

24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Who's waiting for YOUR invitation?

In today's scripture we hear Jesus have a very personal, very real conversation with his closest friends about what people think he's doing as he wanders around the countryside of Caesarea Philippi. He lets them in on some of the harder realities of what it will mean to be a follower of his. His words are not easy they are truly a challenge, still to us today.

Who do YOU say Jesus is in your life? If someone were to ask you about your faith, how might you find the words to give voice to all you believe about this Jesus?

We may take our faith for granted, at least those of us who are 'cradle Catholics'...

We have amongst us some brothers and sisters who have gone through the RCIA process in the last few years...for sure, their faith is NOT something THEY take for granted. RCIA, the Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults, is the way we welcome members into our Catholic family. It is a process of helping those with questions or inquiries about the Catholic life, make a decision about becoming part of our Catholic Faith.

Now, how do people find out about this process? If it were as easy as putting an announcement in the bulletin or making a pulpit announcement that would be fine. But you see the problem here...those folks who are not Catholic are usually not sitting out there with you in the pews. They are somewhere else on Sunday mornings...maybe having brunch...taking care of their kids, their aging parents...or just catching up on sleep after a long week at work. The question becomes how do we let them know that we are a welcoming church community that would love to have them as part of our family?

And that would be where we need YOUR HELP. If you come here because you like the way we worship together and you value the Franciscan way of life and prayer...if you find peace for yourself here in the midst of the craziness of city life...if you wish you had the words to tell someone you see struggling with their own faith and want to share yours with them... why not simply hand them this bulletin and invite them to join you for mass next week.

We are ready to begin with a new group of inquirers for the Process of Initiation. We have some parishioners who are ready to serve as sponsors to accompany those who are looking to continue their journey of faith with us...we just need to let them know we're here and we're ready to welcome them.

Will you help us with that? Please tell your friends to feel free to contact Jayne Porcelli either at the parish office or through email (auntjaynie@aol.com) for more information. Thanks and God Bless!

Jayne Porcelli