

FR.TK.REFLECTIONS SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER B-2024:

LOVE ONE ANOTHER:

Last Sunday we dealt with the vine and the branches, it led us to our connection and relationship with Jesus and one another. We were told to be close to one another hence we need each other.

In the first reading (Act. 10:25-48), we see the great work of the Apostles in evangelization extending the wing of faith to even the Gentiles. They went beyond the Jewish territories and boundaries to reach out to other people. The gospel of love is witnessed through proclamation of the word of Peter to Cornelius and his companion who had received the Holy Spirit even before Baptism. What a wonder for the Holy Spirit to be with these upcoming Christians and for the gospel to be proclaimed to all people. This is the power of the Risen Lord through the apostles. **I chose you and appointed you to go and bear fruit that will last (Jn. 15:16).**

This is our mission in this century after 2000 years we are called to further the gospel in our own time, **As the father has send me so I am sending you** what is your responsible forwards this mission! We are not alone, Jesus promised to be with us till the end of time. The same spirit that descended on the apostles, Cornelius and people of other descent, is the same hovering among us in our times despite the challenges of our time.

Second reading (1Jn. 4:7-10) emphasizes the fact of Christians **loving one another, because love comes from God and if we love God we must have love for one another.** This love of God is clearly seen by him sending his **only son as expiation of our sins.**

In the gospel(Jn.15:9-17)The lord goes a step further in our relationship with him and the father(Jn.15:9,**as the father has loved me,so I have loved you, remain in my love.**The qualification of remaining in his love is by **keeping his commandments and this is my commandment,love one another.**There is no short cut it is all in black and white.He loved us so much that he laid down his life for our sake.we are his friends if we keep this great command.are we keeping it for sure!Where people meet in love his presence shall dwell.This is the **call and mission of Christianity which is love.**It is not a weakness to admit that we have love.We need to have it and share it with others.

Love demands that we **die to selfishness** love is not a feeling but a **an act of will,decision,commitment and mission. hence we should imitate Christ.**He is there to **care,support and forgive no matter what we have done.**This is call of Jesus as he passes through the vines on his way to Gethsemene and as he passes through our daily life he is telling you **LOVE ONE ANOTHER.**We ask him that he may **open our hearts when they are closed,warm them,when they are cold,soften them when they are hard,heal them when they are wounded and mend them when they broken** this will make us his **true followers and bear fruits of love.**if we truly love one another,there cannot be evils within us like **hunger,homelessness,cruelty,violence and corruption,loving one another conquers everything evil.**

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