



## Come to Me

For anyone who has a burden or problem to deal with and has nowhere to turn, today's Gospel will be most welcomed! Jesus is asking us to come to Him with all of our troubles and He promises to refresh us. I am sure that every human being at some time in his or her life has some burden to carry. We can choose to deal with our problems by ourselves, or we can allow Jesus to help us. Our Lord has promised us so many good things if only we turn our lives over to Him. No matter how difficult life may be, if we are prayerful and attempt to do the best we can to love, forgive and assist others, we can be assured that Jesus will care for us and give us whatever grace we need to face our problems.

Jesus never promised that our lives would be free of problems or stress. However, His grace is certainly enough for us. When we have our Lord with us, there is no longer any reason to be afraid or concerned that our problems will overwhelm us. Let us come to our Lord. This is one invitation we do not wish to pass up. Only in Jesus will we find lasting peace, comfort and aid to carry the crosses that life presents us with. The weight of those crosses will be so much lighter if we ask our Lord to help us. Jesus carried His cross alone, but is always ready to help us so that we do not have to carry our cross alone.

*Father David*

### **Are You Called to the Permanent Diaconate?**

**The Diocese of Joliet will begin the process of inviting men to discern the call to the diaconate in a series of three informational sessions:**

**The Blanchette Catholic Center  
16555 Weber Road  
Crest Hill, IL 60403  
August 1, 8, 15 - 7:00-9:00 pm**

**St. John Paul II Parish  
907 S. 9th Street  
Kankakee, IL 60901  
August 2, 9, 16 - 7:00-9:00 pm**

**St. Petronille Church  
420 Glenwood Avenue  
Glen Ellyn, IL 60137  
August 2, 9, 16 - 7:00-9:00 pm**



**If you sense God is calling you,  
please consider attending the  
Informational Sessions.**

**No registration is required and  
wives are welcome.**