



**NOVEMBER 1st
ALL SAINT'S DAY**

Let us listen to the words of Pope Francis and ask the Spirit for the gift of holiness

« Rejoice and be glad » (Mt 5:12), Jesus tells those persecuted or humiliated for his sake. The Lord asks everything of us, and in return he offers us true life, the happiness for which we were created. He wants us to be saints and not to settle for a bland and mediocre existence. [...]

Let the grace of your baptism bear fruit in a path of holiness. Let everything be open to God; turn to him in every situation. Do not be dismayed, for the power of the Holy Spirit enables you to do this, and holiness, in the end, is the fruit of the Holy Spirit in your life (cf. Gal 5:22-23). When you feel the temptation to dwell on your own weakness, raise your eyes to Christ crucified and say : « Lord, I am a poor sinner, but you can work the miracle of making me a little bit better ». In the Church, holy yet made up of sinners, you will find everything you need to grow towards holiness.

From the apostolic exhortation *Gaudete et exsultate* (n.1; n.15)