

## Intercession:

For scientists and pharmaceutical employees who help create and manufacture contraceptive and abortifacient drugs: that the Lord will open their eyes to the moral danger and health risks these drugs pose for women and prompt them to work only on medications that benefit human life.

## Prayer:

Our Father, 3 Hail Marys, Glory Be

## Reflection:

Today's reading from Acts tells the story of St. Paul's conversion. Before, he was "breathing murderous threats against the disciples of the Lord." After encountering Christ, Paul became a "chosen instrument," filled with the Holy Spirit, and ready to suffer for Jesus' name. There is absolutely nothing and no one outside of the power of God's loving embrace. Today we remember the children, the mothers, fathers, siblings, grandparents, aunts, uncles and all those who have been involved in or affected by abortion. We entrust them to the unfathomable healing mercy of God, recalling the words of Jesus to St. Faustina: "The greater the misery of a soul, the greater its right to My mercy" (*Diary*, 1182).

## Acts of Reparation (choose one)

- Read about a Church teaching you don't understand in the Catechism.
- Make an honest assessment of your "giving finances" –are you giving too little? Make a resolution to give a set weekly or monthly donation to your parish or favorite local charity.
- Do you love your cup of tea or coffee in the morning? Fast from caffeine today or try your coffee black.

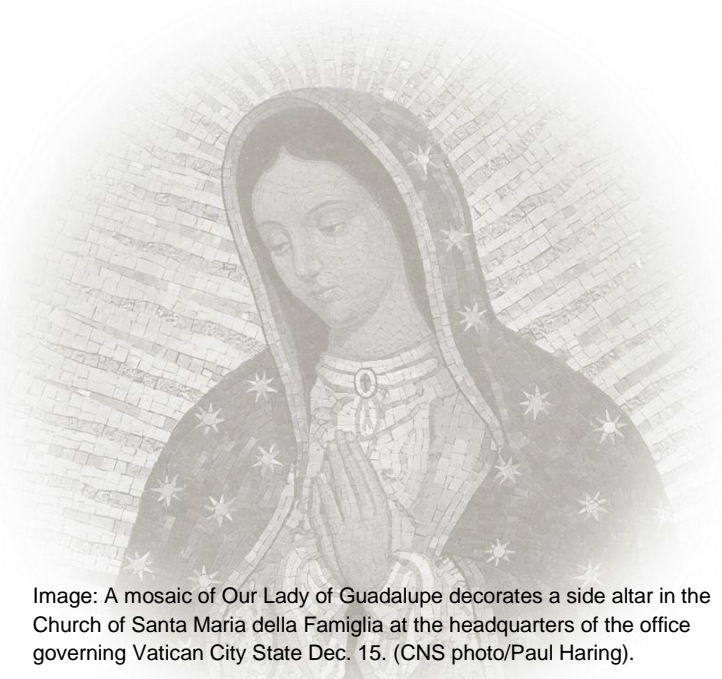


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