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LIFE MESSAGES FROM TODAY'S GOSPEL

1. We need to sing songs of gratitude to God as Mary did because of the great gift of life God gave us through our parents and the gift of early training we received from them at home in the family.
2. Let us also glorify God every day through our works of charity for the gift of our particular vocation in life and the opportunities God gives us every day for doing good to others.
3. It is in family relationships (despite their being imperfect human beings) that our parents provide an affirming atmosphere and we grow with positive regard for self and others. The functional family provides a safe, nurturing environment for children - where love and acceptance lie at the core of the family, despite disagreements and disciplinary problems. Family members invoke dialogue, express feelings and trust in each other's love.
4. Lastly, the family is the basic unit of society and the Church. It is in the family that we first learn to communicate, that we learn what is good and bad. We learn what love is because it is in the family that we first receive love. It is in the family that we first learn to forgive and to pray. It is in the family that we first learn about God and Jesus, Joseph, and Our Lady Mary. It is in the family that we learn to value ourselves and value everything else, picking up our values from what is said and unsaid by our parents.

Our family forms us for many years to come. The future of humanity depends on the family. There are many attempts to destroy the family in our times and if the family is destroyed, our world will crumble - because all humanity comes through the family. There are many attempts today to manipulate, undermine, devalue and redefine the family, but these attempts do not reflect God's plan for human family.

May God guide our families to help us develop and further His work in our world. Amen. In Christ, Father Macdonald Akuti