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19** CATHOLIC MINISTRIES APPEAL  
DIOCESE OF ROCKVILLE CENTRE

Supporting *Dramatic Missionary Growth* in Our Community



Witnessing Forgiving Loving Helping Teaching Igniting Evangelizing  
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*"Growth in holiness is a journey in community, side by side with others."  
- Pope Francis*

**THANK YOU!**  
**Your support helps  
Catholic Charities' Talbot  
House assist people  
struggling with  
substance abuse.**



Mark was smoking crack, using heroin and any other drugs he could get his hands on. He had reached rock bottom and knew he had to get help when he turned to Talbot House.

***"I was running from life - running from my responsibilities - I was running from just about everything. I became a person I didn't even know. I begged God for help."***

Today, Mark is clean, in school and reunited with his family. He also volunteers at Talbot House to help others find the path to recovery.

***"Talbot House means hope. I'm living a life today that I don't deserve, but I am enjoying it. I have God in my life. I am blessed, grateful and happy."***

**[Click here to listen to hear Mark tell his story](#)**

# LENTEN LETTER 2019

BY BISHOP  
JOHN O. BARRES

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DEAR FRIENDS:

As we begin our prayer, fasting and almsgiving for the needs of the poor and the suffering of the world in this Lenten season 2019, we recommit ourselves to repentance, conversion and holiness individually and as a Church.

We remember in a focused way this Lent the survivors of clergy sexual abuse and all forms of abuse and we pray for the purification, reform and sanctification of the Church.

In *Rejoice and Be Glad*, Pope Francis says: "Do not be afraid of holiness. It will take away none of your energy, vitality or joy. (32) ... He [The Lord] wants us to be saints and not to settle for a bland and mediocre existence. (1) ... Holiness is the most attractive face of the Church. (9) ... the Church needs passionate missionaries, enthusiastic about sharing true life. The saints surprise us, they confound us, because by their lives they abandon a dull and dreary mediocrity." (138)

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WHAT'S HAPPENING IN THE DIOCESE

YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY PRESENTS

2019 catholic speaker series  
w/ social to follow at local venue



3/7

**single**

w/ trista harnisch

3/14

**dating**

w/ heather kidd

3/21

**married**

w/ mike clauberg



**7:00-9:00PM**

**Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church**  
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