

found FRIENDS! Through the Feast, they will know Jesus better, deeper and more personally until they themselves become disciples.

Let us pray...

Lord Jesus, thank you for loving a sinner like me and calling me your friend, your very best friend, bringing me closer to you! Please help me love those who don't know you yet the way you love them. Make me your instrument to bring them closer to you especially my family, my relatives and friends. I pray Lord, that through my friendship with them, they will know you better and deeper. In your Name, Jesus, I pray. AMEN!

QUESTIONS FOR PERSONAL REFLECTION:

1. How have I been isolating myself from non-Catholics or non-Christians?
2. What activities would you recommend that the community does to reach out to our greater communities, outside of the Church?

QUESTION FOR GROUP DISCUSSION:

3. Choose someone, just one, (at work or at school) who you feel would benefit the most if they developed a closer relationship with God. Share with the group who this is and how you will share Jesus with them.

LOJC FEAST IN THE WEST REMINDERS:

JULY 16..... FEAST, 1:30 PM, MILTON SENIOR CENTER AUDITORIUM (PLS. NOTE VENUE)

JULY 23..... LOJC-WIDE FAMILY DAY. DETAILS TO FOLLOW

AUG 12,13,14.....LIVE-IN YOUTH JESUS ENCOUNTER, LA CONSOLATA

AUG 6 & 20..... FEASTS, 1:30 PM, MILTON SENIOR CENTER AUDITORIUM

SEPT 10..... FEASTS, 1:30 PM, HOLY ROSARY ELEM SCHOOL GYM

SEPT 17..... 15TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION, DETAILS TO FOLLOW

Prophecies: June 4, 2011

Do not conform yourselves to the standards of this world but let God transform you inwardly by completion of your mind and then you will be able to know the will of the Lord, what it is good and pleasing to Him and is perfect. And because of God's gracious gift to me, I will say to everyone of you 'do not think of yourself more highly than you should, instead be modest on your thinking and judge yourself according to the amount of faith that God has given you.' (Rom 12:2).

My children, trust in my word and this is my word for you today. God is our refuge and our strength, and an ever present help in distress.

Beloved, my perfect love will drive out all your fears. Do not be afraid my children for I go before you always.

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So let us not become tired of doing good; for if we do not give up, the time will come when we will reap the harvest. (Gal 6:9).

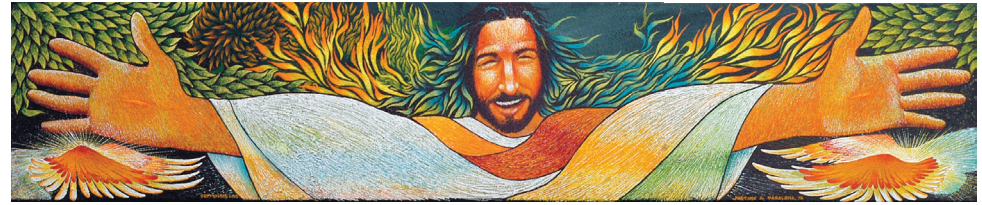
This is how we know what love is: Christ gave his life for us. We too, then, ought to give our lives for others. If we are rich and see others in need, yet close our hearts against them, how can we claim that we love God? My children, our love should not be just words and talk; it must be true love, which shows itself in action." (1Jn 3:16-18).

"Owe no debt to anyone except the debt that binds us to love one another. He who loves his neighbor has fulfilled the law. You shall love your neighbor as yourself. Love never wrongs the neighbor hence love is the fulfillment of the law." (Rom 12: 8 & 10).

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Series: J1NI (Jesus in Everyone)

Talk 1: Befriend Them

Some of us had a rough time. And we're not alone. The whole world has been having a rough time in recent weeks or months. Think about the calamities that have recently shaken the world and its people

Here's a fact: There really is no safe place in this world. Not on the seashore, because of tsunamis. Not on the mountain, because of earthquakes. Not on top of a building. (Remember 911?) At the end of the day, there is only one safe place in the world, and that is in the hands of God.

Today, we begin a revolutionary series called J1N1. Let me explain. Remember H1N1? H1N1 is the Influenza virus. Some strains are from birds (avian flu) and others from pigs (swine flu).

In 2009, the World Health Organization declared the swine-origin flu pandemic. By 2010, it caused 17,000 deaths.

That's a drop in the bucket compared to the other pandemics in the history of the world.

From 1348 and 1350, possibly 75 million people died in what was commonly called Black Death—killing 60% of Europe's population.

From 1918 to 1919, possibly 100 million people died because of the Spanish Flu, a deadly strain of avian-influenza.

What causes pandemics? People contaminate each other. A virus is passed from one person to another. Until a huge population has it.

Today, I propose that we have a great spiritual pandemic.

Contaminate Others With God's Love

Why? Because there's something more powerful than H1N1. It's J1N1. That's short for Jesus in Everyone.

We can start today a powerful movement. We can pass on the Jesus who lives in us. The Jesus in us should be contagious! Our love should be contagious. Our faith should be contagious. Our passion should be contagious. We should be contagious!

3 Steps To Be Spiritually Contagious

What's the best way to bring our family and friends to God? What's the best way to be spiritually contagious? I propose three simple but powerful steps:

Step 1: Befriend Them

Step 2: Serve Them

Step 3: Guide Them

At the end of this revolutionary series, we pray that everyone who's reading this bulletin will be very spiritually contagious!

STEP 1: BEFRIEND THEM

What Is our Mission?

Matthew 28:19-20

Go, then, to all peoples everywhere and make them my disciples: baptize them in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, and teach them to obey everything I have commanded you. And I will be with you always, to the end of the age.

God Still Uses Imperfect Humans To Be Channels Of His Perfect Love.

God's big message for us: **The most powerful way of bringing someone closer to God is through friendship.**

Our mission in life isn't to earn money. It isn't to enjoy life. It isn't to have a good time. Our mission isn't even to be happy. All these goals aren't bad. They're good goals. (Yes, like any father, God wants His children to be happy.) But they're not the sacred purpose of why we were born.

We were born with a mission. Our mission is to make disciples. "But I'm not a priest". "I'm not a nun". "I'm not a preacher". "I'm an ordinary Catholic." You might think.

And there lies our mistake. There's no such thing as an ordinary Catholic. Every Catholic has a mission, and that mission is to make disciples. Our mission is to bring others closer to God.

How? Jesus is our model. Jesus made disciples in a very special way.

Mark 2:15-17

Later on Jesus was having a meal in Levi's house. A large number of tax collectors and other outcasts were following Jesus, and many of them joined him and his disciples at the table. Some teachers of the Law, who were Pharisees, saw that Jesus was eating with these outcasts and tax collectors, so they asked his disciples, "Why does he eat with such people?" Jesus heard them and answered, "People who are well do not need a doctor, but only those who are sick. I have not come to call respectable people, but outcasts."

Am I A Friend Of Sinners?

The sad fact is: According to surveys, the longer a person attends church, the more he isolates himself from those who do not regularly attend church or those whom we call nominal churchgoers. Or the people who step into the church only during Christmas, Easter and possibly when standing as baptism, confirmation or wedding sponsors.

Christians or Catholics who regularly attend church seem like to stop attending civic or sports organizations. They stop hanging out with their non-Christian officemates, refrain from joining the homeowners' or attending PTA meetings or even stop talking to their neighbors. Instead, they meet only people from their church.

Why? Because they easily get annoyed at non-Christian behavior.

Examples:

- o One person says, "I can't stand their cursing."
- o Another, "I don't like their green jokes."

o Another man says, "They believe in New Age stuff."

o Still another, "My old friends smoke. I can't stand secondhand smoke." (Daniel and his three friends were thrown in a burning furnace because of their faith, and we're afraid of secondhand smoke!)

But is this the right attitude if we are to make disciples? No! Why?

Let's look at our model, the Lord Jesus. He ate with prostitutes, tax-collectors, and drunkards. We can be sure there was a lot more than cursing and green jokes when they gathered. But Jesus made them his friends. That's why religious people called him a "friend of sinners" (Luke 7:34).

He called a tax collector to be one of His apostles.

He ate in the house of Zachaeus, the chief tax collector.

He allowed a prostitute to wash and anoint his feet.

He called you and me to a deeper and more personal relationship.

The proof that we are growing in our spiritual life is in our acceptance of sinners or outcasts in our midst. If we're non-judgmental to sinners; when we show compassion to the outcast; when we welcome them as one of our own, then we become friends of sinners and outcasts, but enemies of their sin! JUST LIKE JESUS!

What's Our Greatest Evangelistic Weapon?

John 13:34-35

And now I give you a new commandment: love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. If you have love for one another, then everyone will know that you are my disciples.

How will people know that we are a disciple? Certainly, not by how long we pray. Not by how many Bible verses we know. Not by how many scapulars we hang around our neck. Not by how many rosaries we hang in our rear-view mirror.

People will know we're a disciple if we love like Jesus.

And surprise, surprise! This same love will be our most important tool in winning someone to Jesus. I repeat: Our greatest way of bringing someone closer to God is our friendship.

Let's Be Another Jesus In The World

Let's take a look at what our Lord Jesus did. He did not call Himself Master or Teacher or Lord although He could have. It was the people who called Him as such. He very indirectly referred to His disciples as disciples when He said in John 13:35: "If you have love for one another, then everyone will know that you are my disciples."

But He called them FRIENDS. John 15:14 Jesus said, "You are my Friends if you do what I command you."

Dear brothers and sisters, you can be assured that we can bring our family and friends closer to God. How? Because God gave us all a mission: To make disciples.

And we don't have to be a preacher, a writer, a singer to do this.

All we need to do is be a loving friend. By our friendship, they will experience God's Love.

Therefore go out and make friends with everyone and bring them to God! Engage them, then invite them to try The Feasts, the safest place to meet Jesus. They will be welcomed here as a friend not only by you but by their new