

## Let us be joyful missionaries!



The first Joyful Mystery of the Rosary is the Annunciation and it is celebrated on March 25<sup>th</sup>. We are very familiar with this passage from the Gospel and we like to hear the message of the angel to the Virgin Mary. She was not expecting such a visit and we can see that she humbly accepted the mission given to her by the Lord.

As He did with the Virgin Mary, the Lord never ceases to move towards an encounter with people in order to give them a mission. Of course, it is not an angel who will appear to us and as it was for the mother of the Savior, it can happen at an unexpected moment. We may feel unworthy or unable but God trusts us. He does not leave us alone and by His Holy Spirit which dwells within us, He permits us to accomplish the mission given to us.

To answer the call of the Lord does not weigh upon us but rather frees us because we are created in His image, and in conforming to His will we are able to experience the fullness of happiness.

Thus the task that He wants to give us is for our complete **joy** because He knows **what is good for us**. The Lord loves us and wants us to be fulfilled. He gives us the mission which best corresponds to who we are. **Let us dare to trust Him!**

The Lord desires that our behavior and attitudes reflect the Spirit which leads us to interact with our brothers and sisters to whom He sends us.

Let us ask the Virgin Mary to help us to open our hearts to answer the call of her Son Jesus.

May we all be joyful witnesses who have answered the mission that God entrusts to us.

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