

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

Attached to this e-mail are notes regarding our June liturgical celebrations.

With the Easter season and the solemnities of Pentecost, Holy Trinity and Corpus Christi behind us, in June the church eases us into the long summer stretch of Ordinary Time. However, there are two significant church events to note.

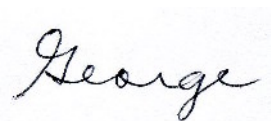
The 49th International Eucharistic Congress will take place June 15-22 in Quebec City, Canada. Such congresses are held in various locations every four years, the last one in Guadalajara, Mexico, in 2004. The activities of the Congress will center on the theme *The Eucharist, gift of God for the life of the world*. The Congress will form the cornerstone of the diverse festivities surrounding the celebration of the 400th anniversary of Quebec City, the cradle of the Church in North America. While we may not attend the Congress, let us remain united in prayer with the participants from around the world, thanking our gracious God for the precious treasure of the Eucharist in our lives.

Pope Benedict XVI has proclaimed *The Pauline Year* from June 29, 2008, to June 29, 2009, in preparation for the 2,000th anniversary of the apostle's birth. The year will highlight Paul's contribution to the spread of Christianity in the first century of the Church.

The archpriest of the Basilica of St. Paul Outside the Walls in Rome says the Pauline Year will provide an occasion to "rediscover the figure of the Apostle; reread the numerous Letters he sent to the first Christian communities; relive the early years of our Church; delve deeply into his rich teaching to the 'gentiles'; meditate on his vigorous spirituality of faith, hope and charity; make a pilgrimage to his tomb and to the numerous places he visited while founding the first ecclesial communities; revitalize our faith and our role in today's Church in the light of his teachings; pray and work for the unity of all Christians in a united Church." During this Pauline Year let us strive to achieve at least some of these objectives.

May the summer months afford us time for rest and renewal, and let us pray for those in our Marianist Family who will be in transition in the months ahead!

Affectionately,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "George". The signature is written in black ink on a light-colored background.

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