



JOYFUL NOISE

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“Brothers and sisters, Marian spirituality is at the service of the Gospel: it reveals its simplicity. Our affection for Mary of Nazareth leads us to join her in becoming disciples of Jesus. It teaches us to return to him and to meditate and ponder the events of our lives in which the Risen One still comes to us and calls us.”

- Pope Leo XIV

The days are long, the fruit is ripe, and we're finally boiling up Ontario corn. August brings the best of summer and also gives us another Marian month that in Catholic tradition is dedicated to the Immaculate Heart of Mary. [Click here](#) to learn why. With my catechetical work, I spend a lot of time thinking about the “whys” of our faith, and how best to communicate them to different groups. So another Marian month begs the question: why is Mary so important to Catholics that she warrants various acts of piety and devotions? [Click here](#) for a Dominican deep dive on the Catholic devotion to Our Lady.

The rich symbolism of the Immaculate Heart in a particular way draws our attention to Mary's interior life, both her virtues and sorrows. By contemplating Mary's heart, we are drawn towards the subject of her profound love: her son, Jesus. Mary's heart teaches us how to love and follow Christ, even to the Cross. [Click here](#) and [here](#) for ways you can get to know Mary's Immaculate Heart better, and by extension, the person of Jesus. Also this month, we celebrate the Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary (August 15) and feast of the Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary (August 22). [Click here](#) for tips on how to foster your devotion to Mary. [Click here](#) and [here](#) for ideas on how you can celebrate her feasts in August. Finally, [click here](#) for some summer advice from Pope Leo XIV as we finish off our holidays.

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“Come and See” (John 1:39) Speaker Series Aug 13 – 15 All are welcome to take part in our speakers' series in honour of our Archdiocesan 200th anniversary. The series consists of multiple dates, locations, and speakers so please [click here](#) to get all the details.

Intentional Accompaniment Webinar Aug 18 or 20 CCO is hosting a free, 60-minute introduction to the principles of Intentional Accompaniment, designed for anyone involved with parish ministry. [Click here](#) to learn more and register.

Catechesis Gathering on Conversion Sept 19 Pastors and their catechists across all sacraments are encouraged to attend. [Click here](#) for the invite.

Fall “Remember” Cohort begins Sept 21 Find support while grieving the loss of a loved one to suicide with US-Based Red Bird Ministries. [Click here](#) to learn more and register for their Fall support group. [Click here](#) for more information about other upcoming grief supports + events.

Back to School Many of our school-aged children will be heading back to the classroom the first week of Sept. [Click here](#) for tips on developing good spiritual habits to help with the transition come school time.

Have a question or need support? Want to share about your parish's ministry initiatives? Just want to chat?



LET'S STAY IN TOUCH

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