



Come Follow Me

Imagine that you were in the midst of doing something (for example, busy with some activity at your job) and Jesus appears to you saying, “Come, follow me.” Most people would probably say, “When I am finished with work, Lord, I will follow you.” They also might say, “Give me some time and let me think about it.” Today in the Gospel we are told that four people “at once” stopped what they were doing, left everything and followed Jesus. This is truly a radical response to the call of Jesus.

In our world today, we might say it is impractical or illogical to abandon everything to follow the Lord. However, by virtue of our Baptism, each of us must respond to the call, “Follow me.” Jesus is asking us to follow Him. We respond by living the Christian life style, wherever we may find ourselves: in church, at home, work or play. There are people who will respond to the call by pursuing a vocation to the priesthood, religious life or permanent diaconate. Others will respond by living in the married or single state and become involved in church activities. Each one of us must decide how we will respond to that call, “Follow me.” As we follow the Lord (even though most of us do not fish for a living), we remember that Jesus is saying we will be “fishers of men.” In other words, as we follow Jesus, we help bring other people to Him. We evangelize by setting a good example and by living out in deeds what we preach.

Let us say “Yes!” to the Lord’s call and follow Him with our whole heart. Let us use this liturgical season of Ordinary Time to do some extraordinary things. The job of spreading the Good News of the Kingdom of Heaven was not just reserved to the early disciples of the Lord. Each one of us has a responsibility to proclaim Jesus and His Gospel to all of our brothers and sisters. May our Lord guide us as we abandon the bad and dark parts of life and move to that which is full of light, peace and goodness!

Father David



I would like to report that we are very close to reaching the goal of our capital campaign (which is \$250,000.) Thus far we have raised almost \$245,000. I wish to sincerely thank all those who participated. Your generosity is most appreciated and will allow us to keep our parish complex beautiful and in good working order for years to come. If you have not yet made a gift to the campaign, please consider doing so. It would be great if we could reach our goal by the end of January. Thank you, again, and may God bless all of you!

Father David