

Called To Be Christ

Every person is a gift from God, whether it be one who is in prison, the wealthiest, the poorest, the devote, the defiant, the radical, the annoying; everyone is a gift from God. God looks upon all His children with the same love and tenderness. His heart aches at the sufferings and sins of His children. His arms are open waiting to embrace each and every one of His creations.

As baptized Christians we are called to be disciples of Christ. We are called to be Christ: To see as Christ, to listen as Christ, to speak as Christ, to embrace as Christ and to love as Christ. Are we able to look beyond ourselves, beyond our lives and see the beauty of God that is crafted into each and every soul?

“Christ has no body but yours, No hands, no feet on earth but yours, Yours are the eyes with which he looks Compassion on this world, Yours are the feet with which he walks to do good, Yours are the hands, with which he blesses all the world. Yours are the hands, yours are the feet, Yours are the eyes, you are his body. ” St. Teresa of Avila

To look out on the city and see that every light is a person who has hopes and dreams that burn within them. To feel every raindrop as the tears that fall from those who weep. To examine every snowflake and compare it to the uniqueness of every person. To watch the seed of a tree start to grow below the surface and know that life like a child in the mother's womb though unseen is growing into something greater than the imagination dare to ponder.

“We are all missionary disciples, and we are called to become in the world a living Gospel.” Pope Francis

“I give you a new commandment: love one another. As I have loved you, so you also should love one another. This is how all will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.” John 13: 34-35

*O God, who dwells within my soul,
inspire me to live as a true disciple of love.
May I shine as a beacon of Your love,
a light in the darkness of this world.
Grant that my thoughts may be pure and free from judgment.
May my words be of the song of truth.
And may my actions be nothing less
than a pure example of Christ's love.*

AMEN