

LIVING FAITH

FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

July 11, 2021

THE GOSPEL FOR TODAY

Mark 6:7-13



He called the twelve and began to send them out two by two, and gave them authority over the unclean spirits. He ordered them to take nothing for their journey except a staff; no bread, no bag, no money in their belts; but to wear sandals and not to put on two tunics. He said to them, 'Wherever you enter a house, stay there until you leave the place. If any place will not welcome you and they refuse to hear you, as you leave, shake off the dust that is on your feet as a testimony against them.' So they went out and proclaimed that all should repent. They cast out many demons, and anointed with oil many who were sick and cured them.

TAKING THE GOSPEL HOME

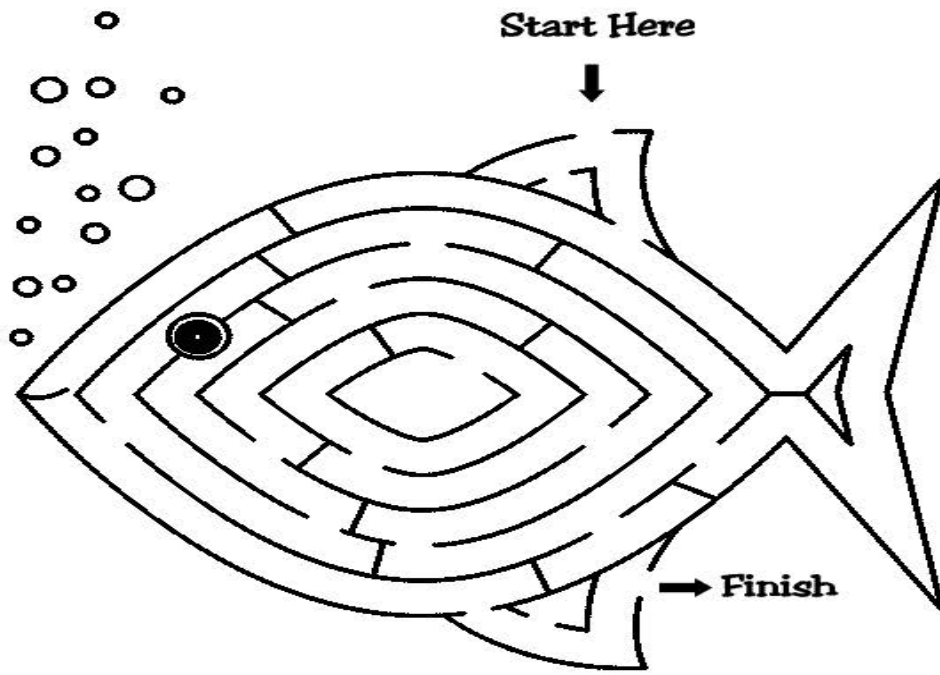
In today's Gospel, Jesus sends his disciples out on a kind of internship. They are not yet fully formed or fully trained. They still have a lot to learn. But they can still do some good work, and this internship will become part of their learning. Jesus is a very good teacher. He does this same thing with us. We may not consider ourselves fully formed or fully trained missionaries, but still He sends us out into the world to spread the Good News by our example, but the way we live our lives, by the way we treat people, and by our words. We are missionary disciples of Jesus Christ today.

CONVERSATION STARTERS....

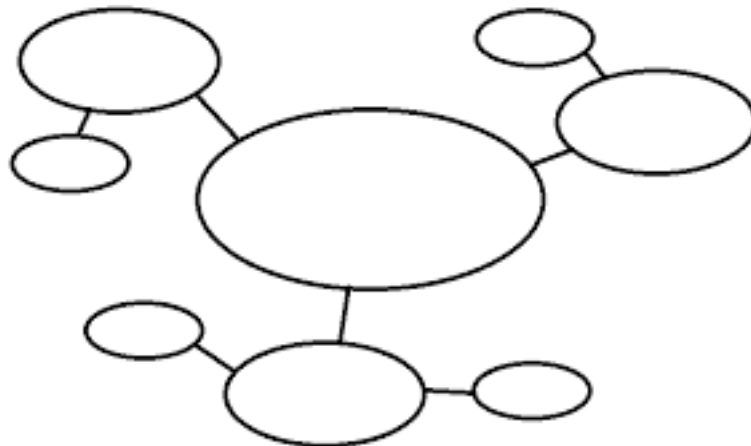
- How were you trained to be a missionary disciple?
- How has Jesus called you?
- To whom are you sent?
- How do you proclaim the Good News?



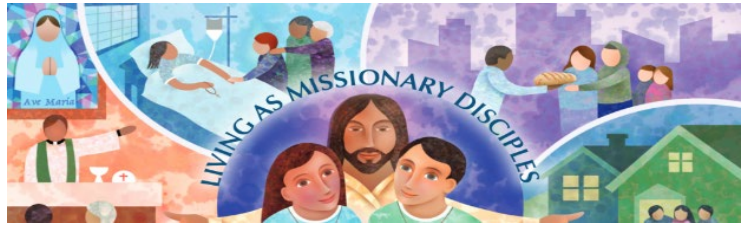
Jesus' Disciples were called to be Fishers of People



Name ways our family can be good disciples of Jesus this coming week.



THE CHURCH TEACHES WHAT IS A MISSIONARY DISCIPLE?



From *Joy of the Gospel*, an evangelizing church with missionary disciples is described as:

“The Church which “goes forth” is a community of missionary disciples who **take the first step**, who **are involved and supportive**, who **bear fruit** and **rejoice**.

An evangelizing community knows that the Lord has taken the initiative, he has loved us first (cf. 1 Jn 4:19), and therefore **we can move forward, boldly take the initiative, go out to others, seek those who have fallen away, stand at the crossroads and welcome the outcast**. Such a community has an endless desire to show mercy, the fruit of its own experience of the power of the Father’s infinite mercy.

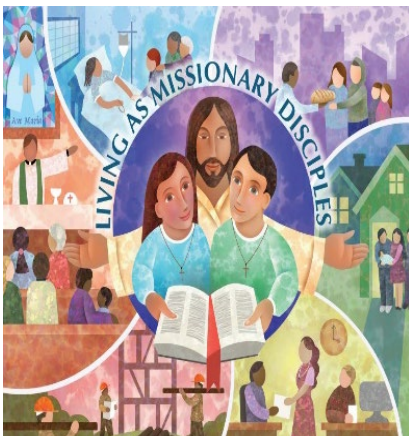
Let us try a little harder to take the first step and to become involved. Jesus washed the feet of his disciples. The Lord gets involved and he involves his own, as he kneels to wash their feet. He tells his disciples: “You will be blessed if you do this” (Jn 13:17).

An evangelizing community gets **involved by word and deed in people’s daily lives; it bridges distances, it is willing to abase itself if necessary, and it embraces human life, touching the suffering flesh of Christ in others. Evangelizers thus take on the “smell of the sheep” and the sheep are willing to hear their voice.**

An evangelizing community is also **supportive, standing by people at every step of the way**, no matter how difficult or lengthy this may prove to be. It is familiar with patient expectation and apostolic endurance...

Finally an evangelizing community is filled with joy; it knows how to rejoice always. It **celebrates every small victory, every step forward in the work of evangelization.**

Evangelization with joy becomes beauty in the liturgy, as part of our daily concern to spread goodness. The Church evangelizes and is herself evangelized through the beauty of the liturgy, which is both a celebration of the task of evangelization and the source of her renewed self-giving. (EG, 24)



WHAT ABOUT YOU?

Pope Francis names three characteristics of missionary disciples.

How do you take the first step? How do you reach out to people who need to see and hear the Good News that you live by?

How do you get involved and be supportive of others, especially those in need, on the margins?

How is your life fruitful? Where do you see signs of growth? For what do you rejoice?



**ROMAN CATHOLIC ARCHDIOCESE OF ST. JOHN'S
NOTICE TO FAMILIES
JUNE 2021**

Re: 2021 Annual Cemetery Liturgy Services

Due to the public health restrictions in place to control the spread of the Covid 19 Virus, families are advised that the annual liturgy services in **all** Roman Catholic cemeteries in the Archdiocese of St. John's **will not** be held this year.

We apologize for any inconvenience or disappointment this may cause.

As individual cemetery services cannot take place this summer,

**The Sunday Mass televised on NTV
10:30 a.m. Sunday July 18, 2021
will be offered for the intentions of all the deceased
of the Archdiocese**

**A special live-streamed Mass at the Basilica
7:00 p.m. on Tuesday July 20, 2021
will be celebrated in memory of all the deceased**

People wishing to attend this Mass are asked to please register by phone at 709-754-2170 or by email at basilica@rcsj.org. People may also participate virtually and spiritually either via live stream on the Basilica Heritage Foundation website www.thebasilica.net or the Basilica Parish website www.thebasilica.ca or by viewing the celebration when it is posted on the Archdiocesan website www.rcsj.org.

**Yours in the Risen Lord,
+ Peter Hundt**