

Fifth Sunday of Easter

The disciple of Jesus is the person who has met Christ. That meeting changes the heart. Once changed, the disciple is prompted to take action. The action of the believer begins with sharing the message of Jesus crucified and risen from the dead. Imagine for a moment a group of people who are compelled to share what they themselves have experienced in meeting Christ. I am speaking not only of missionaries or priests alone but rather of every single person baptized into Christ Jesus. That means you. On the day of your Baptism the Holy Spirit came and made His dwelling in you. He promised to remain with you forever. Nothing could ever separate you from Him. Even those who go far from God can hopefully recognize that God will not leave them. The message of the scriptures today speaks of belonging, commission, and sending of the first believers to begin to preach Jesus risen from the dead. In John's gospel account, Jesus talks about a place being prepared for His faithful follower and the means to get there. He identifies Himself as; "the Way." We come to the Father through Him and Him alone. The Apostles want Him to show them the Father. He reveals that He and the Father are one and whoever sees Him, sees the Father. So, the message the follower of Christ transmits is the "Good News" of Jesus conquering sin and death and promising eternal life with Him. Can you think of a more positive and uplifting message for a time like this one? So many are in sorrow and fear. All of us long to be reassured that everything will be ok. Nothing proves that better than the message of Easter. Jesus comes to save us from the fear of anything that can harm us. Trusting in Him is the answer.

While on the subject of "Good News" allow me to share some more with you. After a search of several applicants we have appointed a new principal for our beloved school. She is no stranger to us. Since 2013 she has been one of our own teachers. Ms. Kristine Lelak has taught our Pre-K and Kindergarten classes for the past seven years. We are grateful for the dedicated service of Ms. Cynthia Kitts, who has served as our Principal over the last three years. We wish her well in her retirement and assure her of our prayers.

Ms. Lelak brings to her new position an enthusiasm and excitement to bolster the Catholic identity in the education of our children. She is aware of the challenges which include the lower enrollment of the past several years. She looks forward to finding innovative ways to raise interest about our school and hopefully increase the numbers. Please join me in welcoming Ms. Lelak in her new role and together ask our Blessed Mother to guide and direct her.

Peace,

Fr. Robert