

bishops during the great jubilee of the year 2000.

By the way, while it may seem a little early to mention it, don't forget that the month of the Holy Souls, November, is just around the corner. You should be thinking now about what you can do to make it an occasion of intense prayer for the suffering souls. And please don't forget the plenary indulgences, applicable only to the souls in purgatory: a visit to a church on All Souls Day and a visit each day to a cemetery from Nov. 1<sup>st</sup> to Nov. 8<sup>th</sup>. Why not make a resolution this Holy Year to do this every year from here on in.

Another great Marian event of the Holy Year will take place the first day of the month of the Holy Souls, All Saints Day, when, during the celebration of solemn Mass the Pope will commemorate the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the proclamation of the Dogma of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, body and soul into heaven. The solemn dogmatic definition was promulgated by the Servant of God, Pope Pius XII on Nov 1st of the Holy Year ,1950. Individual members and local chapters should plan something special to celebrate this milestone in the history of the Church. While you are at it do everything possible to join in the Oct. 8th Act of Consecration as well.

Devoted clients of Our Lady could not help but rejoice, also, at the Beatification on Sept. 3<sup>rd</sup>, of the servant of God Pope Pius IX. He was the Pope who defined the dogma of Our Lady's Immaculate Conception. By the way, he also proclaimed St Joseph as patron of the universal Church. Speaking of Pio Nono in his sermon for the occasion Pope John Paul stated: "In the midst of the turbulent events of his time, he was an example of unconditional adherence to the immutable deposit of revealed truths. Faithful in every circumstance to the commitments of his ministry, he always knew how to give absolute primacy to God and spiritual values. His long pontificate was certainly not easy, and he had much to suffer in fulfilling his mission of service to the Gospel. He was very much loved, but also hated and calumniated. However, precisely in the midst of these contrasts, the light of his virtues shone more forcefully."

The Holy See has issued a number of rather important documents in recent months. Among them we include in this issue excerpts from the Declaration *Dominus Jesus*, on the unicity and salvific universality of Christ and the Church. Next month's newsletter will include excerpts from the discourse of the Holy Father to the International Association of Transplants and the document of the Pontifical Academy for Life on embryo reduction and cloning. You can find links to all of these documents on our web site, quickly proving to be one of the most popular, at [www.omm.org](http://www.omm.org).

Well that's about as much as we can fit in this month's letter. As we ask your prayers, we assure you of a remembrance in ours, particularly at the First Saturday Mass in honor of the Immaculate Heart of Mary. And may her Son bless you in every way.

In the Heart of Jesus and Mary  
