



SCRIPTURE of the DAY

Revelation 11: 19, 12:
1-6, 10

Psalms 44: 10-12, 16
1 Corinthians 15: 20-26
Luke 1: 39-56



“Although many young people are happy to see a Church that is humble yet confident in her gifts... others want a Church that listens more, that does more than simply condemn the world.”

- Pope Francis
(*Christus Vivit*, 41)

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There is a repeated call for better communication, deeper trust, forgiveness, and quality time within families. **Young people remind us that families and parishes must be places of safety, honesty, and authentic witness.** They recognise the gap between what is taught and what is lived and ask not only to be instructed but also to be listened to, accompanied, and trusted. These concerns are inseparable from the Church's mission because families renewed in faith become places where mercy is lived and shared with society.

The Church's teaching strongly affirms this pastoral priority. In *Amoris Laetitia*, Pope Francis reminds us that "the welfare of the family is decisive for the future of the world and that of the Church" (AL 31). The family is where faith is first nurtured, love is practised, forgiveness is learned, and mercy becomes real. He also calls the Church to be "a sign of mercy and closeness" to families, especially those facing struggles and imperfections (AL 5). The Church is called not only to care for families but to accompany them with patience, compassion, and hope.

Formation and accompaniment are essential. Families should be empowered to become active agents of evangelisation and catechesis within the home (AL 200). This requires well-formed priests, religious, catechists, lay leaders, and pastoral workers who can support families through marriage preparation, the early years of family life, and times of difficulty (AL 202, 211, 217, 242–243). Family ministry must therefore be ongoing, relational, and rooted in mercy.

In *Christus Vivit*, Pope Francis reminds us that young people are not only the future of the Church but also "its present" (CV 64). They should be listened to, trusted, and given meaningful opportunities to participate in the Church's mission (CV 203). Family and youth ministry cannot be separated. By accompanying families with faith, formation, and mercy, the Church also provides young people with a strong foundation to grow as disciples and missionary witnesses of Christ. ✚

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The listening journey towards MPC 2026 has brought the concerns of family and youth to the forefront. Across the assemblies, there is a clear call to strengthen the family as the domestic Church, where faith is lived, prayer is shared, and Christ is at the centre of daily life. Many families desire for homes rooted in the Eucharist, the Word of God, and a living relationship with Jesus.

