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***Inspired by the Spirit, Women Respond to God's Call***

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***Our humanity comes to its fullest bloom in giving. We become beautiful people when we give whatever we can give: a smile, a handshake, a kiss, an embrace, a word of love, a present, a part of our life...all of our life."***

Henri Nouwen

Canada Post's Christmas stamps for 2017 were issued on November 3<sup>rd</sup>, heralding the coming of the Christmas season and the joy that it brings. The religious stamp for 2017 is described by Canada Post as follows:

"This year's sacred issue, designed by Louise Méthé, showcases The Adoration of the Shepherds, a vibrant oil-on-panel painting housed at the Art Gallery of Ontario. Attributed to Italian artist Tommaso de Stefano Lunetti (c.1495-1564), this carefully composed masterpiece was based on Luke's gospel in which angels announced the birth of Jesus to shepherds, who then rushed from their fields to find their newborn Saviour."

When you are preparing to mail your cards and letters, be sure to visit your local Canada Post outlet and ask specifically for this year's religious stamp. While they are still in good supply, **please consider purchasing extra stamps to adorn your cards and letters sent throughout the year**. Religious stamps can be purchased in books of 12 for \$10.20.

Respectfully submitted.