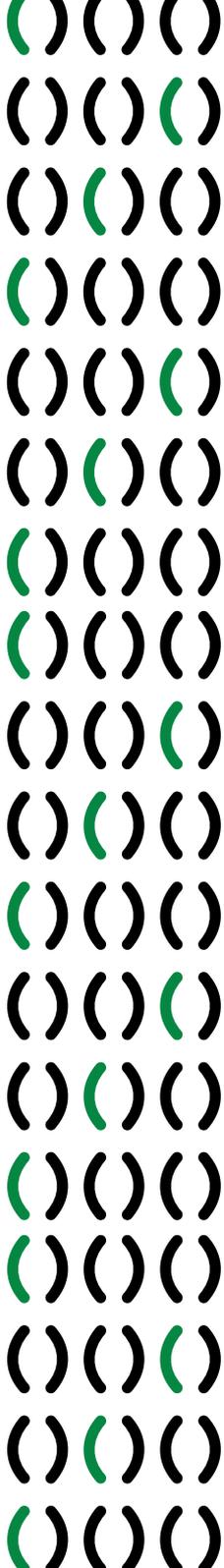


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MEETING #1





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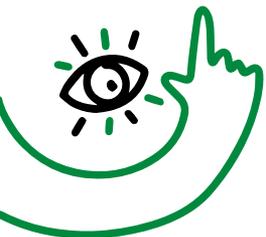
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RISE UP AND SAY "YES"

the objectives of this meeting are:

- To find out the reasons why Mary rose up and set out quickly.
- To deepen the vocational dimension of existence.
- To remember God's marks in your personal history.

GET READY



We begin our journey of preparation for World Youth Day, Lisbon, 2023 with the joy of a song!

Do you know the anthem of World Youth Day Panama 2019? Listen to it and ask yourself what it means to say YES!

*"I am the servant of the Lord.
May it be done to me according to Your Word."*

Abdiel Jiménez As your pilgrim people we are gathered here today
From every continent and city.
Longing to be - true servants of the Lord.
Proclaiming your Word to every nation.



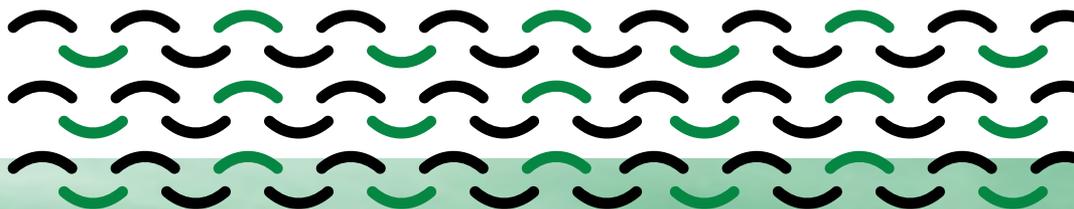
Teach us to say "yes" as Mary did that day.
That your will be done here as in heaven.
Fill our hearts with songs - of joy and of gladness.
Let all the earth stand up and praise you.

**Here I am, the servant of the Lord.
Speak your Word in me
and let your Will be done.**

Your chosen ones, we are,
sent out to do Your will.
Your sons and daughters, we are.

To be like your Mother, surrendered to Your will.
A pilgrim Church called and anointed,
as Your young disciples we'll witness to the world,
with joy and faith live our vocation.

Do not be afraid. No, do not fear,
the Father's arms are open.
Like Mary who said 'yes'
and served the Lord.
Let now His will be done in you.



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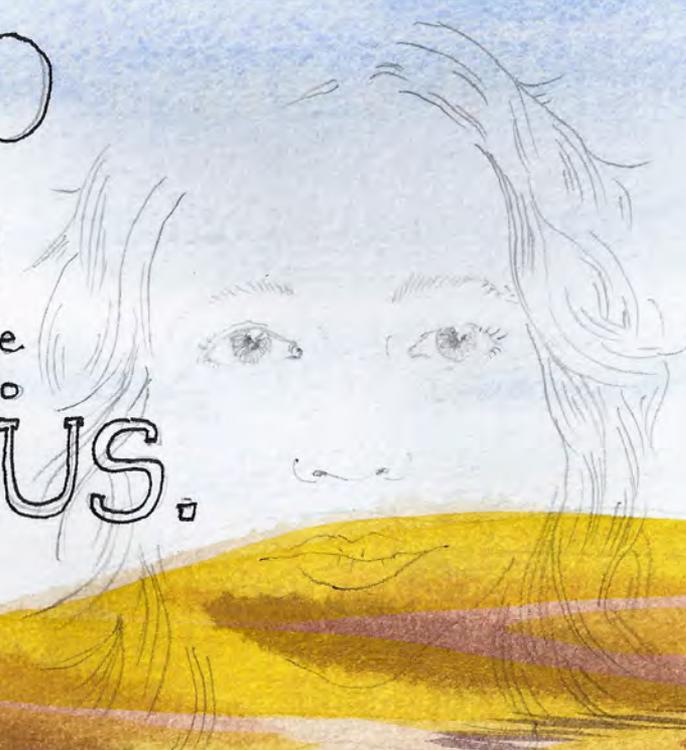
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MARIA disse,

então: « Eis a serva do
SENHOR, faça-se em mim

segundo

a tua Palavra! »

E o anjo partiu de junto dela.

Por aqueles dias, MARIA

Levantou-se,

foi apressadamente para a montanha,
para uma cidade de Judá.

LISTEN

The Gospel of Saint Luke (Luke 1, 26- 39)



²⁶In the sixth month of Elizabeth's pregnancy, God sent the angel Gabriel to Nazareth, a town in Galilee, ²⁷to a virgin pledged to be married to a man named Joseph, a descendant of David. The virgin's name was Mary. ²⁸The angel went to her and said, "Greetings, you who are highly favored! The Lord is with you." ²⁹Mary was greatly troubled at his words and wondered what kind of greeting this might be. ³⁰But the angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary; you have found favor with God. ³¹You will conceive and give birth to a son, and you are to call him Jesus. ³²He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High. The Lord God will give him the throne of his father David, ³³and he will reign over Jacob's descendants forever; his kingdom will never end." ³⁴"How will this be," Mary asked the angel, "since I am a virgin?" ³⁵The angel answered, "The Holy Spirit will come on you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you. So the holy one to be born will be called the Son of God. ³⁶Even Elizabeth your relative is going to have a child in her old age, and she who was said to be unable to conceive is in her sixth month. ³⁷For no word from God will ever fail." ³⁸"I am the Lord's servant," Mary answered. "May your word to me be fulfilled." Then the angel left her. ³⁹At that time Mary rose up and set out quickly to a town in the hill country of Judea."

The Gospel of the Lord.

R/ Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!



RECEIVE



D. João Marcos
Church of Our
Lady of Fatima
of Jeromelo,
Milharado
Parish
Mafra, 2013

MARIA

ANGEL

DOVE

GREEN PAVEMENT

TABLE WITH DISHES

EMPTY SPACE

DOOR

Mary's "Yes"

Listen to what Pope Francis has to share with us about this topic:

«We are always struck by the strength of that young woman's "yes", the words "be it done" that she spoke to the angel. This was no merely passive or resigned acceptance or a faint "yes", as if to say, "Well, let's give it a try, and see what happens". Mary did not know that expression: "let's see what happens". She was determined, she knew what was at stake and said "yes", getting straight to the point. It was something more, something different. It was the "yes" of someone prepared to be committed, someone willing to take a risk, ready to stake everything she had, with no more security than the certainty of knowing that she was the bearer of a promise. And I ask each one of you: do you see yourselves as bearers of a promise? What promise is there within my heart to take forward? Mary's would undoubtedly be a difficult mission, but the challenges that lay ahead were no reason to say "no". Things would get complicated, of course, but not in the same way as happens when cowardice paralyzes us because things are not clear or sure in advance. Mary did not take out an insurance policy! Mary took the risk and for this reason she is strong, for this reason she is an "influencer", the "influencer" of God! The "yes" and the desire to serve were stronger than any doubts and difficulties.

Pope Francis
Vigil Address
on the 34th
World Youth Day,
Panama, January
26, 2019.

ASK YOURSELF

What about you?

Confront yourself with the word of God:



In your story:

- What touched you most in this text?
- What is the strength of your yes(s)?

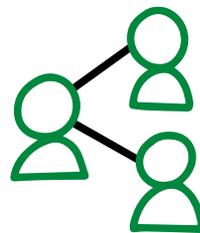
In your day to day:

- Do you live in this "haste" of Mary's?
- Is Mary an influence for you?

And "Now":

- At this moment in your life, is it important for you to listen to this word?
- Do you feel like the bearer of a promise?

SHARE



Share your experience with your group.

PRAY

The history of your vocation



Now look at your own life:

1. Identify some of the most remarkable moments (personal life: e.g. birth, social: - e.g. entry to school, religious, baptism, etc.).
2. Then, note the moments when you felt most clearly the presence of God.
3. Finally, identify the “calls” of God in your life, and to what God called you.

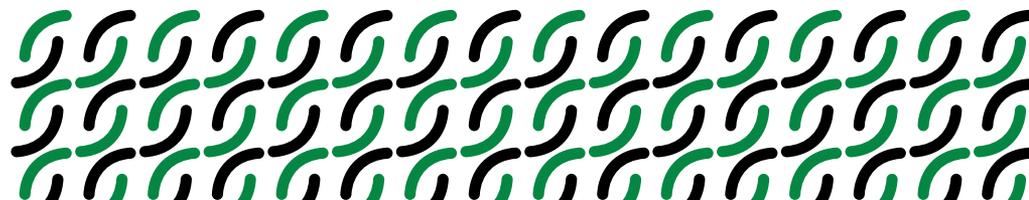
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God’s calls in my life...

Magnificat

Thank God for the path He has walked with you so far. Do so with the words of Mary, with her Magnificat.

My soul glorifies the Lord
 and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior,
 for he has been mindful
 of the humble state of his servant.
 From now on all generations will call me blessed,
 for the Mighty One has done great things for me
 holy is his name.
 His mercy extends to those who fear him,
 from generation to generation.
 He has performed mighty deeds with his arm;
 he has scattered those who are proud in their
 inmost thoughts.
 He has brought down rulers from their thrones
 but has lifted up the humble.
 He has filled the hungry with good things
 but has sent the rich away empty.
 He has helped his servant Israel,
 remembering to be merciful
 to Abraham and his descendants forever,
 just as he promised our ancestors.
 Amen.



RISE UP

To rise up is to seek God's will



In this first meeting, you are invited to “Rise up” through the search and choice of God’s will in your daily life, through personal prayer and with the help of the following tips:

How we can identify God’s will: it’s possible, it’s best and it’s the most intelligent.

What does God’s will consist of? It consists, first of all, **in the path of the Good** that God reveals to us through the **commandments of Jesus and the Church**: do not kill, do not steal, honor your parents, forgive those who offend you, etc. These commandments are universal, that is: they are valid for everyone.

Beyond this, God has **a particular will** for each person. For example: that you accept a particular job or mission; correct a certain aspect of your life; that you approach a particular person or that you make peace, etc.

Deep down, everything God wants from us is a way of our becoming more and more human and happy as children of God.

We have to understand **3 important characteristics** of God’s will:

It’s always POSSIBLE. God never asks us for the impossible. If something were totally impossible,

then it certainly wouldn’t be God’s will. But please note that there are many things that seem impossible to us only with our strength, but that are possible with the grace of God.

It’s always THE BEST for us and for those around us, even when it doesn’t seem that way. God would never ask us for anything that wasn’t for our own happiness. But sometimes this is difficult, because we imagine our happiness in a different way and it becomes hard for us to trust in God.

National Secretariat of the Apostolate of Prayer,

GPS of Christian Life, Braga, Apostolate of Prayer, 2011, pp. 29-30.

Doing God’s will **is always the SMARTEST choice.** God knows better than us how our lives and talents can yield to the fullest, for our good and for the good of others around us. Doing God’s will is not a favor we do for Him, but for ourselves. He does us a “favor” in showing us His will!

Rise up, trying to do God’s will!



CONTINUE

Learn more about this topic by reading the following text that you can use in a moment of personal prayer:

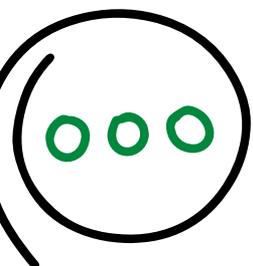
The Angel of Advent

Let your angel open these doors again
to the announcement of pure and sudden life
that elevates even our dullest days
up to the promise

Let your angel come to reinstate the censored alphabet
rehearse the dance that movements ignore
Come and point out the fair day, only by the clear blue
let go of the ashes of discouragement and sleep
guide us beyond the borders

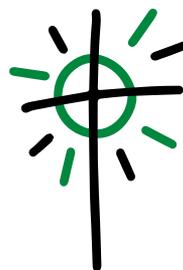
Let your angel come to name what we bring
and go from one day to another always postponed
Come and retell the unfinished body

D. José Tolentino Mendonça This reticent mode of housing
still waiting for his true birth.



YES, I BELIEVE!

+ From the Catechism of the Catholic Church



God's Providence

313. "We know that in everything God works for good for those who love him." The constant witness of the saints confirms this truth:

(...) St. Thomas More, shortly before his martyrdom, consoled his daughter: "Nothing can come but that that God wills. And I make me very sure that whatsoever be, seem it never so bad in sight, it shall be indeed be best."

314. We firmly believe that God is the master of the world and of its history. But the ways of His providence are often unknown to us. Only at one end, when our partial knowledge ceases, when we see God "face to face", will we fully know the ways by which – even through the dramas of evil and sin – God has guided His creation to that definitive sabbath rest for which He created heaven and earth.



MY PERSONAL PROJECT

1st step: Learn to know God's will



"HOW WILL THIS BE..." (LUKE 1, 34)

Take the first step in building your project. Following the example of Mary who accompanied us in the first encounter of this journey, ask questions, not only to yourself, but also to God.

Trust that He has the right answers and wants your true happiness.

What motivations guide my days, my decisions?

What cheers me up? What deep desires do I carry in my heart? What makes me happy?

How can God be speaking to me through these deep desires that I discover within me?

What is God's will for me? Have my motivations helped me to live God's will?

Young man, I say to you, get up! (Luke 7, 14)

'Now get up and stand on your feet. I have appeared to you to appoint you as a servant and as a witness of what you have seen and will see of me! (Acts 26, 16)

In those days Mary arose and went with haste into the hill country. (Luke 1, 39)

