



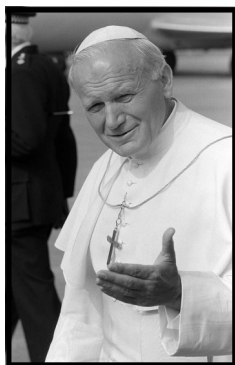
MARY'S HOMES OF HOPE
PROVIDING HOMES THAT ARE "INNS"
OF FAITH, HOPE & PRAYER

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Mary's Memories for You



"Mary lived with her eyes fixed on Christ, treasuring his every word: 'She kept all these things, pondering them in her heart' (Lk 2:19; cf. 2:51). The memories of Jesus, impressed upon her heart, were always with her, leading her to reflect on the various moments of her life at her Son's side. In a way, those memories were to be the 'rosary' which she recited uninterruptedly throughout her earthly life."

(Excerpt from the Apostolic Letter, **ROSARIUM VIRGINIS MARIAE**, by Saint Pope John Paul II)

"Holy Virgin Mary,

Among all the women of the world there is none like you. You are the daughter and handmaid of the most high King and Father of heaven. You are the mother of our most holy Lord, Jesus Christ. You are the spouse of the Holy Spirit. Pray for us to your most holy and beloved Son, our Lord and Master." (Prayer of Saint Francis of Assisi)

SAINT FRANCIS OF ASSISI
FEAST DAY - OCTOBER 4
How about a novena?



Special points of interest

- Prayers of Saint Pope John Paul II
- Prayer of Saint Francis of Assisi
- Residents "K", "R", and "B"
- Saint Francis Feast Day - October 4

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CALLED TO THE HOMELESS



The ladies who live in Our Lady's home have a calling to represent and serve Christ in the most special ways.

One, we'll name "K", is called to serve the homeless. "K" shared in a letter just how she does this service. She writes: *"To foster a sense of worth, respect, and human dignity in caring for one's material needs such as food, housing, and clothing, while also caring for their soul. Every person we encounter is Christ disguised through the vessel He chooses. We bring others to Jesus through prayers, conversation, and encounter."*

"K" has established the ministry, **"Packed by Providence."** This ministry puts her calling into action. She has stocked a corner in our storage area with backpacks that she fills with warm items, snacks, personal care items, water, a gift card and always a rosary with a pamphlet on how to pray the rosary. Also, adds a card that she writes encouraging words. For example, "You're loved by God" or, "You're good and kind." Once the backpacks are fully prepared "K" takes them and gives them to the homeless that Christ chooses for her to bless.

CALLED TO THE CHILDREN



Another resident of Mary's Homes of Hope, whom we shall name "R", is called to minister to children. "R" blesses them in special ways to draw them closer to Jesus through Mary. "R" created a seven-day reflection on the birth story of Mary for the children in her parish. Here is an example of one of those reflections.

Today we say hi to Mama Mary's Mom and Dad, Saints Joachim and Anne. It never feels nice to be left out or to feel lonely. St. Joachim and St. Anne knew this pain deeply when they were excluded because they were childless. But did God see their tears? Oh yes! He was writing a story of hope through them that would change the world forever. God's promises are always beautiful. You are chosen, loved, and set apart for His purpose.

Then there is Sister "B" who is a great witness of what it means to give yourself completely to Christ in the call to religious life. She inspires all of us to love God more.

We are called! Let Our Blessed Mother take you by the hand and show you that calling. We pray for you all who are so beautifully and completely loved by Jesus, Mary, and Joseph.