Holy Trinity

Thursdays 9:15 – 10:45 am St. Patrick's

Thursdays 6:30 – 8:00 pm St. Patrick's

Fridays 10:30 – 12:00 noon Cathedral

This class can also be done as a Home Study.

You can sign up for this program

-at any of the participating parish offices

-after weekend Masses at many of the participating parishes

- Online registration is available at [www.stpatsonalaska.com](http://www.stpatsonalaska.com)

- by contacting Amy Capelli at (608)783-0847 or

[amy\\_capelli@charter.net](mailto:amy_capelli@charter.net)

In No Greater Love, You Will Experience the Unconditional Love Christ Has for You



### Pope John Paul II's message to the young people at World Youth Day 2002

Dear Young People!

1. I have vivid memories of the wonderful moments we shared in Rome during the Jubilee of the Year 2000, when you came on pilgrimage to the Tombs of the Apostles Peter and Paul. In long silent lines you passed through the Holy Door and prepared to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation; then the Evening Vigil and Morning Mass at Tor Vergata were moments of intense spirituality and a deep experience of the Church; with renewed faith, you went home to undertake the mission I entrusted to you: to become, at the dawn of the new millennium, fearless witnesses to the Gospel.

By now World Youth Day has become an important part of your life and of the life of the Church. I invite you therefore to get ready for the seventeenth celebration of this great international event, to be held in Toronto, Canada, in the summer of next year. It will be another chance to meet Christ, to bear witness to his presence in today's society, and to become builders of the "civilization of love and truth".

2. "You are the salt of the earth... You are the light of the world" (Mt 5:13-14): this is the theme I have chosen for the next World Youth Day. The images of salt and light used by Jesus are rich in meaning and complement each other. In ancient times, salt and light were seen as essential elements of life.



"You are the salt of the earth...". One of the main functions of salt is to season food, to give it taste and flavour. This image reminds us that, through Baptism, our whole being has been profoundly changed, because it has been "seasoned" with the new life which comes from Christ (cf. Rom 6:4). The salt which keeps our Christian identity intact even in a very secularized world is the grace of Baptism. Through Baptism we are re-born. We begin to live in Christ and become capable of responding to his call to "offer [our] bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God" (Rom 12:1). Writing to the Christians of Rome, Saint Paul urges them to show clearly that their way of living and thinking was different from that of their contemporaries: "Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and pleasing and perfect" (Rom 12:2).

For a long time, salt was also used to preserve food. As the salt of the earth, you are called to preserve the faith which you have received and to pass it on intact to others. Your generation is being challenged in a special way to keep safe the deposit of faith (cf. 2 Th 2:15; 1 Tim 6:20; 2 Tim 1:14).

Discover your Christian roots, learn about the Church's history, deepen your knowledge of the spiritual heritage which has been passed on to you, follow in the footsteps of the witnesses and teachers who have gone before you! Only by staying faithful to God's commandments, to the Covenant which Christ sealed with his blood poured out on the Cross, will you be the apostles and witnesses of the new millennium.

It is the nature of human beings, and especially youth, to seek the Absolute, the meaning and fullness of life. Dear young people, do not be content with anything less than the highest ideals! Do not let yourselves be dispirited by those who are disillusioned with life and have grown deaf to the deepest and most authentic desires of their heart. You are right to be disappointed with hollow entertainment and passing fads, and with aiming at too little in life. If you have an ardent desire for the Lord you will steer clear of the mediocrity and conformism so widespread in our society.

3. "You are the light of the world...". For those who first heard Jesus, as for us, the symbol of light evokes the desire for truth and the thirst for the fullness of knowledge which are imprinted deep within every human being.

When the light fades or vanishes altogether, we no longer see things as they really are. In the heart of the night we can feel frightened and insecure, and we impatiently await the coming of the light of dawn. Dear young people, it is up to you to be the watchmen of the morning (cf. Is 21:11-12) who announce the coming of the sun who is the Risen Christ!

The light which Jesus speaks of in the Gospel is the light of faith, God's free gift, which enlightens the heart and clarifies the mind. "It is the God who said, 'Let light shine out of darkness', who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God on the face of Christ" (2 Cor 4:6). That is why the words of Jesus explaining his identity and his mission are so important: "I am the light of the world; whoever follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life" (Jn 8:12).

Our personal encounter with Christ bathes life in new light, sets us on the right path, and sends us out to be his witnesses. This new way of looking at the world and at people, which comes to us from him, leads us more deeply into the mystery of faith, which is not just a collection of theoretical assertions to be accepted and approved by the mind, but an experience to be had, a truth to be lived, the salt and light of all reality (cf. Veritatis Splendor, 88).

In this secularized age, when many of our contemporaries think and act as if God did not exist or are attracted to irrational forms of religion, it is you, dear young people, who must show that faith is a personal decision which involves your whole life. Let the Gospel be the measure and guide of life's decisions and plans! Then you will be missionaries in all that you do and say, and wherever you work and live you will be signs of God's love, credible witnesses to the loving presence of Jesus Christ. Never forget: "No one lights a lamp and then puts it under a bushel" (Mt 5:15)!

Just as salt gives flavour to food and light illumines the darkness, so too holiness gives full meaning to life and makes it reflect God's glory. How many saints, especially young saints, can we count in the Church's history! In their love for God their heroic virtues shone before the world, and so they became models of life which the Church has held up for imitation by all. Let us remember only a few of them: Agnes of Rome, Andrew of Phú Yên, Pedro Calungsod, Josephine Bakhita, Thérèse of Lisieux, Pier Giorgio Frassati, Marcel Callo, Francisco Castelló Aleu or again Kateri Tekakwitha, the young Iroquois called "the Lily of the Mohawks". Through the intercession of this great host of witnesses, may God make you too, dear young people, the saints of the third millennium!

4. Dear friends, it is time to get ready for the Seventeenth World Youth Day. I invite you to read and study the Apostolic Letter *Novo Millennio Ineunte*, which I wrote at the beginning of the year to accompany all Christians on this new stage of the life of the Church and humanity: "A new century, a new millennium are opening in the light of Christ. But not everyone can see this light. Ours is the wonderful and demanding task of becoming its 'reflection'" (No. 54).

Yes, now is the time for mission! In your Dioceses and parishes, in your movements, associations and communities, Christ is calling you. The Church welcomes you and wishes to be your home and your school of communion and prayer. Study the Word of God and let it enlighten your minds and hearts. Draw strength from the sacramental grace of Reconciliation and the Eucharist. Visit the Lord in that "heart to heart" contact that is Eucharistic Adoration. Day after day, you will receive new energy to help you to bring comfort to the suffering and peace to the world. Many people are wounded by life: they are excluded from economic progress, and are without a home, a family, a job; there are people who are lost in a world of false illusions, or have abandoned all hope. By contemplating the light radiant on the face of the Risen Christ, you will learn to live as "children of the light and children of the day" (1 Th 5:5), and in this way you will show that "the fruit of light is found in all that is good and right and true" (Eph 5:9).

5. Dear young friends, Toronto is waiting for all of you who can make it! In the heart of a multi-cultural and multi-faith city, we shall speak of Christ as the one Saviour and proclaim the universal salvation of which the Church is the sacrament. In response to the pressing invitation of the Lord who ardently desires "that all may be one" (Jn 17:11), we shall pray for full communion among Christians in truth and charity.

Come, and make the great avenues of Toronto resound with the joyful tidings that Christ loves every person and brings to fulfilment every trace of goodness, beauty and truth found in the city of man. Come, and tell the world of the happiness you have found in meeting Jesus Christ, of your desire to know him better, of how you are committed to proclaiming the Gospel of salvation to the ends of the earth!

The young people of Canada, together with their Bishops and the civil authorities, are already preparing to welcome you with great warmth and hospitality. For this I thank them all from my heart. May this first World Youth Day of the new millennium bring to everyone a message of faith, hope and love!

My blessing goes with you. And to Mary Mother of the Church I entrust each one of you, your vocation and your mission.

From Castel Gandolfo, 25 July 2001