

WE'RE STEPPING OUT WITH LOVE!



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but the greatest of these is love.

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Theme: WE'RE STEPPING OUT WITH LOVE!
And now faith, hope, and charity abide, these three; and the greatest of these is charity.
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Always in the spirit of Pope Francis who invites us to be a "Missionary Church", this year our theme concludes the process undertaken over the past three years and which focused on the theological virtues: We're stepping out in FAITH... (2017-2018), We're stepping out with HOPE (2018-2019), We're stepping out with LOVE (2019-2020)

WITH LOVE

Heart: Symbol of charity.

"Be good to one another, have heart" (Ephesians 4:32)

"As I have loved you, love one another" (John 13:34)

Jesus makes charity the new commandment (cf. Jn 13:34). By loving his own to the end" (Jn 13:1), he manifests the love of the Father that he has received. By loving one another, the disciples imitate the love of Jesus that they also receive. That is why Jesus says: "As the Father loved me, so have I loved you. Remain in my love" (Jn 15:9). And again: "This is my command: Love one another as I have loved you" (Jn 15:12) - Catechism of the Catholic Church - [1823]

Logo and Theme for the 2019-2020 Pastoral Year

WE'RE STEPPING OUT

People: Young and not so young, with our resources and our talents, our mission as baptized people is to reach out and support others.

The Church stepping out is an open-door Church. Reaching out to others to go to the human peripheries does not mean running to the world without direction and in any direction. Often it is better to slow down, put aside our apprehension to look and listen, or give up urgencies in order to accompany the one who is left by the side of the road. Sometimes it is like the father of the prodigal son, who leaves the doors open so that the son can enter without difficulty when he returns. (The Joy of the Gospel #46)

Hand: Hand stretched out towards the other to welcome him, to accompany him, to "share the bread" he needs to live and grow. Hand also open to receive from God and our neighbour the "bread" that we also need.

"It shows that, if we want to grow in the spiritual life, we cannot stop being missionaries. The work of evangelization enriches the mind and heart, opens spiritual horizons, makes us more sensitive to recognize the action of the Spirit, and leads us out of our limited spiritual patterns. At the same time, a fully dedicated missionary experiences in his work the pleasure of being a source, which overflows and refreshes others. Only those who feel inclined to seek the good of others, and desire the happiness of others, can be missionaries. This opening of the heart is a source of happiness, because "there is more happiness in giving than receiving" (Acts 20:35)". (The Joy of the Gospel #272)

and/or

Flame: Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful, light in them the fire of your love.

Saint Thomas Aquinas taught that even in the moral message of the Church there is a hierarchy, in the virtues and in the acts that follow. Here, what matters above all is "faith working through charity" (Gal 5:6). Works of love for one's neighbour are the most perfect outward manifestation of the inner grace of the Spirit: "The main element of the new law is the grace of the Holy Spirit, which is expressed in faith acting through charity". (The Joy of the Gospel #37)