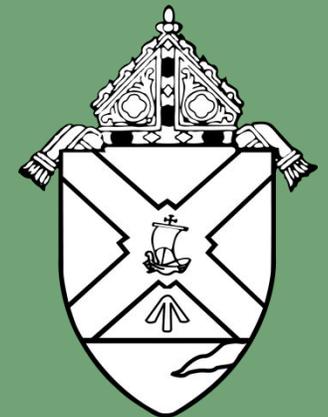


# DISCIPLES ON THE WAY



*Liz Lemon Swindle, Artist*

*The Most Reverend Bishop David L. Ricken, DD, JCL*



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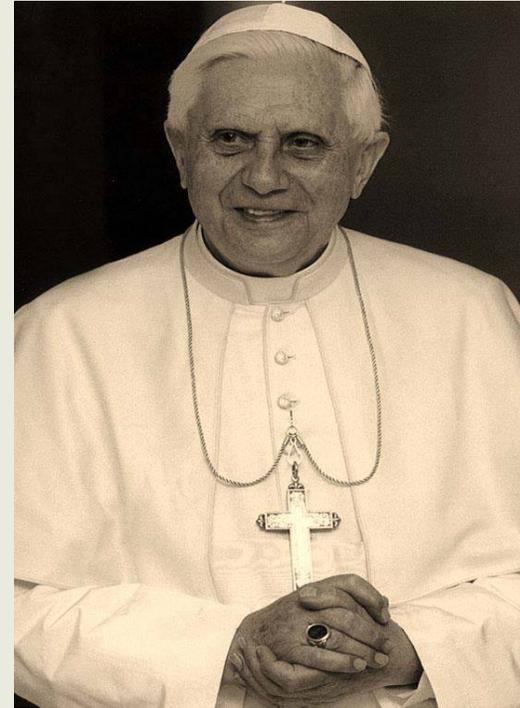
# THE INVITATION AND CHALLENGE OF FOUR POPES: THE NEW EVANGELIZATION



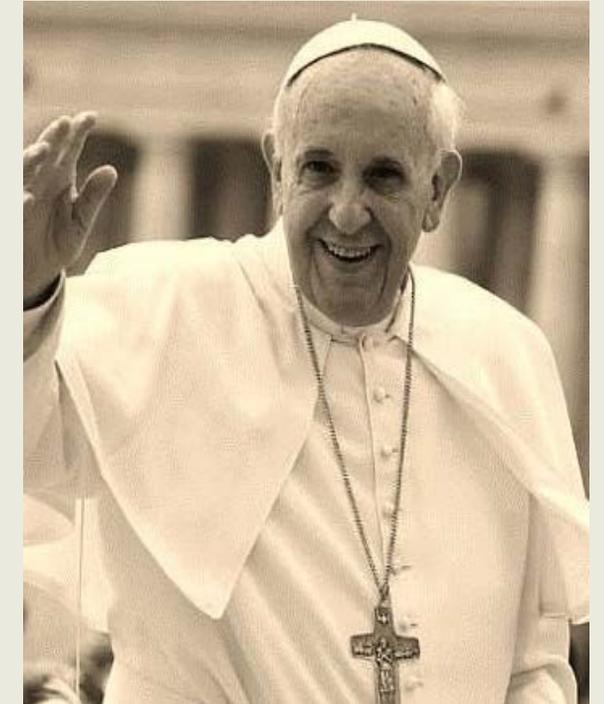
*Christ Our Way!*



*Christ Our Hope!*



*Christ Our Truth!*

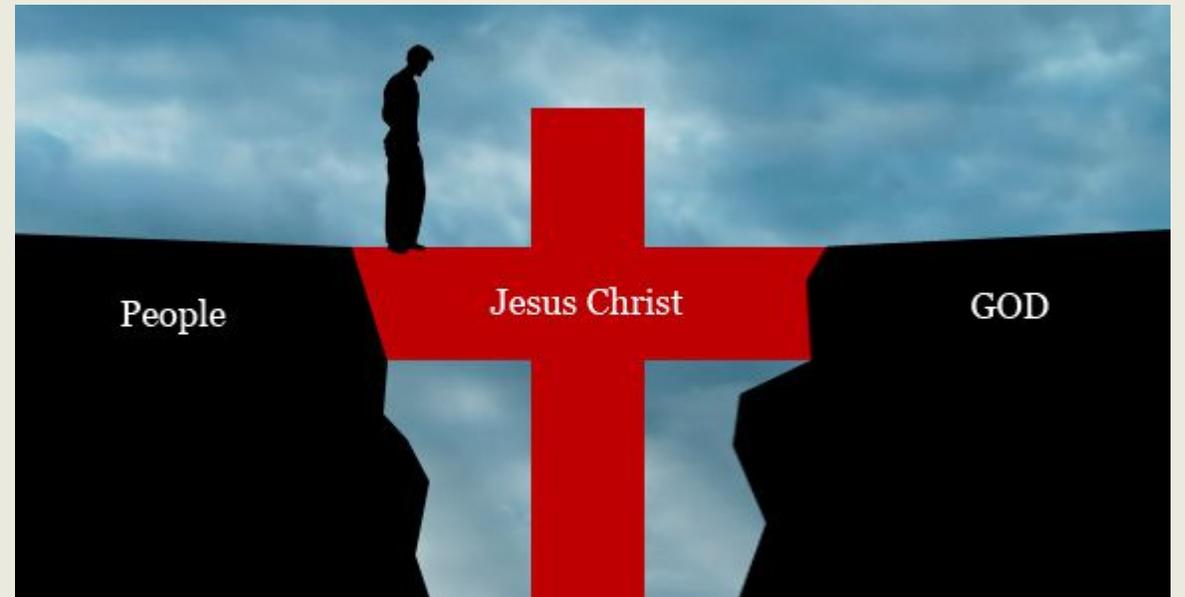


*Christ Our Life!*

Why is it so important? Why do they keep moving us in this direction?

# WHAT DOES THE WORD "EVANGELIZATION" MEAN?

- The word "evangelism" comes from the Greek word "*euangelizomai*," which literally means "to bring Good News".
- The Good News that we are bringing to the world is not only the message of Jesus Christ but the person of Jesus Christ who desires a personal relationship with each one of us.



# THE CHURCH EXISTS IN ORDER TO EVANGELIZE

“Evangelization is in fact the grace and vocation proper to the Church, her deepest identity. She exists in order to evangelize, that is to say, in order to preach and teach, to be the channel of the gift of grace, to reconcile sinners with God, and to perpetuate Christ’s sacrifice in the Mass, which is the memorial of His death and glorious resurrection.”

Pope Paul VI, *Evangelii Nuntiandi* 14.



# HOW TO EVANGELIZE - EVANGELII NUNTIANDI, 1975



- Sharing stories of faith
- Preaching
- Catechesis
- Sacraments
- Mass media
- Person to person
- Personal devotion
- Small communities

We share the Gospel by proclaiming the basic story of salvation which is called the *kerygma*.

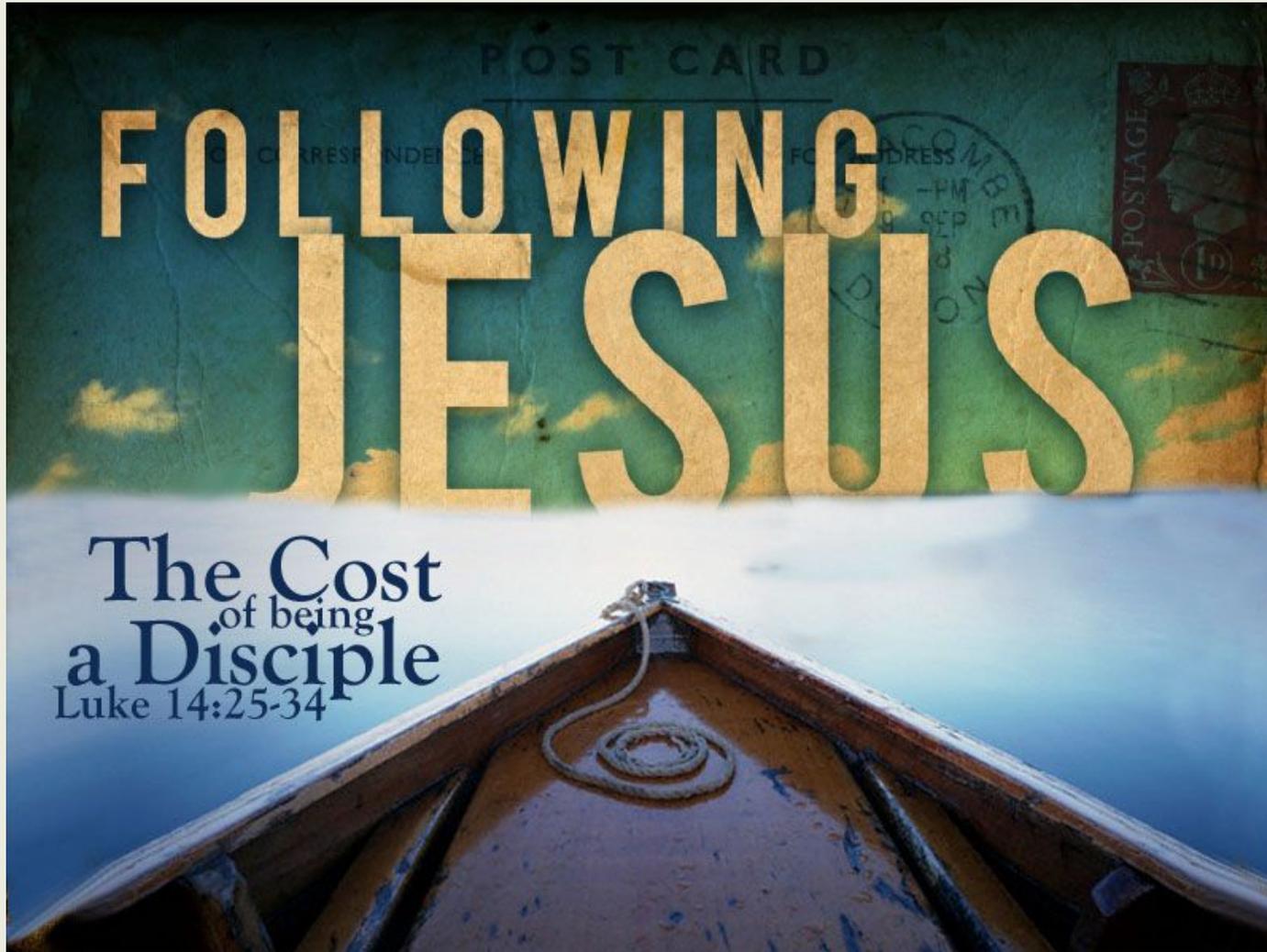


# THE KERYGMA



On the lips of the catechist the first proclamation must ring out over and over: "Jesus Christ loves you; he gave his life to save you; and now he is living at your side every day to enlighten, strengthen and free you."

(EG, 164)



“Without the Kerygma,  
the other aspects of this  
process are condemned  
to sterility with hearts  
not truly converted to  
the Lord”  
Aparecida 6

# WHAT IS THE NEW EVANGELIZATION?



# WHAT IS THE NEW EVANGELIZATION?



**"Evangelization cannot be new in its content since its very theme is always the one gospel given in Jesus Christ."**

- St. John Paul II, *"The Task of the Latin American Bishops,"* 1983

**Jesus Christ is the content of the New Evangelization.**

# WHAT'S "NEW" ABOUT THE NEW EVANGELIZATION?

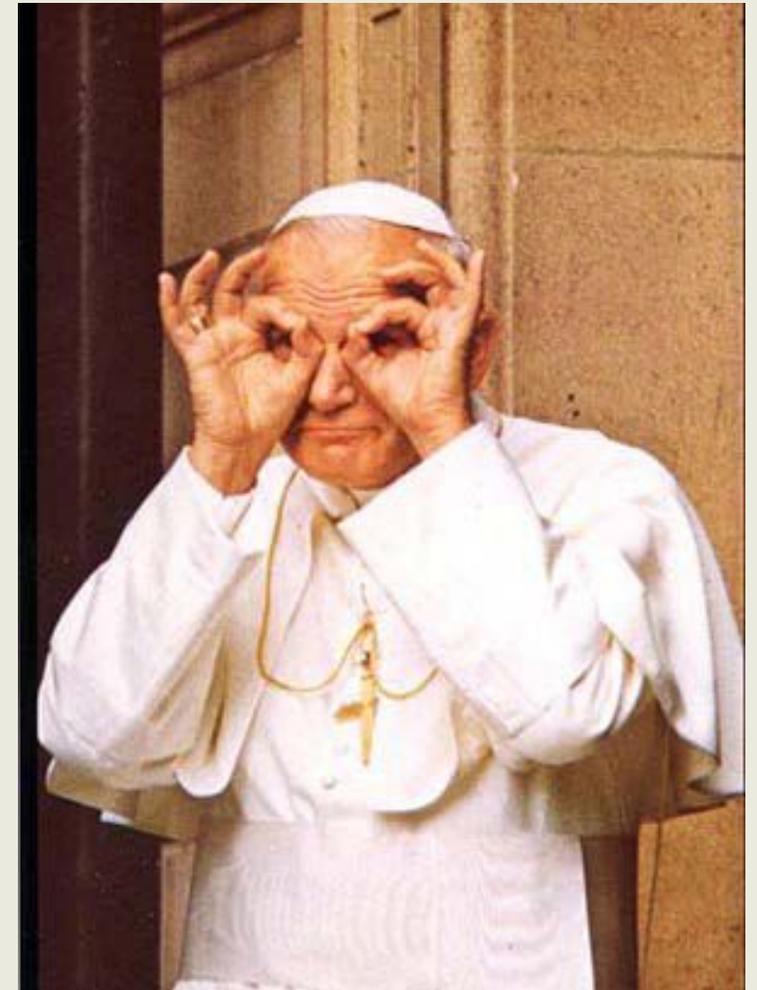
- The audience: the already baptized, often even active Catholics, who need to discover or rediscover their relationship with Jesus.
- It is also new in the way we proclaim Jesus and the mystery of our salvation, with new strength and confidence and enthusiasm.

# WHAT'S "NEW" ABOUT THE NEW EVANGELIZATION?

The content is the same.

“Evangelization can be new in its ardor, methods and expression.”

(JP II, “The Task of the Latin American Bishops, 1983)



# THE AUDIENCE:

1. Ourselves
2. Those who have heard the basic Gospel message but believe that it has nothing to offer
3. Those who have never heard the basic message about the life, death and resurrection of Christ.



# THE NEW EVANGELIZATION IS ABOUT

**Restoring confidence  
in the power of the  
Gospel and in the life,  
person and mission of  
Jesus Christ.**



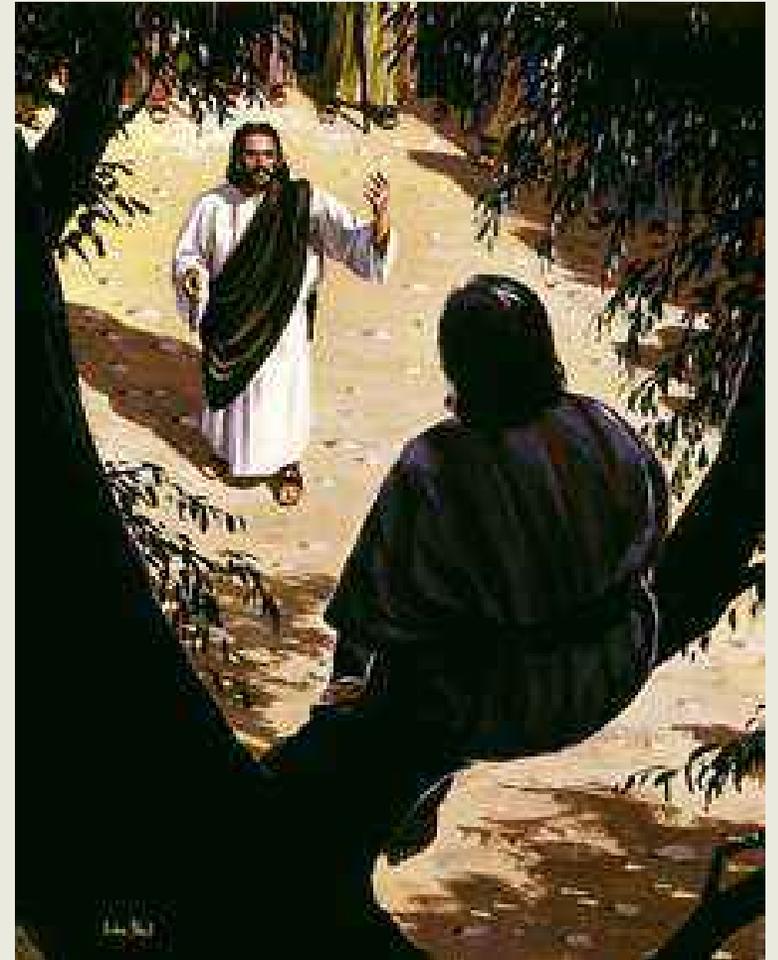
# WHO IS JESUS AND WHY IS HE IMPORTANT TO US TODAY?

“I can see from my own experience that even if I speak of many beautiful concepts, nothing seems to happen.

We must proclaim Jesus as Lord and Savior, helping people to grasp what it means to have Jesus as their Savior – not in a theoretical way, but that every day they have a Savior, someone who will lift them from their fatigue of the day, of their sin, and their mistakes, and who renews them.

He saves us. When you proclaim this living, crucified and risen Jesus, something always happens.”

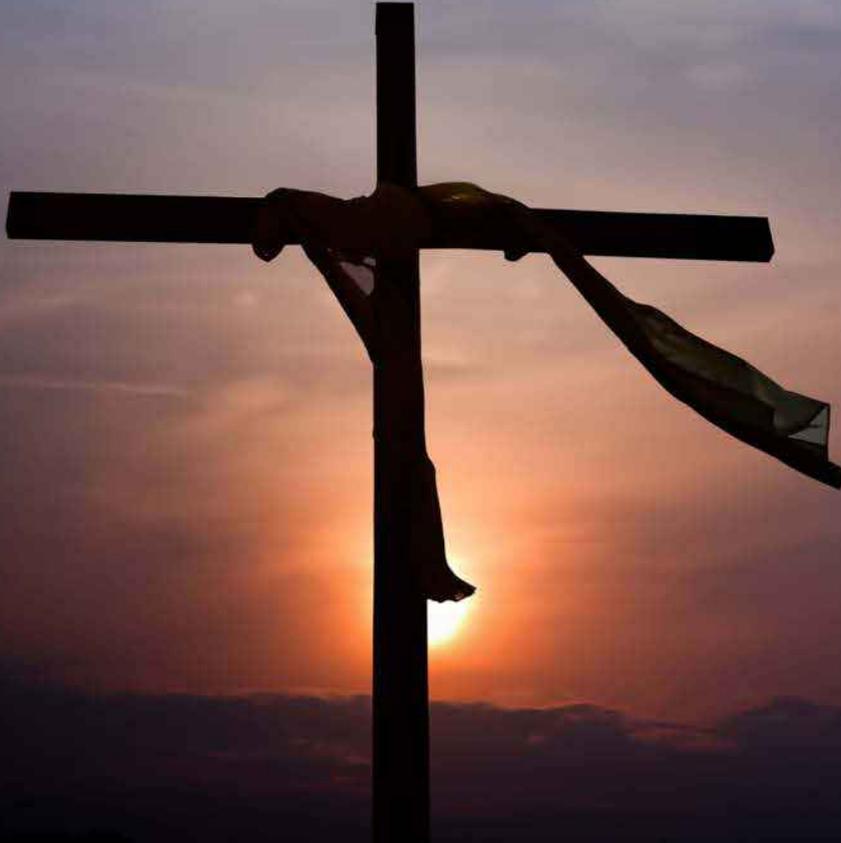
- Fr. Raniero Cantalmessa, OFM Cap



“The Good News proclaimed by the witness of life sooner or later has to be proclaimed by the word of life. There is no true evangelization unless the name, the teaching, the life, the promises, the Kingdom and the mystery of Jesus of Nazareth, the Son of God, are proclaimed.”

- Evangelii Nuntiandi, 33



A silhouette of a crucifix is positioned on the left side of the image. The background is a dramatic sky at sunset or sunrise, with a bright sun low on the horizon, creating a gradient from orange to deep blue. The text is overlaid on the right side of the image.

“JESUS IS THE ONLY GOSPEL:  
WE HAVE NOTHING FURTHER  
TO SAY OR ANY OTHER  
WITNESS TO BEAR.”

- EVANGELIUM VITAE #80

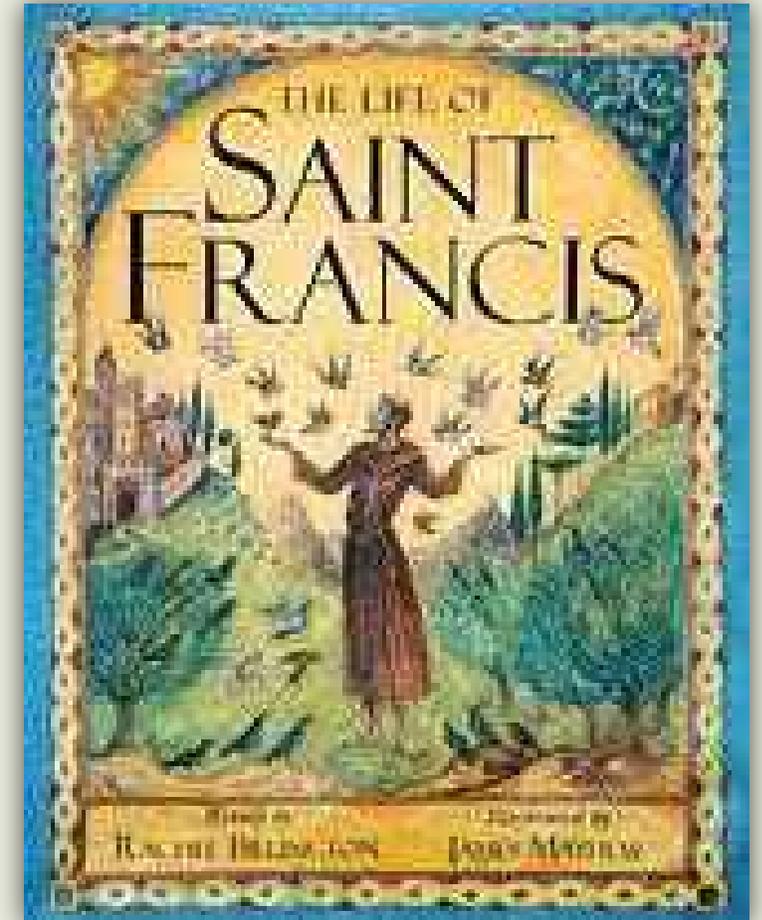
When God comes, he always calls us out of our house. We are visited so that we can visit others; we are encountered so as to encounter others; we receive love in order to give love.

**- POPE FRANCIS -**



# PERSONAL WITNESS

- October, 1967
- Sophomore at St. Francis Seminary High School, Victoria, Kansas
- Spiritual reading – illustrated version of the Life of St. Francis
- Marty Wassinger



# PERSONAL WITNESS

## ■ LIFE SIMILARITIES

- Dad was a railroader
- Mom was a nurse
- Liked playing handball
- Same position in the dormitory
- He died – I thought I was a goner!

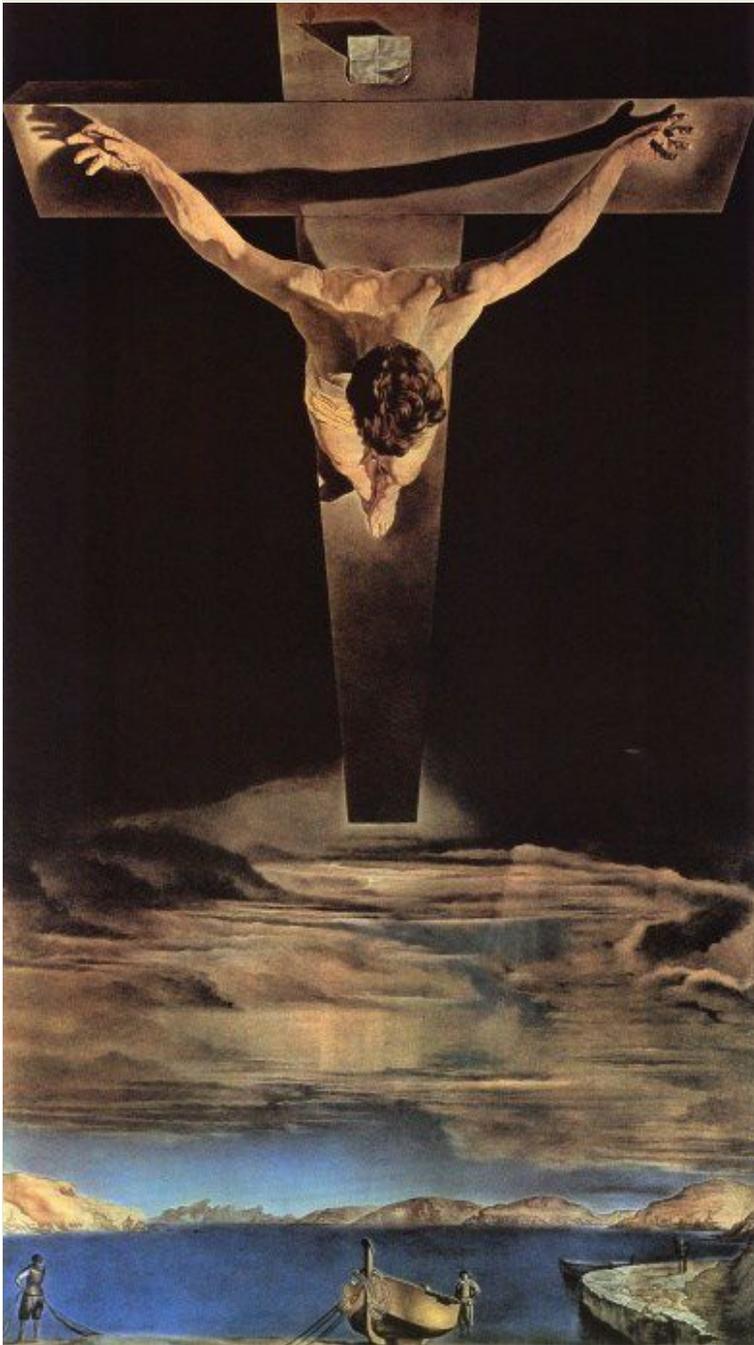
## ■ RETREAT TIME

- Made a general Confession

## ■ ST. FRANCIS

- "If you were the only person..."

## ■ CONVERSION TO JESUS CHRIST THROUGH FRANCIS

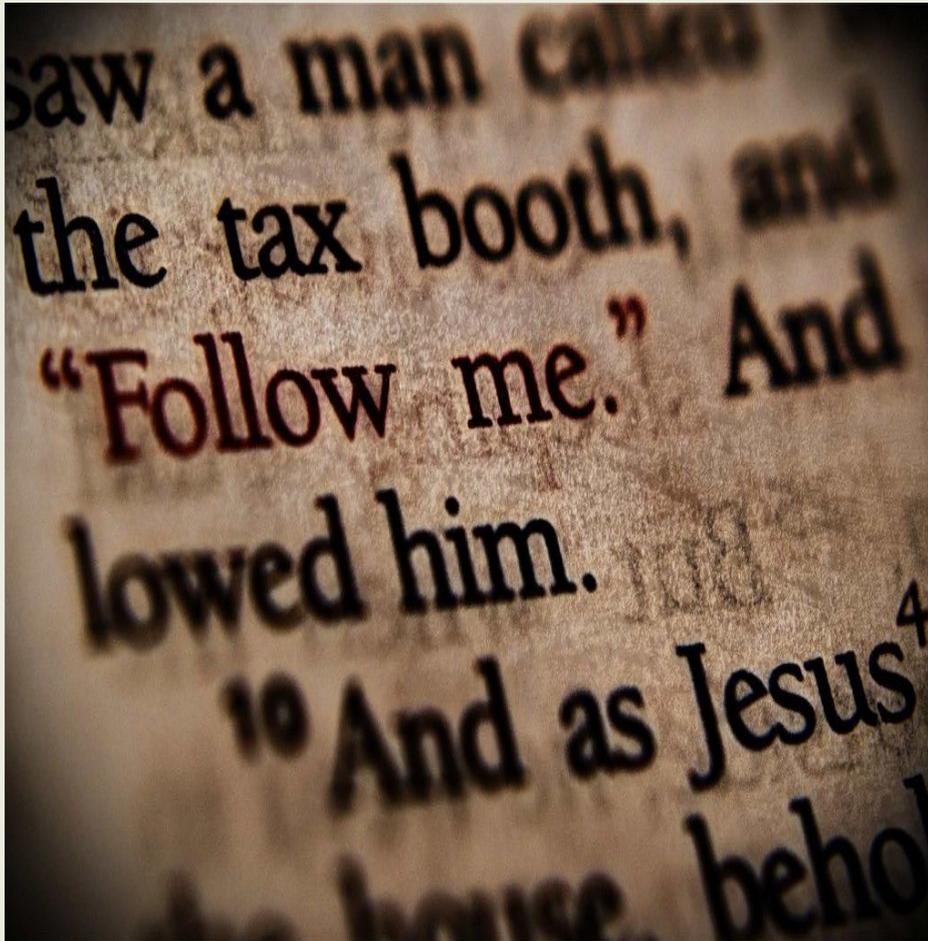


# A DISCIPLE: THE INSTRUMENT OF THE NEW EVANGELIZATION

"Before one can evangelize, one must be evangelized. Before one can disciple others, one must be a disciple."

A disciple is a friend and follower of Jesus who introduces others to Jesus and lives out the Gospel.

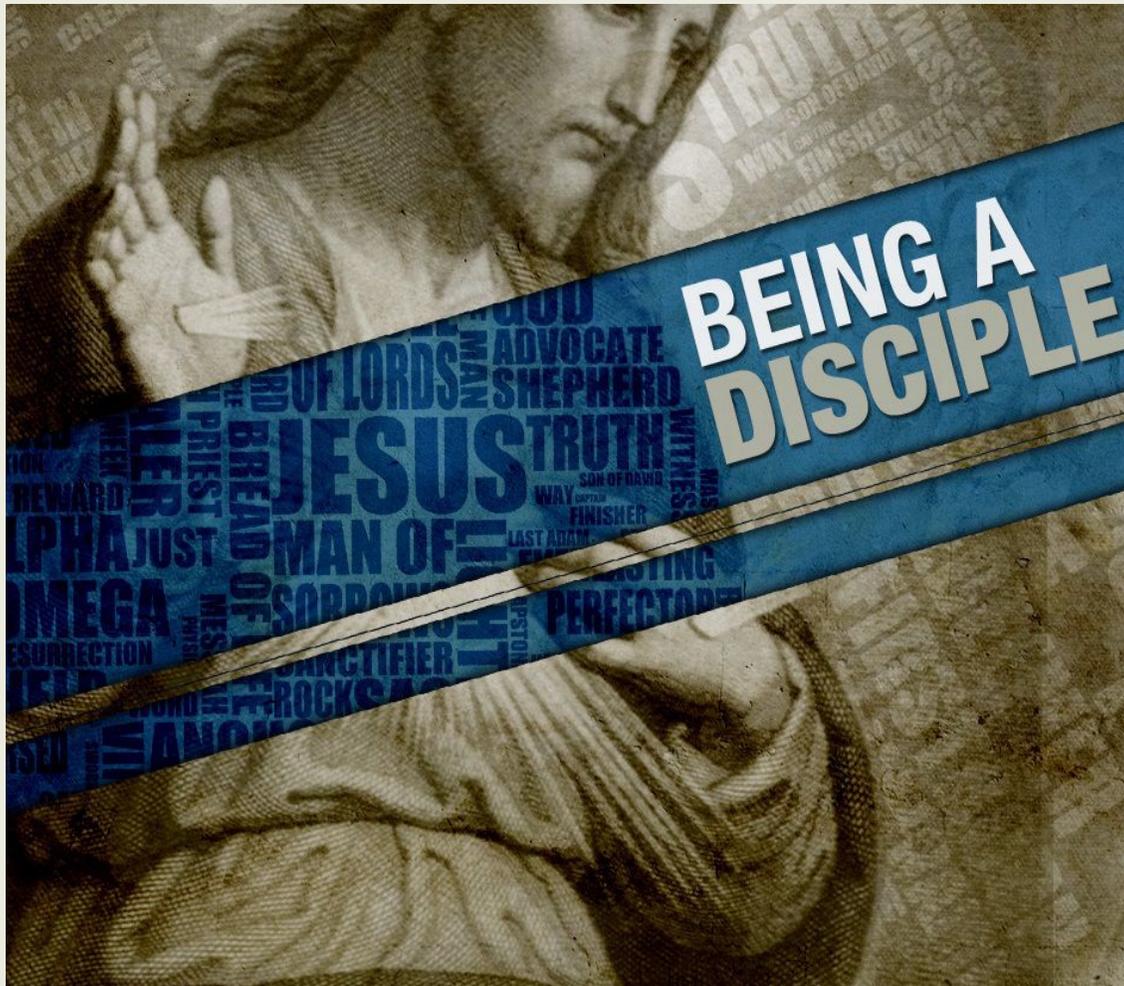
# WHAT IS A DISCIPLE?



The word disciple comes from the Greek word *mathetes* meaning pupil/student of the master. It is an apprenticeship in faith.

- A disciple is one who follows Jesus, loves Him, wants to learn from Him, be with Him and share Him with others.
- A disciple is one who is baptized, confirmed and who practices the faith joyfully. Disciples are friends and followers of Jesus.
- A disciple is a baptized member of the Church who wants to keep growing and deepening his/her walk with Jesus and His Body, the Church.

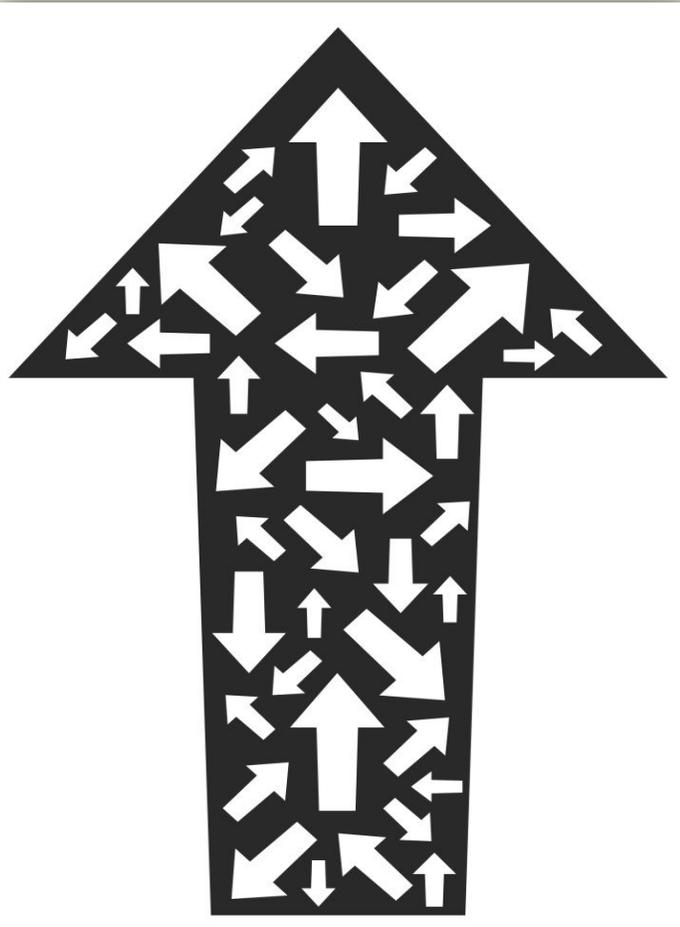
# WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO BE A DISCIPLE?



“Being a disciple means being constantly ready to bring the love of Jesus to others, and this can happen unexpectedly and in any place: on the street, in a city square, during work, on a journey.”

- POPE FRANCIS, EVANGELII GAUDIUM , #127

# MOVING FORWARD AS ONE BODY IN CHRIST



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## Vision

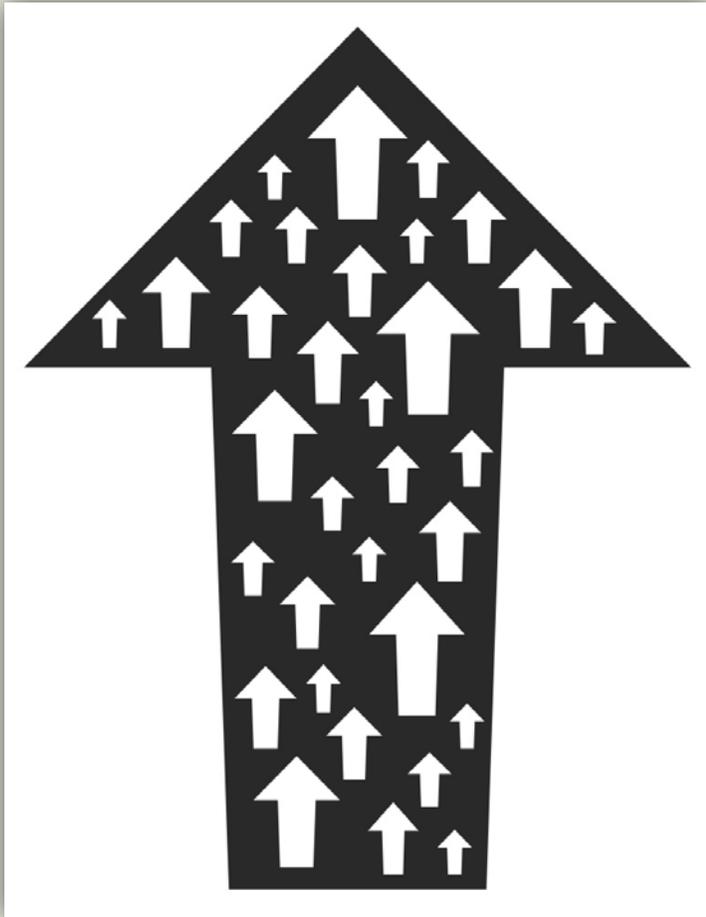
*We are missionary disciples striving to lead all people to the Kingdom of God.*

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## Mission

*As friends and followers of Jesus, we are devoted to fostering households and communities of discipleship through the mission and ministry of the Catholic Church.*

# MOVING FORWARD AS ONE BODY IN CHRIST



Our goal is to facilitate all individuals, groups, parishes, schools, apostolates, programs and ministries to head in the same direction with a clear focus and the development of goals and strategies for implementation.

# DISCIPLESHIP FORMATION: DIOCESE OF GREEN BAY

Discover Jesus

Follow Jesus

Worship Jesus

Share Jesus

# DISCIPLESHIP AND DISCOVERING/REDISCOVERING JESUS

**It is all about renewing  
our personal encounter with Our Lord  
and learning to journey in life and faith  
with Him each day closely  
for the rest of our lives.**

# IMITATE JESUS

If he speaks to someone, he looks into their eyes with deep love and concern:

“Jesus, looking upon him, loved him”  
(*Mk* 10:21).



# HOW DO WE IMITATE JESUS?

We see how accessible he is, as he **draws near** the blind man (cf. *Mk* 10:46-52) and **eats and drinks** with sinners (cf. *Mk* 2:16) without worrying about being thought a glutton and a drunkard himself (cf. *Mt* 11:19).



# HOW DO WE IMITATE JESUS?

We see his **sensitivity** in allowing a sinful woman to anoint his feet (cf. *Lk* 7:36-50)

and in receiving Nicodemus by night (cf. *Jn* 3:1-15).





# ST. TERESA OF KOLKATA



**"The personal love Christ has for you is infinite.**

**You are special to God, He is waiting for you to come to Him in prayer. He wants to honor you with His presence."**

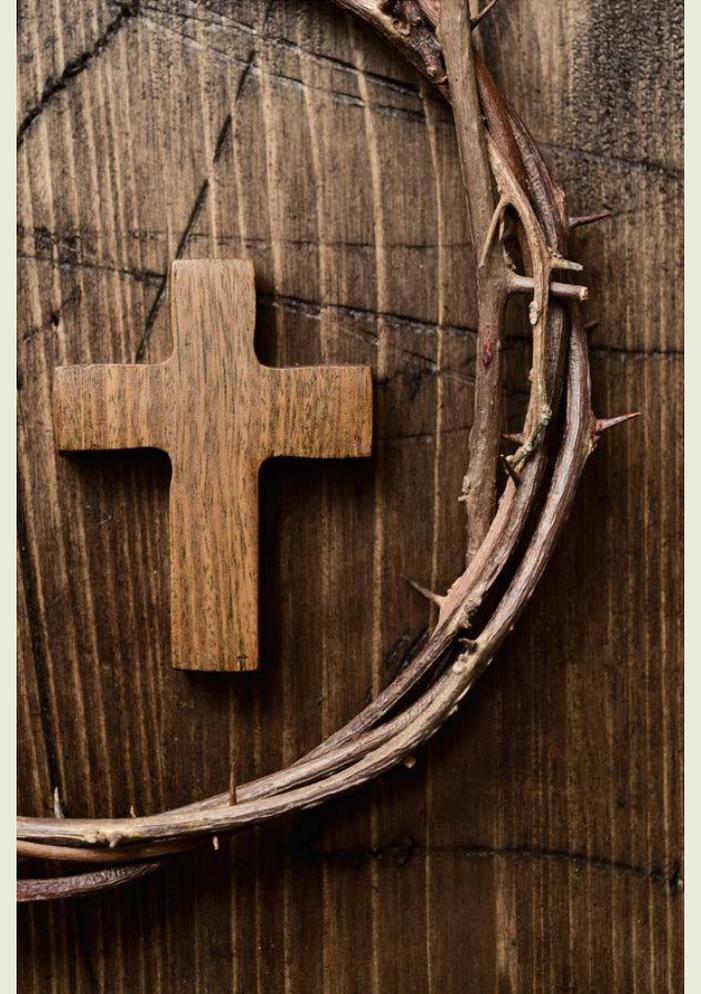
# ST. TERESA OF KOLKATA



**“Jesus loves you tenderly,  
you are precious to Him.  
Turn to Jesus with great  
trust allow yourself to be  
loved by Him.”**

# DISCOVER JESUS REFLECTION QUESTIONS

- In what ways am I growing in my personal relationship and friendship with Jesus?
- How does this relationship with Jesus affect my life, my prayer and my pastoral ministry?

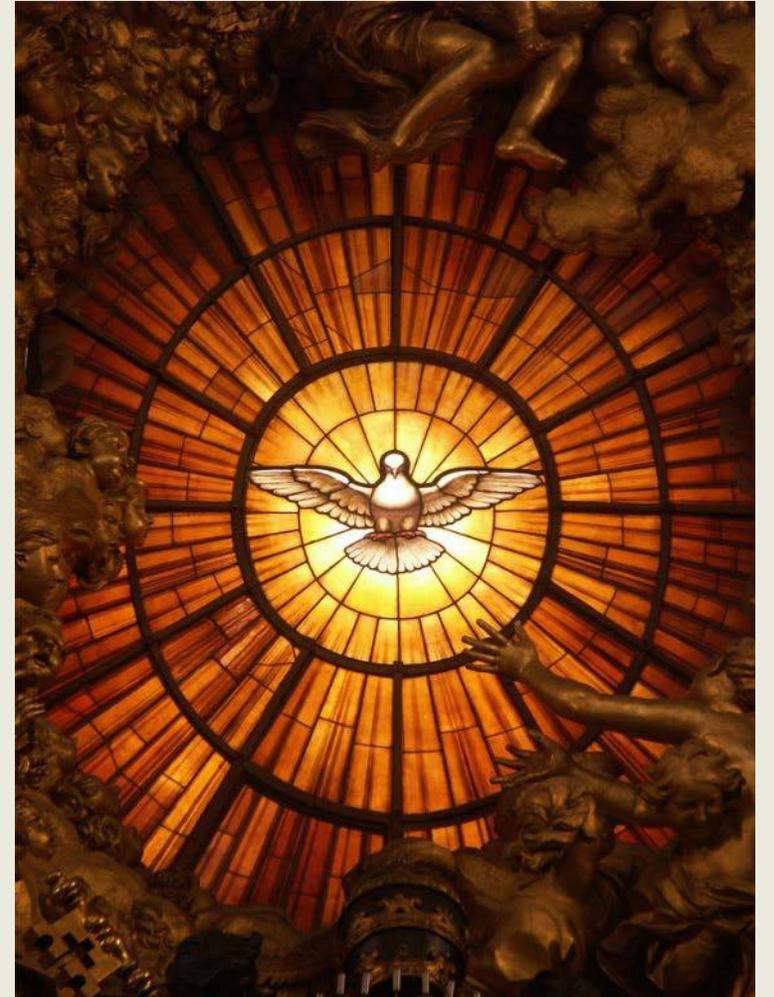


# TIME FOR A NEW PENTECOST

“What a new Pentecost means, is that we are asking for the Holy Spirit to manifest Himself more and more so that we become truly alive in our faith.

We want to shine as a light in the midst of darkness, and truly to be salt for the world by the quality of our witness and the sacrifices we make for the sake of Jesus, for the Gospel and for the Church.”

*Disciples on the Way*



## A DISCIPLE'S PRAYER

Oh, Good Shepherd, Jesus,  
Help me to imitate You  
And reflect Your image to others,  
Especially those whom I guide and serve.

Help me to think with your mind,  
To see and gaze with your eyes,  
To hear with your ears,  
To speak with the words of your mouth.

Lord Jesus, use me to carry forth your mission,  
As your servant and disciple,  
Help me to carry out this work with your hands,  
To be a voice for You in all that I say and do.

Merciful Shepherd, Jesus,  
Help me to live in your Person,  
To share generously in the carrying of your cross,  
So that many others may be saved.  
By coming to know and love You  
Through my simple, faithful witness.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit,  
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end.  
Amen.