

**Apostolate Letter** – June 1, 2007

My dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

On Sunday, April 22, 2007 when Pope Benedict XVI was visiting Pavia, Italy, he spoke to the sick at San Matteo Hospital:

“In each person suffering from illness it is He (Jesus) Himself Who awaits our love. Of course, suffering is abhorrent to the human heart, yet it remains true that when accepted with love and illuminated with faith, it becomes a precious opportunity that unites mysteriously to Christ the Redeemer, the Man of suffering Who on the Cross took upon Himself the pain and death of man. With the sacrifice of His life He redeemed human suffering and made it the fundamental means of salvation.”

“Dear sick people, entrust to the Lord the discomfort and pain you have to face, and in His plan you will become a means of purification and redemption for the entire world.”

(VIS news)

The intentions I wish to propose to you for the month of June are the following:

1. **General** - For sailors and all those involved in maritime activities  
That the Lord may protect sailors and all those involved in maritime activities.
2. **Mission** - For the Church in North Africa  
That the Church in North Africa may bear witness, with its presence and its action to God’s love for every individual and all peoples.
3. **Diocesan** - For those couples receiving the Sacrament of Marriage  
That they will commit themselves to a lifelong relationship with the Lord at the centre of their lives.

May God bless you.

Yours in Christ,

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