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The Dynamic Vision of Salt and Light

Dear Friends of Salt and Light,

I am very happy to write these introductory words to our Advent 2017 Magazine that certainly has a very youthful look! It has been a momentous year and we have spent the past months settling into our new broadcast centre in Toronto. Among the highlights of the past months have been the many opportunities to welcome hundreds of visitors, benefactors and friends from around the world! The formal dedication of the Salt and Light Broadcast Centre and Studio on May 25, 2017, was a blessed evening for everyone that has left us with some wonderful memories. Our TV channel is now available in nearly 3 million homes across Canada and to an even larger audience via our website, livestreaming of major Papal events and on ROKU. The Salt and Light Magazine is now reaching several hundred thousand subscribers and friends. Our website has tens of thousands of visitors each month. Productions and programs of this magnitude require a significant amount of funds and are only possible with the continued generous support of our donors and benefactors.

Since our move, the quality of our programming has increased considerably now that we have a state-of-the-art studio and proper equipment to offer you high-quality programs and images. We were launched in HD on Pentecost Sunday! We completed a stunning, seven-part series entitled **Sisterhood** – inspiring stories of consecrated women around the world serving on the front lines of the Church. The Canada Media Fund sponsored the documentary on Catholic women making a difference in society. We have also begun filming the sequel to our highly successful **The Francis Effect.** The new



What makes Salt and Light unique in the constellation of Catholic broadcasting are the creative talents, faces and minds of young women and men who are our chief actors, voices, producers, editors. contributors. colleagues and competent witnesses of the Catholic. Christian faith.

documentary, set to be released for the fifth anniversary of the election of Pope Francis in the spring of 2018, will be **The Francis Impact** – a thought-provoking, not-to-be-missed film on the far-reaching impact of Pope Francis in the world!

One of the most significant programs this past fall was our nationally televised, "Youth Forum" in preparation for the 2018 Synod of Bishops on "Young People, the Faith and Vocational Discernment." Joining us in person for that unique program was His Eminence Kevin Cardinal Farrell, Prefect of the Vatican Dicastery for Laity, Family and Life. Cardinal Farrell, one of Pope Francis' closest collaborators, led us in a dialogue and consultation with young people from across Canada. We were thrilled to have Pope **Francis** speak to us during the amazing television broadcast that aired on our network on Sunday October 22, 2017. The many young women and men who participated in the televised consultation from coast to coast, realized once again how much Pope Francis wants to hear directly from young people around the world.

The current edition of Salt and Light Magazine is not only *about* young people, but most of the contributions are *by* young people. Our network was born on the wings of the 2002 World Youth Day in Canada. As our Mission Statement clearly states: "Salt and Light is a unique instrument of the New Evangelization. It is dedicated to being – and helping others become – the salt of the earth and the light of the world. Our mission is to proclaim Jesus Christ and the joy of the Gospel to the world by telling stories of hope that bring people closer to Christ and the Catholic faith." What makes Salt and Light unique in the constellation of



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Ever since the Second Vatican Council, young people have received great attention from the Church. Pope Paul VI, in closing Vatican II, addressed a Message to Young People with these words: "May the society which you are going to build, respect the dignity, the freedom, the right of persons; you, yourselves are these persons. [...] Enthusiastically build a better world than the present one, rather than give free rein to the tendencies of violence and hatred, which cause wars and their sad trail of misery."

Continuing the spirit of Pope Paul VI, Pope John Paul II also showed a particular love and concern for young people to the point of instituting the now-popular World Youth Day. This event has helped form a generation of people who are frequently called the "John Paul II Generation." The Pope's sharing in his encounters with young people produced a strong sense of "belonging" to a group and then, to the Church. Salt and Light was born from that dynamic vision.

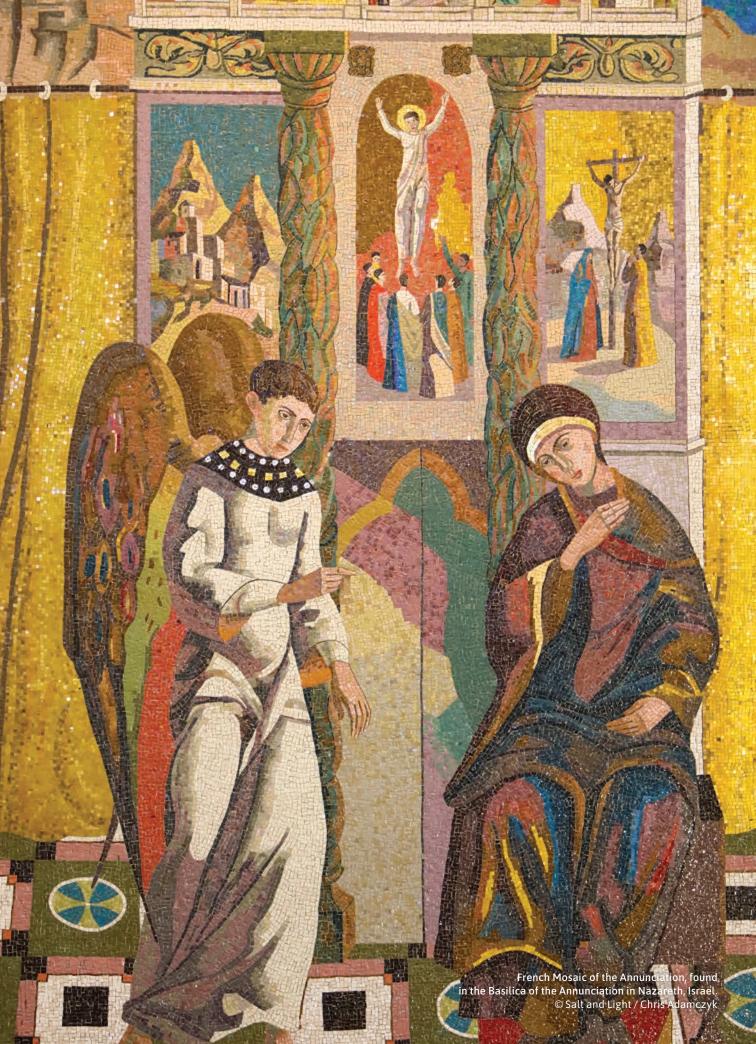
Thank you for your continued support of our efforts over the past 14 years. Salt + Light Television has truly been a family affair! I am particularly grateful to the "pillar families" who have been with us from the beginning and laid the foundation for Salt + Light Television: the Gagliano family, the Longo family, the Foresi family, the Verduci family, the Keenan family and the Weston family. Their sterling examples of generosity, philanthropy and belief in young people have brought us to where we are today. The continued support of the Supreme Council of the Knights of Columbus, of countless congregations of consecrated women and men religious and of the Diocese of Hamilton have made so many creative programs possible.

As we embark on our 15th year in 2018, remember that we cannot continue our work without you! May the Lord bless you and reward you abundantly for your friendship and encouragement of our efforts. On behalf of our Board of Directors, entire staff and interns, thank you for your continued generosity to us.

With gratitude,

Thomas Louis al

Rev. Thomas Rosica, CSB CEO, Salt and Light Catholic Media Foundation



How do we solve a problem like Maria?

REFLECTION BY FR. THOMAS ROSICA, CSB

The Sound of Music stage play and I are the same age – both from that vintage year of 1959 – and the film version was the first "motion picture" I saw as child in the mid 1960's with my family. God alone knows how many times I have seen it since–on stage, at the theater and on television! One of the memorable songs of the play is "Maria," sometimes known as "How Do You Solve a Problem Like Maria?"It is sung brilliantly by Sister Berthe, Sister Sophia, Sister Margaretta and the Mother Abbess at the Benedictine Nonnberg Abbey in Salzburg, Austria. The nuns are exasperated with Maria for being too frivolous, flighty and frolicsome for the decorous and austere life at the abbey. It is said that when Oscar Hammerstein II wrote the lyrics for this song, he was taken by the detail of her wearing curlers in her hair under her wimple!

When older Austrians in Salzburg speak of Maria, it is the "Gottesmutter," the Mother of the Lord! When the foreigners, especially North Americans, arrive in Salzburg and speak about Maria, it is usually the other one: Maria Augusta Kutschera, later Maria Augusta von Trapp, who was a teacher in the abbey school after World War I and whose life was the basis for the film *The Sound of Music*.

Because of this Maria, the abbey acquired international fame, to the consternation of some of the sisters! Having visited Nonnberg Abbey on several occasions while I was studying German in nearby Bavaria, I spoke with a few of the elderly sisters about the impact of *The Sound of Music*

on their life. The prioress told me that they have no plaques up about Maria von Trapp and her escapades at the abbey nor in Salzburg! One elderly sister said to me, with a smile, "Das ist nur Hollywood!" (That is only Hollywood!)

The Gospel story of the Annunciation presents another Maria, the great heroine of the Christmas stories – Mary of Nazareth – the willing link between humanity and God. She is the disciple par excellence who introduces us to the goodness and humanity of God. She received and welcomed God's word in the fullest sense, not knowing how the story would finally end. She did not always understand that word throughout Jesus' life but she trusted and constantly recaptured the initial response she had given the angel and literally "kept it alive," "tossed it around," "pondered it" in her heart (Luke 2:19). At Calvary, she experienced the full responsibility of her "yes." We have discovered in the few Scripture passages relating to her that she was a woman of deep faith compassion, and she was very attentive to the needs of others.

Maria von Trapp followed the captain and his little musical family through the Alpine mountain passes of Austria, fleeing a neo-pagan, evil regime that tried to deny the existence of God and God's chosen people. Some would say that they lived happily ever after in Vermont in the United States, and that their musical reputation lives on through the stage production of that beloved musical.

"May it be to me as you have said."

The "problem" of Maria of Nazareth began when she entertained a strange, heavenly visitor named Gabriel. The young woman of Nazareth was greatly troubled as she discovered that she would bear a son who would be Savior and Son of the Most High.

"How will this be," Mary asked the angel, "since I am a virgin?"

The angel answered, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you. So the holy one to be born will be called the Son of God." (Luke 1:34-35)

"I am the Lord's servant," Mary answered. "May it be to me as you have said." The angel left her and then the music began: "Magnificat anima mea Dominum." It would become a refrain filling the world with the sound of its powerful music down through the ages. The message Mary received catapulted her on a trajectory far beyond tiny, sleepy Nazareth and that little strip of land called Israel and Palestine in the Middle East. Mary's "yes" would impact the entire world and change human history.

Mary of Nazareth accepted her "problem" and resolved it through her obedience, fidelity, trust, hope and quiet joy. At that first moment in Nazareth, she could not foresee the brutal ending of the story of this child within her. Only on a hillside in Calvary, years later, would she experience the full responsibility of her "yes" that forever changed the history of humanity.

If there are no plaques commemorating Maria von Trapp's encounter with destiny at Nonnberg Abbey, there is one small plaque commemorating Mary of Nazareth's life-changing meeting in her hometown. Standing in the middle of the present day city of Nazareth in Galilee is the mammoth Basilica of the Annunciation, built around what is believed to be the cave and dwelling of Mary. A small

inscription is found on the altar in this grotto-like room that commemorates the place where Mary received the message from the angel Gabriel that she would "conceive and bear a son and give him the name Jesus" (Luke 1:31). The Latin inscription reads "Verbum caro hic factum est" (Here the word became flesh).

I can still remember the sensation I had when I knelt before that altar for the first time in 1988. That inscription in the grotto of the Annunciation is profound, otherworldly, earth shaking, life changing, dizzying and awesome. The words "Verbum caro hic factum est" are not found on an ex-voto plaque in the cave of the Nativity in Bethlehem, nor engraved on the outer walls of the Temple ruins or on governmental tourist offices in Jerusalem. They are affixed to an altar deep within the imposing structure of Nazareth's centerpiece of the Annunciation. "This is where the word became flesh." This is where history was changed because Mary said "yes."

Could such words be applied to our own lives, to our families, communities, and churches – *Here the word becomes flesh*? Do we know how to listen to God's Word, meditate upon it and live it each day? Do we put that word into action in our daily lives? Are we faithful, hopeful, loving, and inviting in our discourse and living? What powerful words to be said about Christians – that their words become flesh!

However beautiful and catchy are the tunes of Maria of Salzburg, the music of the other Maria, the one from Nazareth, surpasses anything I have ever heard. ③

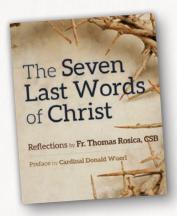
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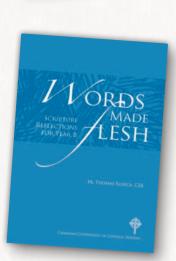


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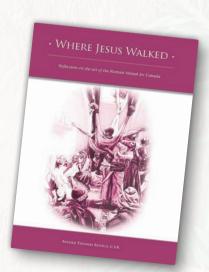


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things you need to know about the 12 Synod on Youth

Pope Francis has dedicated the 15th Ordinary General Assembly of the Synod of Bishops to the theme of "Young People, the Faith and Vocational Discernment." Here we respond to the most frequently asked questions about the 2018 Synod.

What's a Synod?

The Synod of Bishops is an ecclesiastical (Church) body established by Pope Paul VI after the Second Vatican Council in 1965. It was set up to foster "the unity and cooperation of bishops around the world with the Vatican." Synods of Bishops meet at the request of the Holy Father, when he considers it necessary or opportune to consult with the world's bishops on topics that pertain to the entire Church; these kinds of sessions can be either Ordinary or Extraordinary. The Synod of Bishops can also meet in a Special Assembly (or Session) on topics that pertain to a limited geographical area.

Who's head of the Synod?

The President of the Synod is the current Holy Father, Pope Francis. The Synod also has a General Secretary, who is currently Italian Cardinal Lorenzo Baldisseri. (Check out our Witness Interview!)

Who takes part in the Synod?

Several hundred bishops participate in the Synod, elected by the bishops' conferences country. Other participants include the heads of Eastern Catholic Churches, members of religious institutes, cardinals who head Vatican offices and special Papal appointees. Although they have no role, lay voting

and women are often participants, For example, during the recent Synod on the Family, there were 18 married couples.

What's the purpose of a Synod?

Synods are not parliaments where in order to reach a participants consensus, Fathers (Synod and delegates) start negotiate, making deals and compromises. The only method in the Synod is to listen to the voice of the Holy Spirit and to arrive at a real consensus inspired by the Holy Spirit and give recommendations to the Pope.

What's the theme and goal of the 2018 Synod?

Pope Francis chose as the October 2018 Ordinary Synod theme "Young the Faith and People. Vocational Discernment." The Pope has clearly stated that the entire Church wants to listen to young people: to what they are thinking, to what they want and to what they criticize. Everything. The Pope wants the Church to examine herself on how she can lead young people to recognize and accept the call to the fullness of life and love, and to ask young people to help her identify the most effective way to announce the Good News today.

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Where does the Synod take place?

The Synod takes place in the Synod Hall located above the Paul VI Audience Hall inside Vatican City. It begins with an opening Mass in St. Peter's Square followed by three weeks of formal sessions that involve attentive listening 'interventions' (short presentations) each bishop and appointed delegate. Hours are spent working in small groups in the official languages of the Synod: English, Italian, Spanish, French and German.

How do we prepare for the Synod on Youth?

To prepare for the October 2018 Synod, Pope Francis wrote a Letter to Young People, dated January 13, 2017. In that letter recommended that young people read the **Preparatory** Document as an effective tool in its preparation. The also contained some very good reflection questions for young people around the world. Pope Francis refers to this document as a "compass" in the journey leading up to the Synod.

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What does 'youth' mean? Who is included and in what stages of life?

The Synod will focus on the pastoral needs of youth between the ages of 16 and 29 and includes young people pursuing a vocational journey to either marriage, ordained ministry or consecrated life.

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What are the Pope's concerns for youth today?

One of the most important auestions that Pope Francis asks is: How can young people resist the two extremes of being against/living without the Church but choosing to be within the Church, actively participating in her life? How can they seek and find God in the people, events and experiences which they encounter and at the same time embark on a communal and mutual path of human, spiritual and cultural growth?

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What are some of the key words of the Pope's Letter to Young People?

Three key words guide voung people in their discernment: own recognize," "to interpret" and "to choose." These three verbs summarize the essence of "vocational discernment." "To recognize" is to look within oneself; "to interpret" is to see what is both positive and negative; "to choose" is to make a decision for the good.

Are there any

desired goals for this unique Synod on Youth?

Three other verbs are also key to the theme of this Synod: "to go out," "to see," and "to call." "To go out" is to abandon a "mentality" which pigeonholes people; "to see" is to spend time with young people so as to hear their personal stories; and "to call" is to reawaken desires, to free people from what might hold them captive and to ask questions which have no ready-made answers.

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Is this Synod for a select group of young people or for all youth?

The Synod is meant to be for all young people. Pope Francis has said: "Even young people who consider themselves agnostics; whose faith is lukewarm; who no longer go to Church. Even young people who consider themselves atheists. This is the Synod of young people and we want to listen to one another. Every young person has something to say to others. He or she has something to say to adults, something to say to priests, sisters, bishops and even the Pope. All of us need to listen to you!"

> Read the Papal letter Young People, the Faith and Vocational Discernment

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Young people, Faith and Discernment

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nationally televised youth forum on the theme of "Young people, Faith and Discernment" aired on Canada's Salt and Light Catholic Television Network on Sunday evening, October 22, 2017. Conceived and produced by our Salt and Light team in the "Fr. Michael McGivney Studios" of the Salt and Light Catholic Media Broadcast Centre in Toronto on October 10, 2017, the 90-minute program was hosted by Cardinal Kevin Farrell. Prefect of the Dicastery for Laity, Family and Life; Salt and Light founding CEO, Fr. Thomas Rosica, CSB; and young Salt and Light leaders Emilie Callan and Julian Paparella. Pope Francis took part in the program by sending a special video for the occasion in which he addressed young Canadians "from the Atlantic to the Pacific" and reminded them that they are the protagonists of this unique dialogue in preparation for the 2018 Synod of Bishops set to take place in October 2018 at the Vatican.



The Canadian youth forum, the first ever to take place in Canada, featured audiences of young people in Vancouver, British Columbia; Calgary, Alberta; Windsor, Ontario; Toronto, Ontario; Montreal and Quebec City in the province of Quebec. Young people in each audience represented the world of senior high school and university students, and young adults from many different walks of life and professions, including candidates for consecrated life and ordained ministry. Many were involved in youth and young adult ministries, and others were from university chaplaincies across Canada, Some had little association with the Church. The forum took place in English and French, the official languages of Canada. In the weeks prior to the forum, participants worked with their pastoral ministers, chaplains and guides in reflecting on Pope Francis' January 2017 Letter to Young People that announced the upcoming Synod of Bishops on "Young People, the Faith and Vocational Discernment," released by the Synod of Bishops



"I invite you to flood the places where you live with the joy and enthusiasm typical of your youthful age."

- POPE FRANCIS



in January 2017. Many participants had studied the Synodal Preparatory Document in advance of the television forum.

In his very animated address to young Canadians during the national forum, Pope Francis praised "the marvels of technology that, if used positively, provide an opportunity for encounter and exchange unthinkable until recently."

The Holy Father encouraged young people in Canada to be "weavers of relationships signed by trust, by sharing, by openness even to the ends of the world. Do not raise walls of division: do not raise walls of division! Build bridges, like this extraordinary one that you are crossing in spirit, and that links the shores of two oceans. You are experiencing a moment of intense preparation for the next Synod – the Synod of Bishops – that concerns you in a particular way, just as it involves the whole Christian community."

Throughout the 90-minute television program, young people from each part of Canada offered reflections, posed



questions and shared their hopes for the 2018 Synod with Cardinal Farrell and Pope Francis. In each city, a young producer of Salt and Light Television facilitated the conversation and allowed a real dialogue to take place with the studio audience in Toronto and Cardinal Farrell. The Quebec delegation also enjoyed the presence of Cardinal Gérald Cyprien Lacroix, Archbishop of Quebec City and Primate of the Church in Canada.

"It's your moment; it's your time," Cardinal Farrell told participants in the Canadian forum. "The whole church is saying to you, the pope is saying to you: Don't allow the world to control you; you control the world."

When it comes to evangelizing,

Cardinal Farrell said young people themselves should consider how they can reach out to their peers, holding up social media as an area where they would be more effective than what he called "the elders" of the church.

"If Saint Paul were around today, where would he be? He'd be an expert on [Twitter's] 140 characters. And that's where you should be," he said. "The Holy Father wants us to change the world," Cardinal Farrell said. "Make a difference. Don't let the world control you; don't let it drag you down. But you tell us how we can help you to improve it and to make it better."

Cardinal Farrell also reminded youth across Canada that the 2018 Synod of Bishops will be an extension of the Synods in 2014 and 2015. During those meetings, bishops addressed the challenges of modern family life. Those discussions led to the publication of the Apostolic Exhortation *Amoris Laetitia*, which urges priests and ministers to reflect on how they provide pastoral care to families.



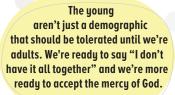


What are young people saying?

Christ's message is not just for those involved in the Church now... We can participate in projects outside the Church and be a sign of Christ to others.

We get our fill of the Holy Spirit and 'mountaintop experiences' (like WYD) and we're then faced with all the sin and temptation all around us. How do we maintain these experiences?

What I would like in particular is to speak openly about sexuality.... (and especially pornography, to respond to that need in young people...)

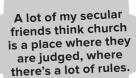




I would ask (Pope Francis) for concrete ways to explain the Church's position on abortion and assisted suicide. There are people within and outside the Church who don't understand why the Church is against these things.

When we say God wants a relationship with you, we hear: "I'm perfectly happy without God." How do we fill a cup that's already full?

How do we make the Mass something young people want to come and see?









How (do we) make the Catholic faith attractive to young people who are at a point in their lives where they are trying to figure out who they are?



If the Church wants to meet people where they're at right now, they need to meet people





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Dear young Canadian friends!

'm happy to be able to spend a little time with you, participating in your dialogue, in which you are protagonists from the Atlantic to the Pacific. There are these marvels of technology that, if used positively, provide an opportunity for encounter and exchange unthinkable until recently.

This confirms that, when people work together looking for each other's good, the world reveals itself in all its beauty. I ask you, therefore, not to let the world be ruined by those without scruples, who only think about exploiting it and destroying it. I invite you to flood the places where you live with the joy and enthusiasm typical of your youthful age, to irrigate the world and history with the joy that comes from the Gospel, from having met a Person: Jesus, who has enthralled you and has drawn you to be with Him.

Do not let your youth be stolen from you. Do not allow anyone to slow and obscure the light that Christ puts in your face and in your heart. Be weavers of relationships signed by trust, by sharing, by openness even to ends of the world. Do not raise walls of division: do not raise walls of division! Build bridges, like this extraordinary one that you are crossing in spirit, and that links the shores of two oceans. You are experiencing a moment of intense preparation for the next Synod – the Synod of Bishops – that concerns you in a particular way, just as it involves the whole Christian community. In fact, its theme is "Young People, the Faith and Vocational Discernment."

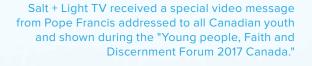
I also want to remind you of Jesus' words, those He said one day to the disciples who asked him, "Rabbi, where do you live?" And Jesus answered, "Come and see." Jesus also turns His gaze on you and invites you to go to Him. Dear young people, have you encountered this gaze? Have you heard this voice? Have you felt that impulse to get up and be on the way? I am sure that, although din and dizziness seem to reign in the world, this call continues to resonate in your soul, to open it to full joy. This will be possible to the extent that you, through accompaniment of expert guides, undertake an

itinerary of discernment in order to discover God's plan for your life: yours, yours, yours, and yours – the plan He has for the life of each one of you – even when your journey is marked by danger and missteps, God, rich in mercy, tenders His hand to pick you up again.

These words – I wrote them in the letter I sent to all the young people of the world on January 13th of this year, precisely in order to present the theme of the Synod. The world, the Church, are in need of courageous young people, who are not cowed in the face of difficulties, who face their trials and keep their eyes and hearts open to reality, so that no one should be rejected or subjected to injustice or to violence, or deprived of human dignity.

I'm sure your heart – a young heart – will not be closed to the cry for help of so many of your peers who seek freedom, work, study, a chance to make sense of their lives. I count on your willingness, your commitment, your ability to face important challenges and dare to make the future, to take decisive steps along the path of change.

Young people, let Christ reach you. Let Him speak to you, embrace you, console you, heal your wounds, dissolve your doubts and fears - and you shall be ready for the fascinating adventure of life, that precious and inestimable gift that God places every day in your hands. Go to meet Jesus, be with Him in prayer, entrust yourselves to Him, give your whole life over to His merciful love and your faith, and your faith will be the luminous witness generosity and of the joy there is in following Him, wherever He should lead you.



Dear young people of Canada, my hope for you is that your meeting should be like that of the first disciples, that the beauty of a life realized in following the Lord might open wide before you. For this reason I entrust you to Mary of Nazareth, a young person like you, to whom God turned His loving gaze, that He might take you by the hand. Let yourselves be taken by Mary's, and let her guide you to the joy of saying a full and generous, "Here I am!"

Jesus
watches you
and awaits a
"Here I am!"
from each
of you.

I bless you, I embrace you, and I greet you with affection while I ask you, please, to pray for me, so that I may be a faithful cooperator with your joy. Thank you.

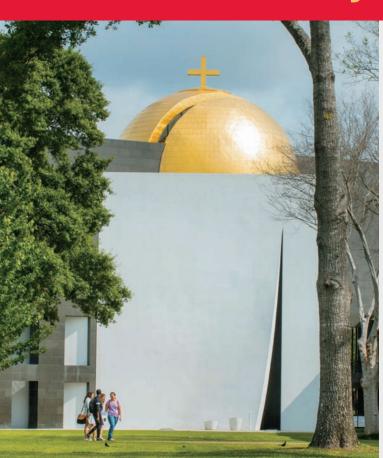
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We're All Called

CAITLYN BONDY

"Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you."

(Genesis 12:1)

These are the words Pope Francis directed us to in his Letter to Young People in preparation for the upcoming Synod on Youth. It gives

me much faith in our Holy Father, who truly understands what young people are living and experiencing. His message, which comes from our heavenly Father, stirs something deep in my own heart. As a young person, I have felt the deep pull for something greater in life. I

have held on to the belief that God has some great and special adventure for me. He has chosen me to play a special role in this great story that He is writing, that only I can play. And I desperately want to play that role. I want to be a part of that story, to create a more 'just and friendly society.'

But, so often I feel like I'm wandering down a very lonely path, with no one in sight to ask directions. Currently, I'm in my late 20s, living in my sister's basement, about to go back to school full-time, and of course, back to work at my favourite coffee shop. This doesn't really look like the great adventure I was imagining. This is not the role I thought I would be playing. I feel despair creeping in. I feel like I must have taken a wrong turn. When I left my father's home for this new land, I felt so confident, but now I often feel like I have been tricked into

believing there is something bigger. The world tells me that I am nothing more than ordinary.

So what does it mean to me that Pope Francis has decided that this upcoming Synod will be on "Young People, the Faith, and Vocational Discernment"? It has given me hope. Our Holy Father reminds me that I am not ordinary at all. I am called to

something great! God does have a plan for me, a role that He wants me to play, that only I can play. While at times that feels just a bit too far-fetched for someone as ordinary as me, He sometimes gives me small glimpses of what that really means. He sends someone to tell me I have made a difference in his or her life. He

gives me moments of awe and wonder as I gaze up at a huge sky of stars and He says, "I love you more than these." He gives me the grace to return to Him consistently each day in prayer.

It's difficult for me to say what my hope is for this Synod. I have been blessed to participate in or be a part of many organizations that have played a role in helping me answer this call from our Holy Father. Ministries like NET Canada, Steubenville, and Life Teen have all played a huge role in my own faith journey. I hope the Synod will reinforce how important these types of ministries are to the universal Church.

The truth is that the Church has all that is good and true and beautiful. It has everything that young people are looking for; however, sometimes I feel it is veiled to them. For example, in conversations with my peers, it is clear many young people do not

believe that science and religion can co-exist. They think that science has disproved God's existence or that the Church is behind in its acceptance of what science has proven to be true. What needs to be unveiled to them is that science leads us to a greater sense of wonder and awe at what God created. These realities need to be articulated to young people, with the same force and creativity as opposing messages coming from the world.

As a young person in the Church, I have had many opportunities to have my voice heard among leaders of the Church. Sometimes I have felt heard, other times I have not. I am confident in the Holy Father's earnest desire to listen to the young sheep of his flock like a grandfather listens to his grandchildren, as they come home from their adventures each holiday. And just as my grandfather does, he will give sound advice and guidance as a wise leader who has already lived it.

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Witness of Love

KARIM KHOUZAM

he discernment of my vocation has not always been as clear as water. It took a long time to get to where I am! Today, I am blessed to work as an engineer in the greater Montreal area. I was married in September of 2015 to my beautiful wife, Patricia, who I met through our youth group, the Montreal Catholic Challenge Movement. We were united before God after four years of courtship. However, it took me quite a few years to discern that God was calling me to the vocation of marriage.

My personal vocation didn't magically appear to me. It did not appear through my

month-long pilgrimage across Spain during the Camino of Santiago de Compostela, nor did it mysteriously come to me during my experiences of World Youth Days in Madrid and Brazil! Instead, it was in the succession of examples of godly men through whom I was positively influenced over the years. It was the fathers and husbands around me who were committed to living their vocation. It was my close friends who I watched promise to love and cherish their wives for better of for worse. It was the men who were unafraid of the future because they had placed God in the middle of their relationships. It was my father, who after 33 years of marriage was still in love with and treasured my mother (and still is!).

It was the witness of countless men who were placed on my path

through which I came to see God's call for my life. By their way of life, these men encouraged me to live and to learn about the Theology of the Body that John Paul II taught during his pontificate. His teachings helped me to understand the true meaning of authentic love between a man and a woman.

I have the deepest respect for priesthood and continue to think of it as a beautiful vocation. It was through prayers, times of reflection and guidance from my spiritual director that I allowed myself to really open become the best version of ourselves. He calls us every day to be witnesses of His love. In 2016, God gave us the opportunity to travel together to World Youth Day in Krakow, Poland to testify and witness the love of Christ as a married couple. We shared our personal vocation story of marriage at the Canadian Gathering. God had placed so many godly men to help me on my vocational path. In turn, He used my own personal path to hopefully inspire young pilgrims to their own discernment of vocation.

I felt drawn to marriage because I

knew that God had graced me to be with one of his daughters who I loved so very much and who I wanted

to spend the rest of my life with. The vocation of marriage is beautiful, but not to be taken lightly. No vocation is easy. It will stretch you and grow you to be a better person, and the right vocation will fill you with profound joy and peace. God calls us all to follow Him. Whether God calls you to priesthood, religious life, marriage or single life, do not be afraid. In my case, He calls me to be a man of God, a husband... and a father, coming January 2018!

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my heart to God in order to have the freedom to discern. Was He calling me to priesthood? Or was I called to lead others through the vocation of marriage? Only by truly opening up my heart did I fully appreciate the beauty and spiritual richness of what God was calling me to do with my life. He opened my eyes to see that, for me, fulfillment would come through marrying the right person. It meant that I could live my life with someone who loved Christ just as much as I did. Together, we could listen to and learn from Christ, while serving the Lord daily. Ultimately, we would be able to give our lives in love and service for the Lord.

Marrying Patricia meant all that and more. In her, I found my best friend, my prayer partner and my soulmate. Together, we have helped one another



ON JUNE 4, 2016, I fulfilled my vocation as a husband by choosing to marry the woman I was called to share my life with, Hannah Marie Pambuan. I first asked Hannah out when I was 17, and while our relationship was one that was focused on Christ from the very beginning, it still took me 10 years before I was prepared to get down on one knee and propose. From a young age, I already had my own ideas of what marriage was, along with a loose desire to one day be a husband and father. But before I was ready to make the jump with the right intentions in mind, I had to fully question the idea of vocation. I needed to resolve the tension found between my own desires and where the Lord was calling me.

When I was younger, I was active in a youth/young adult group within the organization Couples for Christ. It was in this community that I was shown the importance of the sacramental vocations to an even greater degree than I

had ever experienced. But even then, I didn't fully grasp it. At different points in our relationship, Hannah and I discerned for both married life and religious life while still dating each other. To be honest, the priesthood never really appealed to my sensibilities. I suppose this was due to the lifestyle I was living at the time. I had already been in a relationship for a while, and so it was easy for me to settle on marriage as my vocation. Being set in my ways on the path to marriage, I thought I knew what I needed to do - finish school on schedule, get a job in my field, and save enough money for a down payment on a house before proposing. Even though this was by all means a good plan, the reality is that school took longer than expected, I didn't end up working in my field, and to this day I still haven't saved enough to put a down payment on a house. In hindsight, the problem was that the conditions I had for marriage never came from the Lord; they came from my

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own personal ideas of what marriage should be.

The true joy found in vocation was revealed to me while Hannah and I were attending a Catholic conference. There was an evening of charismatic praise and worship where I was finally able to put everything on the table and be with the Lord. In an instant of complete surrender, I let go of my personal desires for my life and simply asked God where I was called to be. That evening I opened my heart fully to single life, I opened my heart fully to the priesthood, and I opened my heart fully to married life. I was ready to give everything up and follow Him wherever He would send me, without condition. Then, in a single moment of clarity, I heard the Lord speak one word: "Hannah." It spurred in me the smallest change; instead of pursuing all that I desired, I only desired to go where the Lord called me.

It's been over a year now that Hannah and I have been married. We have a two-month-old daughter named Clare Frances Pambuan Roca, and we're renting a small one bedroom apartment on the third floor of a walk-up. Early on, we knew that

our marriage would not just be about ourselves. Even in our limited capacity, we are compelled to share our life with our family and with our neighbours every single day. If I had waited to get married on my terms, then I wouldn't have the life I live today, the life that was prepared for me from the very beginning by the One who loves us. Is our marriage perfect because Hannah and I share similar values, or because we both love coffee, or because we really are best friends? No, our marriage is made perfect by the Lord who makes it so. All we have to do is wake up every morning and ask, "Where are you calling our family today?" @

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A CALL TO PRIESTIN MINISTRY

GIANCARLO QUALIZZA

MY VOCATION to the priesthood started like many before mine had - as an altar server. Our parish priest was well loved and he was, and still is, an example to follow. He has the heart of a pastor, the wisdom and understanding of a loving father and, above all, he lives his call to the priesthood better than many priests. He is one of the holiest men I know!

With this solid example of a priest, my call was launched. My first desire to don the black came from how everyone treated our priest, how he was often invited to dinners, movies, hockey games, etc. I told myself, "I can do that." I may have been nine or ten at the time. As I grew older, I began to be aware of the members of the opposite gender, and I told myself that there had to be another way to be invited to movies, dinners and hockey games without wearing a cassock and having a collar around my neck.

For a while, it worked, but I was never truly happy. At the age of 17 in 2004, I enlisted in the Royal Canadian Armed Forces in the infantry, hoping to find a decent job to help pay for school, and have fun living out scenes from the movies in real life. During my seven years in the armed forces, the only movie scenes I was able to play out were with my

Entrance procession of seminarians, priests, and bishops for the ordination of Father Christophe Guillet, on June 10th at the church of Saint-Germain in Outremont. © Pastoral Office for Priestly Vocations

platoon sergeant during my basic training (lots of yelling in my general direction), but little else beyond that. However, during this period of my life, I felt the Lord call me again. So at age 19, I went to a vocational evening where they explained the process of the formation. Being so young, I was somewhat overwhelmed and answered: "Thanks for the evening: don't call me, I'll call you," or at least did so in my mind. And I left it at that. I eventually entered Concordia University to complete a degree to become an officer in my regiment, but alas, that was not to be. I was injured in 2009 and had to find a job outside the Forces. And so I left, I met a young lady and it got serious.

But once again, the Lord hadn't given up on me. I began to ask for signs and the Lord provided them priests telling me that I'd make a good

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priest or something reminiscent of the priesthood and so on. Unfortunately, I stubbornly ignored or dismissed them altogether. One day, however, I said a prayer and promised the Lord (a very dangerous thing to do, making promises to Him, but not praying) that if He gave me a clear and definite sign that very day, I would drop everything and enter the seminary. If not, it would confirm that I was in the clear. So my day went by smoothly with no priests asking me about my vocation, nothing to do whatsoever with the Church and so I felt good. I started my evening shift at the local movie theatre and finished around 11:30 pm. So the day was almost over and I was in the clear! Not so. On the way home, I noticed that two planes made with their contrails (the lines they make in the sky) a cross. I noticed this at 11:55 pm. I remember sighing. This was indisputable – the sign, the timing, the path I had taken to go home, etc. And so, I called my girlfriend to inform her

that I had to break it off, as I intended to dedicate myself to God as one of His priests.

Since then, I have been studying at the Major Seminary of Montreal for our diocese and am still in love with Christ and the vocation he entrusted to me. Naturally, it isn't always easy (nothing worthwhile is), and if it wasn't for the support of my parents and their faithful adherence to Holy Mother Church, and a few holy priests to provide examples to imitate, encouraging vocations and a visit to the Seminary, I'm confident I may not have entered at age 25. I am convinced that the Lord chooses His priests at conception, so while I was destined to enter the seminary, it may have been a much longer wait!

The vocation and call to the priesthood is a demanding one. It involves a long period of study; an

> inordinate amount of prayer, from oneself and others (I have found that have kept me in the

seminary better than my own inadequate prayers); maintaining faith and committing yourself entirely to the vocation; and ignoring offers from employers and propositions from young ladies that may make you otherwise happy. But, knowing that you will be supported by the priest who is forming you and by others at the diocese until you are ready to be ordained will help keep you on track. All of this means nothing, however, if you don't remain close to the faithful teachings of the Church, our Mother, and the Blessed Sacrament. 9

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mm, let's see ... vocation. Where do I start? The "vword" can cause a young Catholic man or woman to sweat nervously at its very mention. It is a source of anxiety for many faithful Catholics, it seems - our own Monty Hall problem; behind each door is an option we can choose, and we can be stuck for years trying to intensively discern the best choice we could possibly make.

I've always been a Mass-going Catholic. While I would say that my faith journey has developed through many conversions and that God has done much work in me. I've always believed that the most important thing for this world and for every person is to have a living faith in God. Sitting in a church pew, you become acutely aware of the lack of young people in the 16 to 30-something age range, and you also can't help but notice the increased age of your priests and the lack of young men rising up to take their place. It's

not a big leap to begin to think that perhaps you might be needed here, and while some have witnessed to receiving clear answers from the Lord as to what they should do about it, I can say I don't necessarily feel that's been the way He has communicated with me.

I like working within clear guidelines set by people that I feel I can trust. I want to know the best answer and the best method before I proceed. I want

to have mastery of a skill or topic before I start applying it. I used to aspire to playing professional rugby, and my ability as a player was

diminished because I struggled to commit to a decision, paralyzed by all the options available and all the elements necessary to execute them. On the field, it often looked and felt like I was struggling through molasses.

I remember one coach after another telling me, "It doesn't matter what you decide, just commit 100% and do it", yet I was hard-headed. My desire to be a star player translated into a fierce determination to make perfect plays, and it prevented me from being the best player I could be.

I recognize that this tendency continues with me today. The farther I go into business school and the more I really listen to everyday people, the

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more I continue those early lessons as an enthusiastic rugby player. I realize I need to be comfortable with the shades of grey that colour most of the options available to me. Discernment of vocation is like discernment of any

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other choices you make; you can identify some choices that seem downright bad or definitely good. However, the majority of choices seem more or less neutral, defined more by our character and the faithfulness with which we go about them than by the intrinsic nature of the choice itself. Every choice you make has trade-off: you trade one good one for another, and you have to decide what you're going to live with. I can take a job that pays more money but that leaves me with less leisure time; I can choose to take up a dancing class but I'll forgo the chance to do martial arts lessons; I can buy this colour tie for my groomsmen but forgo the possibility that I may yet come across the tie that perfectly matches the bridesmaids' dresses. Our actions and their consequences in our small decisions parallel those of our major decisions. I think God has called me before anything else to stand up for myself and take action, in conjunction with a deepening relationship of trust in and faithfulness to Him.

I'm an extrovert: I love talking things out and I believe that God speaks to me through other people. It was through friendship that I was assured I was on a path to God and that I should be decisive about what I would do. Those who seemed most to reflect this closeness to God affirmed my choices and supported me through their prayers and fellowship. So a quick shout out to Stephen, Tim, Julian and Sean – they have been wonderful brothers to me in the

faith, and I'm grateful to have them in my life. By working on my relationship with God through the friendship of others, I was able to get the feedback that I felt I needed to act in a way that is pleasing to Him.

Finally, it would be difficult to talk about my path to discerning a vocation of marriage without talking about Katja, my wife-to-be. While a lot of our journey would be the subject of an entire other post, I'd just like to say: God has put someone in my life whose personality and outlook complement my own. I am loved, challenged, frustrated, joyful, fearful, courageous, opened, and a great deal more. It's been hard to shed some of the worst of me, and it's been wonderful to discover some of the best of me. I feel God is doing His work with me through her: I love others more because I love her, and I hope it continues for the rest of our lives. I think ultimately this is the point of our vocation, no matter what state of life we choose.

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Unite us to Jesus through prayer and sacrament, so that we may cooperate with you in building your reign of mercy and truth, of justice and peace. Amen.

— Pope Francis

Adapted from the Message on the 51st World Day of Prayer for Vocations



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FR. TIMOTHY MONAHAN

· cannot imagine waking up each day and doing what my dad does," said one young adult with whom I was talking about discernment. I know his father: he is a good man, has a decent job, a lovely family, and a nice house, but it just didn't appeal to his son. It would be easy to jump on the bandwagon and bash millennials for their idealism and lack of practicality, but there was something else going on here. This young adult is intelligent, athletic, hard-working, has a nice girlfriend, and is religiously serious, but he is not satisfied. And this dissatisfaction could be a gift from God.

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aving been raised in a meritocratic culture where achievement and efficiency are of the highest value, some of our young adults are now encountering dissatisfaction disillusionment. They did everything they were supposed to! They went to the right schools, got the right grades, participated in all the right activities, and now they have the right job and the right life. But they are not happy, because no one has helped them to see the purpose for which they are living. What's the narrative all about, and what is their part in this story?

I am privileged to work as the Vocation Director for the Archdiocese of Chicago, and I spend my time listening to and interacting with young adults who are discerning their vocations. This is an incredible honour. and the harvest is ripe. We have a huge population of young adults here, and they are restlessly searching for something more in their lives. In praying with them, listening to them, and helping them discern, I see women and men who need help uncovering the great desires of their hearts: desires for Jesus, for God, for authentic community, for deep relationships, for generosity, for heroism, for justice, for a rightly ordered world, and for peace. All of us are invited into a deep and transformative relationship with Jesus and with each other, but so few have heard this invitation in a compelling

So that's the challenge we face: to engage with our young adults and help them discern how Jesus is calling them. In Chicago we relaunched our Theology on Tap this past summer with different tracks for evangelization, catechesis, and service; there are Scripture study groups for young adults throughout the city; we have a Young Adult Evangelization Night in October; there are dynamic parishes with Young Adult Masses on Sunday evenings that are packed; we have an evening ten-week discernment program called InSearch, which has

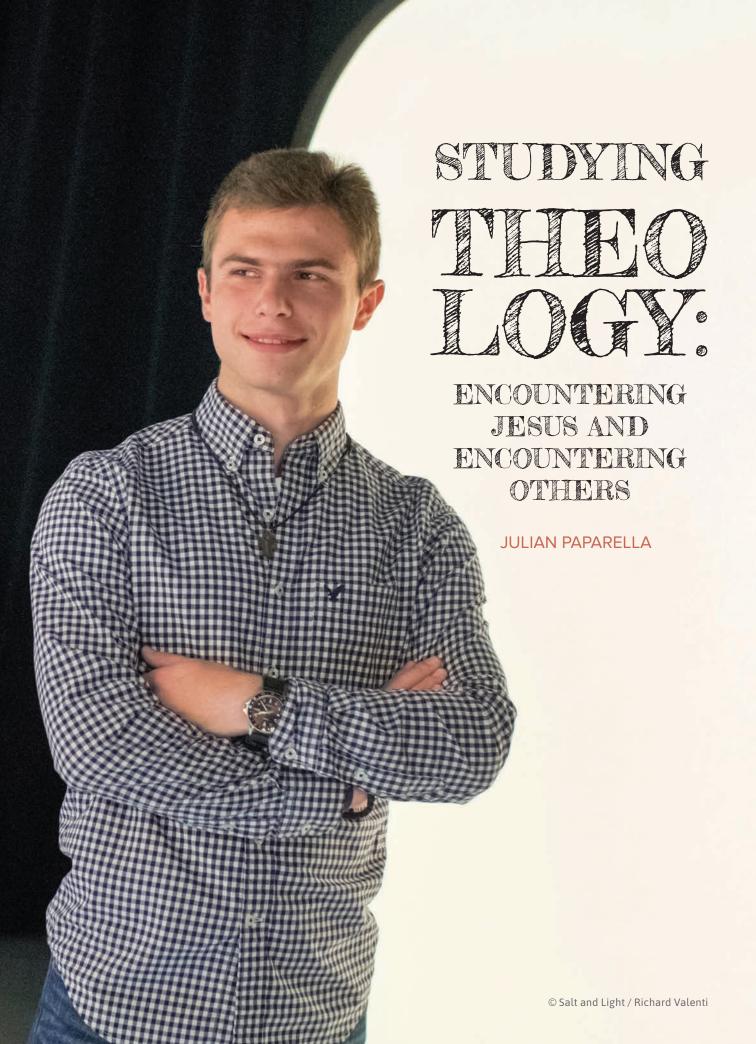
helped numerous men choose the priesthood; and we have opened a House of Discernment for men aged 20 to 40 who are studying or working, which gives them a space for prayer, fraternity, and simplicity of life to help them listen to the call of Jesus.

Yet even with all sorts of different programs, vocation work is still essentially about relationships. Jesus spent time with his disciples, eating, discussing, travelling, and teaching. Pope Francis encourages us to 'waste' time with our young people to help them know the purpose and direction of their lives. If we, too, fall victim to a culture which increasingly sees God as irrelevant, then we will not challenge our young adults to listen and discern a call to marriage, the consecrated life or the priesthood. When we get to know someone and have a sense that he or she might be called to a particular vocation, we have to be courageous and bold in inviting them to think about a life dedicated to Jesus and his Church. Research shows a very strong correlation between a personal invitation and the response to a call to consecrate oneself in service to the Gospel.

The signs of a vocation are always rooted in joy: "we have found the Messiah!" (John 1:41). In helping someone discover (or rediscover) the deep desires of the heart, the result is joy at having found the purpose for which one is made. Our God is not a dour and depressing god, but one who beckons us to enter into his true and lasting happiness. Imitating him, may we invite others to choose a vocation centred on Jesus. @

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s a young man studying theology, many conversations lead to the somewhat hesitant question: "So you want to be a priest...?" Indeed, how rare and exotic it is to find young lay people studying theology! This first question is often followed by another: "So what do you want to do...?" This second question is essential – why study theology as a young person?

As a person in my 20s, the questions posed by many people my age include: What do I want to do in life? What do I hope to accomplish? Will I be able to get a job? Will the job pay well? Will I be happy? These questions are good and important. Some lead in the direction of studying theology; others, less so. After all, serving the Church is not the path to earthly riches. So why study theology as a young person?

In the first theology course I took, our professor began by quoting Pope Benedict's first encyclical God is love. The quotation was this: "Being Christian is not the result of an ethical choice or a lofty idea, but the encounter with an event, a person, which gives life a new horizon and a decisive direction" (Deus caritas est, 1).

Many theology courses later, these words still give the reason why I study theology. Theology involves examining historical texts, trying to wrap your head around seemingly abstract concepts, and attempting to articulate these concepts in a way that is relevant today. But more significantly than any of this, for the Christian, theology is centred on a Person: the Person of Jesus Christ. Encountering Jesus changes life, not only once but over and over again. It gives life a "new horizon and a decisive direction." It puts us in touch with the true meaning of our lives and opens us to our ultimate destiny and fulfilment. Personally encountering happens in prayer, in our relationships with people, and in the midst of our

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daily lives. Encountering Jesus sends us to encounter one another. Theology seeks to understand this Person whom we encounter so that we might share Him with others. To borrow the words of Saint Anselm, it is "Faith seeking understanding," with the aim of sharing that faith with others.

Believing in Jesus is more than adhering to a moral code. It is more than accepting doctrines and abiding by rules. It is an ongoing loving relationship with God who is love. This is why Jesus became man, died on a cross, rose from the dead, and will come again: to bring humanity into loving relationship with God. The Church exists precisely to be an instrument of this mission of Jesus in every time and place.

I study theology with the aim of helping other people to go deeper into this loving relationship with God. Helping people to understand who God is helps them enter more deeply into relationship with Him. As Saint John Paul II said: "Jesus Christ is the answer to the question posed by every human heart." Coming to know God in Jesus, we come to know the truth about ourselves, about one another, and about our world. Global crises, environmental questions, political conflicts, relationship difficulties, personal hardships – everything comes into clearer focus when viewed in the light of faith in God. Faith is not an escape from reality but the lens by which we can see reality as it truly is. Seeing with eyes of faith is seeking to see things as God sees them.

All of this takes on particular

importance with the upcoming Synod of Bishops on "Young People, the Faith, and Vocational Discernment." Pope Francis is calling the Church to focus on how young people encounter Jesus and their role in helping others to encounter Jesus. This is an especially fertile moment in the life of the Church to see how God draws all of us, at every age and stage of life, into loving relationship with Himself. It is crucial that we as young people discern the will of God and follow Jesus as His disciples: for our futures, for the future of the Church, and for the future of the world. Young people are not only the future of the Church, they are the present. We have the particular mission of bringing the leaven of the Gospel into the world, by our joy, our energy, our vision, and our hopes and dreams for the future.

Following Jesus changes us over and over again. Sharing Jesus with others, we change the world. I study theology with the hope of helping people to know Jesus and helping them to share Him with the world. It is an encounter that never ends. ©

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very individual engages in their faith differently. Made I in God's image, we are all d called to use our gifts in some capacity or another. For many people, especially young people, it is difficult to see how and where our gifts can contribute to the life of the Church. It has been said in social media and among my friend group that millennials are looking for their work to be "meaningful." This can imply many different things, but for most, it means pursuing endeavours outside of their professional lives wherein they find personal satisfaction by working on projects that fulfill their desire for something more. Personally, I express my faith through music, specifically as an organist and choir director. After completing a business management degree, I managed a full-time professional career as a buyer in the retail industry for many years. Once my day job ended, I worked in the evenings at a city parish practising the organ in preparation for weekend Masses and

assisting in the development of music ministry. I have been fortunate to have pastors who have always supported and utilized my gifts. This past spring, I was blessed to have been offered a full-time position working as Social and Community Coordinator for my home parish.

I don't believe that I'm alone in scenarios like the one mentioned above. Oftentimes, roles at parishes are filled by individuals who work a full-time job and volunteer their time running parish programs after they've finished their 9-to-5. It begs the question "why the Church and not a non-profit?" What is it that calls young people to work in specifically lay ministry instead of in another industry? For me, I was captivated by the tangible opportunities for ministry growth and development available at my parish, and I was deeply attracted to the sense of belonging offered by this special community. I was able to see how my gifts and skills could help grow the ministries of the parish. I feel

a true sense of purpose and ownership in the success and growth of its ministries and outreach programs. I truly believe that the parish lives by the message of the Gospel and that in living it out, we are greater than the sum of the individuals. I feel welcome to come as I am on Sundays for Mass and I know everyone else feels welcome to come experience their faith as they are called to. These are things that I, along with other young people, value greatly.

Connecting with young people is relatively easy today. Social media is often viewed as the best tool to reach younger individuals. As the current generation ages, it is important to keep in mind that the manner in which they communicate will likely evolve past the methods that they are used to now. It is important that the Church make an effort to communicate with these individuals in the channels with which they are familiar and comfortable. This means that there will have to be a serious effort to not

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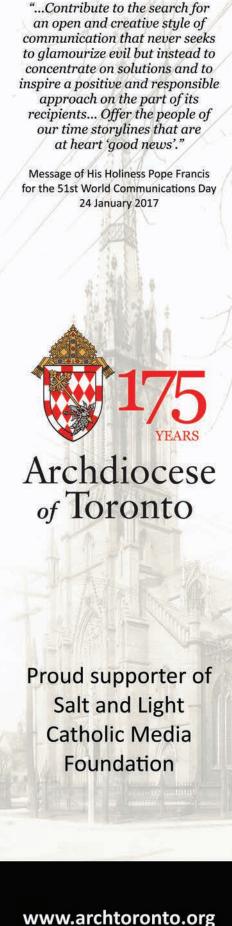
If the Church wants to connect with and attract more young people, it needs to provide meaningful opportunities for involvement and meet young people where they are. There needs to be a concerted effort to involve young adults in every aspect of parish life, from planning liturgies and sacramental preparation to social justice programs and parish social groups. I believe it is important that these opportunities not be separate, nor that they alienate them from the parish community. Having young adult ministries may unconsciously reinforce the feeling that young people are not part of the parish community as a whole. It is important to evaluate these programs and the opportunities they present. What happens when you're no longer a "young adult"? Where do you fit in then? We must ensure that people involved in these groups do not begin to disappear from the fabric of the parish in search of another community to belong to.

So what do these opportunities look like? They'll vary from community to community, but ultimately, their purpose is the same: finding a place where young people are invited not only to explore their gifts and talents, but feel supported in a capacity to grow within the community. Almost as important as what opportunities are offered is how they are presented. As much as possible, opportunities should be presented in a genuine

manner. Pastors should actively seek the energy of young adults and solicit their input, not because they are young, but because they are valuable members of the community who will grow into a spirit of service within their spiritual home. Visibility of these young leaders is equally important, especially given that students or young adults are not likely to give their time if they do not see a tangible opportunity for personal growth and development.

Attracting young individuals to work in ministry is not as difficult as it may at times appear. By providing opportunities for meaningful interactions on a day-to-day basis, we will naturally create leadership opportunities for individuals who have the gifts to nurture as well as sustain the growth of young people involved in parish life.

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Community is like a box of chocolates ...

ven as a child, I knew that I wanted to help vulnerable people however I could. To assist and support those less fortunate, I participated in volunteer trips organized by the Catholic Church in the three countries in which I was raised: Canada, Germany, and the United States.

During a summer break from university, I went on a life-changing journey to Zambia, Africa, with a Catholic organization called VIDES (Volunteer International Development Education Services). This opened my eyes to the fact that there is more I could do to strengthen my faith than just attend Sunday Mass. This revelation was enhanced by the welcoming Salesian Sisters, my host community, and by

the amazing people I was privileged to meet. It was my first time in a developing country, and the culture shock was definitely impactful. The poverty I saw in Zambia on a daily basis solidified my passion to help vulnerable populations across the globe. It clarified my previous thought about doing more for others. Zambia is a beautiful country with beautiful people. Even amidst the adversity and poverty of their everyday lives, people were friendly and kind. Their faith in God was present every day amidst their struggles. And that alone strengthened my faith!

Upon graduating from university, I chose to explore social justice at an international level. Rice International, a human rights organization sponsored by the

Irish Christian Brothers and the Presentation Brothers, gave me the opportunity to work in consultation with the United Nations on a variety of human rights issues in dozens of countries. So, I made my way to Geneva, Switzerland, and had yet another eye-opening and lifechanging experience. It was incredible to be able to connect my grassroots experience on the ground in Zambia with the international discussions of the human rights conditions in the very same country. It made me appreciate my experiences even more!

Following that internship, I accepted another one with the World Health Organization, more along the lines of Health Studies, which I had studied at university. An agency of the United Nations, it was still very much in



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the same environment, but I was exposed to a variety of health-related emergencies and the measures being taken to support the most vulnerable people around the globe.

While in Geneva, I reached out to the Salesian Sisters living there, as they had been so good to me back in Zambia. They welcomed me as one of their own: I was invited to their home for meals and even go on an amazing daytrip with them to Annecy, France. This really solidified my belief in the sense of community that you can get from sharing similar faith and values. I really appreciated the connection I automatically had with them and felt comforted by the fact that wherever I was. I could be welcomed into a home, a community, and faith.

I have also had amazing love and support back home, so when my time in Geneva was up, I moved back home to pursue my passions more locally. I have worked at the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care in Toronto for the past year, assisting in public health messaging across the province. I had been exposed to so many international health and human rights issues, so I wanted to become familiar with issues occurring in my own

backyard. With that in mind, I am currently pursuing my Master's in Public Health at Western University, hoping to expand my knowledge and understanding of it, to be applied locally as well as globally, and to help those most vulnerable.

These adventures did not come easily to me and they were not all rainbows and butterflies. There was plenty of anxiety and prayer involved to give me the courage and strength to venture out into unknown territory. I moved well beyond my comfort level, but it has been worthwhile and added incredibly to my life, both professionally and spiritually. I have Catholic communities to thank for my experiences and successes in life, and I am eternally grateful for their support and faith in me. If you take anything from my story, I hope it encourages you to take risks, have faith, follow your passions, and know that you always have an incredible community to welcome you wherever vou are in this world!

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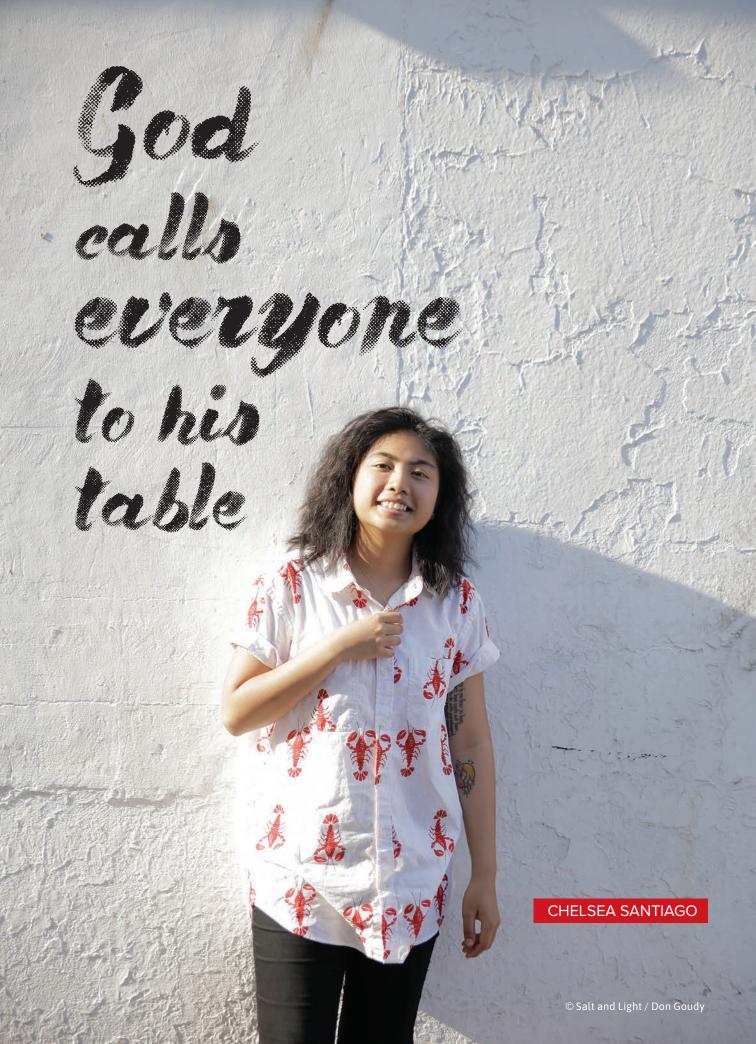
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— Pope Francis



I'D LIKE TO INVITE YOU INTO A WORD **ASSOCIATION GAME!** AS YOU READ THE FOLLOWING STATEMENTS, PLEASE SAY THE FIRST WORD THAT COMES INTO YOUR MIND. HERE WE GO. "AT 21, I AM A DEVOUT CATHOLIC WOMAN." WHAT WORD COMES TO MIND...? OK, NEXT. "I AM A YOUTH LEADER AT MY PARISH AND A STUDENT EXECUTIVE AT THE CATHOLIC CHAPLAINCY WHERE I ATTEND UNIVERSITY." WHAT WORD COMES TO MIND...? HOW ABOUT, "I HAVE SEVERAL TATTOOS AND BODY **PIERCINGS."** WHAT WORD COMES TO MIND...? OK, LAST ONE. "I AM A LESBIAN." WHAT WORD COMES TO MIND NOW...?

He certainly called me.

ike most people who learn the truth about me, words of praise quickly turn to uncomfortable silence. Suddenly, an invisible wall of disapproval separates us. I no longer belong. Who I am and how I am received, leaves me feeling unwanted and rejected. I am today's Samaritan woman (John 4:4-26), leper (Luke 5:12-14), tax collector (Luke 19:1-10), eunuch (Acts 8:26-40), and the woman caught in adultery (John 8:1-11).

Yet, as the Gospels remind us, God calls everyone to His table. He certainly called me. I will never forget the day I personally met Jesus. It was my first year of university. After being around Christianity and rejection my whole life, I decided to separate myself from the Church. But God had other plans for me. At the Campus Student Club Fair, I was convinced to join the Ryerson Catholic Chaplaincy, which I later regretted. After a couple of weeks of attending different events and meeting all these amazing people, the Lord asked me a question: "Will you follow me?" It was September 29, 2013, the feast day of St. Michael. After hearing the story of how he defended heaven, I thought to myself, if he could do all that, then why can't I fight

my insecurities with the Lord? His love pierced my mind and heart. At that moment, in the mess of my life, I knew He loved me. He died for me. He wanted me - all of me. Everything changed that day. So the question became this: If God wants me, why does His Church struggle to include me? While the Church does not consider my homosexuality a sin and teaches respect, compassion and sensitivity towards my orientation, the view that my same-sex attraction is disordered and that any sexual intimacy is contrary to natural law because it is closed to the gift of life, and can therefore "under no circumstances ... be approved" (CCC, 2357), is heart wrenching - I am unacceptable. I am a scandal: a wayward Catholic, like the divorced, the single mom or dad, or unmarried couples living together. But here is the paradox: I am at the table.

So what to do? If the Catholic Church is to be an authentic and prophetic voice in today's culture, she must make it safe for faithful LGBT Catholic to have theirs, and to receive that voice as the Father, who is rich in mercy (Ephesians 2:4-5), receives all His children. The LGBT community can no longer be treated as if we don't exist. As Fr. James Martin, S.J., author of Building a Bridge, so eloquently put it,



"the Church sees the LGBT community as a problem, not a people." Our community is denied Catholic burials, hospital chaplains refuse to anoint those dying, and LGBT Catholic support communities are animated by heterosexual men. I love my Lord, and I love His Church with all my heart. I long to be received by her, and so I faithfully wait on God who promises that "no testing has overtaken you that is not common to everyone. God is faithful, and He will not let you be tested beyond your strength, but with the testing, He will also provide the way out so that you may be able to endure

l place all my struggles in this promise. I struggle with the idea that for me, being a faithful Catholic means marriage is off the

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table. I struggle with a Church that sees me and calls me disordered, and I long for a community that listens and hears me and walks with me in my struggles.

And so I took a risk. I wrote this article because I have a dream that one day, my beautiful Church will be more open, and inclusive of the LGBT community, and have a place for



all those on the periphery. I'd like to thank groups like Courage and AIM (that work with LGBT Catholics) for giving me and all the others who feel forgotten a place to have fellowship. The support they give is immeasurable! @

1. Catechism of the Catholic Church (articles 2357-59)

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orld Youth Day (WYD) changed my life! I first attended international WYD in 1993 in Denver. Colorado, with my local parish. At the time, I thought I was the only one in my parish, in my own little corner, who believed in Christ, and then I experienced WYD and I realized, "Wow, I am not alone." Amidst the crowds, the energy, the thousands and thousands of smiling faces of young people, priests, and religious, I heard the Lord whisper, "What makes you happy, Isabel? How are you seeking happiness?"

It was an overwhelming feeling and a very powerful force of change as I understood that the Lord was concerned with my 'personal' source of joy. I returned home filled with joyful hope to seek answers, develop my talents, share my gifts, and learn to love freely. I was supported by friends, family, and a parish that accompanied me in my pursuit of genuine joy, and this continues to profoundly motivate my choices today.

WYD is not an isolated event, but rather an opportunity among many for the Church to celebrate and walk with young people. WYD introduced me to

the universal Church and at the same time, opened the doors to my own local church reality. Since then, I have attended seven more international WYD events - Rome 2000, Toronto 2002, Cologne 2005, Sydney 2008, Madrid 2011. Rio de Janeiro 2013, and Krakow 2016.

My ongoing work as Director of the Youth Ministry Office for the Archdiocese of Montreal has been to integrate the WYD pastoral project into the various pastoral initiatives seeking to form and evangelize young people in the diocese. We are so used to seeing WYD only for those who

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go to a specific country, but WYD is a lot more than that. It is an exciting and dynamic opening for the Church to accompany, to celebrate, to invest time and energy, to listen to and to be with, to pray and work with young people as they discern their own call to happiness. It is a generous investment in time and energy "to accompany the young on their existential journey to maturity so that, through a process of discernment, they discover their plan for life and realise it with joy, opening up to the encounter with God and with human beings, and actively participating in the edification of the Church and of society." (Synod 2018: Young Peope, the Faith and Vocational Discernment)

In February 2017, the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops appointed me as National Coordinator succeeding Fr. Thomas Rosica, CEO of Salt + Light Media and former National Director of Canada's World Youth Day 2002 in Toronto, and most recently National Coordinator for World Youth Days. I see my role in continuation with the great work of Fr. Rosica as an advocate of harnessing the energy of WYD and injecting it back into the life of local youth ministry. I hope to connect with youth and young adult leaders across the country and share best practices, not just for World Youth Day, but for all the initiatives

which promote and accompany the development of young people's relationship with Christ.

As we gear up for WYD Panama in January 2019, I look forward to being a liaison between the WYD PANAMA organizing team and the Canadian youth leaders to facilitate their participation in the WYD events during the week of celebrations, including the Canadian youth gathering. I am excited by the current work of the 2018 Synod of Bishops on "Young People, the Faith and Vocational Discernment" and its importance and link to WYD2019.

We are all unique. Canada is a very big and beautiful country, and I know that there are a lot of people on the ground who are working hard in the Lord's vineyard doing amazing evangelization work with young people. Together, we can strengthen this network and connect young Canadians to the WYD experience so that it may continue to enrich youth and young adult evangelization efforts across the country. I am humbled and honoured to work with you in this great mission entrusted to us.

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In a Letter to Young People on the Occasion of the Presentation of the Preparatory Document of the Fifteenth Ordinary General Assembly of the Synod of Bishops, Pope Francis expressed his desire to work with young people "for their joy" (2 Cor 1:24).

In the same spirit, the Office for Youth and the Diocesan Vocations Office want to do that in the Diocese of Hamilton. The preparation for the 2018 Synod is a unique opportunity to listen to the young people of our Diocese. Pope Francis is challenging us, in this time of preparation, to go out, to listen deeply, and to learn how to provide more effective faith formation.

To date, over 1,000 young people aged 16 to 29 have taken the opportunity to share their experiences of faith, which will be included in our October 2017 Synod Report from the Diocese of Hamilton.

We have offered three different

ways for youth to get involved and to make their voices heard: in-person evenings of prayer; a paper survey; and an anonymous online survey. All three methods have received a vibrant cross-section of participants from various walks of life, professions

and vocations. Responses have come from people of different ages and places.

Each unique format allows opportunity for comment and consideration to all three sections of the Preparatory Document: the realities of life for

young people in today's world; the importance of discernment for youth, especially in regard to vocation; and how our Church has cared for our young people, and what support they might need as they move forward into faithful adulthood.

From our early collation of these responses, a few trends have begun to emerge. The realities of life for the youth of our Church today are complex. Out of the 400 online

surveys completed, the theme of the lack of true love in secular culture was an important topic. Forty-four percent of all respondents identified life issues (abortion, physician-assisted death, etc.) as being areas where they struggle with/find

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tension between faith and secular culture. thirty-four percent of all respondents identified human rights and dignity of the human being as another area of divergence and tension. Many spoke of love when asked about what they want the universal Church to know about them and their journey towards God. One young person made a comment about the difficulties of finding a witness of love in today's world: "I





with God: private prayer (52%), social media (32%) and regular Sunday Eucharist (30%). One young woman at our evenings of prayer and



discussion, when asked what we could be doing to help her along her way, said, "I need a daily reminder to reach for Heaven." Is that not true



of all of us? Our young people simply want someone to journey with them towards Heaven! Of those surveyed, 86% felt that they have sufficient opportunity to grow in their faith

within the Catholic community, and 127 young men and women said that they were discerning religious life or priesthood. We must pray for these young people and find helpful ways to support them on their faith journey.

The work of this preparatory report has been a blessing in our Diocese. It has provided an opportunity to renew our commitment to youth ministry. Pope Francis has asked that we work with young people "for their joy." It seems clear that we must find new ways to meet their expressed needs, providing resources which help them respond to the challenges of our secular culture, so that they may grow in faith and holiness. We pray that St. John Bosco will intercede on behalf of the young people in our Church!

Bishop Douglas Crosby, OMI, Bishop of Hamilton August 9, 2017

With the assistance of Christina Mines, Director of Diocesan Youth Office and Father Michael King, Diocesan Director of Vocations.

don't get love. I haven't had a good example of real love in my life. I'm looking for it. I hear God might be love but I am not sure."

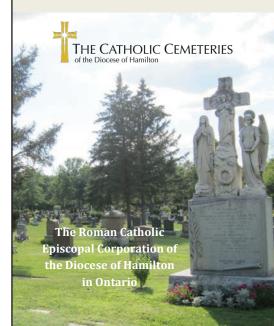
Similarly, there is much discussion about catechetics – the transmission of faith. In a world that often provides very grey concepts and ideas, young people are looking for the "straight and narrow" when it comes to faith. In the online survey, one young person wrote, "Tell it to us straight. Don't water stuff down or try to make it sound more hip. Just give us the opportunity to hear the solid teaching of the Church." From their own words, we hear a desire for mentorship in the faith. The survey respondents identified family (65%) as their key support in their faith journey. Both parents and siblings were mentioned as people they might talk to about their faith.

When asked about discernment and faith formation, the majority of respondents identified three areas where young people go to seek growth in their relationship

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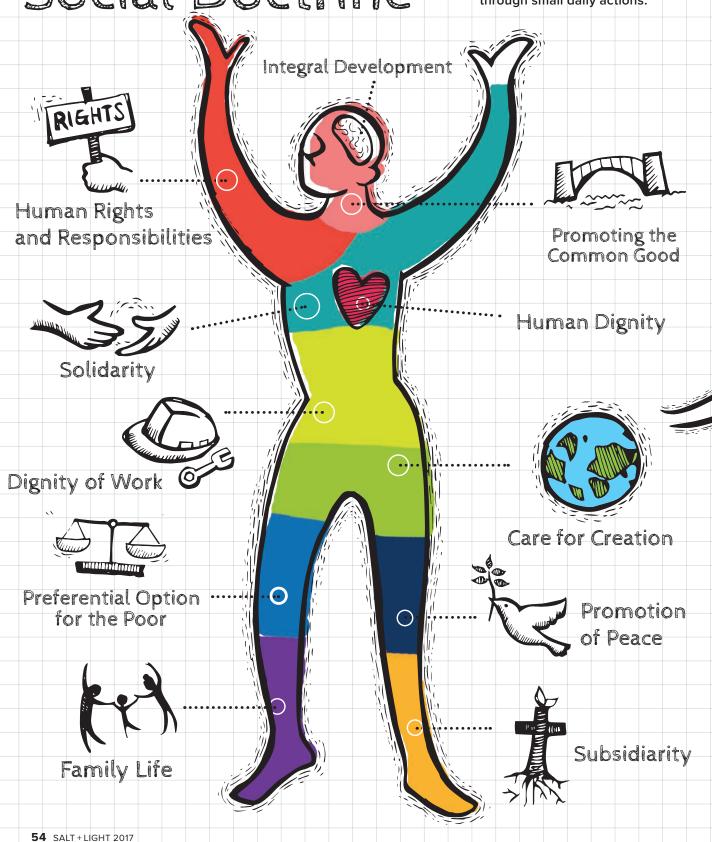
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Anatomy of the Church's Social Doctrine

The social doctrine of the Catholic Church is a body of principles for living in the world and making it a better place. As Pope Francis reminds us in his social encyclical Laudato Si', on caring for our home, there is a real nobility in living these principles through small daily actions.



Living Laudato Si'





1. Turn off your smart phone

"Relationships with others, with all the challenges they entail, now tend to be replaced by a type of internet communication which enables us to choose or eliminate relationships at whim, thus giving rise to a new type of contrived emotion which has more to do with devices and displays than with other people and with nature." (47)



2. Only cook enough to eat

"Whenever food is thrown out it is as if it were stolen from the table of the poor." (50)





3. Develop a good social life with your neighbours

"A wholesome social life can light up a seemingly undesirable environment." (148)



4. Spend time reflecting on how everything in life is connected

"Concern for the environment needs to be joined to a sincere love for our fellow human beings and an unwavering commitment to resolving the problems of society." (91)





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Take public transportation instead

"Many cars, used by one or more people, circulate in cities, causing traffic congestion, raising the level of pollution, and consuming enormous quantities of non-renewable energy." (153)





6. Respecting your own body leads to respecting creation

"Learning to accept our body, to care for it and to respect its fullest meaning, is an essential element of any genuine human ecology." (155)



Action

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Living Laudato Si'





7. Join a local cooperative

"Cooperatives are able to instil a greater sense of responsibility, a strong sense of community, a readiness to protect others, a spirit of creativity and a deep love for the land." (179)



Pope Francis took his name after Francis of Assisi, patron saint of the environment.



8. Vote for politicians who take the long view

"Policies related to climate change and environmental protection cannot be altered with every change of government. Results take time and demand immediate outlays which may not produce tangible effects within any one government's term." (181)



9. I like your shirt. How much did it cost... the environment?

"purchasing is always a moral and not simply economic—act." (206)



10. Be creative and reuse it

"Reusing something instead of immediately discarding it, when done for the right reasons, can be an act of love which expresses our own dignity." (211)



11. Don't leave the lights on or air conditioner running

"These efforts benefit society, often unbeknown to us, for they call forth a goodness which, albeit unseen, inevitably tends to spread." (212)



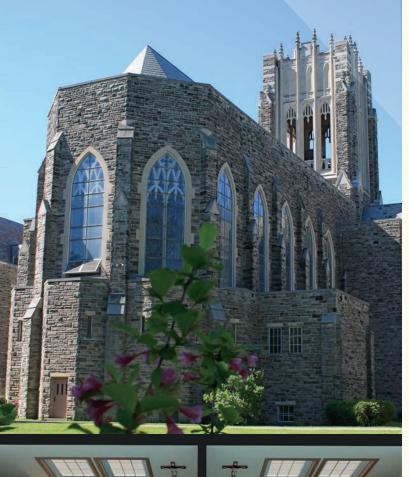
12. Say grace before and after meals

"That moment of blessing, however brief, reminds us of our dependence on God for life; it strengthens our feeling of gratitude for the gifts of creation; it acknowledges those who by their labours provide us with these goods; and it reaffirms our solidarity with those in greatest need." (227)



13. Am I personally willing to change?

"A healthy relationship with creation is one dimension of overall personal conversion, which entails the recognition of our errors, sins, faults and failures, and leads to heartfelt repentance and desire to change." (218)







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A new Salt + Light documentary to be released during Pope Francis' fifth anniversary year will explore how ordinary people have been inspired by his vision for a more unified, just and peaceful world.

would you gauge the impact of Pope Francis? Would you assess the progress made on financial and bureaucratic reform at the Vatican? Would you look at the number of young men entering diocesan seminaries or Jesuit communities? Would you highlight points of continuity and discontinuity between Francis and his immediate predecessors?

2018 marks the five-year anniversary of Pope Francis, and will inevitably bring a flurry of media report cards on his Papal program. What are his greatest accomplishments? What opportunities have been missed?

I expect most assessments of the pontificate will be of this nature:

focused on him and how he has changed – or not changed – the Church's structures or positions on a few contentious issues. The more insightful assessments will go a step further and highlight his global influence as a moral leader.

While I look forward to these assessments, I can't help but think that such an approach, largely focused on Francis, will unintentionally miss his most significant impact: the one he's having on countless ordinary people around the world.

It's ironic, in a sense, that a man who relentlessly points to the world's peripheries must shield his eyes from a celebrity-crazed spotlight. "When the sage points to the moon," reads a Chinese proverb, "only a fool continues to look at the finger."

What is Francis pointing at? What is he tirelessly drawing our attention to? This is the question I've continuously asked myself during production of our forthcoming documentary, *The Francis Impact*. And after much research I've come to believe that the only way to truly gauge his impact is to look not at him, but at those he has inspired and empowered to act.

Francis believes, as the Second Vatican Council taught, that the Church's sole purpose is that God's kingdom be established (*Gaudium et Spes* 45; *Evangelii Gaudium* 180).

The Church does not exist for the Church's sake, as an institution to be maintained, a list of teachings to abide by, or a mere place to pray. To quote one of Francis' programmatic



In a highly symbolic gesture, Pope Francis presented a marble statue of 3-year-old Syrian refugee Alan Kurdi to the U.N. Food and Agriculture Organization in Rome. A child angel is depicted weeping over the boy's lifeless body, which washed up on a Turkish shore after he drowned trying to cross the Mediterranean Sea in 2015. (CNS photo/Paul Haring, Oct. 16, 2017)

statements, "I prefer a Church which is bruised, hurting and dirty because it has been out on the streets, rather than a Church which is unhealthy from being confined and from clinging to its own security" (Evangelii Gaudium 49).

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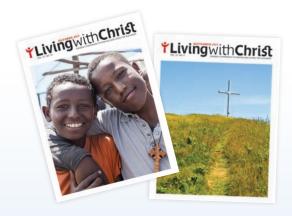
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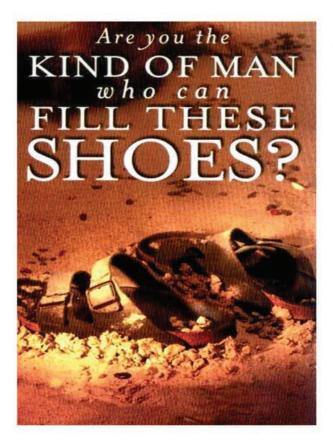


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圖:夏主教與香港青年一起參與波蘭世青

探討青年牧民的挑戰與方向

撰文:夏志誠輔理主教,天主教香港教區

一般參加堂區活動的,都是以年幼和年長的教友為主。年青人呢?不管那個堂區,答案都是一樣:少之又少!究竟是什麼原因?我們沒有水晶球, 只希望藉著以下的反思,探索一下今日青年牧民所面對的挑戰,從而嘗試 找出可能的發展方向。

三面挑戰

1. 社會價值混亂

今日年青人所置身的社會,不但複雜多變, 而且善惡對錯的價值混亂。一切事物都似是 相對的、主觀的,使年青人無所適從。另一 方面,消費主義推崇物質和享受,科技發 展追求便捷與操控,競爭文化更滲透每個角 落,扭曲了成功的指標和人生的意義。由贏 在起跑線到勝者即是正義,嚴重荼毒時下年 青人的心靈,使他們懷疑愛與犧牲的價值, 破壞他們與家人及與天主的關係。

青年牧民必須要讓年青人經驗到教會是個愛 的團體,因而願意擁抱耶穌以其生命作證的 福音價值,在紛亂的世代中做他的門徒。

2. 文化傳承斷裂

青年牧民需要幫助家庭、學校及教會重建渠道,修補斷裂,將累積的文化寶藏,尤其是信仰寶藏,傳承下去,好使今日的年青人有能力走上成熟之途。

3. 牧民措施失效

前面兩個挑戰主要是外來的,來自社會及文 化,但這第三個挑戰卻是來自教會自己。青 年牧民的措施失效,明顯不過。看看每年領 堅振的年青人有幾個會留在教會,看看大專 天主教同學會還有幾個可以正常運作,答案 早已昭然若揭。

不要再抱殘守舊了!讓我們承認出了問題, 認真地檢討為什麼行之有效的措施、活動、 團體,不再吸引年青人。讓我們謙卑地親近 他們,了解他們的渴求和需要,積極地探 索新的途徑,並非減低福音的要求來湊合他 們,而是與他們同行,偕同他們一起接受福 音的挑戰。

三重方向

新的挑戰讓教會不能懈怠,需要迎向新的時代,尋找新的方法。可是,目標卻依然持守,就是使年青人能以基督為主,在祂內獲 致圓滿的生命。為達到這個目標,青年牧民 要走的是個三合一的方向。

1. 陪伴成長

年青人處於成長的關鍵階段,身心靈都在變動之中,面對不少的挑戰。教會牧者和青年領袖必須要懂得聆聽和同行,陪伴他們成長,讓青年容易接近自己,無拘無束地傾訴心曲,分享討論,並能獲得適當的輔助。陪伴的態度表現在聆聽而不操控,同行而不放棄,邀請而不放任之中。這樣的陪伴在今天價值混亂的世代尤為重要。

教會關心人的整體發展,因此,給年青人的 陪伴不能止於人性成長,也包括靈性的成 長,引導他們做個成熟的基督徒。

2. 造就門徒

做個成熟的基督徒也就是做基督的門徒,與 基督建立親密的個人關係。青年牧民固然不 能停留在飲飲食食、栽培友誼的階段,在 應以認識教理、守好教規為滿足。要 道,我們的信仰並非一套規條,我們的教足 ,我們的信仰並非一套規條,我們的教 亦不是一個社團俱樂部。教會源自天主是 可以 身作則,回應主旨,奉主為師,然後引導 時人親近基督,以做祂的門徒為榮,讓基 成為自己成長的動力、學習的榜樣和生命的 終向。

如此,我們傳承下去的不只是一套教義理論,更是一種天人關係,建立起年青人與主 扣連一起的生命關係。

3. 為主作證

做門徒除了「來」耶穌那裡,也要被祂派遣「去」傳揚福音。就是為他們在耶穌身上所 體會到的天主慈愛作證,邀請其他人也來體 會。

能夠為主作證,做地鹽世光,是青年牧民培養年青人成熟信仰的目標。作證當然可以有很多不同方式,因此,這就涉及召叫的分辨



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和回應。畢竟年青人是要成長的,他們必須 要決定自己要做個怎樣的成年人,以怎樣的 生活方式來為主作證。

結語



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世界主教會議與青年

撰文: 鍾安住主教, 天主教嘉義教區(台灣)

從2014年起的主教會議都以「家庭」為研究對象,2016年的主題為「教會及世界內的家庭之聖召和使命」。最近教宗方濟各決定於2018年10月召開的世界主教會議第15屆常規會議,將以**「青年、信德與聖召分辨」**為主題,這表達了教會對青年的牧靈關懷,教會願陪伴青年走向成熟的生命旅程,使他們能通過分辨進程來發現自己生命的計畫,並喜樂地予以實現。

2018年世界主教會議最特別的地方是:青年們能透過梵蒂岡推出的網頁youth.synod2018.va參與,表達他們對生命和信仰的關注。教宗方濟各希望整個教會反思,該怎樣幫助年輕人。他對青年人說:

「讓其他人聽到你們的聲音,讓社區與這個聲音產生共鳴,也讓牧者們聽見你們的聲音。」

教廷透過這個網址諮詢青年,透過問卷了解青年們的期待和他們的生活經驗。兩個問卷得到的資料將會編輯成工作文件,繼而變成參考要點,供為主教會議研究的重要資料,全世界的青年都將被「傳喚」,他們被邀請說出他們的心聲。

因此,我們一定要重視青年人,他們正從前輩的手裡接過火把來,在世界歷史巨變中生活下去。是青年人,承繼他們父母師長的表率及教訓的精華,要建設明天的社會、明日的教會。讓我們正視年輕人的煩惱與課題,幫助他們更加認識主、親近主、讓他們接受更多的愛與關懷,以及學習如何去關懷其他人。③

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這句話是出自慈幼會會 祖聖若望鮑思高神父,他 也是我的人生導師。

在慈幼會教育下長大的 我,中學時候有一夢想, 就是當教師。因為內心有 一個強烈的召叫,清楚肯 定天主召叫我為青年服 務。在青年生活中,我也 曾迷失過,不知道自己的 前路應如何走。慶幸的是 入讀了慈幼會學校,認識 了鮑思高神父,而他一生 的工作,就是為救青年的 靈魂,幫助在生活中迷失 的青年找到方向、走近天 主。因此他的神子也秉承 他的精神,幫助有需要的 青年,而我就是其中一位 在慈幼會士的培育下成長的青年。

他們教導了我「鮑思高精神」,讓我學習到慈幼青年精神簡稱「慈青精神」:

- 1. 時常喜樂
- 2. 努力求學
- 3. 熱心侍主
- 4. 讓青年影響青年

 現。青年人最容易迷失,當尋找方向時遇上一些不良份子,就會誤入歧途。若遇上一群青年良友,那麼自然會受到了好的影響。

「只要你們是青年[,]我 就萬分喜愛你們。」

為存為方入由全思協的 高年 最,阿里家父善,阿里家父善,阿里家父善,阿里家父善,阿里家父善,阿里家父善,阿里家父善,阿里家父善,一是也立里成俗慈,一是也立里成俗慈,有一是也立里成俗慈,有一是也立里成俗慈,有一是也立里成俗慈,有一人,有人,有人,有人,有人,有人,有人,有人,有人,

左圖: 意大利都靈慈幼會會院右圖: 與堂區青年合照

聖鮑思高:「與我靈,取其餘。」

大家庭肩負同樣的使命, 一生致力為教會及青年 服務。就這樣,因着協進 慈幼會士的神恩,我可以 有機會時常與青年同行, 也感謝青年與我同行。

鮑 思 高 神 父 的 精 神 不 是 一套理論,而是一個實 踐,來幫助我們每分每 刻 也 是 活 在 信 仰 中 。在 當 下,我們會常聽見社會去 討論「青年問題」,將「 青年」和「問題」對等。 我絕對不認同青年就是 問題,更不認同一些社會 以「青年問題」為理由去 打壓青年。在多年與青年 生活的經驗中,我經驗到 在人際關係上,若少了一 份關懷、一份聆聽、一份 支持、一份愛,人與人之 間就難以建立關係,問 題就自然會出現。

2015年8月16日,鮑思高神父誕辰200週年,教宗方濟各為此致函慈幼會,信中包括以下的勉勵:

「成年人蒙召耐心地聆聽青年,理解他們的焦慮或要求,學習用他們能夠理解的語言與他們交談。|



「只要你們是青年,我 就萬分喜愛你們。」

但願我能繼續說出這句話,實踐這生活態度,將鮑聖精神傳遞到青年人身上,並與他們一起感受天主的喜樂。請為我及所有協進慈幼會士祈禱!

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這肯定了當人們共同努力尋找對方的美好時,世界也顯露出自己的一切美善。因此,我請你們不要讓世界被那些毫無顧慮只想開發它、摧毀它的人破壞。我邀請你用青年的喜樂和熱情來注滿你們生活的地方,從福音、從遇見一個已觸動了你,並讓你與祂同在的耶穌的喜樂來灌溉世界和歷史。

不要讓自己的年青被偷走。不要讓任何人減弱和掩蓋基督放在你臉上和心中的光。要做通過信任、分享、向世界開放來建立關係的「紡織工人」。不要築起隔滿,就像這次你跨越界限,建建立橋樑,就像這次你跨越界限與連接兩個海岸的一樣。你正在經歷積極準備下一屆世界主教會議的時刻一世界主教會議一以一個特定的方式來關心你會議一以一個特定的方式來關心你會議會也涉及整個基督徒團體。這次會說是:「青年、信德和聖召分辨」。

我也想提提你耶穌的話,有一天門徒問祂:「辣彼,你住在那裏?」耶穌回答

我肯定你的心 - 一顆年青的心 - 不會向那些在吶喊尋求幫助、自由、工作、學習、一個機會去了解自己生活的同年紀的人而封閉。我指望你的願意、你的承諾、你的能力來面對重大的挑戰和敢於創造未來,沿著變革的道路邁出決定性的一步。

為準備2018年世界主教會議,鹽與光電視在2017年10月22日播出特備節目《加拿大青年論壇:青年、信德和聖召分辨》。 這是教宗方濟各在節目中特別向加拿大青年發表的講話。《加拿大青年論壇:青年、信德和聖召分辨》

親愛的加拿大青年,我希望你們的會議就像首批門徒一樣,因著跟隨上主,那 美麗的生命將為你而敞開。因此,我交 托你給納匝肋的瑪利亞,如你一樣的青 年,願上主透過祂愛的目光而牽著你走。將自己交托於聖母,讓她引領你慷慨地說出:「我在這裡!」

耶穌凝望你和等待著你們每個人說:

[我在這裡!]

我祝福你,我懷抱你,我請求你為我祈禱,使我可以成為在你喜樂中的一個忠誠的合作者。 謝謝。

教宗方濟各 2017年10月

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在頒布第十五屆世界主教常務會議的預備會議 文件之際,教宗方濟各特意給年青人寫了一封 信,表達他渴望成為青年「喜樂的合作者」 (格後1:24)。

咸美頓教區的青年牧民辦事處及聖召辦公室, 也懷著同一精神,回應這個召叫。對我們教區 來說,籌備2018年以青年為題的世界主教會 議,正好締造了一個聆聽年青人心聲的好機 會。教宗方濟各也促使我們把握這個機遇,走 出去與青年接觸,深入細聽他們的心聲,好能 學習如何提供更有效的信仰培育。

到目前為止,我們收集了超過一千多名,年齡介乎16至29歲的年青人,對信仰經驗的分享,以便編入咸美頓教區2017年10月的世界主教會議報告內。

是次問調是透過三個開放平台,去聆聽青年的 心聲:

- 個人晚間祈禱會
- 問卷調查
- 網上不記名問卷調查

而三個平台均反應出色,匯集來自不同階層、職業、聖召、年齡、及地區的答問者意見。

而每個問調平台,都循著預備會議文件中訂下 的三大方向,收集意見及提供考慮:

- 今日世界青年的真實生活
- 「明辨」對青年的重要性,特別在面對聖召時

• 我們教會在青年牧靈方面作了些什麼,及青年過度至成年此段信仰旅程中想要的牧靈輔導

當中一位青年,回應在現世難覓愛的見證時, 寫下:「我沒有得到愛,我生命中也找不出一個真愛的好例子,我仍是在尋找,我聽說天主 是愛,可是我未能肯定。」

問卷中有論及教理問答 - 信仰的傳承。在一個所謂灰色地帶的現世裡,年青人在信仰方面要尋找的是「直接及精確」的指引。一位青年在網上問卷調查中寫道:「請直話直說,不要稀釋也不要充作時髦,就讓我們有個聽到教會至真至確的訓導機會。」從他們的話中,我們聽到他們渴求信仰的引領。在信仰傳承方面,65%答問者指出,家庭是他們信仰旅程的主要支持,而父母及兄弟姊妹更是他們談及信仰的對象。



問到明辨與信仰的陶成,大多數的回應指出,年 青人透過這三方面,增進與天主的關係:個人祈 禱(52%)、社交媒體(32%)、定期參與主日感恩祭 (30%)。我們問一位晚間祈禱會的女青年,可為她 再做些甚麼 , 她說:「我需要每日的提示 , 引領 我抵達天堂。」試問誰又不是呢?

我們的青年,正是希望有人引領他們踏上天堂的道路。86%答問者表示感受到在天主教的信仰團體中,有足夠的機會讓他們的信仰成長。為數共127位青年男女,坦言正在明辨獻身修道生活及神父的聖召。我們要為這些青年人祈禱,好能提供有力的輔助,支持他們在信仰旅途中前行。

這個籌備報告對我們的教區來說是一個祝福, 讓我們有機會重申對青年的承諾。教宗方濟 各寄望我們成為青年「喜樂的合作者」,那麼 我們必須思索新的方法,來回應青年的訴求, 提供信仰的力量,幫助他們應對俗世文化的挑 戰,使他們在信仰中成長成聖。聖若望鮑思 高,請為我們教會的青年祈禱!

> 道格拉斯·克羅斯比主教 Bishop Douglas Crosby, OMI 天主教咸美頓教區 2017年8月9日

誠謝咸美頓教區青年牧民辦事處主任Christina Mines 女士及咸美頓教區聖召辦公室主任Michael King 神父 的協助,使籌備報告順利進行。





arallelamente alla Roma cristiana e cattolica, quella di papi e turisti, della città che annovera il più alto numero di chiese al mondo, oltre 900, c'è anche una Roma che emerge e racconta storie meno note, quelle che solitamente sfuggono ai visitatori e spesso anche a chi vive lungo il fiume Tevere.

Vivere la Città Eterna da corrispondente per Salt and Light TV, è un ulteriore privilegio che mi porta ogni giorno, a volte in maniera anche casuale, a scoprire storie incredibili e tesori nascosti in ogni angolo della città. Proprio per questo, mi rendo conto di quanto possa essere affascinante, ma allo stesso tempo anche disorientante per un turista visitare Roma, con il rischio concreto che alla fine della vacanza ci sia spazio solo per i siti più importanti e per le basiliche papali.

Camminando per Trastevere, nel cuore della città, si può finire nella chiesa di San Francesco a Ripa, così ribattezzata in onore del Santo di Assisi il quale era solito fermarsi qui in occasione delle sue visite al papa. Nello stesso posto un tempo sorgeva la chiesa di San Biagio de Curte con annesso ospizio-ospedale, mentre ancora oggi la chiesa custodisce la cella del santo ed alcune sue reliquie, come un crocifisso ed un sasso su cui si racconta che poggiasse la testa proprio San Francesco.

Attratti dalla meraviglia della Fontana di Trevi, molti non presteranno la dovuta attenzione alla chiesa dei Santi Vincenzo e Anastasio, ribattezzata anche il "Canneto" per



Roma, piazza di Trevi e chiesa dei santi Vicenzo e Anastasio © Lalupa/Wikimedia Commons

via delle sue numerose colonne su tutta la facciata. La peculiarità di questa chiesa è quella che qui sono custoditi, in appositi loculi nell'abside, gli organi della cavità toracica dei papi che venivano tolti prima di imbalsamare il corpo dei pontefici stessi. Questa macabra tradizione fu inaugurata da Sisto V nel 1590 ed interrotta da Pio X nel secolo scorso. La grande storia della chiesa è però legata anche al cardinale Mazzarino che la fece ricostruire tra il 1644 ed il 1650 da Martino Longhi il Giovane.

In anni di persecuzioni e di cristiani martiri per la loro fede, temi menzionati molto spesso dal Santo Padre,



c'è una chiesa di Roma che richiama tutto questo: **Santa Prassede**. Quest'ultima era la sorella di Santa Pudenziana e figlia del senatore romano Pudente, discepolo di San Paolo e uno dei primi cristiani convertiti a Roma.

La chiesa sorge alle spalle della Basilica Papale di Santa Maria Maggiore e la storia racconta che quando Pudente subì il martirio sotto Nerone, Prassede e Pudenziana, grazie al consenso di Papa Pio I fecero costruire nel 142/145 ca. un battistero per battezzare i nuovi cristiani.

Alla morte di Pudenziana, Prassede utilizzò il patrimonio della sua famiglia per costruire una chiesa "sub titulo Praxedis". Nascose qui infatti molti cristiani perseguitati, e quando questi vennero scoperti e martirizzati, raccolse i loro corpi per seppellirli nel cimitero di Priscilla sulla Via Salaria, dove anche lei trovò sepoltura insieme al padre e alla sorella.

Tra due dei luoghi più visitati dai turisti, Piazza Navona ed il Pantheon, c'è una chiesa che ha una importanza speciale, **San Luigi dei Francesi** che dal 1589 è la chiesa nazionale dei transalpini a Roma. Se da un lato questo luogo è una esaltazione della Francia attraverso la rappresentazione dei suoi santi e dei suoi più grandi personaggi storici, dall'altro c'è la possibilità di ammirare veri e propri capolavori italiani. Nella cappella Contarelli infatti vi sono tre grandi tele del Caravaggio: il Martirio di San Matteo, San Matteo e l'angelo e la più celebre Vocazione di San Matteo.



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Questi sono semplici esempi di una Roma cristiana che si può scoprire solo passeggiando, che si può scovare spesso nella memoria e nelle vie appartenute al popolo sovrano. Una Roma cristiana che non smette mai di raccontare ed insegnare, e ci aiuta a non dimenticarci delle nostre origini e della fede che ci anima.



In una lettera ai Giovani in occasione della presentazione del documento di preparazione della 15esima assemblea ordinaria del Sinodo dei Vescovi, Papa Francesco ha espresso il suo desiderio di lavorare con i giovani "per la loro gioia" (2Cor 1:24). Con lo stesso spirito, l'Ufficio per i Giovani e l'Ufficio Diocesano delle Vocazioni vogliono fare tutto questo nella diocesi di Hamilton. La preparazione per il Sinodo 2018 è una opportunità unica per ascoltare i giovani della nostra diocesi. Papa Francesco ci sta sfidando in questo periodo di preparazione ad andare fuori, ad ascoltare profondamente, ed imparare a come fornire ulteriori formazioni riguardo la fede.

Secondo i dati, oltre 1000 giovani con una età fra i 16 e i 29 anni hanno colto l'opportunità di condividere le loro esperienze di fede che saranno incluse nel nostro Resoconto del Sinodo 2017 dalla diocesi di Hamilton.

Noi abbiamo offerto tre differenti modi ai giovani per farsi coinvolgere e per rendere le loro voci ascoltate: serate di preghiera, un sondaggio cartaceo ed un questionario anonimo on-line. Tutti e tre questi metodi hanno ricevuto una importante e trasversale partecipazione da diversi cammini di fede, vocazioni e professioni. Le risposte sono giunte da persone di differente età e luoghi.

Ciascun formato fornisce l'opportunità per commenti e considerazioni su tutte e tre le sezioni del Documento Preparatorio: le realtà della vita per i giovani nel mondo di oggi, l'importanza del discernimento per i giovani, specialmente riguardo alla vocazione, e il modo in cui la nostra Chiesa ha avuto cura dei nostri giovani e di che supporto loro potrebbero aver bisogno per procedere nella fase adulta con la fede.

Dalla prima raccolta di queste risposte, alcune tendenze sono emerse. Le realtà della vita dei giovani della nostra chiesa sono complesse. Negli oltre 400 quesiti on-line

completati, il tema della mancanza del vero amore in una cultura secolare è stato un tema importante. Il 44% di coloro che hanno risposto hanno identificato questioni delicate della vita (aborto, assistenza fisica alla morte, etc.) come aree dove vivono una battaglia personale con tensioni tra la fede e la cultura secolare. Il 34% di tutti

"Ho bisogno di un promemoria quotidiano per raggiungere il Paradiso".

quelli che hanno risposto, hanno identificato i diritti umani e la dignità dell'essere umano come un'altra area di divergenza e tensione. Molti hanno parlato di amore quando gli è stato chiesto cosa vogliono che la Chiesa

Universale sappia riguardo loro e del loro viaggio verso Dio. Un ragazzo ha fatto un commento riguardo le difficoltà di trovare testimoni di amore nel mondo di oggi: "Non capisco l'amore. Non ho avuto un buon esempio di amore vero nella mia vita e lo sto cercando. Sento che Dio potrebbe essere amore, ma non ne sono ancora sicuro".

Allo stesso modo c'è stata molta discussione riguardo le catechesi – la trasmissione della fede. In un mondo che molto spesso offre idee e concetti molto grigi, i giovani stanno cercando "la via giusta e corretta" quando si parla di fede. Nel questionario on-line, un ragazzo ha scritto. "Diciamolo a noi stessi molto direttamente. Non perdiamo tempo con cose inutili. Dateci solo l'opportunità di sentire il solido insegnamento della Chiesa". Dalle loro parole sentiamo un desiderio di guida nella fede. Coloro che hanno risposto al questionario hanno identificato nella famiglia (65%) il loro supporto chiave nel cammino di fede.

Quando è stato chiesto riguardo al discernimento e la



formazione della fede, la maggioranza di chi ha risposto ha identificato tre aree dove i giovani vanno a cercare una crescita nella loro relazione con Dio: preghiera privata (52%), social media (32%) e la regolare Eucaristia Domenicale (30%). Una giovane donna, alle nostre discussioni e preghiere serali, quando le è stato chiesto cosa potevamo fare noi per aiutarla nel suo cammino, ha detto "Ho bisogno di un promemoria quotidiano per raggiungere il Paradiso". Non è la verità per tutti noi? I nostri giovani vogliono semplicemente qualcuno con cui viaggiare verso il Paradiso! Dell'86% che ha partecipato al questionario abbiamo compreso che hanno sufficienti opportunità per crescere nella loro fede all'interno della comunità Cattolica, e 127 giovani uomini e donne hanno detto che stavano scegliendo una vita religiosa o il sacerdozio. Noi dobbiamo pregare per questi giovani adulti e trovare vie utili per supportare loro nel percorso di fede.

Il lavoro di questo report preparatorio è stato una benedizione nella nostra Diocesi. Ci ha fornito una opportunità per rinnovare il nostro impegno per il ministero dei giovani. Papa Francesco ci ha chiesto di lavorare con i giovani "per la loro gioia". Sembra chiaro che si devono trovare nuove strade per incontrare i bisogni che i giovani hanno espresso, fornendo risorse che aiutino loro a rispondere alle sfide della nostra cultura secolare, in modo che possano crescere in fede e santità. Noi preghiamo San Giovanni Bosco affinché possa intercedere a nome dei giovani della nostra Chiesa!

Vescovo Douglas Crosby, OMI, Vescovo di Hamilton. Agosto 9, 2017, Con l'assistenza di Christina Mines, Direttore dell'Ufficio Diocesano dei Giovani e Padre Michael King, Direttore Diocesano delle Vocazioni





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ono contento di stare un po' con voi, partecipando al vostro dialogo che vi vede protagonisti dall'Atlantico al Pacifico. Sono le meraviglie della tecnologia che, se sfruttate positivamente, offrono occasione di incontro e di scambio impensabile fino a poco tempo fa.

Questo ci conferma che quando le persone lavorano insieme cercando il bene gli uni degli altri, il mondo si rivela in tutta la sua bellezza. Allora vi chiedo di non lasciarlo rovinare da chi pensa solo a sfruttarlo e a distruggerlo, senza scrupoli. Vi invito a inondare i luoghi in cui vivete con la gioia e l'entusiasmo tipici della vostra età, a irrigare il mondo e la storia con la gioia che viene dal Vangelo, dall'aver incontrato una Persona: Gesù, che vi ha affascinato e vi ha attirato a stare con Lui.

Non lasciatevi rubare la vostra giovinezza. Non permettete a nessuno di frenare e oscurare la luce che Cristo mette nel volto e nel cuore. Siate tessitori di relazioni improntate alla fiducia, alla condivisione, all'apertura fino ai confini del mondo. Non innalzate muri di divisione, non innalzate muri di divisione! Costruite ponti, come questo straordinario che state idealmente attraversando e che mette in comunicazione le sponde di due oceani. State vivendo un momento di intensa preparazione al prossimo Sinodo – il Sinodo dei Vescovi – che vi riguarda in modo particolare, come coinvolge la comunità cristiana. Infatti, il tema è: "I giovani, la fede e il discernimento vocazionale".

«Desidero anche ricordarvi le parole di Gesù, quelle che disse un giorno ai discepoli che gli chiedevano: "Rabbi, dove dimori?". E Gesù rispose: "Venite e vedrete" (Gv 1,38-39). Anche a voi Gesù rivolge il suo sguardo e vi invita ad andare presso di Lui. Carissimi giovani, avete incontrato questo sguardo? Avete udito questa voce? Avete sentito quell'impulso a mettervi in cammino? Sono sicuro che, sebbene il frastuono e lo stordimento sembrino regnare del mondo, questa chiamata continua a risuonare nel vostro animo per aprirlo alla gioia piena. Ciò sarà possibile nella misura in cui anche attraverso l'accompagnamento di guide esperte saprete intraprendere un itinerario di discernimento per scoprire il progetto di Dio sulla vostra vita, sulla tua, la tua..., sulla vita di ognuno di voi. Pure quando il vostro cammino è segnato dalla precarietà e dalla caduta, Dio, ricco di misericordia, tende la sua mano per rialzarvi».

Queste parole, le scrivevo nella lettera che ho inviato a tutti i giovani del mondo il 13 gennaio di quest'anno, proprio per presentare il tema del Sinodo. Il mondo, la Chiesa hanno bisogno di giovani coraggiosi, che non si spaventino di fronte alle difficoltà, che affrontino le prove, tengano gli occhi e il cuore bene aperti sulla realtà, perché nessuno venga rifiutato, sia vittima di ingiustizie, di violenze, venga privato della dignità di persona umana.

Sono certo che il vostro cuore giovane non rimarrà chiuso al grido di aiuto di tanti vostri coetanei che cercano libertà, lavoro, studio, possibilità di dare un senso alla propria vita. Conto sulla vostra disponibilità, sul vostro impegno, sulla vostra capacità di affrontare sfide importanti e di osare il futuro, per compiere passi decisivi sulla via del cambiamento.

Giovani, lasciatevi raggiungere da Cristo. Lasciate che vi parli, vi abbracci, vi consoli, guarisca le vostre ferite, dissolva i vostri dubbi e paure e sarete pronti per l'affascinante avventura della vita, dono prezioso e impagabile che Dio pone ogni giorno nelle vostre mani. Andate incontro a Gesù, state con Lui nella preghiera, affidatevi a Lui, consegnate tutta la vostra esistenza al suo amore misericordioso e alla vostra fede, e questa vostra fede sarà testimonianza luminosa di generosità e gioia di seguirlo, ovunque vi condurrà.

Cari giovani del Canada, vi auguro di vivere un incontro come quello dei primi discepoli, perché si spalanchi davanti a voi la bellezza di una vita realizzata nel seguire il Signore. Per questo «vi affido a Maria di Nazareth, una giovane come voi, a cui Dio ha rivolto il suo sguardo amorevole, perché vi prenda per mano. Lasciatevi prendere per mano da Maria, e vi guidi alla gioia di un "Eccomi" pieno e generoso» (Lettera ai giovani, 13 gennaio 2017).

Gesù ti guarda e aspetta da te un "Eccomi".

Vi benedico, vi abbraccio e vi saluto con affetto mentre vi chiedo, per favore, di pregare per me, perché io sia un fedele collaboratore delle vostra gioia (cfr 2 Cor 1,24). Grazie.



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Esmeralda Blasi Intern

1 Salve Regina 2 St. Francis of Assisi 3 Caring, Precise, Happy 4 Pasta! 5 Travelling! 6 None right now, but I want to catch up on *Castle* 7 An adventurer like Indiana Jones 8 Probably Indiana Jones WHY? Because of all the travels, the incredible adventures, the amazing places he sees and the people he meets.



Charles Le Bourgeois Producer

1 Boy Scout's Prayer 2 Mother Teresa 3 Adventurous, Happy, Spontaneous 4 Raclette 5 Hiking in the mountains 6 I don't really watch TV 7 Journalist 8 Tintin WHY? He brings you to the other side of the world for crazy adventures.



Marc Boudignon Senior Editor

1 St. Michael Prayer 2 St. Therese of Lisieux 3 Creative, Joyful, Dependable 4 Chili 5 Running 6 Better Call Saul 7 An architect 8 St. Louis Martin, father of St. Therese. WHY? He was a quiet man full of strength and dedication, who was tasked with the wholly normal yet awesome responsibility of raising his children to be saints.



Vivian Cabrera Social Media Manager

1 Anima Christi 2 St. Ignatius 3 Imaginative, Sensible, Attentive 4 Arroz con leche 5 Reading 6 Game of Thrones 7 A vet and a nurse 8 A writer of The Lost Generation WHY? I want to know what it would be like to live in Paris in the 1920s as someone trying to establish a career as an author.



Emilie Callan Producer, Community Outreach Program

1 Prayer of St. Claude de la Colombiere SJ, to the Sacred Heart 2 St. Therese of Lisieux 3 Expressive, Dynamic, Compassionate 4 Mom's shepherd's pie 5 Baking 6 Stranger Things 7 A professional performer 8 Pauline Vanier WHY? She was a strong and passionate woman who, despite having deep insecurities and facing difficult life changes, had a heart for the world.



Matteo Ciofi Producer

1 Padre Nostro – Our Father 2 St. Francis of Assisi 3 Organized, Ironic, Attentive 4 Pasta 5 Playing soccer 6 A TV series about Italian history 7 Journalist 8 My colleague Charles Le Bourgeois WHY? I am sure it would be a great walk.

Favourite prayer 2 Favourite saint 3

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Alexander Du coo

1 The Lord's Prayer 2 St. Thomas Aguinas 3 Thoughtful, Caring, Generous 4 Congee with kidney...mmm! 5 Photography 6 Better Call Saul 7 Architect 8 My father WHY? I often wonder what choices I would have made if I had faced the same circumstances in life.



Mireille Haj-Chahine French Marketing Coordinator

1 Our Father 2 St. Charbel 3 Charitable, Generous, Patient 4 Chocolate 5 Chanting 6 Talk of the Town (MTV channel) 7 A mentor 8 Mary WHY? She is all for me. I grew up praying to her and Jesus Christ. Today I will see again the woman, the servant of God, who was ready to listen to the message of the divine Angel.



Francis Denis Producer

1 Eucharistic Prayer #12 St. Thomas Aquinas 3 Audacious, Tenacious, Calm 4 Beef Wellington 5 Video games 6 The Good Wife 7 University professor in Theology/Philosophy 8 Christopher Columbus WHY? I want to experience what it means to risk everything to explore the world.



Gita Hosek Director of Programming and Production

1 Rosary 2 St. Agnes of Bohemia 3 Hardworking, Multitasking, Creative 4 Ice Cream 5 Gardening 6 Fixer Upper 7 Actress 8 Audrey Hepburn WHY? I admire her as an actress and a goodwill ambassador for UNICEF.



Javier Capella Manager of Technical Operations

1 Hail Mary 2 St. Martin de Porres 3 Courageous, Compassionate, Intuitive 4 Tomato Soup 5 Being in nature/ canoeing 6 Designated Survivor 7 Airline pilot 8 Neil Armstrong WHY? I want to feel my boots touch the moon.



Richard Valenti Senior Editor

1 The Creed 2 St. Francis of Assisi 3 Empathetic, Creative, Imaginative 4 Bacon, eggs, toast 5 Painting (Art) 6 Homeland 7 Industrial Engineer – I thought it was a job that designed cars. 8 Mario Lemieux WHY? I have a great respect for him and would love to know how and what drives him.



Rodney Leung Producer

1 Our Father 2 St. John Bosco 3 Joyful, Optimistic, Responsible 4 Soy Sauce Chicken 5 Soccer 6 Dora the Explorer (watching with my young daughter) 7 Teacher 8 St. John Bosco WHY? I would like to experience his faith in God, how he served the youth in a limited situation and how he brought them the joy of God.



Billy Chan Web Developer

1 Our Father 2 St. Br. André 3 Humorous, Affectionate, Emotional 4 Fish 5 Board games 6 The Walking Dead 7 Pianist 8 Nobita Nobi WHY? Because he has a companion named Doraemon who is a catlike robot created for Nobita from the future. His objective is to help Nobita Nobi to be a success. Doraemon can acquire various kinds of futuristic tools, gadgets, and playthings from a future department store, such as the 'everywhere door' which allows you to go anywhere immediately.



David LeRoss Cinematographer

1 Hail Mary 2 Bl. Pier Giorgio Frassati 3 Creative, Compassionate, Caring 4 Mom's home cooking 5 Watching movies 6 *Daredevil* 7 A filmmaker 8 Alfred Hitchcock WHY? Because he is the greatest filmmaker of all time.

Favourite prayer

Favourite saint

3 Three adjectives to describe your personality

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A meal that
brings you
comfort

5 One hobby you love

TV: what show are you currently hooked on?

What did you want to be when you were growing up?

If you could walk a mile in one person's shoes, who would it be and why?



Prevain Devendran

Operations Manager

1 "Teach me to be Generous" 2 St. Ignatius of Loyola 3 Witty, Loyal, Compassionate 4 Pizza 5 Squash 6 Black Mirror 7 A lawyer 8 Fr. Gerard Hammond, Maryknoll Missionary in Korea WHY? He lived a life of service in joy!



Sebastian Gomes Producer

1"Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom" 2 St. Benedict 3 Sociable, Analytical, Observant 4 Pancakes with real maple syrup! 5 Golfing 6 Game of Thrones 7 Professional soccer player 8 Dustin Johnson, professional golfer WHY? He's my favourite golfer; he gets to walk the most beautiful courses, in very comfortable shoes.



Francisco Gonzalez

Web Developer

1 Magnificat 2 Don Bosco 3 Religious, Serious, Open 4 Pupusas 5 Watching movies 6 None, movies mostly 7 Football (soccer) player 8 Gandhi WHY? I would like to see life and the world from his point view.



Madonna Lee

Chinese Marketing Manager

1 Words from my heart 2 St. Joseph 3 Optimistic, Reflective, Creative 4 Peking duck 5 Fashion and reading fashion magazines 6 Cooking shows and travelling programs 7 Writer 8 Mother Mary WHY? Her courage and faith are beyond my imagination.



Deacon Pedro Guevara-Mann

Producer

1 Liturgy of the Hours: Morning and Evening Prayer 2 St. Ignatius of Loyola, St. Joseph 3 Fun, Laid-back, Introspective 4 Lobster with melted butter 5 Playing music The Handmaid's Tale 7 Smokey the Bear, and a grandpa 8 My parents WHY? I'd love to know what they saw as children, as teenagers, as adults. What music did they listen to? What movies did they watch? What was summer in Europe like, growing up?



Kaiwu Li Editor

1 Prayer to the Holy Spirit 2 St. Adrian 3 Kind, Just, Patient 4 BBQ 5 Travelling 6 Ghost Blows Out the Light 7 A pilot 8 Li Bai WHY? He wrote so many famous Tang poems, so I would like to know what he felt during his travels.

... now you know!



Antoinette Palumbo

Marketing and Sales Associate

1 Our Father 2 St. Maximilian Kolbe 3 Outgoing, Fun, Honest 4 Mac 'n' cheese 5 Dancing 6 None right now 7 Teacher 8 Oprah Winfrey WHY? Because she is respected and able to enlighten and educate on a mass scale.



Sohee Park Graphic Designer

1 Hail Mary 2 Mary, St. Therese of Lisieux 3 Creative, Caring, Compassionate 4 A home-cooked meal by my mom 5 Making jewellery 6 Sofia the First, Ninjago and Pokémon. I have two youngsters at home (4&2):) 7 At one point I wanted to be a baker and afterwards I wanted to be a ballerina 8 My two-year-old daughter WHY? She is super cute and loved by everyone.



Peter Turek Cinematographer

1 Our Father 2 St. John Paul II and St. Christopher (since he dangled in Grandpa's car when I was little) 3 Easygoing, Caring, Adventurous 4 Chicken noodle soup or tomato soup 5 Adventure walks with my kids 6 House of Cards 7 A writer or a, yes, a camera guy! 8 Ernest Hemingway WHY? He led an adventurous life, saw war, was a great writer AND converted to Christianity.



Rosina Di Felice Administration

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- She lived between 1656 and 1680, was baptized when she was 20 years old on Easter Sunday and made her First Communion the following year on Christmas Day. She tolerated ridicule and abuse by her family and her village because of her conversion to Christianity. She died four years after her baptism.
 - a) Chiara Badano
 - b) Kateri Tekakwitha
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- He was a boy catechist who went with Spanish Jesuit missionaries in 1668 from the Philippines to Guam. At age 17, he and a priest were killed by the father of a newborn whom they had baptized with the mother's consent.
 - a) Pedro Calungsod
 - b) Francisco Marto
 - c) Andrew of Phú Yên
- 3. This shepherd boy was canonized together with his sister. Together they are the youngest persons declared to be saints who are not martyrs. When asked what he wanted to do when he grew up he said, "I don't want to be anything. I want to die and go to heaven." He and his sister both died during the Spanish flu epidemic.
 - a) Francisco Marto
 - b) Marcel Callo
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- They called her "Luce," light. She loved to hang out in coffee shops, was a swimmer, a tennis player, loved mountain climbing and dreamed of becoming a flight attendant. She died at age 18 from a rare form of bone cancer. There was a huge crowd at the funeral. At her request, she was buried in a white dress, "like a bride going to Jesus."
 - a) Kateri Tekakwitha
 - b) Teresita Quevedo
 - c) Chiara Badano
- 5. He was baptized together with his mother, at age 17, just three years before his martyrdom.

 On the way to his execution, he exhorted the Christians to remain firm in their faith, not to be saddened by his death and to help him with their prayers to be faithful to the end.
 - a) Andrew of Phú Yên
 - b) Isidore Bakanja
 - c) Marcel Callo
- G. He was deported by the Germans to do his
 Service of Obligatory Work at a factory that
 produced bombs. He would arrange for Mass
 to be celebrated for his fellow French workers.
 Because of this, he was sent to prison where
 he suffered from various illnesses. He finally
 died at age 24, on the Feast of St. Joseph.
 - a) Isidore Bakanja
 - b) Francisco Castelló y Aleu
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- 7. He worked as a chemist, and as a soldier during the Spanish Civil War was a victim of the religious repression. While in prison he sent various letters to his family and to his fiancée. He refused to renounce his faith and was condemned to the firing squad. He was 22.
 - a) Isidore Bakanja
 - b) Pedro Calungsod
 - c) Francisco Castelló y Aleu
- 8. At age 24, he was brutally beaten by his Belgian employer in the Congo, for teaching other workers to pray and for wearing a scapular, and suffered agonizing pain from his wounds for 6 months before his death. He is remembered for saying, "Certainly I shall pray for him. When I am in heaven, I shall pray for him very much."
 - a) Marie-Clémentine Nengapeta
 - b) Isidore Bakanja
 - c) Teresita Quevedo
- 9. In high school, she was involved in swimming, dancing, played tennis, was captain of the basketball team and was once voted "best dressed." She told her friends that she believed she would be allowed to celebrate the proclamation of the Assumption in Heaven. She died just short of her 20th birthday of tubercular meningitis, on the eve of Easter, 1950, seven months before Pope Pius XII proclaimed the Dogma.
 - a) Teresita Quevedo
 - b) Marie-Clémentine Nengapeta
 - c) Chiara Badano

- 10. 10. At age 25 she was severely beaten and killed by a colonel of a rebel army because she refused to marry him. The Woman of Courage in the Democratic Republic of Congo Prize was established in her honour. At her beatification, the pope publicly forgave her killer, who had asked to meet the Holy Father to express remorse.
 - a) Kateri Tekakwitha
 - b) Marie-Clémentine Nengapeta
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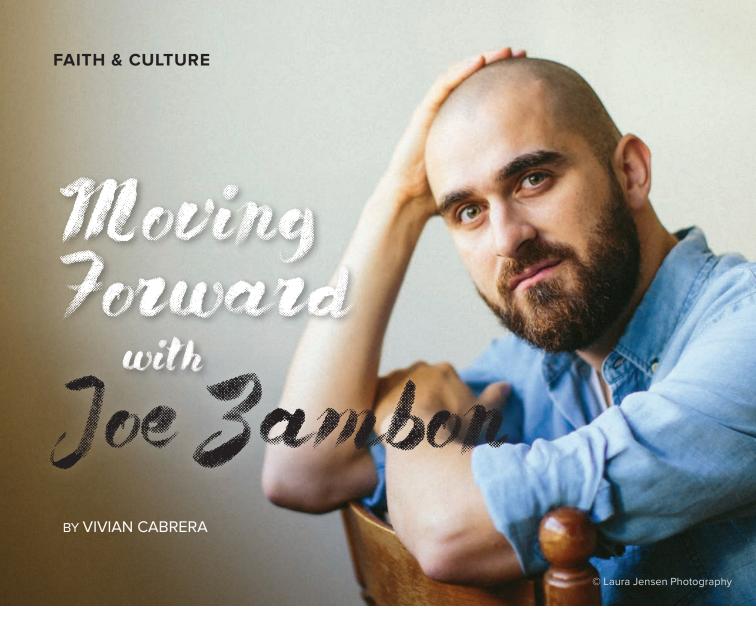
- Pope Benedict to a group of Spanish youth April 2, 2012

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ANSWERS: 1. (b) St. Kateri Tekakwitha (Age 24)
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Pastoral Assistant at the Catholic Chaplaincy at York University by day and worship leader/musician by night. He hails from the small town of Iroquois, Ontario, and just finished touring his new album *Love Is*. I sat down with Joe shortly after he returned from his tour to chat about his new album and life as a Catholic musician.

What was it like growing up in the Zambon household? Were you raised Catholic?

Yup. So what was it like? My parents were farmers. They were missionaries who met in Ethiopia. And so they had faith and they shared it with us. They lived it out. I never felt that the faith was forced upon us. Even though we prayed the Rosary every night together, went to Mass every Sunday, it wasn't really too painful. Because my parents actually believed it, lived it out and so I think I could see the joy of the Gospel lived in my parents.

Joe: the musician. When you start writing a new album, how do you decide what it's going to be about? And where do you get inspiration from?

I often don't set out too much with a concept album. I usually am just writing and they're usually different seasons in my life. The last album was the quickest written and it's the most thematically similar throughout the whole [album]. I'm drawing inspiration from my own life experience, the books I'm reading, so the stories of the Saints, the conversations I have with

people. Sin, sorrow. There's a little bit sometimes from the joys of life, but my songwriting process is usually reflecting on some sort of difficulty, struggle, valley, darkness, pain. And I think that's where God enters, to then reflect upon those things with God.

When you write, would you say it's a spiritual time for you? Do you pray about what you want to say, what you're going to write?

Sure? Sometimes it's more passive prayer. I'm not so much 'the act of thinking about prayer.' Sometimes it's in those conversations with people.

It's almost like I feel like there is a word or a phrase that stands out. Which sometimes is what the Holy Spirit inspires.

Your new album is Love Is. Tell me about it. What was it like writing it?

When I finished my previous album, Brothers, we were still in the studio. [Brothers] hadn't even come out yet and I was already thinking, 'I think the next album, I want to write on love.' And I remember thinking how ridiculous that sounded because I'm like, what can I possibly write on, like where is this inspiration going to come from? It seemed so far away from me. I remember I wrote my first song for the album late November / December 2015 and it was kind of a bit on the theme of relationships and love. I remember actually just laughing for a second because I remembered two vears earlier I'd said that I would write on love. And then I was just reading a lot from the saints, like St. Bernard of Clairvaux, St. John of the Cross, St. Teresa of Avila, St. Therese of Lisieux, just on love. [It was like] going into the wisdom of the saints. And [they] kickstarted the writing process - the journey of love.

What is your favourite song on the album?

My favourite song on the album in terms of message, which I feel wraps up the whole album is "Love's Embrace." If you journey through the whole album and you get to that point, I feel like it holds together the extremes of the album, the "Joy", the "Sweet Aroma", "Desire", "Lover", and also like the "Untethered", "Still in Pieces", "Strings", "Don't Be Too Scared" and again it brings it back together with this embrace of Love, that recreates us. Even after we've gone through the experience of it, the feelings of love, but also the loss of love. For me, that song kind of finishes a lot of those thoughts and puts them in the right place. And it's almost a healing song for the rest of those songs that can kind of feel raw.



Love Is is Joe Zambon's 6th studio album.

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Where do you see your music going?

It's interesting because every time I come out of an album, I pour so much heart into that album and even going on tour, it's like I am just immersed in the message of it, the theme of it. And that is what I am trying to communicate to people. The message. I know now that the album has been released, I've gone on a bigger tour, I'm kind of now settling down again. I don't really know what's next. I've had it before where I've come out of an album and a tour for the album that I guess you call it writer's block, but in a sense I don't. It's almost like I don't feel a need to say anything. I feel if I started writing now it would be too close to the last one and I'd be kind of repeating myself. In terms of writing, I don't know. I feel like my life is going into a new season now and, even for myself, going deeper into love and what does that really mean. It's hard to say. I have dreams of doing more music and then I am also okay with being as it is.

I would imagine going on tour and singing these songs that were part of you would be draining because you're giving so much of yourself. How does it feel to be done?

Yeah, there's a part that is draining. So at the end of three months I was ready to come home, even though a part of me thought I could probably do this indefinitely, just keep on. If I had someone who just keeps on booking shows ahead of me, I'll just keep on going. But at the same time, a part of it is life-giving. I've always felt I feel more rested when I'm on tour than when I'm at home. I still don't really understand that. It can be a pretty gruelling schedule. But I just think that's part of the charism. That it gives life to me.

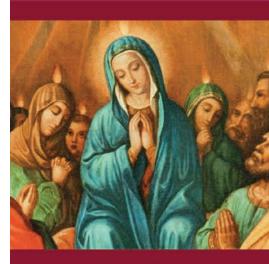


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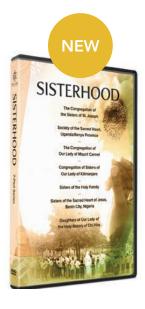


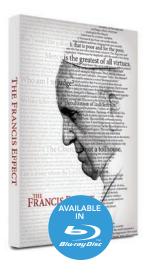


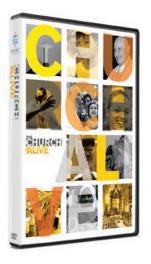


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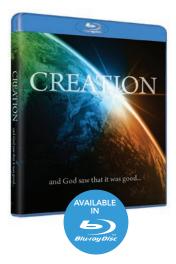
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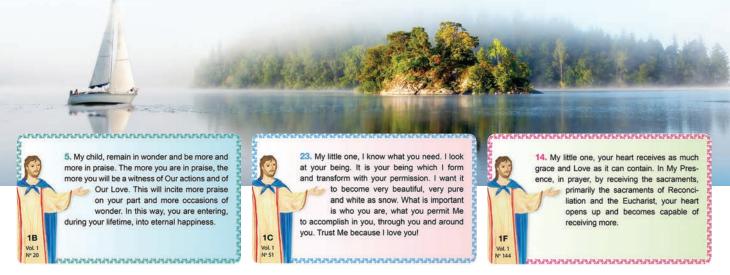
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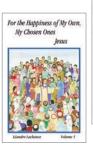
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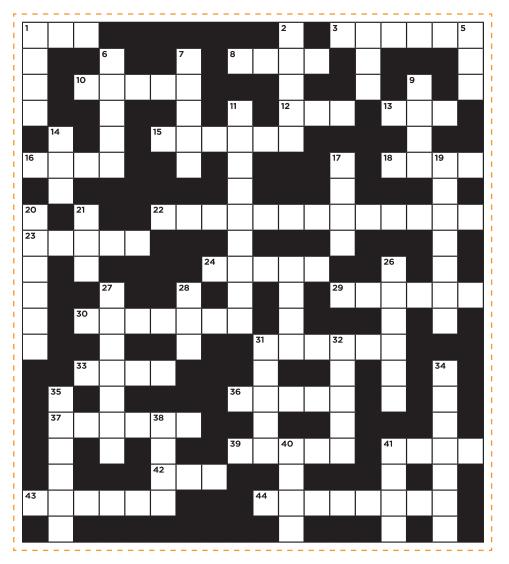
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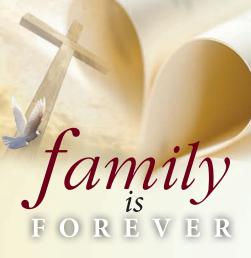
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Time: ET	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Time: PT
7:00 PM	Witness	Perspectives / The World Seen from the Vatican	Perspectives / Terra Santa	Perspectives / Catholic Focus	Perspectives / General Audience	Perspectives: The Weekly Edition	Catholic Focus	4:00 PM
7:30 PM	Nouvelles de Terre Sainte	Perspectives /Focus catholique	Perspectives / Échos du Vatican	Perspectives / Audience générale	Perspectives / Échos du Vatican	Église en Sortie	Églises du monde	4:30 PM
8:00 PM	Aid to the Church in Need	Lumière du monde	Subject Matters	Documentary	The World Seen from the Vatican	Subject Matters	Movie / Documentary	5:00 PM
8:30 PM	Catholicism A Documentary / Series	Église en Sortie	The Nazareth Jesus Knew		Aid to the Church in Need	Dcumentary / Series		5:30 PM
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10:00 PM		Échos du Vatican	Where God Weeps	The Nazareth Jesus Knew		Witness		7:00 PM
10:30 PM	Sunday Mass	Sunday Mass Daily Mass General Audience						7:30 PM
11:00 PM	Repeat of Prime Time							8:00 PM

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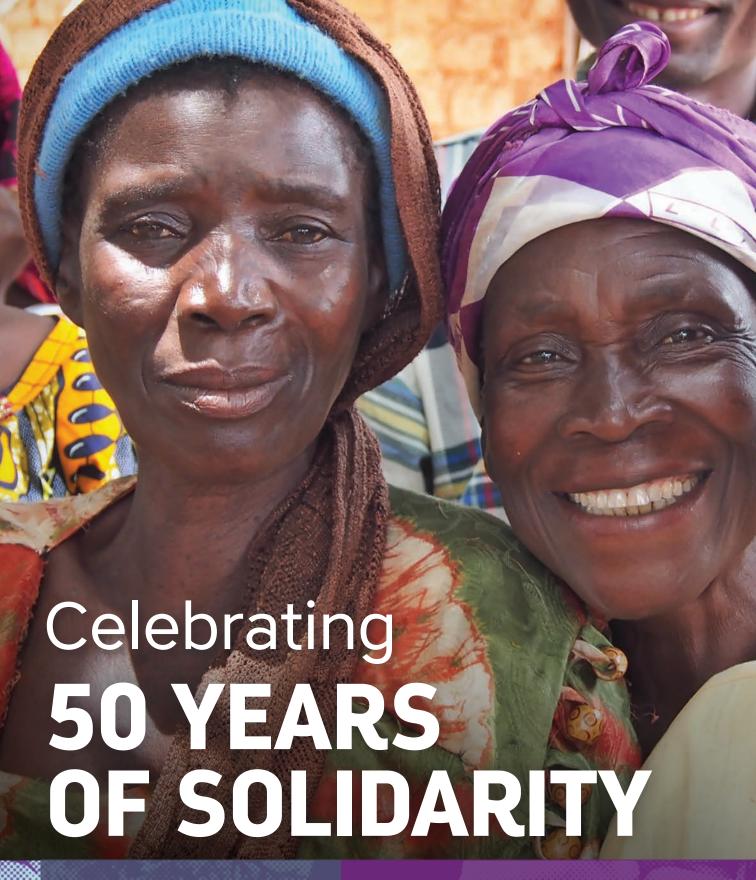
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