



Pope Francis' Prayer Intention for November

Dialogue and Reconciliation in the Near East

That a spirit of dialogue, encounter, and reconciliation emerge in the Near East, where diverse religious communities share their lives together.



Great job, first grade saints!

Getting to Know Britney

In 2014, Holy Trinity students began sponsoring a student in Ecuador named Britney, who is now 11 years old. Students bring in small amounts of change to contribute toward her clothing, education, and basic needs. Our classes correspond with Britney and send pictures. She and her mother write back so we learn more about her and life in Ecuador. Here's the latest letter, which she wrote in June:

With a lot of love and enthusiasm, I write this letter to you. I'm your sponsored child hoping you are well in health, and especially the principal of your school and students. I'm very happy to have received

new pictures and new letters from you. I hope you're continuing in your studies and you're meeting required goals. I liked that kinder students were so excited for Halloween and that they're having fun with their classmates. As my mother has told you, everything we do here is different, and I also like sharing with my classmates. The weather is hot here in my country and cold weather starts in August.

We don't celebrate Halloween. Also, they hope you've had a good summer season and a new school year in your school. I like that all you do and your games are different, this is new and funny to me. Months are passing so fast right here in my country and I'm doing well in my studies. This year I'm going to finish 7th basic grade. I like that you are leaders of the school and that you keep organizing different games. You look very pretty in that picture, wearing pink for breast cancer, and that you have raised all that money for a hospital. You are good-hearted children and continue helping those who most need. Your parents are very proud of you and they continue supporting you. As I like reading your letters, for me all the things you do are different and it's also new that you put advent candles on your window. What is Jesse's tree? I like it because there's a union between you guys, that is very special for me. I carry all of you in my thoughts. My family is very proud of all of you. We also ask God and pray a lot for you guys to keep helping people and especially me. Money is a big help for me, my parents fixed my house and my bedroom with it. I'm very happy and thankful, thank you very much for this help you are sending me



through the foundation. My parents also can buy my uniform, school shoes, and food. I keep studying and trying hard every day.

I'm very well in health and I'm growing up. Are you well in health? I and the other children are participating in a letter festival, which is very funny and it helps us to be able to make our own letters. We also continue with the other sponsored children integrating families where we celebrate all birthdays with everyone. It's pretty nice because we play games and there's also a lot of snacks, food, and cake. How is integration in your country? I'm very glad about you, your teachings and parents that are supporting in everything and I hope you meet all your goals. I say goodbye to you with a big kiss and a sweet hug. May God bless you. Love, your sponsored child.



Every year for Thanksgiving it is tradition that my family gathers in Upstate New York to give thanks and enjoy each other's company. The day starts with a big breakfast that we cook as a family; each person has their own part to complete the meal. After breakfast, we enjoy sitting around the TV watching the Thanksgiving Day parade. Once the parade is over, meal prepping starts for the main event of the day. While the food is in the oven we sit as a family cheering on our favorite football teams. It is tradition in my family that before eating dinner we pray for a good year ahead and remember all those who are no longer with us. Then we go around the table and state the things we are thankful for in the past year. The last tradition for the holiday is going out shopping early Friday morning with my daughter, sister, and nephew. I am thankful to be a part of a parish that is a tight knit community and all the joy and love that is shared when we come together to give thanks to God. Also, I am thankful to be a part of the school community as the second-grade teacher, where I get to shape the minds of future generations. – Mrs. Jen Preston

We asked one parent and one teacher from HTS what their families' Thanksgiving traditions are and what they are thankful for in our school and parish community. There sure is a lot to be grateful for, so let's take the time to thank our faculty, staff, and family members for all they mean to us!

As the Thanksgiving Holiday begins to approach, I can't help but to become overwhelmed with excitement. This excitement is totally and unequivocally rooted in my gratitude. I suppose this is why the holiday means so much to me. Instead having excitement stemming from more materialistic things, Thanksgiving brings me back to my center and my core, it reminds me of what truly makes me happy. The gratitude that I feel for the Blessings and Graces I have received from our dear Lord is impossible to adequately describe. All that is good in my life is a gift from God and all that I cherish He has given me. So when I prepare myself for the thanksgiving holiday this year, I will once again remind myself most especially of all that I have to be thankful for. In thanksgiving for my children, I remember most especially Holy Trinity. My children wouldn't be who they are in their faith lives if it wasn't for the sacrifice, devotion and community in which Holy Trinity consists. Of all the things that we can give to our children, the most important is the gift of faith. If they can remain close in their relationship to our Lord Jesus Christ, we have nothing left to worry about as parents. Holy Trinity has partnered with my husband and I in making Jack and Gracie's connection with their Lord as strong as possible. Of all things to be grateful for, this truly is the most cherished. – Mrs. Kim Glasson



Prayer for our 7th graders receiving Confirmation this month

Holy Spirit, strengthen our Holy Trinity Parish Confirmandi with your gifts of Wisdom, Understanding, Counsel, Fortitude, Knowledge, Piety, and Fear of the Lord, as a disciple of Christ. Fill them with the joy of your presence. Increase in them the fruit of your Spirit. Help them to experience and trust your dwelling within, so that they may count on your guidance today and every day. Show us the way to help one another become better disciples of Jesus Christ, sharing your love with our world and with each person we encounter.



Mother Cabrini

Feast Day: November 13

The youngest of thirteen children, Frances Cabrini was born on July 15, 1850 in a small village called S'ant Angelo Lodigiano near the city of Milan, Italy. She grew up enthralled by the stories of missionaries and made up her mind to join a religious order. Because of her frail health, she was not permitted to join the Daughters of the Sacred Heart who had been her teachers and under whose guidance she obtained her teaching certificate.

However, in 1880, with seven young women, Frances founded the Institute of the Missionary Sisters of the Sacred Heart of Jesus. She was as resourceful as she was prayerful, finding people who would donate what she needed in money, time, labor and support. She and her sisters wanted to be missionaries in China; she visited Rome to obtain an audience with Pope Leo XIII. The Pope told Frances to go "*not to the East, but to the West*" to New York rather than to China as she had expected. She was to help the thousands of Italian immigrants already in the United States.

In 1889, New York seemed to be filled with chaos and poverty, and into this new world stepped Mother Frances Cabrini and her sister companions. Cabrini organized catechism and education classes for the Italian immigrants and provided for the needs of the many orphans. She established schools and orphanages despite tremendous odds.

Soon, requests for her to open schools came to Frances Cabrini from all over the world. She traveled to Europe, Central and South America and throughout the United States. She made 23 trans-Atlantic crossings and established 67 institutions: schools, hospitals and orphanages.

Her activity was relentless until her death. On December 22, 1917, in Chicago, she died. In 1946, she was canonized a saint by Pope Pius XII in recognition of her holiness and service to mankind and was named Patroness of Immigrants in 1950.

Today the Missionary Sisters, their lay collaborators and volunteers work as teachers, nurses, social workers, administrators and members of institutional boards of trustees. They can be found on six continents and 15 countries throughout the world – wherever there is a need.

<https://www.mothercabrini.org/who-we-are/mother-cabrini/>