



"He summoned the Twelve and began to send them out two by two." This Sunday we read the first sending of the Apostles to preach, teach, and heal. For many of us, it can be easy to think we "just don't

have enough" to be disciples and evangelists ourselves. We don't have enough education and training. We don't have enough experience talking to people about Jesus. We don't pray enough. We don't have enough faith.

If you look at the Apostles in today's Gospel reading, they didn't have much either. "No food, no sack, no money in their belts." They didn't plan out their itinerary or book their lodging in advance. From what we know of the Apostles, they were not the religiously trained and educated ones. They were fisherman, tax collectors, and political activists. But what does being a fisherman require? Someone like Peter needed a strong work ethic to rise at strange hours. He needed patient calm to wait for the catch. Once ashore, he needed a savvy mind to fetch a good price for his labours.

As Peter became a fisher of men, he would need diligence to persevere through the hard journeys, long days, and persecution that awaited him. He would need patient calm with those who disagreed with him. As the leader of the Apostles, he would need a savvy mind to navigate challenges facing the early Church. From one perspective, Peter has nothing to offer the mission of Jesus. Thinking more creatively, one can see that — joined with faith and love — perhaps Peter had everything he needed.

Jesus sends you as well. As you take stock of your own talents, consider how they might be offered as a gift to others. Maybe you already have more than enough.

CATHOLIC QUOTES - WORDS TO INSPIRE THE FAITHFUL

"The one who has hope lives differently; the one who hopes has been granted the gift of a new life."

- Pope Benedict XVI

LIVE THE LITURGY - INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

Do you describe yourself as a holy person? For many, becoming holy may not be seen as a desirous goal. We are all called to be holy but maybe not in the way we often imagined. Holiness is nothing more than doing ordinary things with great love and faith. St. Teresa of Calcutta says, "Holiness is not something extraordinary. Holiness is for every one of us as a simple duty — the acceptance of God with a smile, at all times, anywhere and everywhere." Holiness has to do with understanding that our faith has a lot to do with how we see and live life. It is that simple. Are you willing to go about the simple business of your life and be holy?

KIDS' CORNER

In today's Gospel reading, Jesus

prepared his disciples for a mission trip, where they would help the people in area towns and teach them about God. Before they left, Jesus asked his disciples to travel light—they were to bring no food or clothes or money. They could not survive without God's help. Jesus also asked them to heal people. They could not heal without God's power, either. God provided everything they needed for their mission trip.

Dear God, help me always to remember that it is your power that turns people's lives around. Amen.



Thank you to all parishioners who have renewed their Stewardship of Treasure Commitment for 2018.

Sunday's Offertory - July 8, 2018

Pre-Authorized Giving:	\$ 14,000.00
Noah's Buddies	\$ 17.00
Loose:	\$ 942.78
Votives:	\$ 183.55
Novena Mass	\$ 513.75
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