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We are pleased to present our May issue of **ONE FAMILY IN MISSION** newsletter. We invite you - as part of that **FAMILY** - to share articles, best practices and any other items that you believe would benefit our community of Stewards. Please send them to tzalud@drvc.org.

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In this month dedicated to Our Blessed Mother, as we try to pray her Rosary more often —*daily, if possible*—it is good to remember that many of the mysteries we pray are connected with the various fixed and moveable Marian feasts that the Church celebrates throughout the year.

One such example is the beautiful Marian feast on May 31st which recalls Our Lady's ministry to her elderly, expectant cousin Elizabeth. In terms of the Rosary, we recall this example of Mary's great missionary work of charitable ministry in the second Joyful Mystery, known simply as "The Visitation."

Through the May 31st feast and its meditation in the Rosary, we learn from Mother Mary to bring Jesus to others, especially those who need to hear of His Love. The Visitation of Mary to Elizabeth sums up the meaning *Dramatic Missionary Growth*—bringing Christ to others, no matter what our circumstances are. Mary was pregnant, but still went out of her way to minister to her older cousin.

When we do as Mary did, going in haste, carrying the presence of the Lord to minister to someone in need (**through the four pillars of hospitality, prayer, formation, and service**), those to whom we minister out of love of God and neighbor can truly say through us, as they did of Jesus when He showed mercy to the poor widow of Nain, raising her son to life, "God has visited his people."

Let us also pray for those who fight for the sanctity of life at all stages. During Mary's visit to her cousin, the unborn John leaped in his mother's womb as Mary and Jesus (also in the womb) approached. This reminds us that the unborn are truly living, growing human beings who deserve the dignity that all human beings deserve.

Happy Visitation Feast Day! Who might we visit, through prayers and deeds, in ways either physical or virtual? Let us go forth with Jesus and Mary, bringing the Good News

to those who are waiting—*and needing*--to hear it!

Laudato Si' Week 2021

From May 16-24, Catholics will celebrate the anniversary of Pope Francis' second encyclical *Laudato Si'*. May we remember his call to respect our common earth more especially this month. Perhaps we can spend less time in front of the television, take a shorter shower or go for a walk in nature. Taking care of the planet is one part of the mission of being a Catholic Steward!

A Call for Tips, Advice and Ideas!

As this Easter season comes and goes, our parishes are filling up more and more. If your parish has any tips, advice or ideas on how to increase attendance at this time and welcome back returning parishioners, please share them with us so we may share them with the rest of our the parishes in our Diocese!

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Formed Stewardship Content of the Month

Each month, our office suggests Stewardship content from Formed.org that will help you grow in the faith! If you are not signed up with Formed.org, check with your parish to see if they have a subscription. This month, we recommend an audio session titled "*Desires of the Heart*" by Sister Bethany Madonna.

Desires of the Heart



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