

November 04, 2018 – 31<sup>st</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (B)

**ST. MATTHEW PARISH AND MISSIONS**

Rocky Mountain House - St. Matthew Church  
Caroline - St. Joseph the Workman Church  
Evergreen - Jesuit Martyrs Church

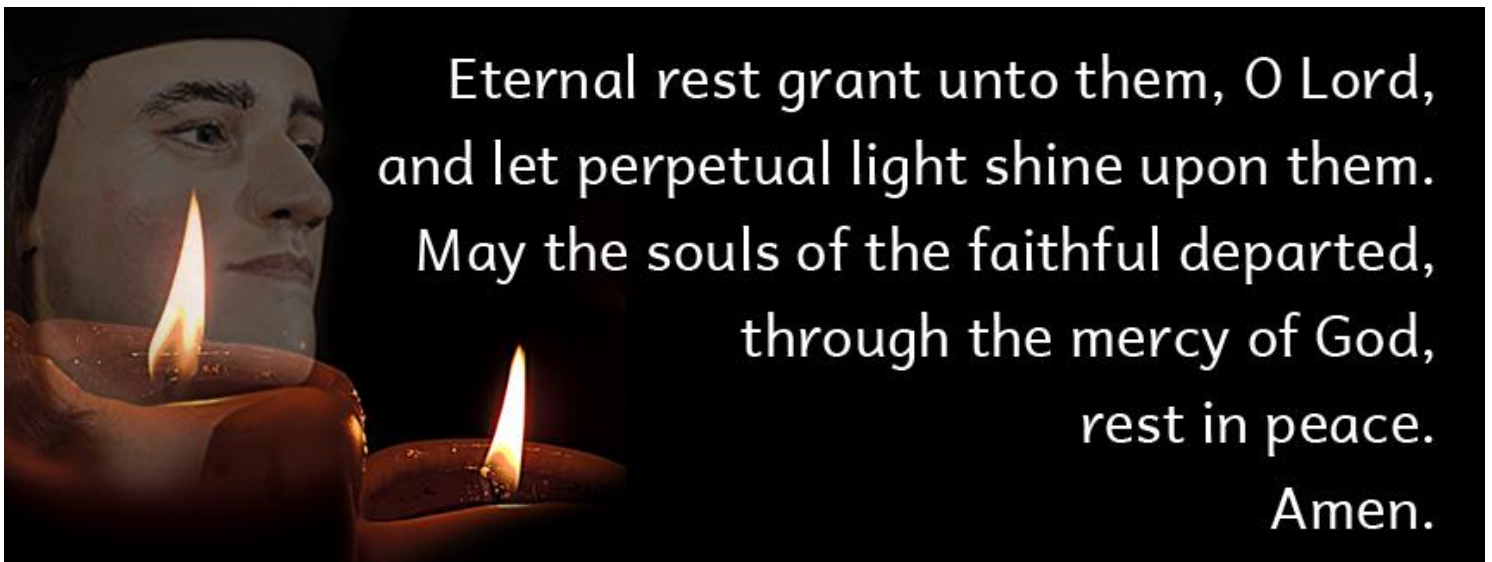


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**INTRODUCTION TO THE LITURGY OF THE SUNDAY**

Jesus, our perfect example, calls us to live a life driven by love for God and our neighbor. God’s command for us is to love; first to love God with all our heart, soul, mind and strength, and then to love our neighbors as ourselves. Jesus calls these the two greatest commandments. These are not easy commands. They require that we put God and others above our own wants and desires. ♦ In today’s first reading, we hear Moses reminding us to observe the commandments of our Father, especially to love God first. In the second reading, we see Jesus as the perfect sacrifice who has redeemed us. And in today’s Gospel, Jesus adds the second of the two greatest commandments: to love your neighbor as yourself.

**IN NOVEMBER WE REMEMBER IN PRAYER ALL THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED.  
OUR PRAYERS HELP THEM AS THEIRS HELP US.**



There is a lot of love in today's readings. In the first reading, Moses tells God's people to *love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength.* The second reading reminds us that Jesus gave himself as the perfect sacrifice for all of us – the ultimate sign of love. The responsorial psalm repeats, *I love you, Lord, my strength.* And in the Gospel, Jesus adds a new commandment, *Love your neighbor as yourself.* • God’s love is unconditional. God does not expect us to be perfect in order to earn his love. He freely gives it in spite of our faults, our imperfections, weaknesses and sinfulness. But God commands that we do the same. He calls us to put him first in our lives, before our worldly goods, our ambitions and all that consumes our daily lives. • Let's give some extra attention to that other commandment to love our neighbor as ourselves. On the surface, this seems an easy message to understand and to practice in our daily lives, but deeper reflection challenges us to rethink this. *Love your neighbor as yourself* is not a *suggestion*; it is a *command*. To be true followers of Christ requires that we live out this command. The challenge comes when we answer the question, “Who is our neighbor?” • This is not a geographical question, but a theological one. Every human being is our neighbor, by virtue of being made in God’s image. Because in the end, it comes down to this: “love the ‘unlovable.’” Love those who are hard to love, those who have hurt us and those we just don’t like very much. Clearly, loving is not always easy. It requires forgiveness. It demands putting aside judgments, and it forces us to reach beyond our own wants and needs to put others first. Sometimes, it is so hard that it requires grace and prayer, and God’s guidance and intervention. But God’s abundant strength empowers us, and he will give us all we need to love others, even when it is challenging and difficult.



**RECITATION OF THE ROSARY AS PARISH COMMUNITY - RMH**

Saturday, November 10, 2018 - 06.30 PM

Everyone is invited to pray the rosary before Mass on Saturday, November 10, 2018 at 6:30 PM on the occasion of Remembrance Day for soldiers and civilians who lost their lives in war and for our soldiers/peacekeepers...

## LITURGICAL MINISTRIES – ROCKY MOUNTAIN HOUSE

Date and Time	Greeters/Gifts Bearers	Proclaimer 1	Proclaimer 2	EMHC - Hosts	EMHC – C1	EMHC - C2
Nov. 03, 2018 at 07.00 PM	Brian & Pauline Morrison	Orville Kittelson	Laverne Froese	Laurier Nobert	Karen Carmichael	Ernie Murias
Nov. 04, 2018 at 09.00 AM	Julie Layden	Joanne Mazza	Marliss Cartier	Doreen Couture	Pat Hughes	Lorie Hughes
Nov. 10, 2018 at 07.00 PM	Roxane Melvin	Dorraine Lonsdale	Karen Carmichael	Ernie Murias	Leo Pelletier	Laverne Froese
Nov. 11, 2018 at 09.00 AM	Bill Fletcher	Jim Marland	Dom Couve	Sarah Cubby	Dave Parfitt	Barry Kirtzinger

## LITURGICAL MINISTRIES – EVERGREEN

Date and Time	Proclaimer 1	Proclaimer 2	Gifts Bearers	Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion - Chalice
Nov. 04, 2018 at 11.00 AM	Joey Hoven	Barron Reichert	The Mark Szymaneks	Gerald and Margie Miller
Nov. 11, 2018 at 11.00 AM	Dennis Nugent	Liam Hoven	Marvin and Rita Andersen	Ed and Carol Szymanek



### MESSAGE FROM DEACON BERNIE OUELLETTE

I am staying in Red Deer until full completion of my radiation treatments - mid December. All is going as expected and the family I stay with is great. If anyone would like to contact me please text me at 403-846-0453. Thanking you for all your prayers, please keep me there as you are in mine.

### BLESSING OF THE GRAVES IN RMH

Sunday – Nov. 04, 2018 at 3.00 PM

**Pine Grove Cemetery - Rocky Mountain House** ♠ We will meet at the entrance!  
SHORT PRAYER SERVICE → FOLLOWED BY BLESSING OF THE GRAVES OF YOUR LOVED ONES



### “CATHOLICISM” – by Bishop Richard Barron ♦ Rocky Mountain House

Nov. 04, 2018 - Sunday Bible Study Group ♦ 10.30 AM - 12.30 PM • Contact Lisa Sembaliuk 403-846-7137 (phone/text)  
Nov. 05, 2018 - Monday Bible Study Group ♦ 07.00 PM - 09.00 PM • Contact Roxane Melvin 403-846-5405 (phone/text)

### MID – TERM ASSEMBLY OF PRIESTS – EDMONTON

Nov. 06 - 08, 2018

Fr. Kler will attend Mid-Term Assembly of Priests in Edmonton → Nov. 06 - 08, 2018 (Tue. - Thu.) ♠ No Mass on these three days



### CONFIRMATION PROGRAM ♦ RMH

NEXT LESSON - WEDNESDAY, NOV. 07, 2018

7.00 PM - 8.00 PM



### PRAYERFUL LUNCH

Thursday, November 08, 2018 ♦ 12.00 PM - 12.45 PM

Bring your own bag lunch and meet with others that would like to pray briefly on Thursdays from 12.00 PM to 12.45 PM. We will remember the works of the Lord by sharing what Jesus is doing in our lives, help each other appreciate His characteristics, and pray for one another.



### YOUTH GROUP

Thursday, November 08, 2018 ♦ 07.00 PM - 09.00 PM

We have a youth ministry program for grades 6-8, facilitated in part by High School Students, every Thursday evening from 7.00 PM to 9.00 PM at the Church. Drop in's are welcome! Most nights consist of a large game, often outdoors, followed by snack, a teaching, prayer time, and a skit. For more info contact Peter at 403-848-0955.

### THIS WEEK

### ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Friday – November 09, 2018 ♠ 09.30 AM - 12.00 PM (Private Adoration) ♠ Mass at 09.00 AM



### SUPPER FOR KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS, SPOUSES & GUESTS

Nov. 09, 2018 ♦ 6.30 PM

The Knights of Columbus booked the Steak Pit at the Legion for Friday, Nov. 9, 2018 at 6.30 PM. (We cook our steaks or chicken at 7.00 PM). Cost/meal is \$14 which includes your choice of Steak or Chicken, baked potato, garlic toast and salad. For more information contact Gary Donald (403.845.5269 or [gjdonald1@hotmail.com](mailto:gjdonald1@hotmail.com)).



### LITTLE FLOWERS CATHOLIC GIRLS' CLUB

Next meeting – Saturday, November 10, 2018

Little Flowers Catholic Girls' Club is a fun-filled faith formation group for girls ages 4 and up. We meet the second Saturday of the month from 9.30 AM to 11.30 AM, September through June. Each month girls work on developing a specific virtue and learn about a female saint. This year we will also be memorizing hymns and passages of Scripture, doing art projects, and completing handicrafts. To register or volunteer, contact Rhonda Caluttung at 403-846-0404. Next meeting - Saturday, Nov. 10, 2018.



### HOLY HOUR ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT - ST. MATTHEW

→→→ CHANGE OF DATE

Tuesday – November 13, 2018 ♠ 07.00 PM – 08.00 PM ♠ Mass at 06.30 PM

Take a moment during your busy days to remove yourself once a month from that business of today's life and come and spend some quality time with Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament. Prayer and meditation before our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament are great ways to spend some special time with Jesus. You can ask Him for graces for yourself or for loved ones, reflect on His Word, or just keep Him company silently! Offer your precious time to Him – come for Adoration. Will you spend an hour with Jesus?

### KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS MEETING

Thursday, November 15, 2018 – 7.00 PM

All Knights are invited!



### CWL MEETING

Sunday, November 18, 2018 – After 9.00 AM Mass

Ladies over 16 years are always welcome!



### FIRST COMMUNION PROGRAM ♦ RMH

NEXT SESSION – SUNDAY, NOV. 18, 2018 ♦ 1.30 PM – 4.30 PM

**Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,**

In Alberta, the yearly celebration of Catholic Education Sunday is an opportunity for Catholic schools and our faith communities to promote their important and distinctive mission.

In keeping with the theme for this year's Synod of Bishops: Young People, the Faith and Vocational Discernment, the theme for this Catholic Education Sunday is Rejoice and Be Glad. Our theme is further inspired by Pope Francis' Apostolic Exhortation (*Gaudete et Exsultate*) and the call to holiness. It highlights the important role that our schools play in nurturing the call to holiness for our children and youth. Our schools also help students know Christ through religious education, prayer, and a safe, caring school community that encourages them to discern their vocations. Pope Francis reminds young people that Jesus looks to them and invites them to journey with him. They are urged to be open to God's plan in becoming joyful disciples.

Catholic Schools, along with the family and the parish community, support our young people in their journey of faith. Teachers, students, parents and priests together are witnesses to, and agents of, the Good News proclaimed by Jesus Christ. This faith witness is described in the apostolic exhortation as the "saints next door". It reminds us that in every circumstance there are people of faith who inspire us to respond openly to the love of God and to serve Him generously. Sustained by such a bold vision, Catholic Schools encourage students to grow in their faith, to live its principles and to act in ways that make a positive difference in their local communities and the global community. The universal call to holiness has particular importance in the life of a Catholic School. Catholic education invites students to respond to the personal call of Jesus to embark on a journey of holiness. They are encouraged to grow in the knowledge of how God is active and present in their lives. They are called to enter into a living relationship with God.

Catholic schools put Christ, the witness of faith, and the teachings of the Catholic Church at the centre of the educational enterprise. By placing Christ at the centre of all they are and all they do, Catholic schools make sure that a student's journey into adulthood is also a journey of faith. A journey which recognizes that true knowledge, learning, justice, peace and human freedom are a response of love to the God who is Love.

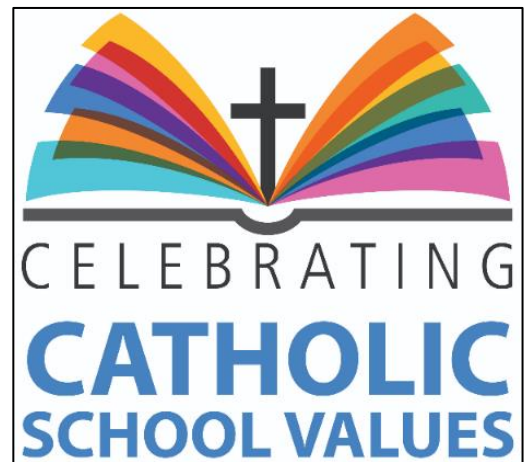
We know that life is not without its challenges and temptations, which can distract our children and youth from responding to the call to holiness. "Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you." (Mt. 5:12). This scripture quote, which roots the apostolic exhortation, recognizes that there will be many challenges in the quest for holiness. However, these challenges are not met with fear. They are met with courage and an assured confidence of the abiding presence of God. It is this confidence rooted in Christian hope that guides our Catholic Schools to instill and nourish, through many learning experiences, the belief that each child is created in the image of God and with God, all things are possible.

We, the Alberta and NWT Bishops, are grateful for parents who entrust their children to our Catholic School system and for parishes that minister to them. On Catholic Education Sunday, we express our appreciation for the administrative, professional, pastoral and support staff, who are dedicated to the noble task of assisting children and youth to follow the call to greater holiness. They help students grow in the assured belief that God journeys with them.

May God bless you and continue to sustain your faith-filled mission with His grace.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

**Catholic Bishops of Alberta and NWT**



<b>NEXT PRAYER MEETING</b>		<b>Wednesday – November 21, 2018 ♦ 7.00 PM</b>	
<b>St. Matthew Church</b> <b>Rocky Mountain House</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Loose Format: Praise/worship Songs, small group sharing on prayer life, etc</li> <li>• Share prayer intentions, Chaplet of Divine Mercy. <b>Feel free to invite others.</b></li> </ul>		

<b>NEXT BAPTISM PREPARATION CLASS</b>		
<b>Wednesday, November 28, 2018 - 07.00 PM ♦ Rocky Mountain House – St. Matthew Church</b> Please, register before November 21, 2018. * Call/Text office at 403-845-3457 or email office, if you plan to attend.		

	<b>CWL CABINET</b>	<b>RELIGIOUS ARTICLES FOR PURCHASE</b>
CWL religious cabinet has been re-stocked with all kinds of items – books, scapulars, crucifixes, pins, cards and more! See Vivian at the office or after Mass to make any purchases.		

	<b>WOMEN OF DIGNITY CONFERENCE</b>	<b>Friday - Saturday, November 16 - 17, 2018</b>
Catholic Family Ministries invites all women to join them for this year's Women of Dignity Conference at Holy Trinity Parish, Spruce Grove, on Friday-Saturday, November 16-17. <b>Theme: "Beauty, Truth and Goodness"</b> . Keynote speaker is <u>Leah Darrow</u> , international Catholic speaker, writer, and host of the popular Do Something Beautiful podcast. Guest speaker is Sister Marie Therese, and Mass will be celebrated by Archbishop Richard Smith. For more information, and to register please visit <a href="http://www.catholicfamilyministries.com">www.catholicfamilyministries.com</a> . \$50.00/Woman • \$35.00/Student. Register before Nov. 12, 2018.		

<b>RELIGIOUS EDUCATORS CONFERENCE</b>		<b>November 15 - 18, 2018</b>	
The Western Conference of Catholic Religious Educators is celebrating their 50 <sup>th</sup> year with a conference for all who accompany families as catechists, teachers, clergy, mentors and community. " <b>We are Family: Where Faith Meets Life</b> " will be held on the weekend of November 15-18 in Kamloops, B.C., featuring guest speakers John Roberto and Leif Kehrwald from Vibrant Faith. For more information and to register, visit <a href="http://www.wccre.org">www.wccre.org</a>			

	<b>WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER</b>	<b>Friday - Sunday, November 16 - 18, 2018</b>
Worldwide Marriage Encounter invites couples, priests, seminarians and sisters to their next Edmonton weekend, November 16-18, at West Harvest Inn. "It is the best decision you'll ever make for your marriage or for your ministry." For more information and to register, contact Nicole and Gavin Kuppeveld at 780-464-2874 or <a href="mailto:gvanakup@telus.net">gvanakup@telus.net</a> . The only cost is a donation. If you'd like to join us, please register as soon as possible.		

# PASTOR - FR. LEON KLER

Deacon (Ret.) - Bernie Ouellette  
Secretary - Vivian Duhamel

## ADMINISTRATION OFFICE

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### Office Hours

Monday	12.00 PM (Noon) - 04.00 PM
Tuesday	12.00 PM (Noon) - 04.00 PM
Wednesday	12.00 PM (Noon) - 04.00 PM
Thursday	12.00 PM (Noon) - 04.00 PM
Friday	12.00 PM (Noon) - 04.00 PM

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## PARISH MINISTRIES

Parish Pastoral Council	Lauren MacKenzie	403.845.2836
Parish Finance Council	Randall Sugden	403.844.8478
Ministry to the Sick	Ernie Murias	403.845.4860
Called to Protect	Ernie Murias	403.845.4860
Baptism Preparation Class	Steve/Donna Oscar	403.895.0373
First Communion Class	Shayna Pritchard	403.845.2393
Confirmation Class	Steve Oscar	403.895.0373
Children's Liturgy	Mona Cruickshank	403.846.1027
Youth Group	Peter van Kampen	403.848.0955
Prayer Chain	Alice Murray	403.722.4056
Knights of Columbus	Gary Donald	403.845.5269
CWL	Karen Carmichael	403.846.2168
Bible Study Sundays	Lisa Sembaliuk	403.846.7137
Bible Study Mondays	Roxane Melvin	403.845.3127

## SUNDAY MASSES

Saturday	07.00 PM	Rocky Mountain House
Sunday	09.00 AM	Rocky Mountain House
Sunday	11.00 AM	Evergreen
Sunday	01.00 PM	Caroline

## WEEKDAY MASSES

Monday	No Mass
Tuesday	06.30 PM - St. Matthew Church, RMH
Wednesday	09.00 AM - St. Matthew Church, RMH
Thursday	10.00 AM - Jesuit Martyrs, Evergreen
	06.30 PM - St. Matthew Church, RMH
Friday	09.00 AM - St. Matthew Church, RMH

## MONTHLY MASSES

First Wednesday	08.00 AM - St. Matthew School, RMH
First Wednesday	11.00 AM - Eckville Manor, Eckville
First Friday	10.30 AM - Clearwater Centre, RMH
Second Wednesday	08.00 AM - St. Dominic School, RMH
Second Wednesday	11.00 AM - Westview Lodge, RMH

REQUESTS FOR USE OF CHURCH FACILITIES MUST BE APPROVED BY PASTOR AND BOOKED THROUGH OFFICE.

## BAPTISM OF CHILDREN

Contact office if you want your child to be baptized in our parish. Preparation Class is mandatory. For more info, call office.

## CONFESSIONS

Rocky Mountain House - Every Saturday from 6.15 PM to 6.45 PM  
Evergreen/Caroline - after Sun. Masses ♦ Anytime by appointment

## MARRIAGE

Contact office if you want to celebrate Sacrament of Marriage in our parish. Preparation is mandatory. For more info, call office.

## ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Every Friday in St. Matthew Church - Rocky Mountain House  
**9.00 AM MASS ♦ 9.30 AM - 12.00 PM ADORATION**  
Every First Tuesday of the month in St. Matthew Church - RMH  
**6.30 PM MASS ♦ 7.00 PM - 8.00 PM HOLY HOUR ADORATION**

PARISH WEBSITE → [WWW.SMPRMH.CA](http://WWW.SMPRMH.CA)



# MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

**Saturday November 03, 2018 – 31<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
07.00 PM Rocky Mountain House – St. Matthew Church  
+ Pat Gerry  
Intention:

**Sunday November 04, 2018 – 31<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
09.00 AM Rocky Mountain House – St. Matthew Church  
**Intention: Blessings and grace for Deacon Bernie on the 18<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of his ordination to the permanent diaconate**

11.00 AM Evergreen – Jesuit Martyrs Church  
Intention: For all members of our parish communities

01.00 PM Caroline – St. Joseph the Workman Church  
Intention: ♦♦♦♦♦♦♦♦ No intention requested

**Monday November 05, 2018 – Weekday in Ordinary Time**  
No Mass

**Tuesday November 06, 2018 – Weekday in Ordinary Time**  
No Mass Fr. Leon at Mid-Term Assembly of Priests in Edmonton

## NO HOLY HOUR ADORATION → → → HOLY HOUR ADORATION - NOV. 13, 2018

**Wednesday November 07, 2018 – Weekday in Ordinary Time**  
No Mass Fr. Leon at Mid-Term Assembly of Priests in Edmonton

**Thursday November 08, 2018 – Weekday in Ordinary Time**  
No Mass Fr. Leon at Mid-Term Assembly of Priests in Edmonton


**Friday November 09, 2018 – The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica**  
09.00 AM Rocky Mountain House – St. Matthew Church  
+ Martha Pelletier  
Intention:

**09.30 AM – 12.00 PM → ADORATION → → → → → St. Matthew Church, RMH**

**Saturday November 10, 2018 – 32<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
07.00 PM Rocky Mountain House – St. Matthew Church  
+ Clara Gumban  
Intention:

**Sunday November 11, 2018 – 32<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
09.00 AM Rocky Mountain House – St. Matthew Church  
+ Cyrille Fournier  
11.00 AM Evergreen – Jesuit Martyrs Church  
Intention: ♦♦♦♦♦♦♦♦ No intention requested

01.00 PM Caroline – St. Joseph the Workman Church  
Intention: For all members of our parish communities

<b>OCT. 28, 2018</b>	<b>THANK YOU FOR YOUR FINANCIAL SUPPORT!</b>
	<b>REGULAR SUNDAY COLLECTION:</b> RMH - \$1,547.40 * Evergreen - \$581.85 * Caroline - \$110.25
	<b>CHILDREN'S COLLECTION:</b> RMH - \$22.65 * Evergreen - \$6.85 * Caroline - \$00.00
	<b>MAINTENANCE FUND:</b> RMH - \$45.00 * Evergreen - \$25.00
	<b>TOGETHER WE SERVE:</b> RMH - \$20.00

## SYNOD OF BISHOPS ON YOUNG PEOPLE ♦ OCT. 3 - 28

Officially closing a month-long gathering of bishops on young people, Pope Francis last Sunday said that the Catholic Church cannot choose between "doctrine and activism," as faith cannot be either "doctrinal formulae" nor be concerned with "activity alone."

"We are called to carry out God's work in God's own way: in closeness, by cleaving to him, in communion with one another, alongside our brothers and sisters," Francis said. "Closeness: that is the secret to communicating the heart of the faith, and not a secondary aspect." ♦ As an expression of that closeness, the pontiff proposed "the apostolate of the ear," meaning "to listen before speaking." Francis also rejected "recipes" and "labels," saying encounter is more important than theory. ♦ If faith is solely concerned with "doctrinal formulae," the pontiff said, it risks "speaking only to the head without touching the heart." On the opposite side, if it's only concerned with activity, then it risks becoming "moralizing and social work." ♦ "Faith, instead, is life: it is living in the love of God who has changed our lives." We cannot choose between doctrine and activism," he said. "It's not Christian to wait for our brothers seeking something to knock on our doors." ♦ Francis' words came during his homily at the Mass to mark the end of the Oct. 3-28 Synod of bishops on young people, faith and vocational discernment. Some 260 bishops from around the world came together in Rome, along with some 35 young people who didn't vote in the final document.