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Christian Family Life Communiqué #2
Care for Our Common Home

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VOCATIONS

Easter is such a beautiful time for us as it brings renewal. My husband and I were privileged to represent our parish at the Mass of Christ in Antigonish. If you have never attend this special Mass, make a plan to attend next year. The priests of the Diocese file in together and during the service renew their priestly vows. The Holy oils are blessed and each parish representative is called forward to receive the oils for their parish to be used during the coming year. In his homily Bishop Dunn spoke of vocations. Be it to the priesthood, religious, marriage, student we are all called to vocation.

In his message for the 2019 World Day of Vocations (May 12) His Holiness Pope Francis states: "Dear friends, it is not always easy to discern our vocation and to steer our life in the right direction. For this reason, there needs to be a renewed commitment on the part of the whole Church – priests, religious, pastoral workers and educators – to provide young people in particular with opportunities for listening and discernment. There is a need for a youth ministry and a vocational promotion that can open the way to discovering God's plan, above all through prayer, meditation on God's word, Eucharistic adoration and spiritual accompaniment." His Holiness also asks "On this World Day of Prayer for Vocations, let us join in prayer and ask the Lord to help us discover his plan of love for our lives, and to grant us the courage to walk in the path that, from the beginning, he has chosen for each of us."

YOUTH

An article titled "Christ is alive and Living in Our Young People" published by Development and Peace, Caritas Canada states, "Pope Francis recently released an Apostolic Exhortation entitled "Christ is Alive" with a focus on the role of young people in the mission of the Church. Rebecca Rathbone, program coordinator in Rome for Caritas International believes "this Apostolic Exhortation is going to give a hand up to young people who are trying to participate in various aspects of the Church and who before maybe

weren't taken seriously, or were met with challenges because people wouldn't accept their contributions." Ms. Rathbone further states "This Exhortation of Pope Francis says that, "young people do have a place in the Church and should have a place in the decision-making aspects of the Church."

MINISTRY TO SEPARATED AND DIVORCED

National Chairperson of Christian Family Life Pat Deppiessé's article in the spring 2019 issue of The Canadian League contains information about the annulment process when some marriages just can't be saved. Families affected by divorce may not be aware of available help allowing them to move forward and return to the graces of the church by petitioning for a declaration of nullity of their former marriage. Please make it a point to read this excellent article.

Blessings