

# LIVING FRATERNITY

**Theme: Lent... a time to move forward on our journey of life...**

In this month of April 2025, we offer the opportunity to continuing the process proposed by Pope Francis begun last March.

**Recall:** That our fraternal meeting be a time of *privileged gathering with and in Christ* present for each of us and that He is there, in the heart of our lives.

*Good reflections and sharing's*

## APRIL 2025 MONTHLY MEETING

### Opening of the meeting

After a song, a prayer according to the Ritual, with *in the Name of the Father, the Sun and the Holy Spirit, Amen.*, or one chosen by the fraternity, the meeting begins.

### Information

Every month, The **Living with Christ** offers songs that we can use to help us to interiorize ourselves and begin our meetings. For April, before Easter, p. 170, the songs proposed are *Since He Came*, and *On the Roads of the Covenant*. They can be used to start the meeting. After Easter, p. 175, *He is truly risen*, is suggested. It is well known.

### Introduction

On March 25, we celebrate the Annunciation to Mary every year. God, Father Creator, thus confirmed, in and through the incarnation of "his beloved Son, in whom he had and was well pleased", that in Mary - whom he had chosen as the spouse and mother of his Son - his irrevocable Fatherhood of humanity.

From the moment of his conception, Jesus, as the Son of God, became man in growth and becoming, thus making himself present among us. "*He came as one of us...*".

Listen to (If applicable, subtract ads that often precede videos).

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ioYPeDA4gak>

## **A message to transmit**

The infinitely Great has thus made itself infinitely small by incarnating, first as an embryo, then as the days go by, becoming a fetus, a baby, a child, an adolescent, a young adult, an adult man. So, he went through all the stages of growth. Just like us. He experienced all human feelings, emotions, joys and sufferings. To the extreme. To prove to us his Love; to reveal the Father to us. Our Creator Father. To teach us God, the eternal Infinite Immutable: God the Infinite Light! And his Love! With capital A. He is the "*Light born of the Light. True God born of the True God. Begotten, not created. Beloved Son of the Father.*" (*Let us pray in church: the Creed of Constantinople to be said together*) ...

It is he, Jesus, who taught us that God is our Father, and that He is not just our creator. "*When you pray, say, 'Our Father.'*" We can only move towards Him with Him. That through Him. He is the only way to the Father. "I am the way... ». But He warns us that the door is narrow. That it is the one to take. Make no mistake: "*Enter through the narrow door. Indeed, the door that opens onto death is wide, and the way to it is easy. A lot of people go through this. But the door to life is narrow, and the way to it is difficult. Those who find it are not many*" (Mt 7:13-14).

And it is on this path that we will move forward. With the help of signs. There are many of them. "Signs by the Thousands", as Robert Lebel has been singing for years. And it is by following them that we will continue to move forward. Yes! Thanks to the countless signs that He puts on our roads.

On Your Way. On My way. On our ways. On our way. For "Everything carries the meaning of the Most- High God." Good adventure!

## **Reflection and sharing:**

Now let's take time to quickly name a few signs. Then listen, with your eyes closed to "**Signs by the thousands**". In silence. To better listen to Him er. To hear Him better, close your eyes.

## **Signs by the Thousands (Catholic Song)**



**YouTube· Catholic of France·Jan 12, 2013**

Then, review (see) the words of the song; of his Refrain and its first verse.

Refrain:

**Sings by the thousands, traces of your glory,**

**Signs by the thousands, God in our history.**

**Sings by the thousands, traces of your glory,**

**Signs by the thousands, God in our history.**

Your hand, Lord, has given us signs;

Signs by the thousands, **SIGNS BY THE THOUSANDS:**

The song of the universe, the breath of the sea,

The flame of the living: God at work in our times!

**We are now well on our way...** so let us remember that He is truly resurrected and that He will not abandon us. Let us resolutely enter into hope.

**Let's listen** together: He is risen



[YouTube·debrusja·6 dec. 2017](#)

In May, we will walk together on the path to the Hidden Treasure in a field. Of the lost pearl. Because Jesus told us: "Seek and you will find". And as our Pope Francis told us: "To find or again find the way, for years and **in our times more than ever we have been offered signs. Signs by the thousands. Often things that are temporary, that come and go... »**

To name a few. Quickly. Then, to end the meeting, listen to the song that follows, and then, holding hands, pray the **Our Father together.**

TOUS ENSEMBLE (Video 2020) Robert Lebel, Éditions ...



[YouTube· Robert Lebel Official·22 August 2020](#)

## **Links to the Rule and te Constitutions**

### **Rule – Article 6.**

They have been made living members of the Church by being buried and raised with Christ in baptism; they have been united more intimately with the Church by profession. Therefore, they should go forth as witnesses and instruments of her mission among all people, proclaiming Christ by their life and words.

Called like Saint Francis to rebuild the Church and inspired by his example, let them devote themselves energetically to living in full communion with the pope, bishops, and priests, fostering an open and trusting dialogue of **apostolic effectiveness and creativity**.

### **General Constitutions – Article 17.1.**

Called to work together in building up the Church as the sacrament of salvation for all and, through their baptism and profession, made “witnesses and instruments of her mission”, Secular Franciscans proclaim Christ by their life and words. **Their preferred apostolate is personal witness in the environment in which they live** and service for building up the Kingdom of God within the situations of this world.

### **Biblical Reflection and Sharing:**

Choose among the texts for Lent or from the day preceding the meeting.

Share your thoughts on this Gospel using the following questions:

- \* Take a moment of reflection; underline the words or inspiring phrases ...
- \* Share your thoughts on the Gospel text chosen ...

### **Objective-Life**

During the month of April, the following is presented to you  
**What is my mission now in my living environment?**

### **Events and Information of the Church and the Order.**

Recall local and regional meetings and activities?

**End of the meeting:** (song or prayer chosen by the fraternity)

**Suggestion:** Look at the songs mentioned in the texts presented

### **At home**

Make a note of the signs to share during the next meeting (stage in the journey)