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World Day for Consecrated Life 2018

Consecrated religious are the lights of our Church

In 1997, Pope Saint John Paul II instituted a day of prayer for women and men in consecrated life. This celebration is attached to the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord on February 2nd. This Feast is also known as Candlemas Day; the day on which candles are blessed symbolizing Christ who is the light of the world. So too, those in consecrated life are called to reflect the light of Jesus Christ to all peoples. The celebration of World Day for Consecrated Life is transferred to the following Sunday in order to highlight the gift of consecrated persons for the whole Church.

World Day for Consecrated Life is celebrated on February 2nd however, it is observed in parishes on the Sunday after February 2nd. In 2018, this day is celebrated in parishes on February 3-4 and in 2019 it will be celebrated February 2-3.

World Day for Consecrated Life Resources Online:

Vatican: As of this writing, Pope Francis' address for the 22nd World Day for Consecrated Life has not yet been published to the Vatican website, but watch this space for his official papal message in multiple languages.

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