



# A Letter to the People of God

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## REINFORCING A CULTURE PROMOTING LIFE

I would like to heartily thank all the volunteers involved in the initiative to promote life organised by Dar Ġużeppa Debono, and in particular the Anawim Community and the Board of Directors of this Institute. I greatly appreciate the initiatives you take to safeguard life from the very first moment it is conceived, as well as to be of support in the face of all the problems associated with this experience. I can assure you that there are many who are very grateful for the service you are providing, often hidden away from prying eyes.

Of the many projects undertaken by Dar Ġużeppa Debono, the three you have worked on in the course of this year are of particular interest.

1. You are offering a respite service to mothers and fathers at Dar Ġużeppa Debono.
2. Through *The Three Losses* project, you have tried to be close to those couples and individuals who lost a child before it was born, through either miscarriage, stillbirth, IVF or abortion.
3. *Speaking the Language of Youth* is an initiative leading to a greater awareness in schools regarding healthy relationships among adolescents and young people attending secondary and tertiary institutions in Gozo.

It is very encouraging to see that recently Dar Ġużeppa Debono has taken up the challenge to spread its initiatives to promote life beyond our shores, not only in Malta but also in Guatemala.

While encouraging you to continue in your efforts with these four projects, I would invite you to reflect on these two considerations and act on them:

1. Keep on helping people to learn the grammar of the language of love (namely, sexuality). Life in the womb is often at great risk precisely because of irresponsible sexual behaviour. Education for a healthy sexuality helps the couple's intimacy in dignity and maturity.
2. Please be close to infertile couples. Although children are a gift, it is understandable that for a couple to accept it cannot have children naturally is a very hard process involving a lot of suffering. It is therefore most fitting that those who are suffering precisely because they love life find support.

I am aware that Dar Ġużeppa Debono is in need of funds to be able to carry on with its projects promoting life. I am grateful to those individuals and institutions who are generous to this Institute.

In order to enable the Christian Community in Gozo to take part in the preaching of the Gospel of Life, a collection is being held in all the churches in the Diocese, on the occasion of the Day for Life, to help Dar Ġużeppa Debono continue with its efforts.

Given today, from the Bishop's Curia, Victoria, Gozo, on Wednesday 29th January 2020.

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*(To be read during Sunday Mass on the 2nd February 2020, Day for Life)*