



# Missionarii Sancti Joannis Baptistæ

*Vox clamantis in deserto, parate viam Domini*

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St. Pius V, Pope

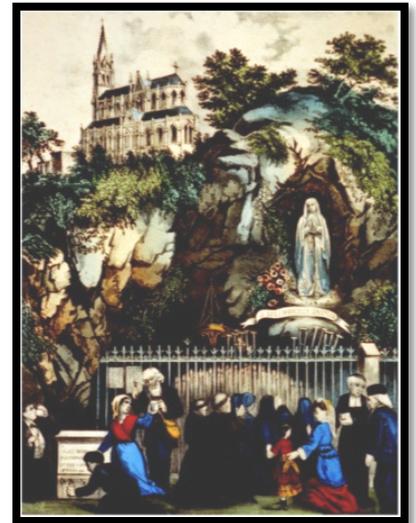
Dear Family and Friends in Christ,

*Pax Christi!*

With great joy and much thanksgiving the Missionaries of St. John the Baptist announce wonderful news, namely, that we have signed a contract for a church building and social hall in a small city in northern Kentucky. We have a few contingencies in connection with the agreement, but things look very hopeful. Without your prayerful and financial support, this dream would never have become a reality. We are also pleased to announce that we renewed our vows of religion through the hands of our external founder and superior, His Excellency, Bishop Roger J. Foys.

In celebration of these wonderful events, and in thanksgiving to the Triune God, Our Lady of Lourdes, Good St. Joseph, and yes our heavenly patron, St. John the Baptist, we are praying a novena in honor of the nativity of the greatest of prophets. For nine days (June 15 – 23), we will be offering up special prayers in honor of St. John the Baptist in order to prepare for the celebration of his sinless birthday.

We would ask you to join us in this time of prayer. In addition, we would like you to send us any special intentions you might have. We will bring these petitions before the good Lord through the intercession of St. John the Baptist. If you wish to make an offering towards paying down our mortgage or towards the refurbishing of the church building, to be named after Our Lady of Lourdes, then please make any checks out to *The Missionaries of St. John the Baptist* (or more simply *MSJB*).



In Jesus and Mary,

Fr. Shannon M. Collins, MSJB

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INTENTIONS & PETITIONS *(please send your prayer requests to:*

The Missionaries of St. John the Baptist, St. Bernard's Rectory, 401 Berry Street, Dayton, KY 41074).

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**LITANY OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST** (prayed daily)

Lord, have mercy on us.

*Christ, have mercy on us.*

Lord, have mercy on us.

*Christ, hear us. Christ, graciously hear us.*

God the Father of Heaven, *have mercy on us.*

God the Son, Redeemer of the world,

God the Holy Ghost,

Holy Trinity, One God,

Holy Mary, *pray for us.*

Queen of Prophets,

Queen of Martyrs,

St. John the Baptist,

St. John the Baptist, precursor of Christ,

St. John the Baptist, glorious forerunner of the Sun of Justice,

St. John the Baptist, minister of Baptism to Jesus,

St. John the Baptist, burning and shining lamp of the world,

St. John the Baptist, angel of purity before thy birth,

St. John the Baptist, special friend and favorite of Christ,

St. John the Baptist, heavenly contemplative, whose element was prayer,

St. John the Baptist, intrepid preacher of truth,

St. John the Baptist, voice crying in the wilderness,

St. John the Baptist, miracle of mortification and penance,

St. John the Baptist, example of profound humility,

St. John the Baptist, glorious martyr of zeal for God's holy law,

St. John the Baptist, gloriously fulfilling thy mission,

Lamb of God, who takest away the sins of the world,  
*Spare us, O Lord.*

Lamb of God, who takest away the sins of the world,  
*Graciously hear us, O Lord.*

Lamb of God who takest away the sins of the world,  
*Have mercy on us.*

*Christ, hear us. Christ, graciously hear us.*

Pray for us, O glorious St. John the Baptist,

*That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.*

Let Us Pray.

O GOD, Who hast honored this world by the birth of Saint John the Baptist, grant that Thy faithful people may rejoice in the way of eternal salvation, through Jesus Christ Our Lord. R. *Amen.*

**NOVENA PRAYERS TO ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST**

*Days 1, 4, & 7*

O GLORIOUS ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST, greatest prophet among those born of woman, although thou was sanctified in thy mother's womb and didst lead a most innocent life, nevertheless it was thy will to retire into the wilderness, there to devote thyself to the practice of austerity and penance; obtain for us of thy Lord the grace to be wholly detached, at least in our hearts, from earthly goods, and to practice Christian mortification with interior recollection and with the spirit of holy prayer. *Amen.*

*Days 2, 5, & 8*

O MOST ZEALOUS APOSTLE, who, without working any miracle on others, but solely by the example of thy life of penance and the power of thy word, didst draw after thee the multitudes, in order to dispose them to receive the Messiah worthily and to listen to His heavenly doctrine; grant that it may be given unto us, by means of the example of a holy life and the exercise of every good work, to bring many souls to God, but above all those souls that are enveloped in the darkness of error and ignorance and are led astray by vice. *Amen.*

*Days 3, 6, & 9*

O MARTYR INVINCIBLE, who, for the honor of God and the salvation of souls, didst with firmness and constancy withstand the impiety of Herod even at the cost of thine own life, and didst rebuke him openly for his wicked and dissolute life; by thy prayers obtain for us a heart, brave and generous, in order that we may overcome all human respect and openly profess our faith in loyal obedience to the teachings of Jesus Christ, our divine Master. *Amen.*

*(end each day by mentioning petitions here)*

V. O glorious St. John the Baptist, through the love thou does bear to Jesus Christ, and for the glory of His Name,

R. Hear our prayers and obtain our petitions.

*Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory Be...*