

**FR.TK REFLECTION 2nd SUNDAY OF EASTER(MERCY SUNDAY
THE COMMUNITY OF BELIEVERS/INSTITUTION OF
RECONCILIATION:**

In the next few weeks, we will be following the **acts of Apostles**. It is so impressive to see the power of Resurrection among these characters our Lord established his church on despite their human shortcomings and limitations. Jesus didn't look at their **weakness** but rather their **potentiality** to establish his church on earth and entrusted it to them. He is today doing the same to you and me. What is your response?

Our first reading (Act.4:32-35) and the gospel (Jn.20:19-31) talk about the **communal aspect of the first believers**. Several aspects of the Christian church are emphasized like **community support of one another, prayer and worship, sharing, availability the peace agenda (Peace be with you) proclaiming the faith in the Gospel (As the father has sent me so Am I sending you) and above all the institution of the sacrament of reconciliation- Receive the Holy Spirit for those whose sins you forgive are forgiven and those you retain are retained (Jn.20:22-23)**.

Having that background in our readings, we see the value of the community and the power of the Risen Lord constantly appearing to the disciples even when the doors were locked. The glorified body of Christ after Resurrection couldn't be limited by earthly powers. Jesus appeared to the group of the scarred disciples and strengthened them by giving them what they needed **courage, peace and Holy Spirit for strength**. Don't we all need this especially in our present day world torn apart by lack of peace and trust? The first Christian

were United both in **heart and soul**.They would share all what they had,they were not selfish,no one lacked anything because they minded the well being of each other.They would provide and share according to the need of each.what a beautiful way of living as a community?The question today is where is there **much want and suffering in our society**.why do people lack the basic necessities **water,food,medication decent housing despite the richness in the world?** Why is there so much **imbalance in equal distributions of properties and wealth,why the selfishness in our world, Corruption,stealing suffering,shootings,terrorism,lack of peace** should make us think twice to go back to the origin of the first Christian community.

The Risen Lord is appearing in each one of us in the **secret of our heart,in that locked heart,filling us with peace and commissioning us in such world** we are living in,he is giving us the mission to it **Receive the Holy Spirit as the father has send me so am I sending you**.He is commissioning us to the world to bring **peace,love and mercy to the word and to one another**.

Like peter and other disciples,we must take **courageous stand for what is just and right and spread the gospel,of the Risen Lord** this is our mission.**ARE YOU READY FOR THE MISSION!**