

Monthly study guides can be used in personal prayer and for small group reflection.

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SCRIPTURE

Hebrews 12:1-13

REFLECT:

1. This passage discusses a “cloud of witnesses” after the great heroes of faith from the Old Testament in the previous chapter. Who are some of the great heroes of the faith that are inspiring to you?
2. Why is the perseverance discussed here such an important part of the Christian life? How do we maintain this perseverance?
3. What is the image of God as Father that we get here? How does that affect how we live?

READ: A selection from *Via Fidelis* — Communion of Saints (pg. 28)

On the *Via Fidelis*, we are accompanied by “a great cloud of witnesses,” the saints of the church (see Heb 12:1). As we work to learn and share the truths of our faith, we are helped by many heavenly brothers and sisters who befriend us, intercede for us and help us.

Generations of saints have given witness to the Holy Trinity, to the Lord Jesus, his life and teachings and his saving death and resurrection. Many martyrs have heroically given their lives rather than abandon or misstate the teachings of the Gospel.

We are all called to welcome the witness of the holy ones and to share in their level of zeal and burning love for the Lord Jesus and his Church.

REFLECT:

1. This selection begins with the image of witnesses from Hebrews. Why is the intercession of the canonized saints such an important element of the Christian life?
2. How does the fact that many martyrs have given their lives for the faith affect how we view and appreciate that faith?
3. How can we imitate and share the zeal of the saints?

