The NOVEMDIALES

A NOVENA OF ACTIVITIES IN REMEMBRANCE OF

Pope John Paul II

WITH PRAYERS FOR THE REPOSE OF HIS SOUL

DeSales University

April 3-11, 2005
Statement on the Death of Pope John Paul II:

DeSales University joins the Diocese of Allentown and the universal Church in mourning the death of Pope John Paul II and in celebrating his entry into eternal life.

As pope, John Paul II has been called “Holy Father” and that is how we remember him. For over twenty-six years, he has shown a father’s solicitude for all people and provided the world with a shining example of the dignity of human life and death. That global ministry has been inspired by the divine call to holiness that is grounded in the truth of Jesus Christ as the redeemer of humanity. As Holy Father, Pope John Paul II he has been the world’s witness to hope, and we embrace his call to “be not afraid.”

At DeSales University we have established a research center inspired by the distinctive teaching of Pope John Paul II concerning the interaction of faith and culture. Our educational mission is to realize his vision of a Catholic university, whose responsibility is “to try to communicate to society those ethical and religious principles which give full meaning to human life.”

Now we entrust the soul of the Holy Father to the same Blessed Virgin Mary to whom the pope dedicated himself “Totus Tuus” (“entirely yours”). On our campus, Mary is memorialized in the statue of “Our Lady of Deliverance.” With faith and hope, we pray that she now deliver the pope from his earthly mortality and welcome John Paul II with open arms into the kingdom of God.
After the death of the Roman Pontiff, the Cardinals will celebrate the funeral rites for the repose of his soul for nine consecutive days....

POPE JOHN PAUL II,
Apostolic Constitution Universi Dominici Gregis,
“On the vacancy of the Apostolic See and the Election of the Roman Pontiff,” no. 27

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A novena (from the Latin “novem”) consists of nine days of devotions celebrated to obtain special graces. The number “9” derives from the Judeo-Christian tradition and its biblical association with suffering, grief, and imperfection.

Such devotions should not be considered superstitious. Rather, they are practiced as a way of directing the attention of the faithful to an intense and focused period of prayer for a particular intention.

Through the collaborative efforts of the Salesian Center for Faith & Culture and the Office of Campus Ministry, we offer to the university community this multi-faceted novena celebrating the life and legacy of Pope John Paul II. Each day’s remembrance will conclude with a period of Eucharistic adoration, followed by special prayers that focus on the significant aspects of the role of the Roman Pontiff.

Unless otherwise noted, all events during the novena are open to the entire campus community (faculty, administration, staff and students). We encourage your participation and invite everyone on campus to pray in joyous gratitude for the ministry of Pope John Paul II and in humble supplication for the election of his successor.
Schedule of Events

Sunday, April 3rd

8:00pm Connelly Chapel – Liturgy for the 2nd Sunday (octave) of Easter and Divine Mercy Sunday

9:30pm Novena Prayer, day 1 – “You are Peter”

Monday, April 4th

7:00pm Gallery Lounge, McShea Center – video broadcast of *Witness to Hope, The Life of Karol Wojtyla / Pope John Paul II*

9:00pm Connelly Chapel – Eucharistic Adoration
9:30pm Novena Prayer, day 2 – “Feed my sheep”

Tuesday, April 5th

7:30am Gerald White Board Room, McShea Center – Salesian Center’s I.M.P.A.C.T. breakfast meeting (*by invitation only*), featuring JOSEPH PETRO, Secret Service agent in charge of the Dignitary Protective Division for the pope’s 1987 visit to the U.S.A.

7:30pm Gerald White Board Room, McShea Center – Poetry reading by DR. STEPHEN MYERS, featuring selections from *Roman Triptych, Meditations (The Poetry of John Paul II)*

9:00pm Connelly Chapel – Eucharistic Adoration
9:30pm Novena Prayer, day 3 – “There is but one Church in Peter”

Wednesday, April 6th

8:00pm Gallery Lounge, McShea Center – video broadcast of *The Jeweller’s Shop*, a drama written by Karol Wojtyla, followed by a “talkback” session with ANNE LEWIS (asst. professor of acting at DSU)

9:00pm Connelly Chapel – Eucharistic Adoration
9:30pm Novena Prayer, day 4 – “Authentic teacher of the faith”
Thursday, April 7th

7:00pm Auditorium, Hurd Science Center – special edition of the Center Valley Forum series, on “A Pope for All Religions.” Guest panelists include DR. PETER PETTIT (director of the Institute for Jewish-Christian Understanding at Muhlenberg College), DR. MOHAMED BUGAIGHIS (president of the Islamic Center of the Lehigh Valley), and our own DR. RODNEY HOWSARE (assistant professor of Theology at DSU).

9:00pm Connelly Chapel – Eucharistic Adoration
9:30pm Novena Prayer, day 5 – “Strengthen your brothers”

Friday, April 8th

12:05pm Wills Hall Chapel – Mass for the Repose of the Soul of His Holiness John Paul II

9:00pm Connelly Chapel – Eucharistic Adoration
9:30pm Novena Prayer, day 6 – “The Petrine Ministry of Mercy”

Saturday, April 9th

10:00am at the Statue of Our Lady of Deliverance – recitation of the “Luminous Mysteries” of the Rosary, led by the DSU Pro-Life group and the campus chapter of the Knights of Columbus

9:00pm Connelly Chapel – Eucharistic Adoration
9:30pm Novena Prayer, day 7 – “Peter, The First of the Apostles”

Sunday, April 10th

8:00pm Connelly Chapel – Liturgy of the 3rd Sunday of Easter, with reflections by MATT GARZA (’95) on the 1993 World Youth Day

9:30pm Novena Prayer, day 8 – “Union of Pope and Bishops”

Monday, April 11th

7:30pm Auditorium, Hurd Science Center – lecture by THOMAS DAILEY, OSFS (director of the Salesian Center for Faith & Culture) on “What will happen when John Paul II meets Francis de Sales in heaven?!”

9:00pm Connelly Chapel – Eucharistic Adoration
9:30pm Novena Prayer, day 9 – “Successor to the Apostle Peter”