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B16's Homily at Mass for Manuela Camagni

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I mentioned last week that one of the four women who care for the Holy Father and his household was killed in an automobile accident while she returned home to the Vatican from work. The website of Communion and Liberation has now posted the text of the Holy Father's homily at a special Mass held yesterday for Manuela.

Unsurprisingly, it is very beautiful, filled with the Giussani-like comments about memory, God's and ours, and about the relationship of the past, present and future in the eternal Christ. And, those who think Benedict is all about rolling back the reforms of Vatican II should note his comments about the post-conciliar liturgy at the end. Most importantly, I think the Holy Father's deep love for Manuela, his respect too, comes through very clearly. He took joy in her joy.

Eternal Rest grant unto her O Lord...

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