



[Jesus] said to [the disciples] again,  
"Peace be with you. As the Father  
has sent me, so I send you."  
And when he had said this, he  
breathed on them and said to them,  
"Receive the Holy Spirit."

JOHN 20:21-22

## From Anger to Peace

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

**A**t this point in history, we are a nation filled with much anger. Given all that is taking place, one might conclude that it comes from a fear of losing control—fears due to the waves of immigrants seeking asylum, to a changing economy, to political alliances, to artificial intelligence, resulting in our inability to sort truth from untruth. Fears also due to strained relationships with non-Western nations, to urban violence and the abundance of guns, to the conflict between pro-life and pro-choice allegiances, and, for some, to what is perceived as conflicted thinking within the Catholic Church. There is no shortage of what may be fueling our anger. How can faith help us respond in a life-giving way?

Saint John writes that "whoever is begotten by God conquers the world. And the victory that conquers the world is our faith" (1 John 5:4). This is not to say that we can easily make the world respond in ways we want, but rather that the world has no power over the person who places all trust in God's presence among us. It was the risen Lord who once brought peace to the disciples behind doors locked out of fear. Might not our faith help us who have locked ourselves behind doors of mistrust and anger? If only we allow ourselves to trust God. Yet, we should not simply shrug off all cares or involvement in life; on the contrary, with faith and trust, we recognize we are not the only players in shaping the events of the world. ●

### Reflect

*Do I bring my faith to the news of the day;  
do I pray for peace?*

*Welcome to The Good Shepherd Pastoral Unit*



**St. Bernard's, 43 Botsford St., Moncton, NB E1C 4W9**

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**Office hours for next week:**

**Monday - Thursday: 9 AM – 12 noon & 1 – 4 PM. **Fridays: closed.****

**Website: [www.stbernardschurch.ca](http://www.stbernardschurch.ca)**



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**The Good Shepherd Pastoral Unit**

**St. Bernard's PMT**

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<b>Parish Secretary</b>	Lorraine Horyl	
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**St. Clement's Parish Staff**

<b>Parish Secretary</b>	Pam Van Egmond	
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## St. Bernard's



### St. Bernard's Church Inclement Weather Policy

At least 1 hour before scheduled event:  
Mass cancellation & any other closures will always be noted on:

Parish Website: [www.stbernardschurch.ca](http://www.stbernardschurch.ca)

Parish Phone Message: by calling 506 857 0425

Facebook: [facebook.com/gsmmoncton](https://facebook.com/gsmmoncton).

Call ahead or check website before heading out.

### Mark Your Calendar

<b>Carmelites</b>	2 <sup>nd</sup> Saturday of the month: 9:30 AM
<b>Prayer Group</b>	2 <sup>nd</sup> Saturday of month & last Saturday of month after 25 <sup>th</sup> @ 7PM
<b>RCIA meeting dates</b>	1 <sup>st</sup> and 3 <sup>rd</sup> Saturday of each month – 10:00 AM – 12 noon
<b>Baptism preparation</b>	To be determined
<b>Marriage Preparation</b>	Friday & Saturday, May 30 & 31, 2025 (for more details see announcement in bulletin).

SESSIONS	LEVEL 1-3		LEVEL 4-6	
	Sun. @ 9:30 AM	Tues. @ 6 PM	Sun. @ 12:15 PM	Wed. 6 PM
16	April 27 <sup>th</sup>	April 29 <sup>th</sup>	April 27 <sup>th</sup>	April 30 <sup>th</sup>
 Faith Formation	<b>Confirmation Prep. In-person session</b> Session # 7 <sup>th</sup> : April 27 <sup>th</sup> at 2 PM.			



### SACRAMENT CELEBRATIONS:

Confirmation: Sunday May 4<sup>th</sup> @ 11 AM

## 2025 Easter Flowers

### St. Bernard's

<i>In Memory Of</i>	<i>Donated By</i>
Howard "Ticker" Shean	Irene

### St. Clement's

<i>In Memory Of</i>	<i>Donated By</i>
Parents	Jan Legere
Lester and Edna Brien	Everard Brien
Boyne Murphy and loved ones	Patsy Murphy

## St. Bernard's

### First Friday Devotion & Feast of the Presentation of the Lord at St. Bernard's Church on May 2, 2025



8:00 AM – Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament - Sacrament of Reconciliation  
9:00 AM – Prayer of Consecration to the Sacred Heart of Jesus – Benediction  
9:30 AM – Holy Mass

What  
God  
Has Joined

### WHAT GOD HAS JOINED: PREPARING FOR MARRIAGE IN THE CATHOLIC CHURCH

Marriage preparation is a requirement for marriage in the Catholic Church.

It is recommended that couples complete this preparation 6 months prior to their marriage date. This course discusses the important aspects of your relationship before you begin your lifelong journey together.

**St. Bernard's will be facilitating a weekend marriage preparation program on the following dates:**

**7:00 to 9:00 PM**

**9:00 AM to approximately 4:00 PM**

**Couples are required to attend both days.** Cost of course & book inclusive: \$ 100.00 per couple.

You must pre: register to attend by emailing [darlenemcgraw@rogers.com](mailto:darlenemcgraw@rogers.com).

***Space is limited so please register early.***



### The Jubilee Year 2025 – a Holy Year of Hope

The Catholic Church's Jubilee Year 2025, a time of spiritual renewal and grace, officially began on Christmas Eve 2024 with the opening of the Holy Door at St. Peter's Basilica and continues until January 6, 2026. Within the Jubilee Year, there will be various jubilees dedicated to specific groups. As part of this initiative, The Good Shepherd Pastoral Unit will be recognizing wedding anniversaries of 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, etc. (5-year intervals). ***This celebration will take place at St. Bernard's, Sunday 11 AM Mass, May 18, 2025, followed by a reception in the parish hall.*** More details to follow. If you would like to have your marriage included in this celebration, please fill out the information below and submit to the parish office. Thank you.

**First & last names of the married couple**

**Date of actual marriage**

## St. Bernard's



**RCIA**  
A JOURNEY IN FAITH

### Congratulations to:

<b>Lisa Arsenault</b>	Who was baptized, confirmed, & received Holy Eucharist April 8, 2025
<b>Brent Crosthwaite</b>	Who each made their Profession of faith - April 15, 2025
<b>Luciana Abel Ratovo</b>	
<b>Scott Miller</b>	
<b>Brent Crosthwaite</b>	Who each received First Communion – Sunday, April 20, 2025
<b>Luciana Abel Ratovo</b>	
<b>Scott Miller</b>	
<b>Avery Wellman</b>	Who each were fully initiated into the Roman Catholic Church, baptized, confirmed and received Holy Eucharist, at the Easter Vigil, Saturday, April 19, 2025
<b>Terry Wellman</b>	
<b>Scott Wright</b>	
<b>Ryan Nagle</b>	

*For surely, I know the plans I have for you, says the Lord, plans for your welfare and not for harm, to give you a future with hope. Then when you call upon me and come and pray to me, I will hear you. When you search for me, you will find me, if you seek me with all your heart. Jeremiah 29:11-13*



Are you looking for movies that uplift and inspire? Films that draw you and your family closer to God? Stories you can enjoy together—without worrying about inappropriate content? Did you know that The Good Shepherd Pastoral Unit has recently subscribed to Formed? FORMED is a premier online platform with over 4,000 Catholic movies, cartoons, faith formation videos, audio dramas, and eBooks.

As our parishioner, can log-in for free! Just follow these instructions:

1. Subscribe for free by typing in your browser: [www.Signup.Formed.Org](http://www.Signup.Formed.Org).
2. Enter "**Moncton**" to find **The Good Shepherd Pastoral Unit**.
3. Enter your name and email address. You're In!

Tip: Download the FORMED app! FORMED is available on Roku, Apple TV, Android, and iOS. You can also sign up for Daily Reflections by visiting: [daily.formed.org](http://daily.formed.org).

***We pray that these resources will draw you and your family closer to our Lord and the Good News of our Faith.***

## St. Clement's

As of May 4th, mass will be held at 11:00 on Sunday on a continuous basis.

## St. Vincent's

**FAITH FORMATION at St. Vincent's** – In-person catechism sessions take place on Sunday mornings following Mass. For any participant or volunteer inquiries for this program, including sacramental preparations, please contact Cathy Crinnion at [ccrinnion@yahoo.ca](mailto:ccrinnion@yahoo.ca) or 536-4470. The Faith Formation schedule is as follows:

Elementary group sessions @ 10am	Sunday Apr 27 <sup>th</sup> and May 4 <sup>th</sup>
1 <sup>st</sup> Eucharist during Mass	Sunday May 11 <sup>th</sup> @ 9am

Primary group (grades 1-3) – please contact Cathy to discuss

**Call for new ALTAR SERVERS at St. Vincent's** – please contact Dennis Lambus at [dlambus22@gmail.com](mailto:dlambus22@gmail.com).

**STORM CANCELLATIONS** – Please note that if mass is cancelled for any reason, but mainly winter storms this time of year, a group email will be sent out as soon as possible to all parishioners who have shared their email address with the Parish Office. We realize there are some parishioners who do not have access to email, so we ask that if mass is cancelled, please call any parishioners you know who do not have email to alert them to the cancellation.

**MASS CELEBRATION AT THE DREW NURSING HOME** – Mass will be celebrated with the residents of the Drew Nursing Home in Sackville at 3:00 p.m. on **Monday, May 5 and Monday, June 2, 2025**. Everyone is invited to attend and celebrate mass with the residents of the Drew Nursing Home.

**PARISH CALENDAR** – For up-to-date events happening at St. Vincent's, please consult the calendar at the entrance to the church and advise the Parish Office of upcoming events to add to the calendar.

**DONATIONS OF HOUSEHOLD GOODS** – Thank you to all who have donated household items for the use of the Filipino newcomers in the past year. As we recently received a large gift of household furniture, we are currently **putting a pause on accepting donations for the time being**. However, if you have the following items to donate: **kitchen table and chairs; double mattress, box spring, and frame; or like-new bedding for twin, double, or queen size mattresses**, please be in touch with Lorraine at the Parish Office 506-536-1460 or [stvince@nbnet.nb.ca](mailto:stvince@nbnet.nb.ca).

**SACKVILLE FOOD BANK** – If you are able, please contribute non-perishable food and/or toiletry items to our local Food Bank. The donation basket is located on the right-hand side of the entrance to the church.

### A MESSAGE FROM MGR GUY DESROCHERS

Dear faithful of our archdiocese,  
Pope Francis' funeral will take place next Saturday at 10:00 a.m. Rome time. Given that this falls on the weekend, and knowing that your priests already have a busy schedule during this period, I would simply ask the priests to commemorate the death of the Holy Father during their Sunday Masses and to kindly read the text that I have sent them personally, either during the homily or at the end of the Mass, followed by the special prayer that Rome has sent to the bishops of the whole world so that the faithful can recite it in these days of mourning. Here is the text of the prayer:

#### **" Prayer upon the Death of Pope Francis "**

Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord.

*℟. And let perpetual light shine upon him.*

O God, faithful rewarder of souls, grant that your departed servant Pope Francis, whom you made successor of Peter and shepherd of your Church, may happily enjoy for ever in your presence in heaven the mysteries of your grace and compassion, which he faithfully ministered on earth.

Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever.

*℟. Amen.*



### **PRIESTLY ORDINATION 2025**

With praise and thanksgiving to Almighty God,  
The ROMAN CATHOLIC ARCHDIOCESE OF MONCTON joyfully announces and cordially invites you to attend the **ORDINATION TO THE SACRED ORDER OF THE PRIESTHOOD** of **REV. Frank Quinn**.

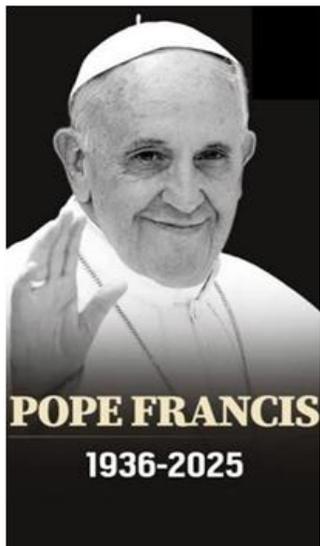
Through the invocation of the Holy Spirit and the imposition of hands by HIS GRACE, MGR Guy Desrochers C.Ss.R. Metropolitan ARCHBISHOP OF MONCTON On **Thursday, May 1<sup>st</sup>, 2025 at 7:30 in the evening** at Our Lady of the Assumption Cathedral.

### **ATTENTION ALL:**

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL is just around the corner, and we are looking for **CARDBOARD**. We would like to begin preparations, so we are looking for large pieces of Cardboard 5ft and over. Any kind of boxes from large appliances would be great. We would also take any kind of artificial Christmas trees that you are no longer using. Pick up is available just email [youth@diocesemoncton.ca](mailto:youth@diocesemoncton.ca) or call Karen at (506) 387-4198.

### **SENIORS CONNECT**

Our next Senior's Connect gathering will be on **Thursday, May 15, at 10:30am**, at Holy Family Parish Hall. Questions? Contact Karen LeBlanc at 387-4198 or email [youth@diocesemoncton.ca](mailto:youth@diocesemoncton.ca)



## **Our Holy Father has left us!**

Dear faithful, dear confreres and members of our clergy, dear religious men and women of our archdiocese, it was with sadness that we learned of the sudden death of our Holy Father Francis this past Monday morning, 21 April 2025. His pontificate lasted just over 12 years, having been elected Pope on 13 March 2013, and he leaves us at the venerable age of 88.

I was appointed a bishop by Pope Francis in 2019 and have had the chance to meet him personally twice since then: the first time, at

the end of my formation as a novice bishop in Rome in 2019, and the second time at the end of June 2024, at the celebration of the conferring of palliums on all the archbishops of the world, held in the magnificent Basilica of St Peter in Rome.

First of all, I would describe Pope Francis as a very humble, unassuming man, brimming with compassion for the poorest among us, and an ardent promoter of truth and social and environmental justice. He was, however, a man of strong character, for nothing stopped him from speaking the truth out loud, regardless of the social status of the person he met. This is a particular personality trait that we find in most of the great leaders who have marked our human history. But in the case of Pope Francis, this personality trait has enabled him to pursue a relentless struggle to try to reform our Church from within and without, whether on a pastoral, moral or administrative level. And it's fair to say that he has been fairly successful in most of his reforms, despite the resistance and opposition that have stood in his way.

The main legacy of the Holy Father will undoubtedly be that all the baptized are part of the great universal Church. Whether we are poor or rich, disabled or sick, immigrants or resident citizens, marginalized or public figures, practicing or non-practicing, believers or non believers, we are all children of the one God who created us in his likeness and who invites us to enter into an intimate relationship with him, through his Son who gave himself up for us on the Cross.

A man of action, not just words, he dared to go to the outskirts himself to bring back the lost sheep. A champion of ecumenism, he dared to approach Islam and the Arab world, travelling to countries where no pope had gone before. He was also a great defender of immigrants and refugees from all over the world. The fact that he sometimes provoked controversy or opposition from certain groups or factions within the Church would never have happened if he had been content to talk without taking action. This is another feature that characterized the Holy Father Francis: he was not only a communicator and an excellent homilist that even the simplest person could understand, but also an 'activist' who dared to get his feet wet by involving himself in what he openly preached.

Finally, the impact of his encyclical 'Laudato Si' will undoubtedly be his greatest legacy to the universal Church and to the whole world. Safeguarding our common home - integral ecology - has succeeded in rallying the entire planet, even non-believers and people far removed from the Church, to unite and work together actively to preserve our planet, a gift that God has given mankind by entrusting him with its stewardship.

Dear friends, let us pray for our Holy Father, Pope Francis, who has just left us this week. May the Lord open wide the gates of his Kingdom to him, and may he possess as soon as possible the eternal glory that God reserves for all those who have served him generously during their lives.

May the soul of our Holy Father Francis and the souls of all the faithful departed rest in peace, through the mercy of God, Amen.

*Mgr Guy Desrochers, C.Ss.R.*  
*Metropolitan Archbishop of Moncton*

WITH DEEPEST  
*Sympathy*

*A time to mourn...*  
**Sincere sympathies to our Whole Catholic  
Community for the loss of:**

Pope Francis, Holy Father of Catholic Church.

*And to all who mourn the loss of a loved one.*

*Prayer*  
Request

*Ecclesiastes 3*

*Under every season there is a time...  
A time to heal...*

**St. Bernard's**

Patricia Devine	Claire Struble	Peter Quach	Deacon Ed West	Georgette Thomson
Charles Ouellet	Clarence Arsenault	Bernie Paquet		

**St. Clement's**

McGraw Family	Olga Bateman	Genie Coates	Ava Read	
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**St. Vincent's**

Barb DeWitt	Leonard Burke	Leone Campbell	Art Chase	Vince Wood
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**As well as those who have died.**



**St. Bernard's Sacrament of Reconciliation regular schedule**  
**Prior to Weekday Masses: Monday to Friday: 8:30 – 9:20 AM**  
**Saturdays: 10:00 AM; First Friday of the month: 8:00 – 9:00 AM.**



Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,  
While waiting for the Mass of the diocesan community, we invite you to join us during the 9:30 AM Mass on Monday 28 April to pray together for the repose of the soul of Pope Francis who left us on Monday 21 April.  
*Fr Damian and Fr Carlos*

**Mother's Day Tea**

Inclusion Advocacy of South East New Brunswick (formerly the Greater Moncton Association for Community Living) is holding a Mother's Day Tea on Saturday, May 10, 2025 from 1-3pm in the parish hall at St. Bernard's Church, 43 Botsford St., Moncton. Proceeds will go toward programs and services to support individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities and their families. Tickets are only being sold in advance at \$15.00 each or two for \$25.00 and are available by calling Claudia McCloskey 506 383 1532 or emailing [CONTACTUS@INCLUSIONADVOCACY.CA](mailto:CONTACTUS@INCLUSIONADVOCACY.CA).

## Mass times / Intentions:

### St. Bernard's

<b>Mon.</b>	<b>Apr. 28</b>	<b>9:30 AM</b>	<b>For the repose of the Soul of Pope Francis</b>	
<b>Tues.</b>	<b>Apr. 29</b>	<b>9:30 AM</b>	Late Greg Murphy	Fred & Blanche Belgin
<b>Wed.</b>	<b>Apr. 30</b>	<b>9:30 AM</b>	Late Ernest Brian	K of C 1310
<b>Thurs.</b>	<b>May 1</b>	<b>9:30 AM</b>	Anniv. Late Kathleen Haly	Her Children
<b>Fri.</b>	<b>May 2</b>	<b>9:30 AM</b>	Anniv. Late Norman Proulx	Proulx Family
<b>Sat.</b>	<b>May 3</b>	<b>4:00 PM</b>	Late Rena Sullivan	Fortin Family
<b>Sun.</b>	<b>May 4</b>	<b>11:00 AM</b>	For the People	

### St. Clement's

<b>Sun.</b>	<b>May 4</b>	<b>11:00 AM</b>	For our Benefactors
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### St. Vincent's

<b>Sun.</b>	<b>May 4</b>	<b>9:00 AM</b>	Daughter Glenda Milson	Bob & Irene LeClair
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## OFFERINGS

### St. Bernard's Offerings + PADs & online – Holy week & Easter Sunday

<b>Envelopes</b>	\$3829.20	<b>Loose</b>	\$1647.15	<b>Karing Kitchen</b>	\$275	<b>Easter</b>	\$3700
<b>Easter Flowers</b>	\$130	<b>Ash Wed.</b>	\$5	<b>Share Lent</b>	\$390	<b>Convocation Bells</b>	\$50
<b>Capital Fund</b>	\$195	<b>Holy Thurs.</b>	351.15	<b>Good Fri.</b>	\$3230.50		

### St. Clement's offerings – Holy week & Easter Sunday

<b>Good Fri.</b>	<b>Envelopes</b>	\$195	<b>Donations w/Receipt</b>	\$35	<b>Collection</b>	\$30
<b>Easter Sun.</b>	<b>Envelopes</b>	\$298	<b>Donations w/Receipt</b>	\$140	<b>Collection</b>	\$52

### St. Vincent's offerings – Holy week & Easter Sunday

<b>Envelopes</b>	\$1300	<b>Loose</b>	\$31.75	<b>Maintenance</b>	\$10	<b>Share Lent</b>	\$170
<b>Christmas</b>	\$50	<b>Holy Thurs.</b>	\$115	<b>Good Fri.</b>	\$230	<b>Easter</b>	\$401.05

***Thank you for your generous and continued support!!!***



**PADS** – If you would like to donate through the Pre-Authorized Debit system, kindly contact **Giredine Aguidi** at **506-857-0425** or send an email to **sbhf@rogers.com** to register for St. Bernard's PADS.

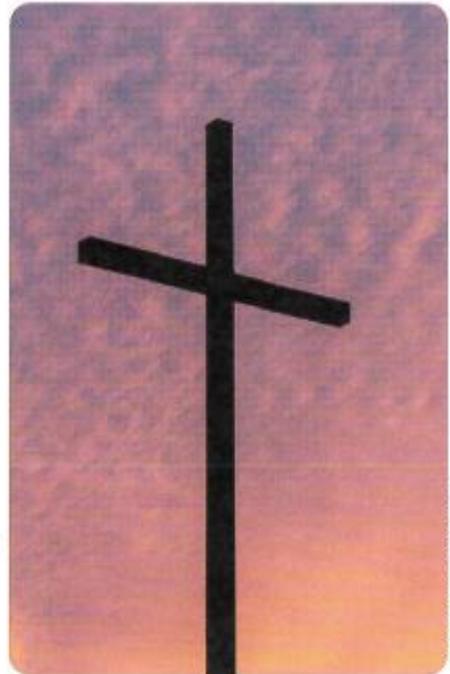
# Dear Padre,

***How do we maintain our faith in a world that shames religion and creates doubt in our beliefs?***

I would respond to your question with one of my own: "When has it ever been different?" In what place has there been universal praise and acceptance of the practices of faith and belief? When has there been a time when there is no doubt? This is a good question for this Sunday, when we hear about St. Thomas, the doubting disciple.

Many years ago, unanimity might have been understood as the norm in a tight-knit neighborhood community of people with the same experience and belief. However, in the wide world today that is so connected and disconnected at the same time, sameness and uniformity cannot be assumed. It may cause unease, or even fear, to learn that someone disagrees with you, perhaps even someone you love, but it should no longer be a surprise or considered out of the ordinary.

Doubt can help a person grow in faith and belief. Even though doubt is challenging, it is often a necessary experience in order to be strengthened and to persevere. Doubt is not something that should cause us to quiver in fear, but rather to rejoice in hope, in the confidence that what we believe is worth living and has something to teach us. ●



**Fr. Thomas M. Santa, CSSR / DearPadre.org**

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
April 28	April 29	April 30	May 1	May 2	May 3	May 4
<i>Easter Weekday</i>	<i>St. Catherine of Siena, Virgin and Doctor of the Church</i>	<i>Easter Weekday</i>	<i>Easter Weekday</i>	<i>St. Athanasius, Bishop and Doctor of the Church</i>	<i>Sts. Philip and James, Apostles</i>	<i>Third Sunday of Easter</i>
Acts 4:23–31 Jn 3:1–8	Acts 4:32–37 Jn 3:7b–15	Acts 5:17–26 Jn 3:16–21	Acts 5:27–33 Jn 3:31–36	Acts 5:34–42 Jn 6:1–15	1 Cor 15:1–8 Jn 14:6–14	Acts 5:27–32, 40b–41 Rv 5:11–14 Jn 21:1–19 or 21:1–14



ANNETTAVI / PEXELS

## **A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS**

***Let us ask ourselves: at home, in my family, at work, in my community, do I foster fellowship, am I a weaver of reconciliation? Do I commit myself to defusing conflict, to bringing forgiveness in place of hatred, and peace in place of resentment? Do I avoid hurting others by not gossiping, which always kills?***

**HOMILY, ROME, APRIL 24, 2022**