



However, I consider my life worth nothing to me; my only aim is to finish the race and complete the task the Lord Jesus has given me—the task of testifying to the good news of God’s grace. Acts 20:24

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

What a blessing this has been. I am truly honored to be the Lay Rector of our Lord’s Cursillo #187. Our Bishop Mark Lawrence recently reminded us “The harvest is plentiful but the laborers are few.” (Matthew 9:37)

Our verse for the weekend is a reminder that we have been given the great commission: to be Fishers of Men. Our task is to testify about the good news of God’s grace to those unseen neighbors in unseen neighborhoods. We are all called to be his laborers. People who trust Jesus move from obeying God because it is forced on them, to obeying God because it is in their hearts and minds to desire what God wants. And God wants us to share the Good News.

Our patron Saint for this weekend is Andrew. Andrew and John became the first disciples after having spent the afternoon with Jesus, and the first thing Andrew did was to go home and tell his brother Peter about it, (John 1:41-42). He said, “We have found the Messiah!” He was known for bringing individuals, not crowds to Jesus. He was more concerned with bringing people to Jesus than who got the credit, or who was in charge. Andrew is the very picture of all those who labor quietly in the background. In other words, he was the first “Cha”.

Precious Heavenly Father, I thank you for the blessing that is Cursillo. I thank you for making Cursillo a vessel for bringing others to you. I pray that when we pray the words of the Invocation on our Pilgrims guide, “Come Holy Spirit. Fill the hearts of your faithful and enkindle in them the fire of your love”, that we truly are filled with the fire of your love, and we look for our unseen neighbors.

For His Sake,

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