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Patriarch Bartholomew: With Francis, we invite all Christians to Nicaea in 2025

AFTER his return to Istanbul (former Constantinople) from the meeting with Pope Francis in Jerusalem, Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew of Constantinople gave an exclusive interview to AsiaNews published on Thursday, May 29, where the Patriarch said that he and Pope Francis, during their meeting in Jerusalem on May 25, agreed in principle to summon “a gathering” in 2025 in Nicaea to commemorate the first Ecumenical Council, held in Nicaea in 325 A.D.

“We agreed to leave as a legacy to ourselves and our successors a gathering in Nicaea in 2025, to celebrate together, after 17 centuries, the first truly ecumenical synod, where the Creed was first promulgated,” said the Patriarch.

More than 300 bishops from East and West came together during the Council of Nicaea (now Iznik, 130 kilometers south-east of Istanbul). It was there that the formula of the Creed was decided, similar to the one recited during the liturgy today, saying that Jesus is *homoousion* to *patri* – co-substantial to or of the same nature as the Father. This declaration was to counter the Arian heresy which taught that Jesus was merely human, not God.

The meeting between Francis and Bartholomew in Jerusalem marked 50 years since the embrace between Paul VI and Athenagoras. The 1964 meeting broke a centuries-old silence between the Christian East and the West, with all the socio-political consequences that have arisen, and from which Europe still suffers. On that year, the Catholic and Orthodox churches removed the mutual excommunications that had separated them since 1054. Patriarch Bartholomew commented that “Jerusalem is the place, the land of the dialogue between God and man, the place where the *Logos* [“Word”] of God was incarnated. Our predecessors Paul VI and Athenagoras have chosen this place to break a silence that lasted centuries between the two sister Churches.

“I walked with my brother Francis in the Holy Land not with the fears of Luke and Cleopas on their way to Emmaus (cf. Luke 24: 13-35), but inspired by a living hope which we learn from our Lord.” ■



DRIVEN BY THE SPIRIT

Catholic Church grows at a faster rate than the global population

(ROME Reports) - According to the latest statistics from the Vatican, there are now 1.229 billion baptized people in the world, a ten percent increase since 2005. The Church has grown the fastest in Africa, where the number of Catholics increased by 29 percent. Meanwhile, Europe was the only region with a decrease in growth.

The figures, gathered in December

2012 and released recently, show that the number of priests changed from 406,000 in 2005, to 414,000. Bishops showed a similar growth rate, reaching 5,000 today, while seminarians topped 120,000.

However, the numbers of religious shrunk by seven percent during the seven-year period, to 703,000.

The greatest change was in the

number of permanent deacons. In 2005, they were over 33,000. Seven years later, they rose to 42,000. While the practice of ordaining permanent deacons is common in the Americas, it grew significantly in Europe.

The Vatican Publishing House published these figures recently in the 2012 edition of the *Annuario Pontificio*, or Pontifical Yearbook. ■

DEADLY DICTATE

Chinese father of four commits suicide over one-child policy fines so children can go to school

THADDEUS BAKLINSKI

(LifeSiteNews.com) – A FARMER and father of four in southwest China's Guizhou province killed himself after family planning officials fined him the equivalent of almost 3,500 USD when he tried to enroll his children in school, according to British news sources.

Wang Guangrong, 37, had defied the country's harsh one-child-policy regime, which, though less strictly enforced in poor rural areas, still imposes often-impossible financial penalties, and forced abortion or sterilization.

Wang's widow told the Daily Express that as they were unable to pay the fine, her husband decided to kill himself in hopes of forcing local authorities into paying his family compensation.

"He couldn't take it," said his widow, Wu Jinmin, 36, according to the paper. "He said to me before he cut his wrists, 'What did we bring them into the world for, to be as dumb as cattle? I cannot see my children grow up uneducated.'"

Daily Express reports that out of embarrassment local officials have since given the family the equivalent of 34,000



"If it should be aborted and is not aborted, your house will be destroyed and your cow will be taken."

USD, and have said they will provide them a new house.

"I wish my husband were still with me, but I think he would be happy where he is knowing that our family will be educated after all, even if we are not," Wu said. "[Authorities] said after his death that extra births, although not encouraged, should not stop the children being educated."

"The children miss him the most. They are all very sad," she added.

Reggie Littlejohn of Women's Rights Without Frontiers said

that suicide in China due to the one-child policy is both rampant and poorly understood by most westerners.

"People in the west are sometimes told that people in China are free to have more children if they are willing to pay a fine," Littlejohn told LifeSiteNews.

"What they are not told is that this fine can be ten times a person's annual salary – or even more. The vast majority of people cannot afford to pay these crushing fines on an

emergency basis to maintain a pregnancy."

"If a couple cannot pay this fine, they may be subject to forced abortion, or they may hide and have their child illegally. Such 'illegal children' are not given hukou – household registration. They have no official existence and are not eligible for health care or an education. They become 'illegal aliens' in their own land," Littlejohn explained.

"This was the case of the Wang's children. He could not

endure the fact that his children would grow up without an education, so he cut his wrists to call attention to this injustice."

Littlejohn pointed out that forced abortion is not the only human rights violation caused by China's one-child policy.

"Impossible fines for breaking the policy can drive people to suicide. These 'terror fines' amount to coercion and are a human rights violation in themselves, while denying a child essential health care and education is state-sponsored child abuse," she said.

"Our hearts go out to the family of Wang Guangrong. We can only imagine his anguish and desperation as he took his own life because he could not pay the One Child Policy fine, leaving his family bereft. Women's Rights Without Frontiers urges the Chinese government to cease its discrimination against so-called illegal children," Littlejohn said.

Women's Rights Without Frontiers has launched a petition, containing over 32,000 signatures to date, calling on the Chinese government to stop the brutal practice of forcibly aborting women to enforce coercive birth limits in connection with the one child policy. ■

EMBRYONIC STEM CELL RESEARCH

European Commission vetoes popular, pro-life initiative 'One of Us'

(ROME Reports) - Advocates behind the pro-life initiative titled 'One of Us' expressed their disappointment at the European Commission's veto of the legislative proposal, which would have outlawed EU funding for embryonic stem cell research.

Its supporters called it an "unjustified veto" that goes against the democratic principles of the European Citizen's Initiative. It allows citizens of EU member countries to draft

proposed laws and, if they collect over one million signatures, submit them to the European Commission for consideration.

One of Us, which had vocal support from Pope Francis and the Catholic Church, gathered a total of two million signatures, from voters in all of the European Union countries.

However, the Commission vetoed the initiative saying that research involving embryonic stem cells is well-

regulated, and used as a last resort. It added that this research can offer life-saving treatments.

The EU disclosed that from 2007-2013 it funded 27 research projects involving embryonic stem cells, worth 156.7 million euros.

The committee behind the One of Us initiative said they will appeal the Commission's decision to the European Court of Justice in Luxembourg. ■



First hospital named after St. John Paul II

KENYAN HEALTH FACILITY SEEKS TO AVERT MATERNAL DEATHS

A MATERNITY hospital in Isiolo, Kenya may be the first hospital in the world to be named after the Pope John Paul II after he was proclaimed a saint by Pope Francis. The hospital, which serves rural women and children, has been operating for the past year and is the brainchild of Professor Robert Walley of MaterCare International (MCI). In 2005, Walley proposed to the then Bishop of the Apostolic Vicariate of Isiolo to name the hospital as a memorial to the late Holy Father John Paul II. The present Bishop Anthony Ileri Mukobo has readily agreed that the hospital be dedicated to the new St. John Paul.

AN ANSWER TO A NEED

The 91% majority of maternal deaths are preventable by providing essential obstetrics. It is said that abortion is responsible for 9% of the total of maternal deaths. Walley states the Isiolo project is an example of what the organization describes as the “91% Solution”, a comprehensive plan to prevent the majority of maternal deaths.

With transport, a mother with complications can be transferred to the nearest hospital, if there is one. Walley emphasizes the importance of an ambulance and reliable vehicles in rural areas to fulfill this need.

St. John Paul II hospital has a jeep ambulance and two motorcycle ambulances with stretchers which can reach mothers in danger in areas where there are no roads. With this system the hospital has already succeeded in saving mothers' lives in the area of Merti three hours from Isiolo.

Mothers in villages are looked after by trained traditional birth attendants (TBAs) and supervised by trained midwives. Most of the TBAs are illiterate but are intelligent and have some experience. Using cartoons the TBAs can identify by graphics what the dangerous cases are. They are trained to identify high-risk cases for referral to the parish maternity clinic and



from there to the MCI St. John Paul's in the Apostolic Vicariate of Isiolo by a specially equipped 4 X 4 ambulance.

HISTORY

In 1995 a meeting of an international group of Catholic Obstetricians was convened in Liverpool, England which led to the formal establishment of MaterCare International Canada. The meeting coincided with the appeal, by Pope John Paul II in the Encyclical *Evangelium Vitae* (“The Gospel of Life”), for more to be done for life in particular by health professionals.

Walley describes how, “in 2005 out of the blue I received an email from a Bishop Luigi Locati, of the Apostolic Vicariate of Isiolo, Kenya, in which he asked me to undertake a needs assessment regarding the health of mothers in the Vicariate. That was done and I suggested an intervention for a desperate situation which he accepted, which has been developed into Project Isiolo part of which is operational, and includes a 30 bed maternity hospital.

At the same time the Holy Father Pope John Paul II had just

died and Bishop Locati agreed that the hospital would be a fitting memorial to him. Little did we know that a tragedy would befall the project when three months later Bishop Locati was murdered. Now the project became a memorial to another bishop who gave his life for his people”.

“We have developed a demonstration project for the Church that challenges, albeit in a small way, the anti-life, and family international community by providing essential obstetrical care based on life and hope”.

“It is a gift to His Mother by caring for mothers, babies and their families. Pope John Paul was a friend to Matercare International when he asked the Church to help us, when speaking to us at a private audience in 2001. At the commencement of his pontificate Pope Francis called upon the Church to ‘protect the poor’, mothers are among the poorest of the poor both materially and in spirit.”

MATERNAL MORTALITY

The Emeritus Professor of Obstetrics and Gynaecology at

Memorial University of St Johns Newfoundland, Canada describes how 330,000 mothers die in pregnancy every year, the vast majority of the causes are easily preventable and 91% occur in the last three months of pregnancy (Lancet 2009).

They occur mainly in sub Saharan Africa. The big difference between the developed and under developed world is in obstetrical risk.

He describes how often mothers die alone, in agony, and exhausted. The maternal mortality rate, which is the number of mother dying in pregnancy each year in the developed world is 1:15,000, whereas in the developing world it is 1:15.

This is one of the scandals of modern medicine. Nobody is asking the question, what happens to mothers? He notes in particular the lack of maternal care in refugee camps. In his own personal professional experience he has never experienced a maternal death.

“Mothers are politically unimportant, they have no voice. There is a lot of violence done against women and children. One of the first rights of women is the right to know the truth. Mothers are

being ground to the dust”.

Mothers matter, but do they matter enough? Mothers are women too, but you would not think so these days when so many die giving birth to new life. We need to have a preferential option for mothers, who are among the poorest of the poor both materially and spiritually.

FISTULA

Obstetrical fistulas occur due to obstructed labour and failure to provide caesarean section for obstructed labour is common in sub Saharan Africa. The result is the young mother becomes incontinent of urine and feces a consequence of injury to the bladder and/or rectum. It means a life of discrimination and humiliation, as she is found “offensive” by her community. It may be seen as evidence of infidelity. It is the extreme of lack of dignity. Nobody thinks about the dignity of women. Politicians in the West don't worry about maternal mortality because it does not happen in their constituency, it only occurs in Africa.

Violence can be done to women by commission, rape, abortion, but also by omission. There has been a great failure by the Western world in this area. The policy seems to not the elimination of maternal mortality but rather the devaluation of motherhood, and population control

A CHARTER OF MATERNAL RIGHTS

There have been dozens of charters of women's rights. However, only one charter of maternal rights has been published (1931 in the UK) and has no relevance today. MaterCare International has produced a relevant and contemporary Charter of Maternal Rights for the Third Millennium.

There is a gleam of hope for mothers in the Apostolic Vicariate and the County of Isiolo, through protection of our Great Mother, the intercession of St. John Paul, and the provision of essential obstetrical care. ■



(Sé Cathedral) On the Solemnity of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, Bishop José Lai administered the Sacrament of Confirmation to the youth of the Portuguese community.



The Chinese Section of the Cathedral's Sunday School concluded on the 25th of May. It will meet again in September.

INTERVIEW WITH SR. MARIA KIM, DSP

My life married to Christ

LIFE TEEN: How long have you been a nun?

Sr. Maria: I was a temporary professed sister for five years, and I've been a perpetually professed sister for almost a year now!

LIFE TEEN: How did you know that God was calling you to be a nun? Were you ever afraid of making that commitment?

Sr. Maria: The Lord called me to be a sister when I was fourteen years old while I was praying the Rosary. I felt Him ask me to give my whole life to Him so that many other people could know the joy that comes from being loved by Jesus. Life is full of moments where we might become afraid, but God has always been faithful! When we say "yes" to God, He never ceases to give us *every* grace we need to joyfully do His will.

LIFE TEEN: Why did you choose to join the Daughters of St. Paul?

Sr. Maria: I always tell people that God chose the Daughters of St. Paul for me. It sounds cheesy, but it's true. He says in John's Gospel, "You did not choose me. I chose you." That's the way it is. He moved mountains to show me that I was created to be a Daughter of St. Paul, and I have to be faithful to His voice.

LIFE TEEN: What's your favorite thing about being a nun?

Sr. Maria: I love being mar-

ried to Jesus and allowing Him to do His ministry through me. I love interceding for people and being available for whatever God asks of me.

LIFE TEEN: Do you have any advice for someone who thinks God may be calling them to the religious vocation?

Sr. Maria: I always tell people who are discerning their vocation to be courageous and remember Jesus said, "I came that you might have life and have it to the full." His dreams for us are our joy. God both wants the best for us and gives us every grace and strength we need. **God is the best lover, friend, guide, help, mentor we could ever wish for!**

Learn to love the quiet, gentle (yet strong) way He speaks. **He never forces us to listen to Him** so we must learn to be quiet and to love His voice. God speaks in our prayer. Learn to say "yes" to Him in all the little invitations He extends.

LIFE TEEN: Can you give us one piece of advice about prayer? And is there anything else you'd like to say to teens?

Sr. Maria: Learn to pray by praying. Make time and ask the Holy Spirit as you begin to pray or even as you are preparing to pray. The Holy Spirit will help you to pray. You will be amazed. Also, even if you don't feel particularly close to the Blessed Mother or if for

some reason you feel distant from her, gently and constantly ask for the grace to love her. She is the "fast road" to the heart of Jesus.

Don't let people fool you. Being a spiritual person is not being a cop out. **Being a spiritual person is actually choosing to be fully alive. Being a spiritual person is choosing to engage all of life.** Don't let people fool you. Being a prayerful person doesn't make you a wimp. You learn to see things the way the Creator of the Universe loves and breathes it all into life. There are stages in the spiritual life, so let's go for varsity and not settle for intramurals.

Pray. Pray when you're happy, when you're bored, when you're sad, when you're confused. Pray. **Tell God everything.** God wants to know everything. God wants to be the source of everything for you. Go to Confession when you sin and just keep praying. You will know joy when you pray. Promise!

If someone were to ask me what my favorite prayers were, I would recommend the Rosary and prayerful reading of the Scriptures before the Most Blessed Sacrament.

(To learn more about the Daughters of St. Paul, look up <http://www.daughtersofstpaul.com/>.)

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THE HOLY SPIRIT COMES (I)

You will get burned

Yes, that's right. Did not Jesus say, "I came to cast fire upon the earth; and would that it were already kindled?" (Luke 12:49)

The Holy Spirit is fire. We often have a poetic idea of this Divine Fire. But we forget an important characteristic of fire – it burns, it hurts.

"Come, Holy Spirit!" Am I ready to be scorched and seared by the flames of his grace? God's favorites – the saints – all had to pass through fire. God put them "into the fire, and refine them as one refines silver, and test them as gold is tested. They will call on my name, and I will answer them. I will say, 'They are my people;' and they will say, 'The LORD is my God.'" (Zechariah 13:8-9)

Saint Paul writes about his own experience: "For even when we came into Macedonia, our bodies had no rest but we were afflicted at every turn—fighting without and fear within." (II Corinthians 7:5)

"Five times I have received at the hands of the Jews the forty lashes less one. Three times I have been beaten with rods; once I was stoned. Three times I have been shipwrecked; a night and a day I have been adrift



at sea; on frequent journeys, in danger from rivers, danger from robbers, danger from my own people, danger from Gentiles, danger in the city, danger in the wilderness, danger at sea, danger from false brethren; in toil and hardship, through many a sleepless night, in hunger and

thirst, often without food, in cold and exposure. And, apart from other things, there is the daily pressure upon me of my anxiety for all the churches." (II Corinthians 11:24-28)

Why is there a need for this?

1. **Because we want to be like Jesus Christ.** To do that, we

must all be hewn into shape. The one who does this is the Holy Spirit. "Then the word of the LORD came to me: 'O house of Israel, can I not do with you as this potter has done?' says the LORD. 'Behold, like the clay in the potter's hand, so are you in my hand, O house of Israel'" (Jeremiah 18:5-6). The Holy Spirit hacks, cuts, chips away and polishes our character. He thrusts us into the furnace so he can later forge us and hammer out the image of the crucified and risen Lord. And all of that hurts. Ouch!

2. **Because we are sinners who need to be purified and purged.** God is like the dentist who has to drill deep into the ailing tooth. He is like the surgeon who has to make incisions to get to the malignant growth. "Behold, I have refined you, but not like silver; I have tried you in the furnace of affliction." (Isaiah 48:10)

3. **Because we need to be tested, to see if our faith, hope and love are genuine.** "In this you rejoice, though now for a little while you may have to suffer various trials, so that the genuineness of your faith, more precious than gold which though

perishable is tested by fire, may redound to praise and glory and honor at the revelation of Jesus Christ." (I Peter 1:6-7)

4. **Because we have to be trained and disciplined.** "Those whom I love, I reprove and chasten" (Revelation 3:19; see Hebrews 12:6-7, Proverbs 3:11-12). "If you are left without discipline, in which all have participated, then you are illegitimate children and not sons" (Hebrews 12:8). Am I a legitimate child or not?

5. **Because we are apostles and co-redeemers.** Archbishop Fulton Sheen said, "There is a price tag on every soul." Saint Paul writes, "But we were gentle among you, like a nurse taking care of her children. So, being affectionately desirous of you, we were ready to share with you not only the gospel of God but also our own selves, because you had become very dear to us. For you remember our labor and toil, brethren; we worked night and day, that we might not burden any of you, while we preached to you the gospel of God" (I Thessalonians 2:7-9).

Ready for the Spirit? ■

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Witness of the Spirit, witness of love

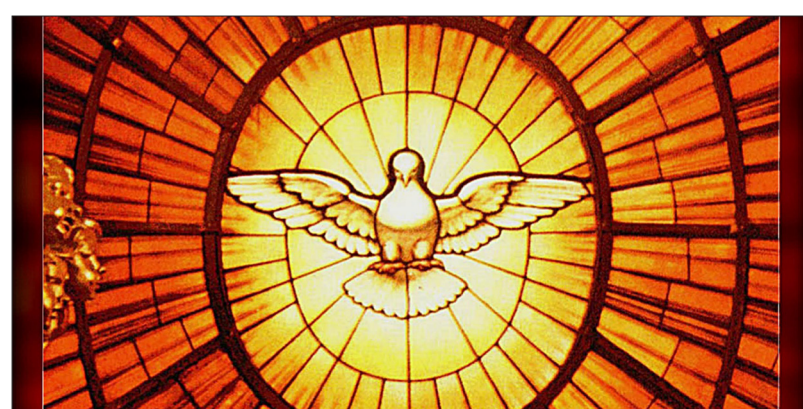
Acts 2:1-11; 1 Cor 12:3b-7,12-13; Jn 20:19-23

MANY LANGUAGES are spoken in our world today. They are so innumerable, that often we do not understand one another. As you walk around Macao, you find people speaking different languages: Chinese, English, Tagalog—you name it. Most probably you have also experienced that when you needed help or directions, you could not make yourself understood; or you wanted to help somebody but could not because you were unable to understand or be understood.

We celebrate **Pentecost** today, the coming of the Holy Spirit on the first group of apostles and disciples who, after Jesus' death and resurrection, continued gathering to pray and to remem-

ber the Master. The coming of the Holy Spirit had a marvelous effect. All of a sudden, those who had remained enclosed and scared, dared to come out to the street and talk about Jesus to all those whom they met. The surprising factor is that, during those days, Jerusalem was a swarm of people coming from different places and background. Walking the streets were people who had come from all known places at those times. But all understood in one's own language when the apostles spoke about the marvelous deeds of God, about the great miracle God had done in Jesus by raising him from the dead.

Since then, the Gospel has spread throughout the world, going beyond all frontiers, cultures and languages. It has reached all cor-



ners of our world, always proclaiming the great deeds of God so that everyone could understand it. Together with the Gospel, peace also has reached many hearts along with the capacity to forgive, as Jesus told his apostles.

Today many allow themselves to be lead by the Spirit, and with their words and their behavior give witness to the marvels of

God. With their love for all and their capacity to serve the poorest and most needy ones they make it possible for everyone to understand the love shown to us by God in Jesus. With their capacity to forgive they bring peace to broken hearts. The Spirit is alive in our world. There are witnesses who share the message far beyond the barriers of language and cultures.

Has not been Mother Theresa of Calcutta a witness with universal dimensions? Her small and tiny figure was a live sign of God's preference for the weakest, for the most abandoned of the society.

Today the Spirit is inviting us to be guided by Him, to proclaim God's marvelous deeds, to love and forgive as God loves and forgives, and to find new ways to proclaim the Gospel of Jesus in our community. Today is a feast day because the Spirit has reached our hearts. He is with us. Alleluia!

What attracts me more to Mother Teresa of Calcutta? Who else do I perceive as a witness of the love of God in our world? How could I be a witness of the love and forgiveness of God with those with whom I live? ■

CLARETIAN PUBLICATIONS

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聖神降臨後...
After the coming of the Holy Spirit ...

長雅各伯
James the Greater

西班牙
Spain

於公元44年殉道。
節日：7月25日
Martyred in 44 AD.
Feastday: July 25



伯多祿
Peter

羅馬
Rome

在尼祿皇帝時，即公元67年，為主殉道於羅馬，他的遺體葬於梵蒂岡山崗。
節日：6月29日

Crucified in Rome during the reign of Nero in the year 67. His body is buried in the Vatican Hill, underneath St Peter's Basilica. Feastday: June 29



安德肋
Andrew

希臘
Greece

在阿卡雅（今希臘）被釘上X形的十字架，為主殉道，希臘教會奉他為主保。

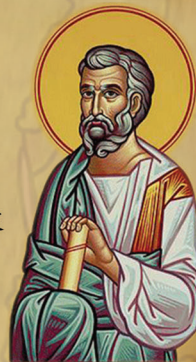
節日：11月30日
He was crucified in Greece on an X-shaped cross and is a patron of the Greek Church. Feastday: November 30



瑪弟亞
Matthias

埃塞俄比亞
Ethiopia

被釘在十字架上，又被戟叉死，為主殉道。
節日：5月14日
Crucified and speared. Feastday: May 14.



西滿加納人，
號稱「熱誠者」
Simon the Zealot

中東、北非州
Middle East,
North Africa

為主殉道。
節日：10月28日
Martyred. Feastday: October 28

斐理伯
Philip

土耳其
Turkey

為主殉道。
節日：5月3日
Martyred.
Feastday: May 3



次雅各伯
James the Less

耶路撒冷的第一任主教
First bishop of Jerusalem

公元62年，人們從聖殿頂上把他推下克則隆山谷，又用石頭砸死，葬於聖殿附近。
節日：5月3日
In 62 AD, he was thrown from the top of the Temple, then was stoned and clubbed to death, then buried close to the Temple.
Feastday: May 3



若望
John

厄弗所
Ephesus

羅馬皇帝多米仙在位時（公元81-96年），他被解送到羅馬，為主受過煎熬的酷刑，然而毫髮未損，後被流配到帕特摩島（默1：9），乃爾瓦皇帝在位時（公元96-98年）獲赦重回厄弗所。平安去世，享壽約百歲。

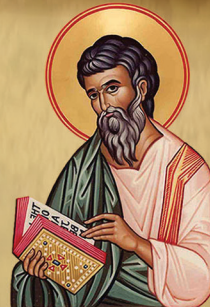
節日：12月27日
Under Emperor Dormitian (81-96 AD), he was tortured in boiling oil, but was unharmed. He was sent to exile in the island of Pathmos. Under the Emperor Nerva (96-98 AD) John was released and went back to Ephesus. He passed away peacefully around the age of 100.
Feast: December 27



瑪竇
Matthew

巴勒斯坦、波斯
Palestine, Persia

為主殉道。
節日：9月21日
Martyred.
Feastday: September 21



猶達又名達徒
Jude Thaddeus

敘利亞、美索不達米亞
Syria, Mesopotamia

被長矛刺死，為主殉道。
節日：10月28日
Killed with a spear.
Feastday: October 28.



多默
Thomas

美索不達米亞、波斯、印度
Mesopotamia, Persia, India

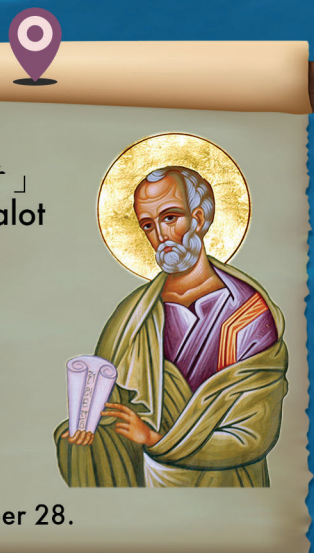
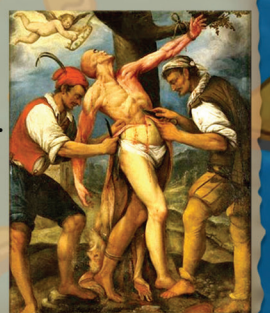
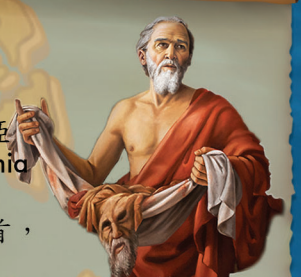
被異教徒用木柄長槍刺中身亡。
節日：7月3日
Impaled with a spear.
Feastday: July 3



巴爾多祿茂
Bartholomew

阿拉伯、亞美尼亞
Arabia and Armenia

被人剝皮，後斬首，為主殉道。
節日：8月24日
Skinned alive, beheaded and martyred.
Feastday: August 24.



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