

Cornelia Connelly Sayings for Schools

1. My God, bless us and fill us with thy spirit. –CC
2. First to bear adversities with endurance—then with willingness—then with joy. –CC
3. Oh how can we ever be grateful enough for His making use of us! –CC
4. Distinguish between fervour of sentiment and fervour of action. –CC
5. Be strong in faith. –CC
6. Keep your soul in peace, and accept with thanksgiving and real gratitude the little thorns that wound. –CC
7. You will see that Our Lord will do everything if we do our best. –CC
8. God knows what we require. –CC
9. Generosity, generosity, generosity must be the beginning and ending of our life. –CC
10. When forgotten, passed over and neglected, to say as fervently as I can, ‘Deo Gratias’. –CC
11. Crosses and upsets prove to us how little Christ-like we are, and how quickly the thermometer of supposed heroism falls to zero when put to the test. –CC
12. Remember that it is not sufficient to have begun well; you must also persevere with courage and finish with resolution. –CC
13. I owe to my neighbour love, forbearance and forgiveness. –CC
14. Those with whom you live...have an undoubted claim on your good opinion, so that you should always put a favourable construction on their words and actions.–CC
15. Oh let us cherish and turn to good account the present time. –CC
16. Do you realize the privilege of giving to God? It is yours at every moment. –CC
17. Render the burden of others lighter by taking the heavier part of it ourselves. –CC
18. How much we must pray for each other that we may prove our gratitude to God for all he has done for us. –CC
19. This is the time to ask for great things: faith, zeal, generosity, humility, charity. –CC
20. You must learn to judge yourself and others and all things as God judges them, and value them as you will have to do at the moment of death. –CC
21. Let us only love and serve God. –CC
22. When matters will not bear discussion the only safe way is to put them in the hands of God. –CC
23. All will go well...if only you watch yourself and pray. –CC
24. ...Ever be ready to see our own faults first and to see only the virtue of others while excusing their faults by our charity. –CC

25. Don't talk about what you are going to do for God, but reflect on what God is going to do for you. -CC
26. God alone. -CC
27. You must learn how He looked, how He acted and how He prayed. -CC
28. We shall pray a great deal and leave all in the hands of Providence. -CC
29. Be accurate in all you say, in all you do. -CC
30. The more we love God the more perfectly we shall be in the joy and liberty of His children. -CC
31. Continue to praise, love and thank God, to offer yourself to Him. -CC
32. A broken heart is love's cradle. -CC
33. God bless you with His own loving goodness. -CC
34. Make acts of love, and one day you will find yourself inundated with His love. -CC
35. In each place, at all times and in every action...consider God as present within you. -CC
36. Sustain the true liberty of the children of God. -CC
37. Yes, Lord, yes, always yes. -CC
38. It is of very little consequence to me what anyone says about me. -CC
39. Dear Lord, do not let me fail in generosity in any way. -CC
40. Esteem what God esteems, and despise what God despises. -CC
41. St. Joseph Blessing: May the poverty of the Holy Child be your riches, His sighs and tears the consolation of your days, the love of His infant heart all your treasures. Amen. -CC
42. Ah! What grateful hearts must we prove to Our Lord. -CC
43. God is the only good. Sin is the only evil. Other than these there is no evil or good; all is relative. -CC
44. I belong all to God. -CC
45. Run with ardour in the way that He has pointed out. -CC
46. Practice virtue little by little in act after act. -CC
47. May all possess that peace which is God's own gift. -CC
48. Think for the love of God and speak for him and act for him. -CC
49. All we have to do is to...love God and then we can do all we want to do and say all we want to say—for we do not want anything then but just what He wants. -CC
50. There is no love without sacrifice, is there? -CC

51. At the beginning of each action place yourself in the presence of God, and offer it to Him with a pure intention. –CC
52. Our Lord regards what you desire sincerely to become, rather than what you are. –CC
53. We have God and the truth on our side, therefore we need fear nothing. –CC
54. Let us...be just as glad in adversity as in prosperity. –CC
55. The way of God is often quite different to our imagination of it. –CC
56. ...Laugh when you want to cry, and so put off getting angry. –CC
57. There are no drones in the beehive of the Holy Child. –CC
58. Do not allow your heart to be wounded, and if it is wounded in spite of your efforts, stitch up the wound with the love of God. –CC
59. Ah! What a good God we serve and how delicious it is to serve Him and to give Him again and again our body and soul and our heart's life. –CC
60. ...I wish for you all the Seven Gifts of the Holy Ghost, and that the Holy Spirit may whisper into your ear all that He wishes you to do in attaining perfection. –CC
61. We...must be full of confidence in God and diffident in ourselves. –CC
62. We are what we are in the sight of God, nothing more or less. –CC
63. Help me, Lord...in Thy service; help me to begin now, for until now I have done nothing. –CC
64. Go and accept whatever God sends, whether it be joy or suffering, praise or humiliation. –CC
65. ...We must never forget that it was not in a palace that the Holy Child gave His first blessing, but in a stable. –CC
66. When your hands toil, love Him with your hands. –CC
67. Take the Cross He sends, as it is and not as you imagine it to be. –CC
68. Do not resist the interior voice speaking to your heart. It is the voice of the Holy Spirit. –CC
69. My God, help me in my great weakness. –CC
70. Actions not Sentiments. –CC
71. ...to judge of things wisely is to view them as God Himself views them. –CC
72. ...Our Lord accepts our thoughts as prayers when we desire earnestly anything good and for His greater glory. –CC
73. Love in strength rather than in too much sweetness. –CC
74. Our good God is ever ready to cast a veil over past offenses. –CC

75. ...Pray that God's Will may be done in you, and you must tell Him that you will always do what He wishes. –CC
76. I most ardently desire to see you closely united to God in prayer and in all your actions. –CC
77. I am ready for anything that God wills. –CC
78. Love God, and then we can do all we want to do and say all we want to say, for we do not want anything then but just what He wants. –CC
79. Humility must be dear to us as the apple of our eye. –CC
80. Let us watch and pray and look to ourselves, returning good for evil without intermission. –CC
81. We do not know ourselves and cannot judge if we are weak or strong. –CC
82. (Our good God is ever ready) to bring forth fruit where we least expect it. –CC
83. Be yourself only make that self all that God wants it to be. –CC
84. Put away flash and vanity with courage and generosity. –CC
85. In all troubles and anxieties He is your friend and adviser and will help you to bear the cross whenever it may come. –CC
86. Diligence is love. –CC
87. We are ourselves the only obstacles to the overflowing of His Divine Love. –CC
88. Do humble deeds, and without knowing it you will become humble. –CC
89. ...I cannot give up what He has given me to do. –CC
90. Courage, Confidence, and Silence –CC
91. Do what you are doing. –CC
92. Live for Eternity. –CC
93. We may know readily whether our seeming good actions and desires are really so if we ask ourselves is this for the glory of God. –CC
94. Be accurate in all you teach, in all you say, in all you do. –CC
95. Oh, how ungrateful it is to higggle with Our Lord over the daily crosses of this short pilgrimage. –CC
96. You can never make others cheerful by scolding them into it. –CC
97. One gives opinions much more frequently to gratify one's pride than to instruct. –CC
98. Try to help others, and each effort will be blessed on yourself. –CC
99. As you step on through the muddy streets, love God with your feet. –CC
100. We may often by a little word help others out of years of trouble. –CC

101. If you practise these (Faith, Hope, Charity) with perfect constancy you will become Saints. –CC
102. ...be as diligent and vigilant as if all depended upon you -- be full of hope and trust in God. –CC
103. Let bygones be bygones. I am always ready to forgive, and to put things in the most favourable light according to God. –CC
104. God wills me to be a saint. I will to be a saint. Therefore I shall be a saint. –CC
105. Oh, that we may...see only the virtues of others while excusing their faults by our charity. –CC
106. You will never really work well with anyone unless you think it possible for others to know much better than yourself. –CC
107. Acts of virtue prepare us to receive the grace and gift of it from God. –CC
108. Gentleness, kindness and great patience may keep all in peace externally. –CC
109. Bear the cross silently and with tranquility of soul. –CC
110. Keep yourself in the presence of our good, good God, who is all truth and gives the spirit of truth and simplicity to all who walk in His holy presence. –CC
111. Sustain a bright and joyful spirit. –CC
112. I am ready at any moment to give up any responsibility, but not to shirk it while it still hangs upon me. –CC
113. I would wish to see you excel in the perfection of charity and true humility. –CC
114. Discretion is the cement of all virtues. –CC
115. ...go to Him in the Tabernacle and whisper all your heart's wants and ask for counsel in every way. –CC
116. Be open, and despise duplicity... –CC
117. Be then like the Holy Child Jesus in your thoughts, in your words, and in your actions. –CC
118. Let us be...glad...for the sweet humility of the Holy Child Jesus lent to us. –CC
119. You will never feel lonely if you keep your heart in that heavenly procession that is waiting for us. –CC
120. I wish we could...pray so fervently as to obtain for all, the true spirit of the Holy Child, and the love of all that He loved and taught. –CC
121. Let us...judge of things as our good and merciful God judges of them. –CC
122. Fidelity! Fidelity! Fidelity! –CC
123. How much depends on your fidelity in little things! –CC

124. Do not be ashamed to ask what you do not know. –CC
125. (Try) to laugh when you are disposed to grow angry. –CC
126. Let us try to be great in humility and little in ourselves. –CC
127. It is precisely because you are called to live busy lives that you must lead lives of prayer.
128. It is a great thing to know God's Will and to be ready to do it generously. –CC
129. (My God)...help me in trial to serve Thee with new fervour. –CC
130. To be wise is to judge of things as God judges of them. –CC
131. My God, help me to know Thy Will and give me the grace and the strength to accomplish it. –CC
132. He will bless us and do all things for us. –CC
133. Sit in silence before Our Lord, and be more ready to listen than to talk. –CC
134. Use the creatures of God...not abuse them. –CC
135. There are crosses, certainly, but ones which raise us to a purer love of God. –CC
136. Are we not all...bound to help each other, as well as look to ourselves?— to flap our wings together on the way to paradise? –CC
137. Be persuaded that nothing is little with God. –CC
138. Cherish diligence and fidelity in what is called little by daily occurrences. –CC
139. Be faithful and more and more faithful. –CC
140. Our good God has given us this present time in which to sanctify ourselves. –CC
141. No quality is more needed...than a mild and gentle spirit. –CC
142. Do not fail to be faithful to your word. –CC
143. Watchfulness, prayer and the constant seeking of divine help...must be the foundation of faithful confidence and hope. –CC
144. Be open, sincere, lively and joyful, ready, foreseeing and active. –CC
145. What one is called to do, she is called to do with all her might. –CC
146. ...All true charity is founded on humility, which always is mistrustful of self, and full of confidence in God. –CC
147. Is it not a wonderful thought that He condescends to be consoled by the acts of His creatures? –CC
148. God is the God of order – Such as He is, such is His house. –CC
149. Repress all interior vexations, displeasures, and dispositions to melancholy. –CC

150. Offer all to God, and ask Him to settle all that may still annoy you; for I have no help for you but through His all wise providence. –CC
151. I must make myself happy in having my heart pierced and broken. –CC
152. We must not stop to weep over...results, but make up our minds to work quite as hard (but not harder) for the coming year. –CC
153. You must take for your pattern the Holy Child Jesus, not only to love Him and His Blessed Mother, but to imitate Him as He lived with her in the house of Nazareth. –CC
154. Be very patient with your family, and do not be astonished that they should oppose you and be careful not to wound their feelings. –CC
155. In each place, at all times and in every action...consider God as present within you and...unite yourself to Him by fervent desires. –CC
156. Voluntary penance is chiefly useful in enabling us to accept what God sends. –CC
157. Make me die, O good Jesus, lest I should die. –CC
158. We have all a large share of suffering, and if we had not, we should never become Christlike as we ought. –CC
159. This life is only a little dream that will pass away as a shadow!...We are here today and gone tomorrow. What matters who is for us or who is against us! Let us only love and serve God. –CC
160. Be careful not to thwart in others desires for higher things. You may be thwarting the Holy Spirit. –CC
161. May you have the strength of mind...not to lose confidence by reason of contradictions. –CC
162. Remember, of yourselves you can do nothing, but in God and for God and with God you can do all things –D 74:362
163. Love what He loves and thus make our life one with Him, being in one continued act of love, from night till night and from year to year. –CC 8:88
164. Act with a single heartedness and the Almighty will bless you with a faith and a peace that will enable you to go through with happiness all the misery that troubles this life. May He guide you. –CC 1:46
165. Trust the children and never let your confidence in them be easily shaken. Confidence begets confidence. –D 74:324–325
166. Let [the children] show themselves in their true colors and then we shall see the highlights and what needs toning down. –D 74:324–325
167. Let us joyfully take pains and accept of labor, piece by piece, week by week, and day by day, and thus make sure of our victory. –CC 37:Preface
168. Be firm in your duty, but do not wound your neighbor, for there is a wide difference between firmness and severity. –CC 54:8
169. Stiffness and rigor will not bring forth love and these are not the spirit of the Holy Child. –CC 8:76

170. It is wisdom itself to know how to profit by experience and this not only by our own experience but by the experience of others. -CC 41:10
171. Difficulties exist only to be overcome. -D 73:177
172. I'm cosmopolitan, the whole world is my country;
and heaven is my home -D 73: 253
173. I will have no reserves with my God -D 73:191
174. Come, come my dear. Act like a woman with a head and a heart. -CC 1:46
175. In this flesh I shall see my God. -D 75:630
- *176. ...There would not be one of our convents on the face of the earth if we had not trusted to Our Lady of Sorrows next to God's providence. -CC6:113
- *177. We must learn to discern the spirits in order to conquer the evil ones and to be docile to the good ones. -CC 54:11
178. As to be a saint is to will what God willeth, so to be wise is to judge of things as God judgeth of them. -CC 30:16
179. Prayer is the great source from whence the graces of God flow into the soul. Apart from prayer there are no graces; without graces, no virtues nor any means of acquiring them. -CC 31:56
180. They only who listen hear the voice of God. . . .is mine a listening soul? -CC 54:36
181. Take care not to lose the interior spirit by the pressure of activity. -CC 7:1
182. Ask for great things — faith, zeal, generosity, humility, charity. But humility is the ground which is to be cultivated to bring forth the flowers of all the other virtues in your “enclosed garden.” -CC 8:45
183. Let us love one another and pray -CC
184. Let us love one another and be faithful -CC
185. Let us love one another and be humble -CC
186. Let us love one another and be filled with the charity of God -CC
187. Let us love one another with God, in God and for God and we shall thus be one with him for all eternity. -CC
188. Dwell with God and speak often to him in your heart, and from time to time help each other in the divine presence. -CC 54:66
189. I thought to live to complete my work, but it will be done by others -D 76:29
190. I can truly say that if there were not an almost unlimited elasticity and simplicity of spirit amongst us, I should look upon the faithfully loving confidence proved in our dear community as an undeniable miracle of God and his Immaculate Mother. -CC 16:51

191. In order to preserve the law of charity we must learn to “bear with one another.” -CC 54:38-39
192. Be watchful in leading each and all according to the divine grace bestowed upon them and keep yourself in spirit at the feet of all. -CC 23:24
193. No quality is more needed in an [administrator] than a mild and gentle spirit, without which she can neither preserve peace of heart nor bring forth good fruit in [others]. -CC 55:46
194. God does His own work well and we must be very careful not to spoil it by our small share in it. -CC 16:31
195. Pray and have great confidence in God who will take care of His own work and guide and govern it by His Holy Spirit. -CC 7:6
196. The past, the present, the future are equally present to Our Lord. -CC
197. It is always best to err on the side of charity, and safest to take the best view we can of everyone. -CC I: 72
198. Knowledge is power and there is no use in going to sleep when active energy would make us all the more useful and happy. -CC I: 114A
199. I decidedly object to caressing old troubles. -CC II: 84
200. Now is the time...to prove to Him that your fidelity will bear the cross in His own way and not of your picking and choosing. -CC VI: 57
201. The Vineyard of the Holy Child requires ardent and earnest labourers and not devout statues! -CC VI: 74
202. I have forbidden her to say “If I could I would”...but to say instead “I will do my best and trust in God”. -CC VI: 76
203. God does not always will that which is most perfect in itself but the most perfect possible under the circumstances. -CC VII: 17
204. Do for the love of God...leave others to Him. Leave them all to God, as the Irishman would say of his worst enemy. -CC VII: 17
205. Offer all to God and ask Him to settle all that may still annoy you. -CC VII: 83
206. Try to be just in your judgements my dear one. -CC VII: 105
207. We are here today and gone tomorrow. What matters it who is for us or who against us!! Let us only serve God. -CC VIII: 5
208. Let us no longer fail but now try our very best saying “I will now begin”.
-CC VIII: 97
209. Up-hill work requires encouragement. -CC IX: 88
210. Is not our faith a sword of strength? I feel it is so. -CC XI: 9
211. Only let us have patience. -CC XI: 26

212. I have done all that I see as depending upon me and leave the rest to our merciful God. –CC XI:
73
213. So ought all to begin again with the most sweet and holy and loving Child Jesus —a humbled God — walking with him step by step in the ways of the child.
(1846-53 Constitutions of the SHCJ)
214. ...we sometimes forget that in training and teaching children it is absolutely necessary to walk step by step, to teach line by line, to practise virtue little by little, in act after act, and only by such acts of virtue as are suited to the age and stage of moral and intellectual development of those we are guiding.
-CC *Book of Studies*
215. Let us not want “to fly” by ourselves, lest we leave our pupils behind to be lost in a mist. –CC
Book of Studies
216. Line by line, and step by step, in all learning and in all virtues, form the whole educational system. –CC *Book of Studies*
217. See the little birds how they carry insect after insect to the nestlings, just so must we give moral and intellectual food to our dear pupils, that from this labour of love may flow the desired result. –CC
Book of Studies
218. The usual method of correction is to indicate if anything is written against a rule, and then to ask how it is to be corrected, and to bring forth the rule transgressed; this also includes the praise of what is well written. –CC *Book of Studies*
219. Let all who belong to the Schools of the Society of the Holy Child Jesus, understand that it is of primary importance that they be imbued with piety and other virtues as much as with liberal knowledge.
-CC *Book of Studies*
220. [The pupils] must be led to feel strongly their relation to God—that of a child towards a parent.
-CC *Book of Studies*
221. The [teachers] must speak in an affectionate manner to the pupils, but at the same time impressively, and must suffer nothing light or irreverent.-CC *Book of Studies*
222. As children come by their first ideas of number through the medium of objects, so their whole early training in the principles and processes of number must be based on an observation of objects. -
CC *Book of Studies*
223. “History” has always been considered as the light of ages, the depository of events, and the faithful evidence of truth; it opens to us every age and every country; keeps up a correspondence between us and the great men of antiquity, and sets all their actions, achievements, virtues and faults before our eyes.-CC *Book of Studies*
224. It is well not to be too severe in the criticism and correction of the compositions. We are not to expect a perfect composition from a child. “It is easy to correct redundancy, but a barren genius has no remedy.”
-CC *Book of Studies*
225. In our schools we are not to consider Drawing as an extra or superlative Art left to the choice of any one to follow, or leave out... –CC *Book of Studies*
226. It is to be noted that drawing educates the eye in all perceptible beauty and order, and that it leads to the cultivation of a habit of observation, the only habit by which knowledge generally can be obtained. Nor is it to be considered as an accomplishment, but as an Art, which has its philosophy as well as its poetry. –CC *Book of Studies*

227. For the Poetry of the Art we must provide various occasions to allow every grade in the school to cultivate their fancy and taste... -CC *Book of Studies*
228. It is well to advance beginners by exercise and assistance in reading Music, so that as soon as they gain a certain degree of facility, and are able to read a page or two daily, they may be the more readily led on to a brilliant execution.
-CC *Book of Studies*
229. The honorary Ribbon for Good Conduct shall be thus awarded. The first honorary Blue Ribbon for the one who, in the whole school, has distinguished herself most by virtue and piety. Second honorary Blue Ribbon for her who comes next in merit—and to those shall be attached the highest prizes. -CC *Book of Studies*
230. At the distribution of prizes there shall be an exhibition of the drawings and work of the pupils as well as of the papers which have been written for the examination, which are to be sent home with them. -CC *Book of Studies*
231. Let the [teachers] instruct those children whose education is entrusted to the Society in such a manner, that together with learning, they may acquire habits worthy of Christians. -CC *Book of Studies*
232. [The teachers] must endeavour to inspire their pupils with the spirit of Faith, and animated themselves therewith they must esteem above all things in their pupils those qualities which make them truly great in the sight of God. -CC *Book of Studies*
233. The [teachers] must regard [their students] as the children of God, redeemed by His most precious blood, therefore, as the most precious charge that the love of Jesus could confide to them, and they should cherish a truly maternal love for them. -CC *Book of Studies*
234. The [teachers] shall at all times strive to gain the hearts of their pupils to the love and imitation of the virtues of the Holy Child Jesus, by the practice of humility, sweetness, gentleness, and love, not by a weak and familiar love, but a love that is noble, tender, and disinterested... -CC *Book of Studies*
235. Let the [teachers] have this particular intention in their mind as well at the time of lessons as at other times, that when occasion shall serve they shall lead the tender minds of their pupils to the love and service of God, and to the practice of those virtues by which He is most pleased. -CC *Book of Studies*
236. Let the [teachers] frequently pray to God for their pupils, and edify them by the example of their lives. -CC *Book of Studies*
237. As nothing contributes more to the perfection of discipline than the observance of rule, so the class [teachers] shall use their utmost endeavours to inspire the children with the spirit of ready and cheerful obedience and a love of order. -CC *Book of Studies*
238. Let them remember that more can be successfully done by exciting a desire of honour, hope of reward and sense of shame, than by fear of punishment... -CC *Book of Studies*
239. ...let them generally lead their pupils by love rather than fear. -CC *Book of Studies*
240. Let them raise the minds of the children from what is material to the spiritual, so that they may be led to view the invisible things of God through the medium of the visible. -CC *Book of Studies*
241. Let them not be more familiar with one pupil than another... -CC *Book of Studies*

242. Let them in everything by the Divine grace be diligent, assiduous, and studious of the profit of their pupils... -CC *Book of Studies*
243. Let [teachers] despise none, but let them carefully instruct the poor as well as the rich, doing their duty faithfully by all. -CC *Book of Studies*
244. Let not the [teachers] be too hasty in punishing, nor too eager in seeking faults, but let them dissimulate when they can do so without injury to anyone...-CC *Book of Studies*
245. ...and not only must they never use corporal punishment, but they must abstain also from any abusive word or actions, neither may they ever call any pupil by any other name than her Christian or full name, nor by her surname only. -CC *Book of Studies*
246. The [teachers] must always prepare their lessons before going to Class, and for this purpose they shall have an appointed time. -CC *Book of Studies*
247. The [teachers] shall on all occasions show great respect for each other; one must never countermand the orders of another, but on the contrary uphold each other's authority by every means in their power. -CC *Book of Studies*
248. One [teacher] is not to be compared with another. -CC *Book of Studies*
249. No one may repeat disedifying facts in the schools -CC *Book of Studies*
250. The pupils must be watched over and spoken to with the greatest sweetness and charity... -CC *Book of Studies*
251. It is necessary for the [teachers] to incite the pupils with a desire to excel at their various Examinations throughout the whole year... -CC *Book of Studies*
252. Let the [Head of School] admit nothing in the School of the nature of quarrelling, tale-bearing, or idleness, nor any thing wrong, or immodest and worldly. -CC *Book of Studies*
253. The explanation should be given in a clear, concise manner, and it should be made as amusing and interesting as possible. -CC *Book of Studies*
254. They must regard them [the students] as the children of God...and they should cherish a truly maternal love for them. -CC *Book of Studies*
255. I have asked our blessed Lord to make me think only what is right and true. -CC XII: 64
256. Where there are many contradictions, there much fruit is to be hoped for. -CC XIII: 16
257. We shall pray that our matters may come to a satisfactory issue, as no doubt they will with the blessing of God and confidence in His all ruling Providence.-CC XIII: 94
258. Life is so short and I am drawing near the end of my 56th year, but Our Lord's work needs no one, and may go on much better without me than with me. -CC
259. With what horror He resists the proud and how joyfully He receives the contrite. -CC
260. Prayer is the great source from whence the graces of God flow into our soul. -CC 31:56
261. Let us try day by day to do what He would do, to speak as He would speak, to think as He would think. -CC

262. How much we must all pray for each other that we may prove our gratitude to God for all He has done for us. –CC
263. Love all and each in one heart. –CC
264. Love all and each in one heart, in the very heart of the Holy Child Jesus, to whom you belong, one body and one spirit. –CC 54:69
265. Our Lord regards what you desire sincerely to become rather than what you are – Try to help others...and each effort will be blessed on yourself. –CC 6: 51
266. Facts are proofs while empty words may go for what they are worth. –CC 7: 106
267. We have the work of God to do and we are all very busy. –CC 8: 15
268. One little cross is of more value than whole hours spent praying. –CC 21: 52
269. One single “Thanks be to God” and “Blessed be God” uttered in adversity is of more avail than a thousand thanksgivings in a day of prosperity. –CC 21: 53
270. Receive my God the little good that I may do this day. –CC 21: 54
271. Give to the Holy Ghost many smiles and offer each smile as an invocation – a fidelity – a co-operation with grace. –CC 22: 2
272. When talking learn not to give opinions by seeking to know those of the one to whom you are talking. Thus you will gain the advantage of...having the use of another head. –CC 22: 12-13
273. Never judge by what appears without knowing the intentions and motives which may justify in one person what would be condemnable in another. God judges by what is. –CC 22: 13
274. Be even-tempered – not one day dull, and another bright. –CC 22:20
275. It is necessary to possess or endeavour to possess (that is to practise)...an unflinching courage in the execution of what is right and good. –CC 22:20
276. [Be] in motherly watchfulness over the children without self seeking or coddling tenderness. –CC 23:24
277. Be generous and of great heart. –CC 30: 14
278. Let them study by frequent prayer and meditation to make Christ their Companion on the road. –CC 31:12
279. God alone with our own co-operation can make us what we ought to be. –CC 41:22
280. O Lord, grant me patience here and indulgence hereafter. –CC 54:20
281. In the service of God nothing is little, and those things which appear trifling in our eyes are the very things which God loves. –CC 54:34
282. What one is called to do she is called to do with all her might. –CC
- JANUARY**
283. **1** A very happy New Year to you each and all, and...all the graces needed to pass the coming year. –CC

284. **2.** Let all be diligent in giving daily proofs of love this year. –CC
285. **6.** Like the Magi we are to follow the star of salvation by vigilance, humility and fidelity. –CC
286. **12** Ask God to give you that one single remembrance of His presence that unwraps all the windings of the heart and makes us true as He is true. –CC
287. **17** Do your work as if Someone else did it and not you, and tell Our Lord to act for you as well as He prays for you. –CC
288. Doing the will of God is the only happiness and the only thing worth living for. –CC
289. May He Himself give you His choicest blessings, and enrich you with a constant flow of the grace of charity and of prayer. –CC

FEBRUARY

290. **2** **Presentation of the Lord**
TRAGIC DEATH OF SON, JOHN HENRY
 It is precisely because you are called to live busy lives, that you must lead a life of prayer. –CC
291. We have all a large share of suffering, and if we had not, we should never become Christlike. –CC

MARCH

292. **17** **Feast of St. Patrick**
 You must learn to judge of yourself and others and of all things as God judges of them. –CC
293. **19** **Feast of St. Joseph**
 I choose thee, St. Joseph, for protector in life and in death. –CC
294. **21** Be full of confidence in God ...while we must do all that depends on us. –CC
295. **24** My good Jesus, I do give myself all to thee to suffer and die on the cross, poor as Thou wert poor, abandoned as Thou wert abandoned. –CC
296. **25** **Feast of the Annunciation**
 O Jesus, give me the sorrow, in meditating on Thy blessed wounds, or some portion at least, that Thy blessed Mother had. –CC
297. **27** Pray and practice mortification, that you may accomplish what is wanting in the passion of Jesus Christ — your co-operation. –CC
298. **29** Good Friday Yes, my Jesus! I will in spirit follow Thee to Calvary... –CC
299. **30** That (we) may learn the joy of loving the God who died for us. –CC
300. **31** **EASTER SUNDAY** God grant...that the ‘Pax vobis’ of Our Lord, at this blessed season, may bring peace for each and everyone. –CC

April

301. **13** God alone can give you what you need. Only ask and you shall receive. Ask with the desire of a living Faith. –CC

302. **15** To do anything well we must do it with our heart, with our mind and with all our strength for the love of God, of ourselves, and of our neighbour. –CC
- DEATH OF CORNELIA CONNELLY
303. **18** Actions not words. –CC
304. **22** Humility, fidelity, vigilance. –CC
305. **23** Receive, O my God, the little good I may do this day and give me the grace to repair the ill done, that I may bless thee during this life and praise thee through all eternity. Amen. –CC
306. **26** Grant us especially, O most liberal God, all the gifts necessary to accomplish thy designs. –CC
307. **27** You who love me so much...may Your pleasure be my pleasure, my passion, my love! –CC
308. **29** Yes Lord, you call me to be tired in your service. –CC
309. **30** May my life become one simple act of love. –CC

MAY

310. **1** **Feast of St. Joseph**
You must follow Him as He worked with Saint Joseph, as He went upon His many and troublesome errands and as He helped His Blessed Mother in her household labours. –CC
311. May our sweet Lady help you. –CC
312. We ought to look upon our actions as so many paths leading us straight to God...as so many ways by which God comes to us. –CC
313. In the service of God nothing is little, and those things which appear trifling in our eyes are the very things which God loves. –CC
314. Give me, O Lord, a love full of action; a love patient in labour, exact in daily employments, pure in intention, so that I may ever accomplish the things that are most pleasing to thee. –CC
315. The ways of God are many and He knows how to lead to the same end by different means. –CC
316. We never know what we can do until we try. Perseverance gains the crown. –CC
317. Let us take God's view. What does God think of this? How shall I view this in eternity? –CC
318. God alone with our cooperation can make us what we ought to be. –CC
319. You must not hide the gifts God has given, but use them in His service. –CC
320. **31** **Feast of the Visitation**
Be so attentive that you may be at all times ready, like the wise virgins, to hear His voice, and faithful in corresponding to it. –CC
321. **Feast of the Ascension of Our Lord**
Be full of joy. –CC
- JUNE**
322. **18** CORNELIA MADE SOLEMN VOW OF CHASTITY
Love and you will be loved; love in God, and for, and with God. –CC

323. Give the Holy Ghost many smiles and offer each smile as an invocation—a fidelity—a cooperation with grace. –CC

324. **24** Let us never think we have done enough, but more and more try to imitate the faith of the great Saint John. –CC

325. ...He condescends to show us the love of His Heart in pointing to it and saying: “Learn of Me, for I am meek and humble of heart.” –CC

326. **29** **Feast of the Beheading of St. John the Baptist**
Let us turn to the great martyr John the Baptist and compare our very little sacrifices to his life of penance and prayer. –CC

JULY

327. **6** **PIERCE ORDAINED PRIEST**
It is not presumption to have hope and joy and confidence in God’s grace. –CC

328. **31** **Feast of St. Ignatius Loyola**
(Beg)...St. Ignatius to give you his own strong, zealous spirit. –CC

AUGUST

329. **15** **Feast of the Assumption of Mary**
If our thoughts, words and actions resemble those of our dear Mother (Mary) none of them will be useless. –CC

330. **18** **CORNELIA ARRIVED IN ENGLAND TO FOUND SOCIETY**
How truly ought we to cherish and be grateful for every little cross we have. –CC

SEPTEMBER

331. **28** **FIRST MASS AT TOWANDA, PA, 1862**
Use all...as a means to reach heaven. –CC

332. **UN International Day of Peace**
No quality is more needed...than a mild and gentle spirit. –CC

OCTOBER

333. **1** **Feast of Thérèse of Lisieux**
Let us try to be great in humility and little in ourselves.

334. **2** **Feast of the Guardian Angels**
Be faithful to your Guardian Angel... How wonderful is the secret action of the Angels in carrying out the designs of God. –CC

335. **4.** **Feast of St. Francis of Assisi**
Be simple and humble and you will be sure of being blest.

336. **7.** **Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary**
If our thoughts, words, and actions resemble those of our dear Mother [Mary], none of them will be useless.

337. **13** **Feast of St. Edward the Confessor**
FOUNDING DAY OF THE SOCIETY, 1846 The Society was founded on a breaking heart.–Mother Frances Bellasis and other early biographers who quoted Cornelia

338. **15.** Were I not convinced that the thought of founding the Society was not my own but God's, I would have given it up long ago. But I cannot give up what He has given me to do. –D 67:29–30

339. The Society of the Holy Child Jesus is not my work. I have only followed the inspirations of God in obedience to His not my will. –D 63:27

340. May our Lady of the Angels guard and protect you and keep you as her own dear children. –CC

341. (I wish) to live interiorly with the angels. –CC

342. If you are not where you ought to be you are withdrawing yourself from the protection of your good Angel. –CC

343. Be faithful, trim your lamps with fidelity and especially fidelity in little things. –CC

NOVEMBER

344. **2** Pray hard for the dead and the dying. –CC

345. **19** CONNELLYS LEFT NATCHEZ EN ROUTE FOR ROME
Let us try to gain merit for Eternity, and to judge of things as our good and merciful God judges of them. –CC

346. ... Why are we not all saints? Only because our hearts are not fixed in God –CC

347. Always (be) ready for death, ready for judgment, ready for heaven. –CC

348. In this life we learn to value suffering because we find its reward in the possession of that peace which passeth understanding. –CC

349. We shall all be friends in Heaven. –CC

350. We shall never fully understand the value and blessing of our life till we get to heaven. –CC

351. We are on our way home ... and the trials and thorns must just be gently brushed aside so as not to interrupt us on our way. –CC

352. Vigilance and mortification will be sure to make you finally a saint. –CC

353. Wishing you all the light and wisdom you need to become a Saint. –CC

354. Let us all pray fervently for each other not forgetting that we have a community in heaven waiting for us to join them there. –CC

355. ... Our dear Lord will always be faithful to us if we are faithful to him. –CC

356. May you so love and follow the Man Jesus that you be of the number of these 'little ones' whom this most Blessed Lord will bring into His Kingdom. –CC

357. May God bless you..., and give you the noble ambition of becoming a saint. –CC

DECEMBER

358. **1** Let us love one another and be glad in the rich graces of this holy season of love. Gloria in excelsis! –CC

359 **3** Be very joyful, on your feast day, and ask our dear Saint (Francis Xavier) to give us his own spirit of sacrifice and love. –CC

360. **8 Feast of the Immaculate Conception**
If our thoughts, words, and actions resemble those of our dear Mother (Mary) none of them will be useless. –CC
361. **31** The year has passed away and all its crosses with it – Let us look back and see – no bones were broken in carrying them! –CC 55:32
362. May He bless you and give you the loving meekness of his own heart. –CC
363. May He bless you all and give you a holy and merry Christmas, and grant all your requests. –CC
364. Be faithful, trim your lamps with the oil of fidelity and especially fidelity in little things. –CC
365. Charity is the highest of all virtues. –CC
366. Oh, if our poor hearts are so easily touched by those who are contrite, what must it be with the heart of that loving God who died for us? –CC
367. I wish we could pray so fervently as to obtain for all the true spirit of the Holy Child, and the love of all that He loved and taught. –CC
368. ...to judge things wisely is to view them as God views them. –CC
369. My God, help me in my great weakness. –CC
370. I hope always to be able to do something for His glory, be it only not resisting His grace. –CC
371. My God, trim Thy vine; cut it to the quick, but in Thy great mercy root it not yet up. –CC
372. I am always ready to forgive, and to put things in the most favourable light according to God. –CC