



“READ ALL ABOUT IT: THE POPE IS COMING!”

Time to Renounce, Profess, and Renew

Pope Francis is scheduled to make an Apostolic Journey to the United States in less than two weeks! After a two day visit to the Archdiocese of Washington and our nation’s capital, where amongst other things, as the Vatican City Head of State he will address a joint session of Congress, he will make his way to the Archdiocese of New York for a two-day visit. Perhaps you were selected in the “lottery” to attend one of the functions at which the Pope will be present?

Whether or not we can be physically present with the Pope, all of us can unite with him in the Spirit! Our prayers can make a difference, and help make his Apostolic Journey to Cuba and the United States one to remember; and not just for the reasons that might make the headlines of newspapers, but simply because we want the world to know that the Vicar of Christ was in our midst and through him the Lord Jesus touched our ears to receive His Word, and our mouth to proclaim His faith. “Ephphatha!” If that opening is going to occur in others, then it must first occur in us, and move us to:

- ✠ renounce sin, so as to live in the freedom of the children of God;
- ✠ renounce the lure of evil, so that sin may have no mastery over us;
- ✠ renounce Satan, the author and prince of sin;
- ✠ profess our belief in God, the Father Almighty, Creator of Heaven and earth;
- ✠ profess our belief in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, Who was born of the Virgin Mary, suffered death and was buried, rose again from the dead and is seated at the right hand of the Father;
- ✠ profess our belief in the Holy Spirit, the Holy Catholic Church, the Communion of Saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting!

Each year at Easter we renew those promises to “renounce and profess”. The Pope’s September visit is an opportunity to “renounce and profess” as well! Renounce sin and profess Faith! That is why the Pope is coming! Please remember that when you’re *reading all about it!*

ATTENTION PARISHIONERS!

Do **you** want to help keep our church looking “*absolutely beautiful?*”
Then we want you to join our **Altar Guild!**

Some of our monthly tasks include:

- ❖ Arrange Missals in the racks
- ❖ Clean the glass around the church
- ❖ Vacuum the rugs
- ❖ Raise the kneelers
- ❖ Sweep/mop the floors
- ❖ Dust

To **volunteer** or for more information, please call Jane Dengel at (516) 379-2331

THANK YOU!

