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Spiritual Legacy of John Paul II
and Benedict XVI
in the Francis Papacy

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For my Madonna House family and our guests.

For Ma, Da, Jonny, Carrie, Clara, Felicity, Aminata, Rafe, and River.

For St. Joseph of Nazareth.

For Sts. Joachim and Anne
and the Apocalypse between them.

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We ourselves were once foolish, disobedient, slaves to various passions and pleasures, passing our days in malice and envy, hated by men and hating one another; but when the goodness and loving kindness of God our Saviour appeared, he saved us . . .

—TITUS 3:3–5A RSV

Ours is a tragic century where men are faced with tremendous decisions that shake the souls of the strongest. This is also the age of neuroses, of anxiety, of fears, of psychotherapy, tranquilizers, euphoricants—all symbols of man's desire to escape from reality, responsibility and decision-making. This is the age of idol-worship of status, wealth and power. These idols dominate the landscape like idols of old: they are squatty and fat. The First Commandment once again lies broken in the dust. The clouds of war, dark and foreboding—an incredible war of annihilation and utter destruction—come nearer. Dirge-like symphonies surround us and will not let us be.

What is the answer to all these darkneses that press so heavily on us? What are the answers to all these fears that make darkness at noon? What is the answer to the loneliness of men without God? What is the answer to the hatred of man toward God?

—CATHERINE DOHERTY, *POUSTINIA*

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