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The Pope asks young people to listen, to be courageous, and to serve

- *The Pope encourages young people, in the process of finding their own paths in life, to listen like the Virgin Mary did and to pay attention to the words of their grandparents.*
- *In his message, Francis invites them to a full life which will come from having the courage to give themselves to serving others.*

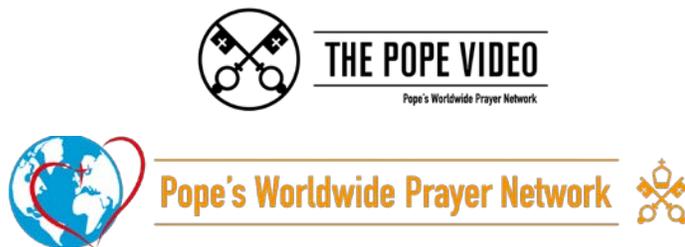
(Vatican City, May 3, 2022) - The [Pope Video](#) for May has just been released with the prayer intention that **Francis** is entrusting to the entire **Catholic Church** through the [Pope's Worldwide Prayer Network](#). This month, the **Holy Father** speaks to young people and invites them to “see in Mary’s life the way to discover in Mary’s life the way to listen, the depth of discernment, the courage of faith, and dedication to service.”

The importance of listening

In addition to the Virgin Mary’s example, the **Pope** recommends to young people that, in their process of discernment, they listen “to the words of their grandparents,” since in them “you will find a wisdom that will take you beyond the issues of the moment.” However, young people must also be listened to. “We need to make more room for the voices of young people to be heard,” Francis insists in his apostolic Exhortation *Christus vivit*. The Dicastery for Laity, Family, and Life responded to this petition of the Holy Father in 2019 when it established an international youth advisory body to foster their participation and shared responsibility in local Churches. The Pope Video for May was created precisely in collaboration with this Dicastery: it is the first in a triptych of prayer intentions, the other protagonists of which will be the family in June and the elderly in July.

Courage and service

The message for May also insists on service, in such a way that discernment must have a positive impact on others. **Francis** invites young people to be courageous and to decide to say “yes” to the Lord just like Mary, who took the risk to put everything on the



line, changing her life to follow him. “You young people, who want to build a better world, follow her example,” the **Holy Father** insists.

Mary’s example for young people, to which Pope Francis refers in this video, is underlined by **Fr. João Chagas**, the head of the **Youth Office of the Dicastery for Laity, Family and Life**: “The theme of the next intercontinental pilgrimage of young people—the WYD in Lisbon in 2023—will be Marian: ‘Mary arose and went with haste’ (Lk 1:39). The entire path of preparation for this event is an invitation to young people to arise and to help the world to do the same. In his most recent message to young people, the **Holy Father** invited them: Let us ‘help one another to arise together and, at this troubled time in our history, we will become the prophets of a new and hope-filled future! May the Blessed Virgin Mary intercede for all of us.’ (Pope Francis, Message for the XXXVI World Youth Day).”

Fr. Frédéric Fornos, S.J., International Director of the [Pope’s Worldwide Prayer Network](#)—a pontifical foundation with a youth section, the **Eucharistic Youth Movement**—pointed out that since the beginning of his pontificate Pope Francis has emphasized the importance of a new understanding between generations, in particular between grandparents and grandchildren. He commented: “It’s not by chance that Francis likes to cite often the prophet Joel: ‘Then afterward I will pour out my spirit upon all mankind. Your sons and daughters shall prophesy, your old men shall dream dreams, your young men shall see visions’ (Joel 3:1; see Acts 2:17). With his prayer intention for this month, in the context of the Synodal process, Pope Francis is focusing on forming young people in discernment. How can we help young people, following Mary’s example, to listen, to discern, to recognize the Lord’s calls and to serve in today’s world? Here, the elderly surely play their role; they can help them in this task. Let us pray together for this prayer intention.”

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The Pope Video is an official global initiative with the purpose of disseminating the Holy Father's monthly prayer intentions. It is carried out by the Pope's Worldwide Prayer Network (Apostleship of Prayer). **Since the year 2016, The Pope Video has had more than 176 million views across all the Vatican's social networks, and is translated into more than 23 languages, receiving press coverage in 114 countries.** The videos are produced and created by the team of The Pope Video of the Prayer Network, coordinated by Andrea Sarubbi, with the support of La Machi Communication for Good Causes agency. The project is supported by [Vatican Media](#). More information at: [The Pope Video](#)

About the Pope's Worldwide Prayer Network

The Pope's Worldwide Prayer Network is a Vatican foundation, with the mission of mobilizing Catholics through prayer and action in response to the challenges facing humanity and the mission of the Church. These challenges are presented in the form of prayer intentions entrusted by the Pope to the entire Church. The foundation's mission is inscribed in the dynamic of the Heart of Jesus, a mission of compassion for the world. It was founded in 1844 as the Apostleship of Prayer. It is present in 89 countries and is made up of more than 22 million Catholics. It includes a youth branch, the EYM: Eucharistic Youth Movement. In December 2020, the Pope constituted this pontifical work as a Vatican foundation and approved its new statutes. Its international director is Fr. Frédéric Fornos, SJ. For more information, visit: <https://www.popesprayer.va>

About the Dicastery for Laity, Family, and Life

The Dicastery for Laity, Family and Life is responsible for the development of the apostolate of the lay faithful, for the pastoral care of young people, marriage, and the family, and for its mission according to God's plan, for the elderly, and for the protection and support of human life. For more information: <http://www.laityfamilylife.va/>. For information about the " *Amoris Laetitia* Family Year" visit: www.amorislaetitia.va.

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