

WSC REFLECTION GUIDE

Readings: Is 66:10-14c
Ps 66: 1-7, 16, 20
Gal 6: 14-18
Lk 10:1-12, 17-20

14th Sunday in Ordinary Time
July 4, 2010

Word: **The Lord's power shall be upon His committed servants.**

Theme: **The Lord's committed servants work for the conversion of others.** [Commitment]

Promise: ***"...Rejoice because your names are written in heaven."***
(Lk 10:20b)

Reflection:

The Theme for the week based on the readings of the 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time is: **The Lord's committed servants work for the conversion of others.** Jesus said in the Gospel: ***"The harvest is abundant but the laborers are few; so ask the master of the harvest to send out laborers for His harvest,"*** (Lk 10:2).

The BLD Covenant Community is a part of the universal Catholic Church and as such should follow its divine mandate, the duty of going out into the whole world and preaching the Gospel to every creature. "For the whole Church is missionary and the work of evangelization is the basic duty of the People of God," (Ad Gentes, 38). To evangelize means to convert to Christianity; to preach the Gospel (Random House Dictionary). Conversion of others entails proclaiming Christ to others, His life here on earth, His teachings, His promises, and the Kingdom of God. Conversion is effected when the proclamation is listened to, accepted, assimilated, and adhered to by the one who receives it, (Evangelii Nuntiandi 22).

As we have been touched by the love of God, we then are impelled to share this love with others so that they too may experience the love of God. And according to Pope Paul VI, the first means of evangelizing others is by our witness of an authentically Christian life, for modern man listens more to witnesses than to teachers, and if they listen to teachers, it is because they are witnesses. St. Peter expressed this well when he held the example of a reverent and chaste life that wins even without a word those who refuse the word (EN 41).

Committed servants of Jesus are those who witness with their lives, their simplicity of life, the spirit of prayer, charity towards all especially towards the lowly and the poor, obedience, detachment, self-sacrifice, those who work for unity, who do not neglect to study the Word of God, and who are ever nourished by the love for the Eucharist (EN 76-77). We should check ourselves periodically: Do we really believe what we are proclaiming? Do we live what we

believe? Do we really preach what we believe?

Conversion of others to the Lordship of Jesus Christ can be witnessed and shared by committed servants like us when we pray before and after meals in our homes, in restaurants, in parties we attend; when we give quality time to be with our children, listen to and affirm their aspirations; when we refuse to give and accept bribes telling people our Lord Jesus Christ forbids it; when we perform our duties and responsibilities humbly and in an obedient manner whether at home, at work, and in community; when we refuse to allow critical spirits to dwell in our conversations; when we easily forgive and ask forgiveness from others; when we take time to pray, to read the Bible even in public places; when we are faithful in attending mass on Sundays and even on weekdays; when we give alms to the poor and be with the poor in the mission fields; when we visit the sick, pray for them and lead them to Jesus; when we never tire of inviting friends, relatives, co-workers to BLD's Marriage Encounters and other Encounters and Life in the Spirit Seminars; when we answer the call of Jesus to be sharers in these Encounter Programs; and when we readily respond to the call of the Holy Spirit to bring Jesus to others.

When we witness Jesus in our lives and work for the conversion of others, then we can have the promise of the week to: ***"...Rejoice because your names are written in heaven."*** (Lk 10:20b)

Suggested Personal Reflection Guide:

1. How do I witness Jesus in my life, in my family, in my work and in BLD?
2. Being lukewarm means refusing to do the work of God. How then can I respond to the call to bring the Good News of Jesus to others?

Next Week's Daily Mass Reading Guide:

July 5, 2010 Hos 2:16, 17c-18, 21-22; Ps 145:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9; Mt 9:18-26
July 6, 2010 Hos 8:4-7, 11-13; Ps 115:3-4, 5-6, 7-8, 9-10; Mt 9:32-38
July 7, 2010 Hos 10:1-3, 7-8, 12; Ps 105:2-3, 4-5, 6-7; Mt 10:1-7
July 8, 2010 Hos 11:1-4, 8-9; Ps 80:2, 3, 15-16; Mt 10:7-15
July 9, 2010 Hos 14:2-10; Ps 51:3-4, 8-9, 12-13, 14, 17; Mt 10:16-23
July 10, 2010 Is 6:1-8; Ps 93:1, 1-2, 5; Mt 10:24-33

"Ignorance of the Bible is ignorance of Christ. Read your Bible daily!"