

FR.TK.REFLECTIONS 5th SUNDAY OF EASTER YEAR-C-2025:

THE NEW COMMANDMENT:

The Lord words in the gospel today(Jn 13:31-33 34-35) are very familiar,**love one another** this is how people will know that you are my disciples.These must have been very passionate farewell touch words.The scenery actually is at **last supper,in that upper room, the traitor Judas had already left**,Jesus was with his own.It must have been a tense moment because he knew what was about to happen to him.It was a final moment and he gave them **the final words which were very touchy *love one another just as I have have-loved you.***

Loving one another,will manifest the Christianity in yourself.when we hear names or titles like being an actor,priest,pope,teacher,Briton, Kenyan,Filifino,Mexican,American,Democratic,Republican,Azimio,w iper,hustler,Dr,nurse,caregiver etc,there is always expectation on what such a person looks and behaves like.This is very much applicable when we hear a Christian,what expectation do people have in such name?This is what our Lord is talking about today,they will know that you are my follower **if you love one another just as I have loved.** Don't forget he has shown the way to it fully and totally by action and deed by **dying for us.**

This is the expectation christ want us to manifest to others by the **new commandment.**The new commandment will imply **telling the truth,treating people with respect,justice,fairness,care,concern being faithful to our vocations** all by following the teaching of Jesus of Nazareth.practicing this will,prove to the world around us that **we are his followers and his love will be available to touch and heal**

our world wounded by *hatred, corruption insincerity, egoism and selfishness*. we are his agent for this **mission to show love**.

St. Paul in (Act 14:21-27 reminds us of the **difficulties and challenges in living a life of Love**. it demand **self sacrifice and dedication and faithfulness**. It is necessary to under go **many hardship to enter the kingdom of God**, where else the second reading (Rev. 21:1-5) gives us **consolation that after all these there will be a new Jerusalem where there will be no mourning, pain, tears, wailing even death**. This will come from heaven not this world of imperfections. We are called too to be agent and seedbed of Christ truth and love in such world. How are you doing it? We are called to stand for **respect of life from conception to natural death, respect sexuality, marriage, human dignity**. We must reach out to **imprisoned, sick, poor, refugees, homeless, hungry, thirsty and all corporal works of mercy**. This is the mission and the call of the followers of Christ, this is the manifestation of ***Love one another just as I have loved you***. The world should spot us as disciples of Christ by the **love we have for all**. This is the way we are able to be witness of the gospel which will bring people to Christ or going against it will drive people and push Christianity away from their lives. we must manifest the resurrection light by our actions. We must manifest commitment of love, by **sacrifice, fidelity, patience, and above all forgiveness**. **LOVE ONE ANOTHER THAT IS THE CALL:**