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OUR PIUS UPDATE

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PROFESSING JESUS AS THE CHRIST



"But who do you say that I am?" If Jesus asked you this question, how would you respond? Would your actions and the way you live your life reflect that response? On June 29 we celebrated two apostles who lived lives worthy of Peter's response, *"You are the Christ, the Son of the living God"*. Peter, Jesus' friend and leader of the early persecuted Church, and Paul, the great evangelizer to the Gentiles, ultimately gave their lives for Christ. Now while we may not be called to be martyrs in the same way as Peter and Paul, as Christians who profess Jesus to be our God, we are called to live holy lives through acts of justice and mercy. On this feast day, pray that our lives mirror that truth so that we too can one day say, "I have competed well; I have finished the race; I have kept the faith" (2 Tim 4:7).

SOURCE: www.JesuitPrayer.org , Mike Manalastas, SJ,
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PRAYER

*I will run the race,
I will stay the course
So to win the prize in Christ our Lord.
That I may know of his love for me,
Who died that I might live in him.*

SOURCE: Lyrics to *"I Will Run the Race"* by the University of Notre Dame Folk Choir,
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HOME



Where did Mary call home? **Nazareth**, where she lived as a young girl? **Bethlehem**, where her son was born and her husband had relatives? **Egypt**, where she lived as a young bride and mother? **Ephesus**, where she's believed to have lived out her last years?

It's hard to say. Home isn't so much a physical place as an emotional tie; it really is "*where the heart is*". While many of us have a deep attachment to the place where we grew up, the place that sings a siren call to our heart might be a location we've never even visited. Whenever we see pictures or TV footage of that area, our heart cries, "*There's, that's home!*" Something in that place resounds deeply in our being and creates a powerful longing.

Wherever the place we recognize as home, it's merely a reflection of our heavenly home. It reminds us that we don't really live here on earth, that we're merely travelers on a cosmic journey awaiting, at the end of our voyage, our real home with its cozy hearth and welcoming fire. It's precisely because we can be reminded of home by a place we've never been that we can be sure that when we enter heaven, we'll be completely, totally, and finally at home.

*If I could live anywhere on earth,
where would I live?
What kind of places make my heart sing!*

SOURCE: **365 Mary**, Woodene Koenig-Bricker

IF YOU ARE LOOKING FOR GOD, GOD WILL FIND YOU



I believe that if you are looking for God, God will find you. **Ignatius of Loyola** or **Mother Teresa** would have likewise believed that even as we are looking, and even when we mostly feel lost, God is somehow finding us, whether or not it feels that way to us. Ignatius believed I do) that when we set ourselves toward some worthy purpose that transcends our meager strength, we tap into a source of meaning, strength, peace, and courage that is beyond us. We come to realize, in a graced moment, that we are called to some great purpose, that we cannot do it on our own, but that we don't have to do it on our own.

"Ask God to reveal to you the great work that satisfies the deepest desires in your heart".

Chris Lowney, *Heroic Leadership*

SOURCE: *Ignatian Book of Days*, Jim Manney

DIGNITY

DIGNITY is the ability
to stand strong and tall
in the face of adversity
While being able
to bow to the elderly
and crawl with the children.

DIGNITY is taking a stand
for your beliefs
Without closing your mind
to another's opinion.

DIGNITY is being an example
by your deeds
and through your words
avoiding gossip, anger and lies.

DIGNITY will manifest itself in
the warmth of your smile,
the depth of your love,
and kindness for your fellowman.
-Michael Wynn-

**THE OLDER I GET, THE MORE I HAVE
IN COMMON WITH COMPUTERS.
WE BOTH START OUT WITH LOTS OF
MEMORY AND DRIVE, THEN WE BECOME
OUTDATED, CRASH
UNEXPECTEDLY,
AND EVENTUALLY
HAVE TO
HAVE OUR
PARTS
REPLACED!**

