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Love • Life • Friends

Pope Francis

Love, Life, Friends – three words important for life. They share a common root: the desire to live.

First of all, love is found in actions more than in words – God began to talk about love when he was involved with His people ... when He made a covenant with his people. He saved his people. He made gestures of love, acts of love.

The second axis on which love turns is that love always communicates itself, love listens and responds, love is found in dialogue and communion. Love is neither deaf nor mute. Love is very respectful to others, it does not use them, and therefore love is chaste.

Love considers the life of the other person to be sacred: “I respect you, I do not want to use you.”

Forgive me if I say something you did not expect, but I ask you to make the effort to love chastely. And a consequence derives from this: love sacrifices itself for others. Love is service. When Jesus, after the washing of the feet, explains this gesture to the apostles, He teaches them that we are made to serve one another.

– *Audience with young people,
Turin, June 22, 2015*

