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To: All Parish Presidents, Christian Family Life Chairpersons

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It is hard to believe that we are already into New Year. Upon reflections of January, we are shown that the ideal family is the “Holy Family.” One of love!

We need to value what “family” means. The “Catechism of the Catholic Church” (11 The Family and Society) #2207 defines the Christian family as “*the original cell of social life*”. *It is the natural society in which husband and wife are called to give themselves in love and in the gift of life. Authority, stability and a life of relationships within the family constitute the foundations for freedom, security, and fraternity within society. The family is the community in which from childhood, one can learn moral values, begin to honor God, and make good use of freedom. Family life is an initiation into life in society.*”

In an article from Vatican City, Jan. 8, 2018 (CAN/EWTN News), Pope Francis, addressing the members of the Diplomatic Corp, he states that “the world needs stable families, relationships.” He states: “What is needed instead is a rock on which to build solid foundations. And this rock is precisely that faithful and indissoluble communion of love that joins man and woman, is communion that has an austere and simple beauty, a sacred and inviolable character and a natural roll in the social order. (more info:) <http://www.catholicnewsagency.com/headlines/vatican>

Prayer for the Family

Lord Jesus, You were the centre of the holy family.

Help us to learn that our Christian families need your love in their midst.

Inspired by your example, may we love one another unselfishly.

Mary, mother of God and our mother, teach us your ways of peace within the family,

God of grace and wisdom, show us how to be patient and kind,

slow to speak harshly and quick to forgive each other.

Bless all grandparents, parents and loan parents, Lord.

Be gentle in Your care for all children – born and unborn.

I would like to wish you a Happy New Year 2018. May God bless and keep you and your families safe this upcoming year.

May Our Lady of Good Counsel Guide you.

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