

CHRISTIAN FAMILY LIFE COMMUNIQUE #2, NOVEMBER 1, 2017

Greetings and God's Blessings to all my sisters in the League.

Marriage and Families in Today's World

God is love! God as a family is seen in the trinity. The trinity is the essence of love. Jesus intercedes for those of faith in all their needs as individuals and as families. They need to strive to love one another no matter what is faced in their daily lives.

Members of the parish community, the elderly, the divorced and separated also need love. Parishioners must be welcoming and find a place for everyone in the church community.

The family unit is a well-spring of faith, hope, love and forgiveness. A family is a place where faith can grow and become a lived experience, where family members can speak openly about God and God becomes real. A family is a place of hope where family members look to the future, relate, love and serve one another.

Pope Francis says, "Marriage is the most beautiful thing that God has created....the man and woman who become one flesh, are the image of God." Pope Francis speaks to love and forgiveness when he says "don't let the day end without making peace" remember these three groups of words—"Can I?", "thank you" and "sorry."

In today's busy world, family members are finding it difficult to spend quality time with one another. We need to pray for this to improve!

The next World Meeting of Families will take place in Dublin, Ireland, in August 2018. The theme chosen by Pope Francis is **The Gospel of the Family: Joy for the World.**

Our theme calls members to action, **Inspired by the Spirit, Women Respond to God's Call.** Are we responding to God's Call by encouraging young couples to experience the joy of marriage and family life? Let us make churches places where families feel loved and supported.