FR.TK.REFLECTIONS 16th SUNDAY YEAR B-2024.

THE GOOD SHEPHARD IN ACTION:

A few weeks back,we heard the qualities of a good shephard,that he cares,knows,listens,gathers,attends.protects and he is always available to the flock.In todays reading especially the first(Jer.23:1-6),we see the contrary to those qualities who doesn't care thus leading to disaster and the flock being scattered the.Yahweh is disappointed and promise to deal with such shepherds and go after the remnant,return them back to the fold and they will be faithful and increase since he will take care of them himself.Is this not happening among so many leaders political,religious all becoming selfish and corrupt(See what is happening in Kenya and perhaps many other parts of the world) we need to go back to ourselves like the apostles and refocus and see the way forward.We must simply return to Gods commandments and echo that beatiful psalm "the Lord is my shephard there is nothing I shall want.He leads me to green pasture"are we ready and willing to lead the flock the Lord has put under our care as parents,teachers,politician,religious?

We are called to follow the example of the good shephard Jesus himself whom we can see in action, minding about the well being of his apostles after accomplishing and bringing report on what they had done on that mission previous week. He wanted them to go to a lonely place relax and get more strength.people we're not giving them a break, they were coming and going. Obviously they had seen something good in what they were being told that is why they followed them seeking the kingdom of God.

The good shepherd saw this vast crowd and was moved with pity for them,for they were like sheep without a shepherd(Mk.6:30-34).He didn't wait,he took action and began to teach them different things.What a shepherd taking control of the situation.He didn't mind who they were,he told

all,rich,poor,married,single,divorced,labors,professionals,young,old,h ealthy and sick all side by side without discrimination ,how are we doing it in our parishes? Are we leading the flock to Eucharist JESUS CHRIST or are we like the Israelites political leaders condemned by the prophet Jeremiah?

We are called for this mission of healing our hailing suffering society(Gen-Z in streets of kenya) instruments of peace in Ukrainian and Russia, peace in Middle East ,Hait,tell people to handle guns with control,safe guard life from conception till natural death.we have to act on homeless,refugees, children separated from their parents by insensitive leaders,the undocumented immigrants,million of starving children all over the world,people without clean water in Africa and other medical facilities,I would imagine Jesus would have addressed such issues in our society today.

He is entrusting that mission to us, we must act **today,tomorrow might be too late**. The good shepherd want us to reflect on ourselves and see how to go bring **peace by breaking the barriers of corruption,selfishness,bad governance and division of any kind.**

BE A SHEPHERD TO SOME ONE TODAY.