



**Pontifical Collection** - in support of the Holy Land, usually collected on Good Friday, was postponed when churches were closed due to the pandemic. Pope Francis has requested that it be taken up on Sunday the 13th of September (please place your donation in the collection basket at the front of the church) a date close to that of the Feast of the Exaltation of the Cross. This feast celebrates Christ's saving work and also reminds us of faithful Christian pilgrims, like St. Helen who found the relics of the Holy Cross in the 4th century, who have committed themselves to preserving the holy sites as places of worship that sustain our Christian culture and history of salvation. The annual Holy Land Collection not only helps to maintain churches and shrines located at holy sites, but, above all, helps to support the pastoral, welfare, educational and social works that the Church undertakes in caring for the local population. Our Holy Father, Pope Francis, invites you to be in solidarity with the Church and the Christians in the Holy Land by donating as generously as possible to this special collection.

**Save One** - Save One is a Christian outreach ministry dedicated to helping women, men and families recover spiritually, mentally and emotionally after an abortion. Save One is an online Bible study that has helped countless women and men embrace God's healing grace and power to restore inner peace. Under the guidance of a facilitator you will experience God's unconditional love. The study is from Sept. 24 – Dec. 17 at 7:30 pm. The sessions are 60-90 minutes. A resource book for the study can be accessed on line by visiting the Save One resource page at <https://saveone.org/store> after you register. To register or for any inquiries concerning Save One please email [centreforlife@centreforlife.ca](mailto:centreforlife@centreforlife.ca) and place Save One in the subject line.

***Crisis in Lebanon – Development and Peace Emergency Fund***

***The situation in Lebanon following August 4<sup>th</sup> explosion has been described as “beyond imagination.” Thousands of people have been affected with over 159 people dying, over 6,000 injured, and over 300,000 people left homeless. The explosions have also worsened the country’s social, economic, and political crisis. Development and Peace’s partner, Caritas Lebanon, is providing food, water, medical aid, and psychological and social support to those impacted by this crisis. Development and Peace and its trusted network of partners in the country are also assessing the long-term impacts and needs of this crisis. Please join in Pope Francis’ invitation to pray for the victims, for their families, and for all of Lebanon. Please also consider joining the Pope in responding to this desperate cry for help by donating to the emergency relief effort at Development and Peace – Caritas Canada through the following link: <https://bit.ly/2DRwfjv> or by calling 1 888 664-3387.***