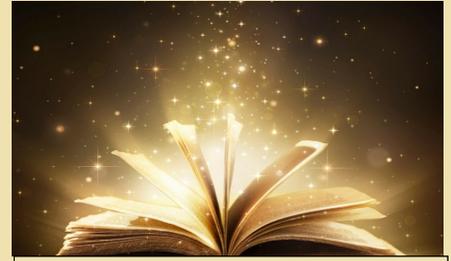


Pro-Cathedral of the Assumption

The World needs stories of truth, peace, and inspiration says Pope



[Carol Glatz, Catholic News Service](#)

With fake news becoming ever more sophisticated, people need the wisdom, courage and patience to discern and embrace constructive stories, Pope Francis said.

"We need stories that reveal who we truly are, also in the untold heroism of everyday life," Francis wrote in his message for World Communications Day 2020 which will be celebrated on May 24.

The message for 2020 was based on the theme, **"That you may tell your children and grandchildren': Life becomes history."** The passage, drawn from the Book of Exodus, highlights the importance of sharing "knowledge of the Lord" and meaningful memories, stories and experiences, so that they may transform people's lives, he wrote.

Jesus, who is "the quintessential storyteller — the Word," he said in the message, spoke of God "not with abstract concepts, but with parables, brief stories taken from everyday life" so that "the story becomes part of the life of those who listen to it, and it changes them."

"God has become personally woven into our humanity, and so has given us a new way of weaving our stories," he said.

"Stories influence our lives, whether in the form of fairy tales, novels, films, songs, news, even if we do not always realize it," he said, and people often decide "what is right or wrong based on characters and stories we have made our own."

So many stories throughout history share a common "thread" in which heroes, including everyday heroes, follow a dream and "confront difficult situations and combat evil, driven by a force that makes them courageous — the force of love," the pope said.

These kinds of stories can give people both the example and reasons "to heroically face the challenges of life," to grow, be enriched and to discover themselves better.

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... & So do We! We would like you to share YOUR personal stories in anticipation of World Communications Day ~ May 24, 2020

- A booklet with all the stories will be created.
- We will get to know, inspire and encourage one another as a family of faith through these stories.
- We are looking for stories that are written from your personal point of view - even just a short memory, family story, or even a few sentences.
- Don't underestimate how even a small story can make a difference to someone!
- Suggested Topics: How has your faith sustained you? Did you have a personal epiphany when your faith woke something in your heart? A funny story about going to Church? What has your Catholic faith meant to you over the years? Was it influenced by a member of your family? A teacher? A prison guard? A fellow parishioner? A neighbour? A priest? A nun? A support group? Maybe you transferred into a new city and were welcomed by a new parish or perhaps you are a new person to our country and have an inspiring story?

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Our Faith Stories—Treasures to Share!

GUIDELINES FOR SUBMISSIONS

1. There is no age requirement for those who wish to submit.
2. Submissions must be a personal account and not the work of others.
3. Submissions may be edited for length. Submissions are not limited to a person's involvement and membership at the Pro-Cathedral of the Assumption.
4. If you do not use a computer and wish to submit in handwriting/printing — we would love to have your input!
5. Submissions can be emailed to office@procathedral.ca or dropped off to the rectory office at 480 McIntyre Street West (there is a mail slot to the left of the door).
6. Submissions must include your first and last name, telephone number and email address (if you have one) so that if we have any questions we can contact you.
7. Where a submission may not be deemed as content that fits the spirit and intent of this publication, the parish reserves the right not to include it in the final publication.
8. **Deadline for Submission: Wednesday, 14 May 2020.**

If you have any questions regarding your submission, please do not hesitate to contact the parish office at 472-3970 or by email at office@procathedral.ca

Please be a part of this wonderful opportunity to share your faith.

Your words can be an inspiration to others!

