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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

**on the celebration of the Blessed Virgin Mary of Loreto
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. Mariæ Virginis de Loreto

IN MISSALE ROMANUM

Die 10 decembris

Beatae Mariæ Virginis de Loreto

De Communi beatae Mariæ Virginis

Collecta

Deus, qui promissa Pátribus adímplens
beátam Vírginem Mariám elegísti,
ut matrem fíeret Salvatóris,

concede nobis illius exempla sectari,
cuius humilitas tibi placuit,
et oboedientia nobis profuit.
Per Dominum.

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 Epistola sancti Ioannis Pauli II papae pro VII saeculari anniversario Almae Domus Lauretanae (Lettera a Mons. P. Macchi, 15 agosto 1993: *Insegnamenti di Giovanni Paolo II*, XVI/2, 526-537)

Maria spatium corporale spiritualeque Incarnationis

Lauretana Alma Domus, non “reliquia” tantum est, sed potius pretiosa ac vera “icona”. “Icona” non veritatum a sensibus sepositarum, sed unius eventus et mysterii, id est *Incarnationis Verbi*.

Incarnatio quidem, quae intra has sacras parietes memoratur, statim proprium germanumque sensum biblicum recuperat; non enim de mera doctrina agitur, quae ad unionem inter divinum et humanum attinet, sed potius de eventu, qui in exacto temporis momento ac definito loco accidit, sicut verba Apostoli mirabiliter manifestant: *Ubi venit plenitudo temporis, misit Deus Filium suum, factum ex muliere*.

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

Memória vitae absconditae Nazarethanae res certas évocat et vitae proprias ómnium hóminum mulierúmque. Ea nempe sensum sanctitátis famíliæ rénovat, repénte osténdens univérsam summam virtútum, quae hódie tam minitátæ sunt, id est fidéltas, vitae obséquiium, educátio filiórum, cura oratiónis, et quas cristiánae famíliæ dénuo inveníre possunt intra paríetes Domus illíus sanctae primae atque exímiae históriæ ecclésiæ domésticæ.

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

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

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

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

Quómodo, dénique, non mentiónem fácere possímus “electiόnis páuperum”, quam Ecclésia in Concílio fecit et magis magisque clare póstea confirmávit? Austéreae et modéstae sanctae Domus paríetes nos ádmonent Deum Ipsum hanc electiόnem inaugurávisse 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 passiόnem quod áttinet, locum praecipuum 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 “consolátricem afflictórum”?

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

Responsorium

R/. Vere benedícta tu in mulieribus quia Deus in te pósuit tabernáculum suum. * Consecrábis Dómino multítudines populórum.

V/. Quem caeli cápere non póterant, tuo grémio contulísti. * Consecrábis.

Oratio

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

IN MARTYROLOGIUM ROMANUM

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

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