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Nov. 1 – The Pope Speaks of the Dynamism of Communion with the Saints (Nov. 1, 2012, VIS).

... May the Virgin Mary give us the grace to believe firmly in eternal life and to enter into true communion with our beloved deceased.

Nov. 3 -- Pope's Homily at Memorial Mass for Deceased Cardinals and Bishops: "The Shepherds Whom We Remember Today Have, In Fact, Served the Church with Fidelity and Love" – Translated conclusion (Nov. 4, 2012, Zenit.org).

... Alongside the singular human existence of the Son of God is that of His Most Holy Mother, who, alone among all creatures, we venerate as the Immaculate and as full of grace. Our brother cardinals and bishops, whom we remember today, were loved with predilection by the Virgin Mary and have returned her love with filial devotion. To her maternal intercession we wish to entrust their souls that they might be introduced into the eternal Kingdom of the Father, surrounded by many members of the flock for whom they gave their life. May Mary watch over with her loving gaze those who sleep in peace in expectation of the blessed resurrection....

Nov. 4 – On God's Love: "Let Us Love the Lord in This Way, and Our Neighbor as Ourselves" – Translated conclusion of the Angelus address (Nov. 4, 2012, Zenit.org).

... through the intercession of the Virgin Mary, let us pray that every Christian know how to show his faith in the one true God with a clear witness of love of neighbor.

Nov. 11 -- On Trusting God: "No Act of Goodness is without Value before God" – Translated conclusion (Nov. 11, 2012, Zenit.org).

... The Virgin Mary is the perfect example of those who offer their whole self, entrusting themselves to God; with this faith she speaks her "Here I am" to the Angel and accepts the will of God. May Mary help each of us in this Year of Faith and strengthen confidence in God and in his Word.

Nov. 12 -- Pope Benedict's Address at Viva Gli Anziani Retirement Home: "Longevity Is [...] a Blessing of God" – Translated conclusion (Nov. 13, 2012, Zenit.org).

... I entrust you all to the maternal intercession of the Virgin Mary, who always accompanies us on our way with her maternal love...

Nov. 17 -- Pope Benedict's Address to Participants of Health Care Workers Conference: "This Concern for Health and Evangelization Is Always Your Task" –

Translated conclusion (Nov. 18, 2012, Zenit.org).

... As I entrust all of you to the Virgin Mary, *Salus Infirmorum*, that she guide your steps and always make you industrious and tireless witnesses of the Christian science of suffering, I extend from my heart the apostolic benediction.

Nov. 18 – On the Coming of the Son of Man: "He Is the Central Event That, in the Midst of the Troubles of the World, Remains the Firm and Stable Point" – Translated conclusion of the Angelus address (Nov. 18, 2012, Zenit.org).

... May the Virgin help us to accept this center [a stable basis for our life and our hope] in the Person of Christ and in his Word.

Nov. 21 – On the Splendor of God's Truth: "Through Faith We Come to True Knowledge of God and Ourselves" – Translated conclusion of the General Audience (Nov. 21, 2012, Zenit.org).

... Today, feast of the Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary in the Temple, we celebrate the Day for Cloistered Nuns. ...

Nov. 21 – Benedict XVI's Message to Pontifical Academies Session: "The Beauty of the Faith Can Never Be an Obstacle to the Creation of Artistic Beauty" – Translated conclusion (Nov. 26, 2012, Zenit.org).

... I entrust each one to the maternal protection of the Virgin Mary, the *Tota Pulchra*, model of the faith of believers ...

Nov. 25 – On Christ the King: "The Church Invites Us to Contemplate the Lordship of the Risen Savior"

Translated conclusion to the Angelus address (Nov. 25, 2012, Zenit.org).

... Let us invoke the protection of Mary Most Holy for

each of them [the six new cardinals] and the faithful entrusted to their service. May the Virgin help all of us to live this present time in expectation of the Lord's return, fervently imploring God: "Thy Kingdom Come," and doing those works of light that bring us ever closer to heaven, aware that, in the tormenting vicissitudes of history, God continues to build His Kingdom of love.

Nov. 26 – Pope Benedict XVI Address to New Cardinals and Their Families: "The Cardinals are Called to Share in a Special Way in the Pope's Solicitude for the Universal Church" – Conclusion (Nov. 26, 2012, Zenit.org).

... I invoke upon you and upon those present the maternal protection of the Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church, ...