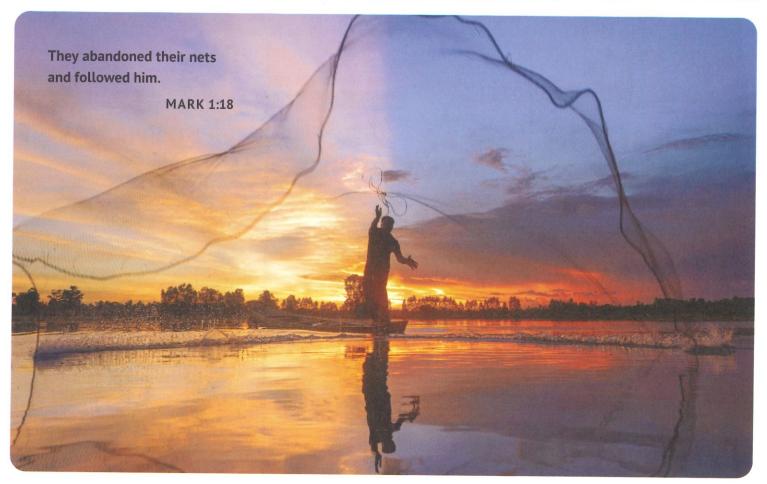
Our Parish community

January 21, 2024

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)

Jonah 3:1-5, 10 / 1 Corinthians 7:29-31 / Mark 1:14-20





A New World Is Coming

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

ur lives are filled with calls of one kind or another. Phone calls, text messages, teachers who call on us in class, those who call us for supper, people behind a counter who call out, "Next!" And, sooner or later, death will call each of us.

Jonah was once called to go to Nineveh, and the people of Nineveh were called to repent and change their lives. Simon and Andrew, John and James were called to follow Jesus. And today God calls each of us, but it is never easy to sort out what it is we are called to do.

Saint Paul took pains to tell us that "the world in its present form is passing away" (1 Corinthians 7:31). That being true, then God's call is always into a new way of life, which seems to imply leaving something behind, not unlike the four followers in Sunday's Gospel leaving their fishing nets and their father Zebedee in his boat.

The world that is passing away may be childhood, or productivity as we age. The new world may require confronting addiction and leaving a life of what we thought we couldn't live without. Or, like the people of Nineveh who were called to repent, it might be a call for our nation to confront our failure to engage in dialogue about and find solutions to injustice in its many forms at home and abroad. Who knows what God's new world will be?

Reflect-

To what is God calling you, your community, our nation?

Catholic Communities

Parish Pastor

Rev. William Pifher 419-446-9288



Our Lady of Mercy

409 E. Main St. Fayette, OH 4352I

MASS SCHEDULE

Sunday Thursday 8:30 a.m.

9:00 a.m.

PASTORAL COUNCIL

Ron Eisel Pat Eisel Ray Hollstein Mike Burkholder Traci Maginn Barbara Roby



Clothing items can be donated via our drop off site on the east side of the building. Our store is open on Thursdays from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. Contact Rhonda Monahan at 517-306-7986 for information.

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St. Peter

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MASS SCHEDULE

1st Saturday of month 8:30 a.m.
Saturday 4:30 p.m.
Sunday 10:30 a.m.
Tuesday 7:00 p.m.
Wednesday 9:00 a.m.
Friday 9:00 a.m.

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Deb Herring

Parish Council President

Stephen Bernath

SACRAMENT INFORMATION

- Baptism: Please call Father Pifher at 419-446-9288 to make arrangements for Baptism. A month's notice would be helpful.
- Reconciliation: Father will be available for confessions starting 30 minutes before Mass each week.
- New Parishioners: A warm welcome as you enter our Parish Community! You are asked to register at the parish office or see the pastor as soon as possible. If you are moving from the parish, please inform the office so we may remove your name from our parish records.
- Anointing of the Sick: Those who can participate: Anyone who is seriously sick or suffering a grave illness (not a cold, or flu) which is treated or medicated for by a doctor. Also for those of old age which often brings morale or depression factors (body, mind, or spirit). Please make arrangements with Father or call the parish office.
- Matrimony: Please contact the Parish Office six months ahead of your planned wedding date, for Marriage Preparation and scheduling.
- RCIA: The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults is a series of classes designed to bring new members into the Catholic church. Weekly sessions begin in September. People who have not been baptized, who have not been practicing or who have been raised in another faith are all welcome to register. Parishioners are encouraged to invite interested family members and friends. There is no obligation to join the church. This is simply an opportunity to learn more about the Catholic faith. Contact Fr. William Pifher at 419-446-9288.

<u>BULLETIN DEADLINE</u>: Please note that the bulletin deadline is *Tuesday, Noon*. Please either call, email at OLOMFayette@olom2441.onmicrosoft.com or put in the collection basket any announcement for the following week's bulletin

SUNDAY, JANUARY 21, 2024 3rd Sunday Ordinary Time

ROSARY WILL BE PRAYED SUNDAY'S AT 8 A.M.

YOUTH BREAKFAST

Join us today for Our Lady of Mercy Youth breakfast. All donations will be used for Catholic Heart Workcamp in June 2024 .

LENTEN ADULT STUDY

The Adult Lenten Study will be based on Bishop Robert Baron's program "The Mass". It will be a two-year study with 3 sessions this year and 3 sessions next year. This year, the group will meet the first 3 Sundays in March after Mass. In order for this program to proceed, at least 8 registrations with the fee included must be received by Tuesday, January 30. There is a flyer and registration form in this week's bulletin. Please prayerfully consider participating in this program.

ADULT NIGHT OUT

Our Lady of Mercy's Altar Rosary Society invites all parishioners over the age of 21 for an Adult Night Out on January 27, 2024, starting at 6:30 p.m. See flyer in bulletin.

INCLEMENT WEATHER POLICY

With winter weather upon us, this will be the implementation of closure for Our Lady of Mercy.

Sunday Mass – Our Lady of Mercy will close when there has been a Level 3 Emergency issued for Fulton County 2 hours prior to Mass beginning.

Thursday Mass – if Fayette School is closed for the day because of inclement weather (roads are bad) there will be NO Mass at Our Lady of Mercy.

PREVIOUS WEEKS BULLETINS

For your convenience, the previous weeks bulletin will be on the back table.

THE WISDOM OF THE SAINTS - Introduction by Matthew Kelly

"Be constantly committed to prayer or to reading Scripture; by praying, you speak to God, in reading, God speaks to you." - St. Cyprian of Carthage

Diary of Saint Maria Faustina Kowalska - Notebook 1

Warsaw, August 1, 1925

(12) Very early the next day, I rode back into the city and entered the first church I saw [St. James Church at Gojecka Street in Ochota, a suburb of Warsaw]. There I began to pray to know further the will of God. Holy Masses were being celebrated one after another. During one of them I heard the words: Go to that priest [Father James Dabrowski, pastor of St. James' Parish] and tell him everything; he will tell you what to do next. After the Mass I went to the sacristy. I told the priest all! that had take place in m soul and I asked him to advise me where to take the veil, in which religious order.

- (13) The priest was surprised at first but told me to have strong confidence that God would provide for my future. "For the time being," he said, "I shall send you a pious lady [Aldona Lipszycowa] with whom you will stay until you enter a convent." When I called on the lady, she received me very kindly. During the time I stayed with her, I was looking for a convent, but at whatever convent door I knocked, I was turned away. Sorrow gripped my hearts, and I said to the Lord Jesus, "Help me; don't leave me alone." At last I knocked on our door.
- (14) When Mother Superior, the present Mother General Michael came out to meet me, she told me, after a short conversation, to go to the Lord of the house and ask whether He would accept me. I understood at once that I was to ask this of the Lord Jesus. With great joy, I wen to the chapel and asked Jesus" "Lord of this house, do You accept me? This is how one these sisters told me to put the question to You."

Immediately I heard this voice" I do accept; you are into My Heart. When I returned from the chapel, Mother Superior asked first of alll, "Well, has the Lord accepted you?" I answered, "Yes." "If the Lord has accepted, [she said] then I also will accept.

ST. PETER NEWS

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

Every Tuesday starting at 8 a.m. ending with Mass at 7 p.m.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS FISH FRY-DAYS

January 12, 2024 – March 29, 2024

Did you know that Deacon Larry Zachrich is also available for Baptisms and Weddings? Contact Larry at 419-966-7091.

FAYETTE/SURROUNDING AREA COMMUNITY EVENTS

---Jan. 27 – Lee Warren & Friends 7 p.m. – Fayette Opera House - \$15 General Admission, \$12 Seniors, \$10 Students

---Feb. 8 – Bean Creek Coffee House 7 p.m. – Fayette Opera House - Free

If you know of any Fayette Community events, please either call or visit the office or email to OLOMFayette@olom2441.onmicrosoft.com

<u>Prayer chain-ANYONE wishing to submit prayer requests can email Anita Van Zile at vanzilejn@hotmail.com</u> or call Pat Eisel at 419-737-2163. <u>Privacy Issues for Parish Office:</u> IMMEDATE FAMILY – must contact the parish office for all prayer requests to be posted in the parish bulletin. Please submit with the exact verbiage requested. Contact Sherry Renner at the parish office at 419-237-2441, no later than Thursday at noon. By law, the parish office does not divulge private information we receive from hospitals.



DIOCESE OF TOLEDO NEWS

HELP WANTED

The Diocese has openings for employment. Check out the list at toledodiocese.org/careers

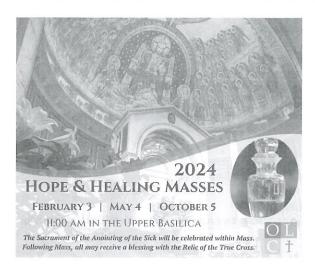
DIOCESE OF TOLEDO CALENDAR

For additional happenings in the Diocese of Toledo please visit toledodiocese.org/calendar

RITE OF ELECTION

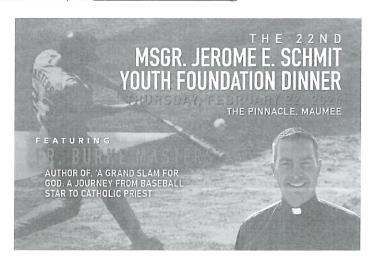
The Rite of Election of Catechumens and of the Call to Continuing Conversion of Candidates will be celebrated at Rosary Cathedral on the First Sunday of Lent, February 18, 2024, at 3:00pm.

HOPE & HEALING MASSES - BASILICA & NATIONAL SHRINE, OUR LADY OF CONSOLATION, CAREY, OH



Monsignor Jerome E. Schmit Youth Foundation Dinner

Join us Thursday, February 22 at The Pinnacle in Maumee for the 22nd Monsignor Jerome E. Schmit Youth Foundation Dinner. This foundation benefits CYO Athletics, Youth Ministry, and the Catholic Club. The guest speaker will be **Fr. Burke Masters**, author of, "A Grand Slam for God: A Journey From Baseball Star to Catholic Priest". Doors open at 6pm with Dinner at 7pm. Reserve your tickets today at www.catholicclub.org.



Our Lady of Mercy Adult Lenten Study 2024, 2025:

Bishop Robert Barron's study program

THE MASS

Walk through the Liturgy with Bishop Barron and you'll be transformed through insights on the most privileged and intimate encounter with our Lord Jesus Christ.

See how the Mass brings us out of the fallen world and into the heavenly realm, how it resonates with a call from God and a response from his people, the Church, and, most importantly, how we are intimately joined with the Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity of Jesus through the Holy Eucharist.

The Mass will help you understand how to fully, consciously, and actively participate in the source and summit of the Christian life. (Mass WordOnFire.org)

WHEN: March 3, 2024 March 10, 2024 March 17, 2024

Starting approximately 10:15 am after Mass and breakfast

WHERE: Basement of Our Lady of Mercy

COST: \$10 per person Please remit with the registration form.

To register for the Adult Lenten Study, please fill out this form and return it with the \$10 per person registration fee by **Tuesday, January 30**. You may give it to Mary Bird, Barb Bruggeman, place it in the collection basket, or drop it off at the OLOM office.

NAME:		
Preferred PHONE NUMBER:		
Have you participated in any of the previous OLOM Adult Lenten studies?	l,	

** At least 8 participants are needed to proceed with the program. Your registration fee will be returned if there are not enough registered participants by January 30.



Our Lady of Mercy Altar Rosary CABIN FEVER Adult Night Out

When: January 27, 2024 6:30 p.m.

Where: Our Lady of Mercy

For Adults 21 years and over

BYOB - Bring Your Own Beverage (Alcoholic beverages allowed)

Altar Rosary will be providing SNACKY food for your enjoyment

Come and enjoy an evening of fun, fellowship and games







Saints of the Day (www.morningoffering.com) Week of January 21 – January 27

Sunday, Jan. 21– St. Agnes - St. Agnes (c. 291–304 A.D.) was born to a noble Roman family. She was a beautiful young woman of twelve or thirteen years of age when many suitors desired her hand in marriage. Instead of marrying, St. Agnes committed herself to a life of consecrated virginity as a spouse of Christ. She was then denounced to the authorities as a Christian during the persecutions of Roman Emperor Diocletian. She was condemned to be dragged naked through the streets into a brothel to be sexually abused. She miraculously escaped from this predicament with her virginity preserved, and was then condemned to be burned at the stake. Again, by a miracle, her persecutors were unable to carry out her sentence. Finally, they put her to death by beheading. Of all the virgin martyrs, St. Agnes is held in the first place by the Church. She is one of the seven women, besides the Virgin Mary, commemorated by name in the Roman Canon of the Mass. St. Agnes' name means 'chaste' and she is the patroness of girls, chastity, engaged couples, virgins, rape victims, and the Girl Scouts. Her feast day is January 21st.

Monday, Jan. 22 – St. Anastasius the Persian - St. Anastasius the Persian (7th c.) was the son of a Persian sorcerer. He became a Zoroastrian soldier in the army of Khosrau II, the Persian monarch who absconded the True Cross of Christ from Jerusalem and took it to Persia in 614. St. Anastasius inquired about the mysterious Cross and the Christian religion and as a result soon converted to the true Faith, left the army, received baptism, and became a monk at a monastery in Jerusalem. He lived there seven years until he was called by God to martyrdom among his people. He went to Caesarea to preach, which was then under Persian rule. He was captured and subject to cruel tortures. He was promised freedom and a high position in the kingdom if he would simply denounce his faith, which he refused. St. Anastasius was strangled and beheaded. His feast day is January 22.

Tuesday, Jan. 23– St. Marianne Cope - St. Marianne Cope (1838–1918), also known as St. Marianne of Molokai, was a German-born American immigrant. She worked in a New York factory before entering the Sisters of the Third Order of Saint Francis in Syracuse. She spent her early years serving as a leader in health care and education. When the Hawaiian government was searching for a religious order to run a station for victims of leprosy, the Syracuse sisters volunteered immediately. Mother Marianne and six other sisters left for Hawaii in 1883. She devoted 35 years to caring for those afflicted with Hansen's disease (leprosy) in Molokai, Hawaii. She also opened a hospital and a school for girls on the island of Maui, and took charge of the home St. Damien of Molokai established for men and boys. Mother Marianne changed life on Molokai by introducing cleanliness, dignity, and fun into the colony. Despite her direct contact with leprosy patients over many years, she was not afflicted by the disease, which some consider miraculous. She was canonized in 2012 and her feast day is January 23.

Wednesday, Jan. 24– St. Francis de Sales - St. Francis de Sales (1567–1622) was born to a noble family in France. He enjoyed a privileged upbringing and education, earning a doctorate in law and theology. He was a well-liked and intelligent man, yet quiet and reserved. When struggling with thoughts of his possibly being predestined to eternal damnation, Francis went into a deep two-year depression. God healed him of this fear, and afterwards Francis consecrated himself to the Blessed Virgin Mary. He later became a priest, rejecting the lucrative career and advantageous marriage his father had prepared for him. As a priest, St. Francis became a prolific writer and preacher, and at the age of 35 was made bishop of the Calvinist stronghold in Geneva, Switzerland, at the height of the Protestant revolt against the Church. Through his gentleness, preaching skill, zeal for the faith, and his clear explanations of Catholic doctrine, he returned thousands of obstinate heretics to the true Faith. He also used sign language to convert the deaf. St. Francis de Sales is a Doctor of the Church, known especially for his writings on practical spiritual direction for lay people. He is the patron of teachers, the deaf, the Catholic press, confessors, educators, and authors. His feast day is January 24th.

Thursday, Jan. 25 – St. Dwynwen – St. Dwynwen (5th c.) was a princess from Anglesey in Wales, the beautiful and virtuous daughter of King Brychan Brycheiniog. According to legend she fell in love with a young man, yet refused to marry him due to her piety and desire for the religious life. She prayed that her desire for marriage would be removed, and that God would give happiness to all lovers. Dwynwen became consecrated to God as a nun and set up a convent on Llanddwyn Island, and her church and its 'holy well' became a pilgrimage shrine from the Middle Ages down to today, especially for lovers. St. Dwynwen is the patron saint of lovers, and in Wales her feast is the equivalent of St. Valentine's Day. Dwynwen translated means 'she who leads a blessed life', and her feast day is January 25.

Friday, Jan. 26– St. Timothy - St. Timothy (1st c.) was born in Galatia in Asia Minor, the son of a Greek father and a Jewish mother. Timothy was a convert of St. Paul the Apostle around the year 47 A.D. Timothy became a trusted friend and a beloved spiritual son to Paul, laboring faithfully alongside him in his apostolic work for many years. Paul mentions Timothy repeatedly in his letters and dispatched him on important missionary work to the local churches he founded. Timothy was ordained to the priesthood at the hands of St. Paul and was later made bishop of Ephesus. St. Timothy was stoned to death thirty years after St. Paul's martyrdom for having denounced the worship of the false goddess Diana. St. Timothy is the patron of intestinal and stomach problems, because Paul admonished him to ease his penance and drink a little wine for the sake of his health, instead of only water. His feast day is January 26.

Saturday, Jan. 27– St. Angela Merici - St. Angela Merici (1474 – 1540) was born in the region of Lombardy, Italy. Her deep piety drew her to make a private vow of virginity at a young age. Her parents died when she was ten, and soon afterwards she lost her sister with whom she was very close. Angela went to live with her uncle, and, despite lacking a formal education, she grew in wisdom and virtue. She committed herself to prayer, penance, and serving the poor, eventually joining the Third Order of St. Francis at the age of fifteen. When her uncle died she returned to her home, and, seeing a great need for the education of young girls in the Christian faith, began a school for girls in her house. She daily gathered all the little girls of her village and taught them the faith. St. Angela became known for her holiness, and soon she was invited to establish another school in a neighboring town. One day while in prayer she received a vision that she would start a religious order intended for the religious education of girls. This was realized when St. Angela founded the Ursulines under the patronage of St. Ursula. St. Angela Merici is the patron saint against illness, death of parents, and of the disabled and handicapped. Her feast day is January 27. Find a Devotional for this Saint



Our Lady of Mercy Parish

JANUARY 21, 2024



PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

Our Lady of Mercy Catholic Church is united by our commitment to minister to the physical and spiritual needs of our rural families and steward the resources entrusted to us. We value the diversity within our Catholic community and invite all to walk with us on our journey of faith.

THIS WEEK'S MASS SCHEDULE

Date	Time	Chui	rch Intention
Sun. Jan. 21	8:30 a.m.	OLM	Giovanni Stella
	10:30a.m.	SP	For the People
Tues. Jan. 23	7:00 p.m.	SP	For the People
Wed. Jan. 24	9:00a.m.	SP	For the People
Thurs. Jan. 25	9:00a.m.	OLM	For the People
Fri. Jan. 26	9:00a.m.	SP	For the People
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Sat. Jan. 27	8:00a.m. 4:30p.m.	SP SP	NO MASS John Griser
Sun. Jan. 28	8:30a.m.	OLM	For the People
	10:30a.m.	SP	Bob, Jeff & Jean Dominique

UPCOMING PARISH EVENTS

---Jan. 21 – Youth breakfast after Mass ---Jan. 24 – Rel. Ed 6:45 p.m. Elem. ---Jan. 27 – 6:30 p.m. Our Lady of Mercy Adult Night Out, put on by Altar Rosary

Society

SACRIFICIAL OFFERING REPORT Reported for January 14, 2024

SUNDAY OFFERTORY (10 envelopes) LOOSE OFFERINGS	\$ \$	785.00 42.00	
BUDGET Over/(Under)	\$ (\$	1,747.00 920.00)	
OTHER COLLECTIONS Maintenance TOTAL COLLECTION	<u>\$</u> \$	500.00 1,327.00	

NEXT WEEK'S MINISTERS	January 28, 2024
Reader	Shelly Gruman
Servers	Evan Beauregard Kennedy Kunkle
Greeters/ Gifts	Mary Bird Shelly Gruman
Ushers	Phil & Tami Baker
Ministers of the Eucharist	Until further notice
Money Counters	Phil & Tami Baker Terry Kovar

 $Word(s) \ of \ the \ week \ {\it (from The America College Dictionary)}$

PROCLAIM- to announce or declare, publicly and officially

After John had been arrested, Jesus came to Galilee proclaiming the gospel of God: "This is the time of fulfillment. The kingdom of God is at hand. Repent, and believe in the gospel."

Mark 1:14-15

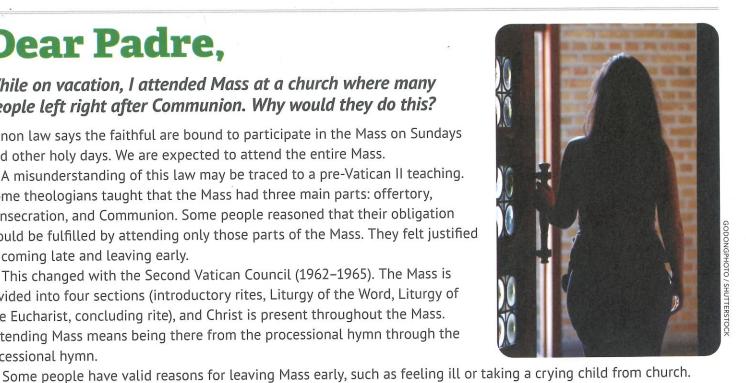
Dear Padre,

While on vacation, I attended Mass at a church where many people left right after Communion. Why would they do this?

Canon law says the faithful are bound to participate in the Mass on Sundays and other holy days. We are expected to attend the entire Mass.

A misunderstanding of this law may be traced to a pre-Vatican II teaching. Some theologians taught that the Mass had three main parts: offertory, consecration, and Communion. Some people reasoned that their obligation would be fulfilled by attending only those parts of the Mass. They felt justified in coming late and leaving early.

This changed with the Second Vatican Council (1962–1965). The Mass is divided into four sections (introductory rites, Liturgy of the Word, Liturgy of the Eucharist, concluding rite), and Christ is present throughout the Mass. Attending Mass means being there from the processional hymn through the recessional hymn.



Fr. Victor Karls, CSsR / DearPadre.org

Do you have a question for the Padre?

Perhaps they are traveling and need to get to the airport on time. Still, I also wonder why there is a great exodus before the Mass has ended in some churches. In my opinion, people who are in the habit of leaving early should

Go to **DearPadre.org** to send your question and to learn more about **Dear Padre**.

MONDAY
January 22
Day of Prayer
for the Legal
Protection of
Unborn Children
2 Sm 5:1-7, 10
Mk 3:22-30

reconsider that practice.

TUESDAY
January 23
Weekday
2 Sm 6:12b-15,
17-19
Mk 3:31-35

WEDNESDAY
January 24
St. Francis
de Sales,
Bishop and
Doctor of the
Church
2 Sm 7:4-17
Mk 4:1-20

THURSDAY
January 25
Conversion of
St. Paul the
Apostle
Acts 22:3-16 or
Acts 9:1-22
Mk 16:15-18

FRIDAY January 26 Sts. Timothy and Titus, Bishops 2 Tm 1:1-8 or Ti 1:1-5 Mk 4:26-34

SATURDAY SUNDAY January 28 January 27 Weekday Fourth Sunday in Ordinary 2 Sm 12:1-7a, 10 - 17Time Dt 18:15-20 Mk 4:35-41 1 Cor 7:32-35 Mk 1:21-28



A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

Brothers and sisters, before the Lord's call, which can reach us in a thousand ways—through others, happy or sad events—our attitude at times might be rejection. But God's call is always love: we have to try to discover the love behind each call, and it should be responded to only with love.

ANGELUS, ROME, JANUARY 17, 2021

Pope Francis meets with "Phone Friend" volunteers of the Samaritans Italy in 2017. @LOSSERVATORE ROMANO

