JANUARY
2 Basil of Caesaria [the Great], monk bishop
   Gregory Nanzianzen, theologian & bishop
   Macarius of Alexandria, desert ascetic
4 Amma Syncletca, desert ascetic
5 Dorotheus the Younger, monastic founder
9 Gregory of Nyssa, theologian & bishop
12 Benedict of Biscop, abbot & founder of Wearmouth-Jarrow Priory
   Aelred of Rievaulx
   Caesaria of Arles, monastic founder & abbess
13 Hadewijch of Brabant
14 Macrina the Elder
15 Placid and Maur
   Paul of Thebes, the First Hermit
17 Antony, Abbot
19 Wulfstan
21 Meinrad, hermit
26 Paula the Elder, monastic founder
30 Blessed Columba Marmion
31 Marcella, monastic founder
   “…wherever you go, always have God before your eyes; do everything you do according to the testimony of the holy scriptures; wherever you live, do not leave it easily.” Antony, Sayings
   “Our God is a consuming fire” (Heb.12:29), so we too must kindle the divine fire within us with tears and effort.” Life of Syncletca

FEBRUARY
1 Brigid of Kildare, abbess
6 Romuald of Ravenna, founder of the Camaldolese
10 Scholastica of Nursia
12 Benedict of Aniane
   Marguerite d’Oingt, Carthusian visionary
18 Colman of Lindisfarne
21 Peter Damian, Camaldolese hermit & Doctor of the Church
22 Frank Kacmarcik, oblate & artist
23 Milburga, abbess
25 Walburga, abbess & missionary
28 John Cassian, early monastic writer
   “When I appealed to you, you would not listen to me so I turned to my God and my God heard my prayer. Dialogues of Gregory on Scholastica
M A R C H
9 Frances of Rome, patron of oblates
   Gregory of Nyssa, theologian & bishop
15 Amma Matrona, desert ascetic
18 Mechtild of Magdeburg
20 Cuthbert, Celtic monk, bishop & hermit
21 Passing of Benedict of Nursia
30 John Climacus, monk & writer
   “Love your enemies.” RB
   “…in all this I will not lose courage but only trust the more in the Providence of God.” Benedicta Riepp

A P R I L
2 Mary of Egypt, desert ascetic
   Ebba of Coldingham, abbess
17 Stephen Harding
20 Hildegund of Schönau
21 Anselm of Canterbury, monk, abbot & theologian
   “My God, I pray that I may so know you and love you that I may rejoice in you…” Anselm’s Prayers

M A Y
1 Ade Bethune, Oblate & artist for Catholic Worker
2 Athanasius of Alexandria, bishop, theologian & Doctor of the Church
5 Hilary of Arles, monk bishop
8 Julian of Norwich, anchorress
10 Walter Percy, Oblate & novelist
13 Bede Griffiths, monastic founder
15 Pachomius, early monastic founder
16 Heloïse, monastic founder & abbess
   Brendan of Clonfert, monastic founder
19 Dunstan of Canterbury, abbot & bishop
21 Christian de Chergé & Companions, Martyrs of Algeria
25 Venerable Bede
26 Erentrude of Nonnberg, abbess & monastic founder
27 Augustine of Canterbury, Doctor of the Church
30 Passing of Placidia Haehn, our first prioress
   “For what is greater than such a vision, to see the invisible God in a visible human being, God’s temple.” Life of Pachomius
### June

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> “Depart from me, fodder of death, for I have been overtaken by another lover.”
> Words of St. Agnes uttered by Lutgard on her deathbed

> “On the mountain…which it is pleasing to God to dwell…she desire to love
> God not only with her voice and lips, but with her utmost heart.” Caesarius
> about Erentrude

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> “…I shall rather pray that my heart may be pure toward all.” Amma Sarah
> “God will be all that we think about, all our living, all that we talk about, our
> very breath.” Cassian, Conference 10
> “Prefer nothing to the love of Christ.” RB

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“…choose the communion of dwelling together in a house in unity, that you may have one soul and one heart toward God.” Augustine’s Letter to Aurelius
“Zeal without knowledge is unbearable.” Bernard of Clairvaux The Song of Songs

S E P T E M B E R
1 Amma Theodora, desert ascetic
   Giles, hermit
3 Gregory the Great, liturgist, pope & author of The Life of Benedict
7 Clodoald (Cloud), hermit & monastic founder
9 Ciarán of Clonmacnoise, monastic founder
11 Paphnutus the Great
17 Hildegard of Bingen, Doctor of the Church
19 Susanna of Jerusalem
   Bishop Martin Marty, OSB, The Apostle of the Sioux
25 Ceolfrid, abbot & a major contributor to the project Codex Amiatnus
   Finbarr, monastic founder
27 Tetta of Wimbourne, abbess
28 Leoba, missionary & monastic founder
29 Blessed Maria the Harp Player
30 Jerome, monk, theologian & Doctor of the Church
   “It is good to live in peace, for the wise person practices perpetual prayer.”
   Amma Theodora
   “I am the delight and understanding of the love of God…”
   Hildegard of Bingen

O C T O B E R
3 Manna of Fontenet, hermit
6 Bruno, monastic founder
12 Wilfrith, abbot
15 Thecla of Kitzingen, abbess
16 Gall, monastic founder
19 Frideswide of Oxford, monastic founder
27 Bernadeta M’bawala, Servant of God
29 Ermalinda, hermit
   “…we will share by patience in the sufferings of Christ, so that we may deserve to be sharers in his kingdom.” RB
N O V E M B E R
3 Winifrid, Welsh abbess
5 Raissa & Jacques Maritain, Oblates & writers
7 Willibord, monastic founder & missionary
8 Rumer Godden, Oblate & novelist
11 Martin of Tours, monastic founder
16 Gertrude the Great of Helfta
17 Hilda of Whitby, abbess
19 Mechtild of Hackeborn, liturgical musician & visionary
23 Columbanus, monastic founder
29 Dorothy Day, Oblate & founder Catholic Worker Movement
   “I require nothing from you but to come to me empty, that I may fill you.”
   Revelation to Gertrude
   “God has enough of all good things except one: of communion with
   humans God can never have enough.”
   Mechtilde (quote from Julian)

D E C E M B E R
6 Asella, hermit
10 Thomas Merton, monk & writer
15 Thomas Carey, Benedictine sister & artist
17 [O Wisdom] first of the great “O” antiphons for Advent
18 [O Adonai]
   Winibald, abbot
19 [O Root of Jesse]
20 [O Key of David]
21 [O Dayspring]
22 [O Ruler of Nations]
23 [O Emmanuel]
25 Eugenia of Alexandria
27 Fabiola, early monastic
31 Melania the Younger
   “The purpose of monastic detachment—which demands genuine
   sacrifice—is simply to leave the monk unencumbered, free to move, in
   possession of his spiritual senses and of his right mind, capable of living a
   charismatic life in freedom of spirit.”