



WORD OF LIFE

Hi, my name is Giosue' and I'm from Italy.

My family and I joined with other people in our town to organize a welcoming party called:

"I'M HAPPY TO MEET YOU!"

We invited everyone in the town to spend an afternoon together to get to know each other, and especially the new immigrants.

We prepared a program with a girl from the Ivory Coast, with songs and dances also from Togo, and they told their experiences of how much they had to go through to get to Italy - like the long trip and escaping the political conflicts in their countries. It was really impressive.

The mayors of the two neighboring towns were also present, and besides the Ivory Coast and Togo, there were people from Ghana, Morocco, Albania, Romania, Moldavia and Mexico.

When the time came for refreshments, it was so nice to see that there were no barriers among us, as people mingled and got to know each other. It was evident from all the smiling faces that people were really happy.



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«To those who welcomed him, he gave the power to become children of God» (John 1:12)

The wonderful, good news that Jesus announced and gave to humanity is that we can become children of God through his grace.

This is GREAT NEWS and we need to welcome it TODAY too.

Let's try to understand more deeply what it means to be CHILDREN OF GOD.

All we have to do is look at Jesus, the Son of God, and his relationship with his Father. When he prayed to his Father, like in the "Our Father," he called him "Abba", which means "Daddy," turning to him with infinite trust and limitless love.

In fact, Jesus brought us right into the heart of the Trinity. By dying for us, and through the Holy Spirit, he made us true children of God.



And we grow as children of God by corresponding to his gift and by living his will which is summed up in the commandment to love - love God and love our neighbors.

To welcome Jesus means to recognize him in each person we meet. And if our neighbors see in our love for them a glimmering spark of the Father's boundless love, they too will be able to recognize Jesus and believe in him.

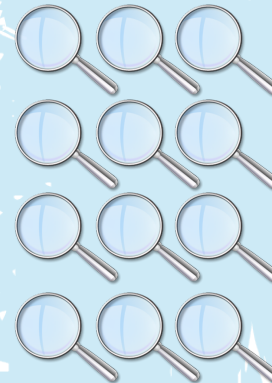
During this month in which we celebrate Jesus' birth on earth, let's try to welcome one another, and recognize and serve Jesus in all those we meet.



IN ACTION

WELCOME EVERYONE WITHOUT DISTINCTION

The first quality of Christian love is to love everyone. The art of loving tells us to love everyone without distinction, just like God does.



I'll mark here all the times I recognized Jesus in my neighbor:

TO SEE JESUS IN EACH PERSON I MEET

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