



Vox Populi

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The month of November begins with two very special days of celebration.

On November 1, the Church observes the Solemnity of All Saints and on November 2, the Solemnity of the Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed.

In the words of Pope Benedict XVI, these two days set the "special spiritual tone" for the month of November.

"The mystery of the communion of saints illumines this month and the whole of the last part of the liturgical year in particular, directing our meditation to the earthly destiny of man in the light of Christ's Pasch," he said in 2005, speaking at the Mass for the deceased Cardinals and Bishops.

"In it is founded that hope which, as St Paul said, is such that it 'will not leave us disappointed!'"

Many of us will carry the memories of the faithful departed who have gone before us and the inspiration of the many great saints who have lived the heart of the Gospel message.

These days celebrate that, in the communion of saints, this is a close bond between those of us who remain on the earth and those who have already entered eternity.

While we remain separated, we rest in the knowledge that those in heaven are alive in God and interceding for us every day.
