

## Disciples

Those who have faith in God are the church. Only when the church reaches out to all of God's people, meeting them where they are at, does the church become catholic, truly universal. The church is not catholic because of tradition. The church is only catholic when she embraces all of God's children with love.

"Come, follow me and I will make you fishers of men." Mt. 4:19. What does it mean to be a disciple of Christ? What does it mean to follow Christ?

**"Preach the Gospel at all times  
and when necessary use words."**

**St. Francis of Assisi**

To live as a disciple of Christ, means that your life echoes the life of Jesus; to be charitable, trustworthy; to proclaim God's truth wherever you go, and above all, love all without discrimination or judgment. To testify simply by the way you live, is the greatest way to evangelize and be a true disciple of Christ.

"We are one people, with one heart and soul, gathered by the Lord who loves and sustains us. Truly we are all God's children and so, we are ONE family. We are here for one another. As a family we are called to live the joy of faith!"  
Pope Francis

Love is experienced in two ways; in giving and in receiving. The greatest of these is when we give love; for when one gives love with his whole heart to another, they will receive the greatest love, in giving love.

Jesus,

You have called me to be a disciple,  
a speaker of the Father's truth,  
a proclaimer of Your eternal love, and  
an instrument of Your peace. Be with me  
Lord and guide me in this journey,  
helping me to be Christ to all, spreading  
Your message of peace, love and mercy;  
not only by words, but by my actions as  
well. My savior help me to see that you  
walk with me always & that where I go,  
You are there with me, and when I let  
Your light shine through me, it is then that  
I become the brightest light of Your love.

Amen

**"For it is in giving that we receive."  
St. Francis of Assisi**

**"Go, therefore, and make disciples  
of all nations, baptizing them in  
the name of the Father, and of the  
Son, and of the Holy Spirit..."  
Matthew 28:19**

**Let us Go Forth and Sing of The Lord's Goodness!**