

**FR.TK.REFLECTIONS 11<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY YEAR A-2023.**

**CARING AND COMPASSION:**

We had several important solemnities of our Lord Christ in relationship with care of his earthly church. We had the **Resurrection, Ascension, Descent of the Holy Spirit, The Trinity** and last Sunday we had **the Body and the Blood of Christ**. All these were for the benefit and the well being of the followers of Christ. Are these not signifying the **care, concern on what the gospel is telling us today.**

When he saw the crowd, he was moved with **pity for them for they were harassed and helpless like sheep without a shepherd (Mt.9:37)**. The crowd was **spiritually starving, politically oppressed, confused and disoriented in life, taxes too high, high cost of living, lack of jobs, medications, bad infrastructures, high cost of gas basic necessities like food stuff**. This is happening in some countries today. People are getting to the streets with all sorts of slogans attempting to put their dissatisfaction across to the authorities. Is there anyone listening to them? Suppose Christ comes to the streets of Nairobi, Kenya what would he have thought of the crowds constantly demonstrating? What of the streets of Khartoum in Sudan and the continue conflict in Ukrain?

He had compassion on crowd and tried to find a solution not by criticizing, complaining or condemning but by positive compassion looking for a solution of the **dejected, harassed and lack of directed crowd**. He addressed his disciples about **potentiality of the harvest and the lack of the workers**. Among disciples he **commissioned and send the first missionaries who were the Apostles** giving them **authority over the unclean spirit driving them out and healing all sorts sickness and diseases (Mt.9.37)**. He gave them specific duty **to go and proclaim the kingdom of God (10:7-10)**. **Is he not doing the same in some of these countries by sending diplomats sending you and me to help and pray for conflict resolutions and humanitarian help?** He knew he couldn't reach out alone hence he involved the Apostles and too that

they may pray to the master of harvest to send more workers. The apostles did their part now it is you and me to continue the mission. Don't we need workers to **proclaim and witness the gospel In our time and in all generations?** Jesus out of his **compassion and pity** is constantly providing workers to different crowds today according to the need of the time. Do we ever appreciate the workers he is sending to us despite their **human weakness, limitations and different talents? Are you aware you are part of that as a parents, teacher, professional?** We all have a duty and responsibility and we need to be involved into this mission of compassion.

If there **will be harvest, seeds must be there, be planted and cared for, nourished if yield is to be realised.** It all need joint effort of you and me. We must build and present the church as a **visible sign of Christ presence in our society and our world through compassion and care.** He is calling each one by name as the Apostles were called and **commissioned, he is asking whom shall I send? Might it be you?** it is not enough to **preach Christ truth we must be Christ to people especially, the poor, the sick, the stressed and homeless.**

The **harvest doesn't drop down from heaven, it grows here on earth** we are not called to be ***spectators but participants in its growth.***

Fathers today you are called to be **part of planting, nurturing, caring and harvesting as we celebrate *FATHERS DAY!***

**HAPPY FATHERS DAY TO ALL GRAND FATHERS, FATHERS, GODFATHERS:**