CLC ROCKIES REGIONAL REPORT

As we entered into the Advent season, anticipating the birth of baby Jesus, the Rockies/BC region is also entering into a special "Advent season", waiting for Our Lord to give birth to new regional leaders. The nomination process is complete and members who are nominated will soon be invited to discern about taking up the leadership roles in our region. When Mary and Joseph welcomed the Lord into human history, it's a chaotic environment as a census was undertaking at the time (Lk 2:1-7). In our modern day, the pandemic has caused disruption to our lives, but like Mary and Joseph, we also welcome and encounter Jesus in the midst of chaos. On November 11, when we can't travel anywhere, the Lord brought the world to us. Catherine Kelly from St Mark's CLC organized a special virtual gathering for the remote, isolated CLC communities in BC, and I felt grateful to be invited to attend. CLC members originally from various countries and now have formed new groups at St. Mark's shared their experiences. It was like the Pentecost although coming from different places, the same "CLC language" was spoken and understood.

It's a great blessing to be able to witness the wonderful work of the Lord, and it's amazing what a huge difference CLCers can make when following the Holy Spirit. I encourage you to read the inspiring and energizing article by Maureen and Catherine as well as the beautiful powerpoint presentation by Misrak to share the joy and gratitude we experienced that day. Very often the Lord calls humble and ordinary people to cooperate with Him. As we continue to meditate on the Scripture during Advent, may our hearts be open, courageous and generous like Mary and be ready to respond to any calling of the Lord with our "fiat". Advent blessings to you all!

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