

DECEMBER

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WEDNESDAY

1971 356th day - 9 days follow

Spend a beautiful night under thick blankets and a warm bed. This morning was clear and I got a magnificent view of the mountains from my bedroom window which tower more than two miles high. When the sun rose and hid then the view was spectacular. There are wine fields (vineyards) all around. Very delicious bread is served here along with butter and water at all meals. Clare and I went for a walk this afternoon to Sion across the river which is a ruined town with the ruins of an old castle. We had a long talk on many matters. I wrote some cards and got some reading done also.

attended the spiritual conference and all other liturgical functions wanting to take full advantage of this unique situation.

ATECONE

AS A VISITOR

THURSDAY

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DECEMBER

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1971 357th day - 8 days follow

Was up early again and had Mass after morning prayers and Lauds. I spent most of the day speaking with members of the house of Pader Pio and in getting information about the theological and canonical aspects of the old and new Mass. There were some interesting points made. I also had a long conference with the Rector - Archbishop Lefebvre. He is a fascinating individual. There are preparations being made for Christmas. I wrote many letters and postcards. I turned out to be a lovely day. I got to explore some of the underground passages and cellars in this old place. Wish I could stay longer but I must get to those Masses. Said my goodbyes and got things packed. Got some laundry done also.