

YEAR OF FAITH

Newsletter -no 9



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The Year of Faith will also be a good opportunity to intensify the witness of charity.

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Jesus was very hard on those who pray long prayers but steal the property of the poor under the cover of their piety.

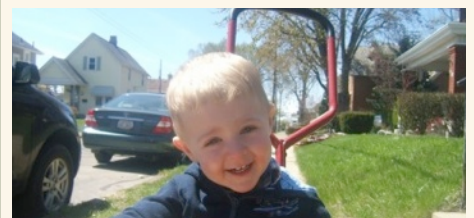
Jesus is right out front. Belief in the goodness of God leads to doing goodness in our daily actions.

The harvest that our faith will reap will be in the practice of compassion and justice for the poor and the down trodden of this world.

Every society can turn a blind eye to the poor that live right at their doorstep.

The Year of Faith challenges the Church to reflect on how energetically we live a life of compassion and healing.

How does your own parish live a life of compassion for the poor and suffering of your own town? city or rural district?



GOD HAS A HUMAN FACE....IT IS COMPASSION

1. Faith is lived in action. The closer we draw towards God the closer we will draw towards our neighbor.

“ With even stronger words – which have always placed Christians under obligation – Saint James said: “What does it profit, my brethren, if a man says he has faith but has not works? Can his faith save him? If a brother or sister is ill-clad and in lack of daily food, and one of you says to them, ‘Go in peace, be

warmed and filled’, without giving them the things needed for the body, what does it profit? So faith by itself, if it has no works, is dead. But some one will say, ‘You have faith and I have works.’ Show me your faith apart from your works, and I by my works will show you my faith” (Jas 2:14-18).”

(The Door of Faith # 14)

Faith without charity bears no fruit, while charity without faith would be a sentiment constantly at the mercy of doubt *The Door of Faith # 14*

Faith expands everyday life

Our Christian faith has a clear direction. As we believe and live with Jesus Christ we are moved to live and love the world as he loved.

Simply put, the closer you draw to the heart of Christ the wider your heart will be expanded to be compassionate toward the poor of this world.

The love of neighbor is simply the daily living out of our faith in God.

Jesus takes us one step further. He identifies with the poor of this world. We know from chapter 25 in the Gospel of Matthew that what we do to the poor of this world we are actually doing this to the very Son of God. Daily faith and service to others can never be separated.

Faith and charity each require the other, in such a way that each allows the other to set out along its respective path. (The Door of Faith #14)



Indeed, many Christians dedicate their lives with love to those who are lonely, marginalized or excluded, as to those who are the first with a claim on our attention and the most important for us to support, because it is in them that the reflection of Christ's own face is seen.

(The Door of Faith #14)



It is faith that enables us to recognize Christ and it is his love that impels us to assist him whenever he becomes our neighbour along the journey of life. (The Door of Faith # 14)

Through faith, we can recognize the face of the risen Lord in those who ask for our love. "As you did it to one of the least of these my brethren, you did it to me" (Mt 25:40).

(The Door of Faith # 8)

OUR FAITH LEADS US TO SEE THE VERY FACE OF JESUS IN THE POOR OF THIS WORLD. PRAY THIS PRAYER SLOWLY AND SEE IN YOUR MEMORIES THE FACES OF THE POOR OF THIS WORLD.

Prayer for the Poor

Mother Theresa of Calcutta

Who is Jesus to me?
Jesus is the Word
made Flesh.
Jesus is the Bread of
Life.
Jesus is the Victim
offered for our sins on
the Cross.
Jesus is the Sacrifice
offered at Holy Mass
For the sins of the
world and mine.

Jesus is the
Word..... to be
spoken.
Jesus is the
Truth..... to be
told.



Jesus is the
Wayto be
walked.
Jesus is the
Lightto be
lit.
Jesus is the
Lifeto be
loved.
Jesus is the
Joyto be
shared.
Jesus is the
Sacrificeto be
offered.
Jesus is the
Peaceto
be given.
Jesus is the Bread of
Life.....to be eaten.
Jesus is the
Hungryto be
fed.
Jesus is the
Thirstyto be
satiated.

Jesus is the Naked
.....to be clothed.
Jesus is the
homelessto be
taken in.
Jesus is the
Sickto be
healed.
Jesus is the
Lonelyto be
loved.
Jesus is the
Unwantedto be
wanted.
Jesus is the
Leper to wash
his wounds.
Jesus is the
Beggardto give
him a smile.
Jesus is the
Drunkard to listen
to him.
Jesus is the Little
One..... to embrace
him.
Jesus is the
Blind to lead
him.



Jesus is the
Dumb to
speak for him.
Jesus is the
Crippled to
walk with him.
Jesus is the Drug
Addict to
befriend him.

To me Jesus
is my
God.
Jesus is..... my
Spouse.
Jesus is.....my
life.
Jesus is..... my
only love.
Jesus is.....my
All in All.
Jesus is.....my



Jesus to me is.....
(add your own
experience)

Jesus is the
Prostitute to
remove from danger
and befriend her.
Jesus is the
Prisoner to be
visited.
Jesus is the
Old..... to be
served.

