



Journeying Together, Announcing the Gospel...

WEEK 4: COMMUNION

Opening Hymn: We are one in the Spirit – They will know we are Christians by our love.

Opening Prayer:

Scripture Reading: ACTS 2: 37 – 47

Short Reflection

It is clear in this Scripture that BAPTISM is the entry point for COMMUNION, and not only that but it opens for us the experience of forgiveness of our sins and the outpouring of the HOLY SPIRIT. Through Baptism we become members of the Body of Christ who are called to live in Communion with each other and be open to receiving others to into our life-giving and loving Communities.

Therefore in no way can we as Church exist as CLOSED Communities. This Scripture clearly states that the promise that is made to us is made to ALL: “those who are far away, and those to whom the Lord is calling to himself.”

Some of the elements of Communion that were highlighted were:

1. Faithful to Church Teaching
2. Faithful to the Community
3. The Breaking of Bread (Holy Mass)
4. Prayer

Notice how the Community was aware of the NEEDS of its Members and COLLECTIVELY sought to address these needs. This they did gladly and generously and were admired for their NEW way of Life. As such many more people joined their Community and thus shared in their COMMUNION.

“Day by day the Lord added to their Community those destined to be saved”

Discussion Questions

1. How does our Parish resemble the COMMUNION of the early Christian Community described in the Scriptures?
2. What would be some of the key elements of our Parish Community
3. Are we aware of the needs of the members within our Community?
 - The Youth
 - Married Couples
 - The Aged
 - Singles / Divorced
 - Grieving
 - Unemployed
 - Marginalised (for whatever reason)
4. How can we actively address these needs?
5. What can we do to strengthen the experience of COMMUNION within our Parish?
6. How can we be a more welcoming and inviting Church through the COMMUNION we are called to share?

Closing Prayer:

Closing Hymn:



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