

Happy Independence Day

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A wonderful quote I'd never seen before, shared by my friend and fellow Catholic freelance writer [Maria Ruiz Scaperlanda](#) [1]:

"Whereas nationalism involves recognizing and pursuing the good of one's own nation alone, without regard for the rights of others, patriotism, on the other hand, is a love for one's native land that accords rights to all other nations equal to those claimed for one's own. Patriotism, in other words, leads to a properly ordered social love." --Pope John Paul II in *Memory and Identity: Conversations at the Dawn of a Millennium* [2] (Rizzoli, 2005)

Great food for thought on our country's Independence Day.

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[1] http://web.mac.com/mymaria/Mar%C3%ADa_de_Lourdes_Ruiz_Scaperlanda/Welcome.html

[2] http://www.amazon.com/Memory-Identity-Conversations-Dawn-Millennium/dp/0847827615/ref=sr_1_1?ie=UTF8&qid=1309831951&sr=8-1