



**Fall Edition**

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### **Greetings!**

As the year winds down and the season of Fall is fast approaching, I've been reflecting on the many good events that have been going on around us. Did we take the time to perceive them? I'm thinking about World Youth Day. I'm thinking of the Olympics. I'm thinking of the Canonization of Mother Teresa of Calcutta. If we look outward with our eyes we see unrest in the entire world, but if we look up, we see all the good that God is allowing at this time. We are seeing the ordinary, but we are experiencing the extraordinary through God's eyes. God has planted within each of us a vision. It is our choice to focus on what we choose to see. There is a vision of the heart and when we look at the world through the eyes of our heart, it is a different place. It reflects God's creation, His vision with our heart entwined with His heart. As we draw closer to God, we gain His perspective on all of life's situations. I thank God for the women who have carried the vision of Magnificat to help light the lampstands all over the world because ...



"Where there is no vision the people perish." Proverbs 29:18

Blessings,

Kathy MacInnis, Coordinator

Central Service Team

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## Holy Father's Monthly Intentions



### **September:**

Universal: That opportunities for education and employment may increase for all young people.

Evangelization: That catechists may give witness by living in a way consistent with the faith they proclaim.

### **October:**

Universal: That human trafficking, the modern form of slavery, may be eradicated.

Evangelization: That with a missionary spirit the Christian communities of Asia may announce the Gospel to those who are still awaiting it.

### **November:**

Universal: That we may be open to personal encounter and dialogue with all, even those whose convictions differ from our own.

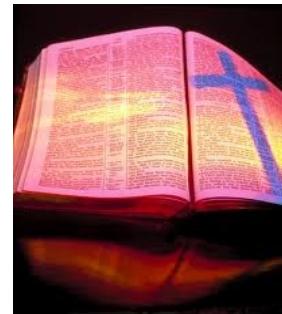
Evangelization: That pastors of the Church, with profound love for their flocks, may accompany them and enliven their hope.

## Liturgy of the Hours

### Second Reading

From the autobiography of Saint Theresa of the Child Jesus, virgin

*In the heart of the Church I will be love*

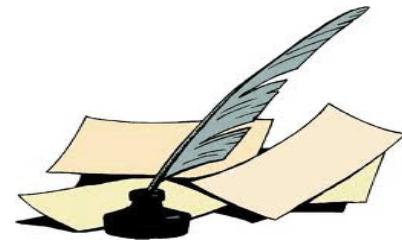


Since my longing for martyrdom was powerful and unsettling, I turned to the epistles of Saint Paul in the hope of finally finding an answer. By chance the twelfth and thirteenth chapters in the first epistle to the Corinthians caught my attention, and in the first section I read that not everyone can be an apostle, prophet or teacher, that the Church is composed of a variety of members, and that the eye cannot be the hand. Even with such an answer revealed before me, I was not satisfied and did not find peace.

I persevered in the reading and did not let my mind wander until I found this encouraging theme: Set your desires on the greater gifts. And I will now show you the way which surpasses all others. For the Apostle insists that the greatest gifts are nothing at all without love and that this same love is surely the best path leading directly to God. At length I had found peace of mind.

When I had looked upon the mystical body of the Church, I recognized myself in none of the members which Saint Paul described, and what is more, I desired to distinguish myself more favorably within the whole body. Love appeared to me to be the hinge for my vocation. Indeed I knew that the Church had a body composed of various members, but in this body the necessary and more noble member was not lacking; I knew that the Church had a heart and that such a heart appeared to be aflame with love. I knew that one love drove the members of the Church to action, that if this love were extinguished, the apostles would have proclaimed the Gospel no longer, the martyrs would have shed their blood no more. I saw and realized that love sets off the bounds of all vocations, that love is everything, that this same love embraces very time and every place. In one word, that love is everlasting.

Then, nearly ecstatic with the supreme joy in my soul, I proclaimed: O Jesus, my love, at last I have found my calling: my call is love. Certainly I have found my proper place in the Church, and you gave me that very place, my God. In the heart of the Church, my mother, I will be love, and thus I will be all things, as my desire finds its direction.



Is Anyone Sick Among You? [James 5:14]

My late sister Josie had an unusual charism. She felt drawn by the Lord to minister to the spiritual needs of those who were sick, especially if they were drawing near to death. In the small community in which we grew up, she knew them all by their first names. She would visit them in their homes at a time convenient for the family, bringing with her a blessed candle, holy water, medals, and perhaps a little statue of Our Lady or the Sacred Heart. On one occasion, I watched her talk to the family about the sick person. She would then go to the person in question, and speak with them and begin to pray, always familiar prayers, and the sick person would join in or just listen. In those days people seldom went to the hospital. They remained at home and, more often than not, would die there. Families were glad to see her. It helped to ease their burden.

Lately, I have come to observe that these customs surrounding sickness and the onset of death have almost entirely disappeared as people have become more secularized and estranged from the Church and from their faith. This has resulted in a situation where people who are physically well cared for are spiritually neglected. Sick people want and need people to help them to keep in touch with God. I have noticed that people hardly ever send for the priest, thereby depriving their loved ones of the great graces that come through Confession, the Anointing of the Sick, and especially the Holy Eucharist.

This is a real sin of omission and neglect. It means that poor sick people, at the moment of their greatest need, are unable to experience these saving encounters with their Lord and Savior. For some years I have thought of a way to fill this gap in the devotional lives of those who are dying and those who are caring for them. So I wrote a little book of prayers and meditations to help people to pray for those waiting for the Lord to return, to put oil in their lamps as it were. The book is titled "Is Anyone Sick Among You" [James 5:14]. It is published by Amazon in the U.S., and by Veritas in Ireland. I mention it to you of Magnificat because of the wide circle of people whom you encounter who may from time to time need help from such a book.

Visiting the sick is one of the seven Corporal Works of Mercy. St. Teresa of Calcutta constantly reminded her sisters, and all of us, that when we minister to the sick we are ministering to Christ himself. In these times when the value of human life is being constantly diminished, it is good for us to remember that when we lay our hands on the sick and look into their eyes, we are laying our hands on the person of Jesus and looking into His eyes.

May the Lord continue to bless all of you.

Fr. Kevin Scallion, C.M.

## **Magnifying the Goodness of the Lord: The 2016 Saint John Paul II Award Recipient**

By Paulette Renaudin, Newsletter Editor

Our own Marilyn Quirk has been honored by being selected to receive the Catholic Foundation of New Orleans' highest award. This award is presented annually to a deserving layperson or permanent Deacon who resides in the Archdiocese of New Orleans and who exhibits inspirational examples of Christian stewardship. The recipient must be a Roman Catholic with an outstanding record of volunteer service in the Catholic Community, high moral character and exemplary values.



Yes, that describes our Marilyn Quirk beautifully. Marilyn, as you all know, has been the Spiritual Mother of the Magnificat Ministry for Catholic Women since she was the Coordinator of the founding Service Team in 1981. As we all lovingly know, Marilyn has surrendered her life to the will of God for the sake of this ministry since it was founded. This ministry is lovingly called "Our Lady's Garden." The perfume of the grace of the Holy Spirit has allowed this garden to spread far and wide nationally and internationally. From the Song of Songs, Chapter 4: 15-16 "You are a garden fountain, a well of water flowing fresh from Lebanon. Arise, north wind! Come, south wind! Blow upon my garden that its perfumes may spread abroad." The ministry presently has opened 105 Chapters each with the permission of their local ordinary, in 11 different countries and conducting Magnificat Meals in 6 different languages. This ministry is one of evangelization and fostering spiritual growth to thousands of women. More exciting news to come after the event in December! Congratulations, Marilyn!

## **Sr. Briege McKenna, O.S.C. and Fr. Kevin Scallon, C.M.**

### **Visit to Malta 2-5th June 2016**

By Mariz Cassar, Coordinator of Malta Chapter

Sr. Briege, "as a signpost to Jesus, she points us to Jesus" is what she did all through her visit in Malta. Although as Catholics we all know the power of the Eucharist as our Spiritual Food and Jesus as our Healer, when Sr. Briege tells us "When you receive Jesus in the Eucharist, ask Him to heal you!", it seems so simple and obvious to her, that she makes us so much more aware of how real Jesus' power is to heal even today. We have the power in our hands to receive his mercy and compassion.

Both Sr. Briege and Fr. Kevin were invited to give a talk to the priests at the jubilee for priests by the Archbishop of Malta, Mgr Charles J. Scicluna. As Magnificat, we sponsored Sr. Briege's book 'Miracles Do Happen' that was given to each priest along with a miraculous medal and Magnificat's prayer card with the Divine Mercy Chaplet. One of the priests that was impressed by their talks remarked how true was Fr. Kevin's warning that "the church is in crisis". Such is also the situation in Malta. The priests were thankful for their talk and the refreshments prepared and offered by the Service Team. They felt loved and cared for. They reaffirmed that we need to pray for them.

Sr. Briege and Fr. Kevin were accommodated at Mount St. Joseph, a Jesuit retreat house with Fr. Hayden Williams, O.F.M. Cap (our Spiritual Director) who lived with them and attended to their needs. This was also a special time for Fr. Hayden who was just as keen as we were to have Sr. Briege and Fr. Kevin visit us. Fr. Hayden invited Sr. Briege and Fr. Kevin to give a talk on the Eucharist and the priesthood respectively for his weekly TV programme Ejjew Ghandi (Come to Me) aired on F Living TV. He also took them to visit the cloistered Poor Claire nuns where Sr. Briege gave a short talk and prayed with them. This was a very blessed time for the nuns.

Looking back at this visit, I realize how busy we kept Sr. Briege and Fr. Kevin. One of the highlights was the Healing Service led by Sr. Briege for around 800 to 1000 people. This is a monthly event organized and led by Fr. Hayden which is always well attended, and more, with the presence of Sr. Briege. Mass was celebrated by Fr. Hayden and concelebrated by Fr. Kevin, Fr. Paul Sciberras (Head of Biblical Studies at the University of Malta) and Fr. Toni Alex (of ICPE). Fr. Kevin gave the final blessing of healing by walking through the huge gathering with the Monstrance. We were told by Sr. Briege not to close our eyes or look down, but to 'look' at Jesus and ask for our physical, mental and spiritual healing, 'body, mind and soul'. This was an anointed time with hope and joy, with songs of praise by the Franciscan Apostles & Disciples (2 fraternities founded by Fr. Hayden). We felt we were touching the robe of Jesus to heal us.

The next morning we had the most amazing experience at the Magnificat brunch with a mixture of experiences. Attended by 130 people, we started with Mass presided by the

Archbishop Emeritus Paul Cremona, O.P. and concelebrated by other priests including Fr. Kevin who delivered a homily on the meaning of the Magnificat. Fr. Kevin, in his humble way, gave an amazing meditation on Mary. The Music Ministry was led by Andrew Cauchi, head of the Charismatic Renewal in Malta. The music team included his wife and three



girls. We were blessed to have them especially because of their busy schedule. They felt blessed themselves to be with Sr. Briege and Fr. Kevin and thanked us for inviting them.

This event always takes a lot of organization and I thank the Service Team for their dedication and patience with bookings, preparation of gift tokens given to each person (a rosary beautifully packed in box with tulle covering) which adorned the table settings. Each table was entitled by a Rosary Mystery with a picture of the mystery. The tables and main flower arrangement were by Mrs. Myriam England. This was an opportunity to thank Myriam with a bouquet of flowers for her long standing work for the Magnificat Ministry and her representation for Europe. Her family was in attendance and it was a special moment for all of us, knowing that this ministry for women will carry on as a joyful and prayerful group of Catholic women who turn to Mary to intercede to Jesus.

After the abundant, good food we were all ready to hear Sr. Briege's inspiring talk. Some in attendance were struggling with sickness, pains and suffering, family problems and Sr. Briege gave us that hope that Jesus is present in our lives and as He miraculously worked in her life, He can also work in our lives. Miracles of healing can come in various ways, over

time and also taking medication is important. Sr. Briege always reminds us to turn to Jesus in the Eucharist, as it is not her who heals, but Jesus. We all left elated and hopeful of good things to come. We wished Sr. Briege and Fr. Kevin would never leave.

After such a full programme, the service team organized a meal as a fellowship at Myriam's summer house with a wonderful view of St. Paul's Bay. We celebrated Sr. Briege's birthday to come in a few days time and also had a cake for Fr. Kevin's birthday which was soon due. The Service Team, former Service Team and some husbands were prayed with individually by Sr. Briege and Fr. Kevin. Liliana Staines, (former team) told us about a personal experience of spiritual healing she received when Sr. Briege and Fr. Kevin prayed with her at the gathering of the old and new Service Team at Xemxija in St. Paul's Bay. She thanked the Lord for the healing. They certainly point the way to turn your eyes upon Jesus, who in His great mercy gave her rest and peace at that moment. After this, we felt ready to eat and enjoy the evening in the company of two very holy people.

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**"For the Kingdom of God consists not in spoken words but in power."**

## **1 Corinthians 4:20**

By Maria Vadia, CST Advisory Team

It is God's desire to display His power and might, because, after all, this is His character and nature and His Kingdom is a Kingdom of glory and power. We serve a loving, powerful 'Papa' and if there was a time where people needed to experience His love and power, it is now! We have a powerful helper, the Holy Spirit, to help us in our mission on planet earth to proclaim the Good News of the Gospel and demonstrate its power. I would like to share the amazing things the Holy Spirit did in Poland as we proclaimed the Gospel in twelve different cities, traveling over 5,000 miles! All for Jesus!

Throughout the ministry, hundreds repented and turned to Jesus, were baptized in the Holy Spirit and received their prayer language. Everywhere we went, the Holy Spirit confirmed the preaching of the Gospel with miracles, signs and wonders. We lost count of the people set free from different kinds of pains in their bodies. There were hips, shoulders, knees, neck pains healed in the atmosphere of the glory! At least 12 persons experienced the disappearance of tumors, many eye and ear miracles occurred, a 2 year old that couldn't walk started to take steps, a lady that could hardly walk left the meeting dancing! Many experienced freedom from depression, addictions, shame and fear! Most of these healings and miracles took place during praise and worship and accompanied by words of knowledge. Yes, our God is a God of restoration!



The ministry in Poland started with a "Healing Explosion" Conference in Warsaw, attended by about 1,000 people. This was an ecumenical conference sponsored by the Catholic Church and Magnificat, attended by several Protestant and Evangelical pastors and a Messianic Jewish rabbi who heads the largest Messianic congregation in Eastern Europe. In that atmosphere of unity, the Holy Spirit did wonders. There were mighty healings, including two people healed of scoliosis just through Ana Saj's testimony.

Together with Ana and the Army of Kids, we put on 6 different schools, to get the people equipped to carry on with the works of Jesus. In the schools, we emphasize praise and worship, teaching and ministry with activation of their gifts. We put on a School of Joy, School of Wisdom, School of Warriors of Praise, School of Healing, School of the Holy Spirit and a School of Prophecy. These were life transforming! There were outbreaks of joy everywhere we went. Attendees left activated in their gifts, with joy and hope for the future.

I was invited to speak about the power of the tongue (Proverbs 18:21) in a big church meeting. This was a televised meeting reaching 4 million people! We also did a healing service in a Catholic hospice, a concert in a public park, plus more!

I believe that Poland is the 'light and the fire' that the Lord is using and will use to awaken a dead continent back to Jesus. It's not by coincidence that the World Youth Day took place in Poland this past summer. As for us Magnificat sisters, let us never be ashamed of the gospel, for it is God's power for the salvation of all who believe! (Romans 1:16).

Coordinator of Magnificat, Kathy MacInnis, has accepted an invitation to serve on the National Service Committee of the Charismatic Renewal. Thank you, Kathy, for your continuing Fiat ... and your willingness to be such a wonderful handmaid in the service



## **Louisiana Pulls Together ... Again! The Flood of 2016!**

By Kathy MacInnis, CST Coordinator

We seem to coast along expecting that everything will remain status quo! Think again! We experience a day that shakes us to our very core, because it is totally unexpected. This was the case for our son, Scott, along with thousands of good people, many Magnificat sisters included, when a weather system dumped 30 inches of rain in a very short amount of time on the communities in Southeast Louisiana. In fact, Scott's small town of Denham Springs, reported thousands of people had to be rescued by boat. No one could have anticipated this event or the devastation left behind.



More amazing than that is that God showed up ... the God who provides! We know that if God is showing Himself to Scott, we know He is showing Himself to the others in this battered area.

Thank you, God, for sending a casual acquaintance to go shopping for a list of Scott's needs, and came back with bags full and would not take any remuneration.

Thank you, God, for a man camping out in his commercial truck in Scott's office parking lot since his home was flooded. He had a truck load of dehumidifiers and rented Scott one for a fraction of the cost.

Thank you, God, for the hardware store that happened to have everything on Scott's list, but each item was the last one.

Thank you, God, for Michelle Seghers, from Magnificat, who contacted a man going to Baton Rouge to check on Scott to see what he needed. They hauled water soaked sheet rock to the street for trash pick- up.

Thank you, God, for Michelle, who had ordered a headboard, but they sent the wrong one and told her to keep it and they would send the correct one. She is saving that one for Scott.

Thank you, God, for the friend who brought over mattresses, which were the exact size of the bed Michelle is saving for him.

Thank you, God, for several friends coming with heavy equipment and supplies and helped pull up water soaked carpets on their lunch hour.

If God did all that for Scott, we know He is doing it for all His children in Louisiana. Thank you, God, for Your amazing LOVE. Jesus, I trust in You!

## Desert Summit Meeting 2016 in Palm Desert, CA

By Elise Botch, CST Communications Team Member

The CST Communications Team comprised of eleven Magnificat sisters from all over the country gathered for our second Desert Summit meeting this past July in Palm Desert, CA, the hometown of our host and Communications ministry leader, Donna Ross. What were we thinking, gathering in a location of 115 degree heat in the summer? By the power of the Holy Spirit and well air-conditioned rooms, the heat did not hinder our productivity and much got accomplished!

The meeting was attended by Carolyn Wright, Elise Botch, Cathy Behrens, Colleen Swiatek, Maria Boylan, Mary Wilson, Sandi Amabile, Teri Thompson and Donna Ross. Yasmine Putnam and Jeanne Coelho were with us in Spirit!

In prayer, prior to the gathering, Donna Ross kept getting the word "makeover." Over time, we all came to better understand what a word of knowledge it turned out to be



**Front Row: L to R: Maria Boylan, Colleen Swiatek, Carolyn Wright, Teri Thompson** **Back Row: L to R: Mary Wilson, Cathy Behrens, Elise Botch, Donna Ross, Sandi Amabile**

We had praise and worship and prayer throughout the weekend with our own "Living Praise" ensemble. We were blessed to have 3 gifted guitarists within the group!

Many important issues were discussed; our Ministry publicity and materials, the Magnificat Proclaims 2nd Book, workshops for our upcoming 2017 Conference, the CST Website, and much, much more! There are many exciting things ahead for the Ministry. What an uplifting and spirit-filled time it was for all of us.

## Holy Doors of Italy

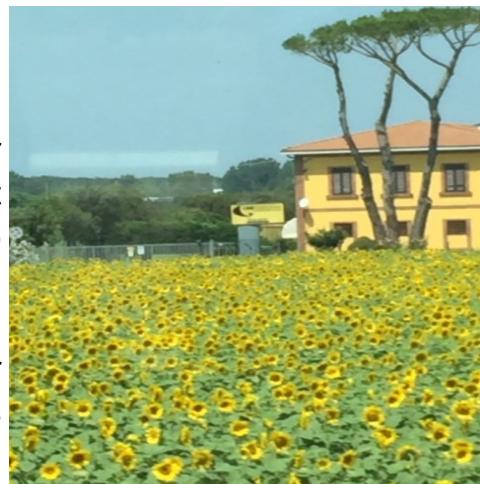
By Mary Ann Stacey, Advisory Team - Grapevine, Texas Chapter

While pondering our need for the Lord's mercy because of our country's disobedience, I reluctantly, because of health issues decided to make a pilgrimage to Italy in this "Jubilee Year of Mercy." Oh, I really wanted to go, but was not quite sure I could physically make it! I agreed, trying to be more obedient to my husband's wishes.

From Rome to Venice, we prayed and passed through fifteen holy doors. It was wonderful, but also difficult at times fighting the heat and averaging six miles a day walking. He was merciful and gave me the strength, and I know that same mercy is flowing into our ministry. How could I have ever doubted that He would?

Our pilgrimage leader, Dr. Taylor Marshall, emailed us asking us to prayerfully consider the main intention we would bring with us as we passed through so many holy doors of mercy. It was clear to me the next morning at Mass that I would be asking for the Lord's mercy on my beloved Magnificat Ministry, mercy for our past, present, future, and deceased members and also our supportive St. Joseph husbands.

All the blooming fields of sunflowers captivated me as we made our way through Italy on the bus. I had never seen anything like it. When I asked if they were harvested for their seeds, the response was, "Oh! No! We make oil out of them!" Going from one holy door to the next, I began to see my beautiful sisters in Christ in those blooms always turned toward the sun no matter what time of day. I couldn't help but praise and thank the Lord for our ministry, and ask that we could always reflect on our faces the beautiful light of the Son and spread the oil of His mercy to a very needy world.



## Magnificat Proclaims on EWTN RadioPlus in September!

Did you know everyday on EWTN Classics at 1:00 pm EST, the new EWTN RadioPlus network features Magnificat speakers? It is also available online ([www.ewtnradio.net](http://www.ewtnradio.net)) and on the EWTN app. Tune in and hear these incredible testimonies!

To find out the September program schedule click on:

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### Praise Report

After attending a Magnificat Meal I overheard the person at my table saying they were ordering a CD for all 10 of their grandchildren after their grandmother spoke. What a beautiful faith-filled legacy to leave behind to each young child.

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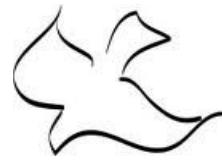
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**Rest in Peace:**

Mina Mc Kee- Founding Coordinator of  
Houma-Thibodaux Chapter passed away in June.



**Saint Teresa of Calcutta, pray for us!**



*Peggy Rowe-Linn, Coordinator of "Christ, Our Light Chapter" in Palm Beach, Florida, graciously sent us this message that Pope Francis gave at World Youth Day. As you read it, where Pope Francis talks about Christian volunteers, you could easily substitute "Magnificat Volunteers." Peggy gave Pope Francis full credit for the text, but she also said, "There is no greater explanation for what we do at each Magnificat Meal." Hold on to this message and meditate upon it. One day you will truly know the value of each sacrificial hour of volunteer service you have given to Magnificat.*

## **Pope Francis Address to World Youth Day**

"As an expression of my gratitude, I would like to share with you a gift offered us by the Virgin Mary, who has today come to visit us in the miraculous image of Kalwaria Zebrzydowska, so dear to the heart of Saint John Paul II. In the Gospel mystery of the Visitation (cf. Lk 1:39-45), we can see an icon of all Christian volunteer work. I would take three attitudes shown by Mary and leave them to you as an aid to interpreting the experience of these days and an inspiration for your future commitment to service. These three attitudes are listening, deciding and acting."



First, listening. Mary sets out after hearing the word of the angel: "Your relative Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son ..." (Lk 1:36). Mary knows how to listen to God. It is not simply about hearing, but about listening attentively and receptively, and being ready to help. Think of how many times we come before the Lord or other people, but fail to really listen. Mary also listens to events, to things that happen in life. She is attentive to practical realities; she does not stop at the surface, but seeks to grasp their meaning. Mary knew that Elizabeth, now elderly, was expecting a child. She saw in this the hand of God, a sign of his mercy. The same thing also happens in our own lives. The Lord stands at the door and knocks in any number of ways; he posts signs along our path and he calls us to read them in the light of the Gospel.

The second attitude we see in Mary is deciding. Mary listens and reflects, but she also knows how to take a step forward: she is decisive. This was the case with the fundamental decision of her life: "Here am I, the servant of the Lord; let it be with me according to your word" (Lk 1:38). So too, at the wedding feast of Cana, when Mary sees the problem, she decides to speak to Jesus and ask him to do something: "They have no wine" (Jn 2:3). In life, it is often hard to make decisions. We tend to postpone them, even allowing others to decide in our place, or else we let ourselves be dragged along by the course of events and to follow the "trend" of the moment. At times, we know well what we have to do, but we lack the courage to do it, since we think it is too difficult to go against the grain ... Mary is not afraid to go against the grain. With a

steadfast heart she listens and decides, accepting the risks, never on her own, but with God!

Finally, acting. Mary set out on her journey and "went with haste ..." (Lk 1:39). Despite the hardships and the criticisms she may have heard, she didn't hesitate or delay, but "went with haste", because she had the strength of God's Word within her. Her way of acting was full of charity, full of love: this is the mark of God. Mary went to Elizabeth not to have other people praise her, but to be helpful, useful, in her service. And in setting out from her home, from herself, with love, she brought along the most precious thing she possessed: Jesus, the Son of God, the Lord. Elizabeth realizes this immediately: "Why has this happened to me, that the mother of my Lord comes to me?" (Lk 1:43). The Holy Spirit awakens faith and joy within her: "For as soon as I heard the sound of your greeting, the child in my womb leaped for joy" (Lk 1:44).

In volunteer work too, every act of service we provide, even the most simple, is important. Ultimately, it is an expression of openness to the presence of Jesus. It makes us experience the love from on high that set us on our way and fills us with joy. World Youth Day volunteers are not only "workers", but are evangelizers, because the Church exists and serves to evangelize.

Once Mary had finished assisting Elizabeth, she went back home to Nazareth. Quietly and with no fuss, she left in the same way that she came. You too, dear volunteers, will not see all the fruits of your work here in Krakow. Your brothers and sisters whom you served will see them in their lives and rejoice in them. That is the "gratuitousness" of love! Yet God knows your dedication, your commitment and your generosity. You can be sure that He will not fail to repay you for everything you have done for this Church of the young assembled in these days in Krakow with the Successor of Peter. I commend you to God and to the word of His grace (cf. Acts 20:32). I entrust you to Mary, our Mother, model of all Christian volunteer service. And I ask you, please, to remember to pray for me.

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