

25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Families in Mission: Love everyone as a child of God



1.-Introduction:

During the recently concluded Summer Olympics we cheered our favorite athletes on. We wanted them to be the best - the fastest, strongest, most flexible etc. We wanted them to win the gold medal, and many did. In today's Gospel, Jesus is championing a different kind of kingdom - one where everyone is accepted and cheered on as a child of God, where the least is the greatest, the last is the first, and everyone serves the other. Are we willing to accept Jesus' invitation to work for this kingdom?

 Put something in your sacred space to remind you that everyone is made in God's image

2.-Opening Prayer:

Dear Jesus,

Give us a generous spirit. Help us to learn to put ourselves last and our brother and sister first. Teach us not to be influenced by looks, color, speech, or clothing. Help us instead, to see everyone as children of God, worthy of love, kindness, and respect.

Amen.



3.-Sharing the Good News:

Read the Gospel

Mark 9:30-37



4.-Reflect Together:

Discuss some or all of these questions as a family

- Think of someone who lived/lives by putting themselves last and others first? This could be a Saint like Andrew Kim and the Korean martyrs, whose feast we celebrate this week, a historical figure, or someone you have heard of or read about but have not met.
- What would you like to ask this person if you could meet them in person?



5.-Take action as a family:

- This week, learn about those who started making a difference while they were still children e.g. Greta Thunberg who became a climate activist at 15, Gitanjali Rao who advocates for access to clean drinking water, Malala Yousafzai who spoke out for girls' rights to schooling. Share with your family how their stories inspired you.
- Find out what school supplies organizations that serve children in your neighborhood or city need. Organize a campaign to collect supplies. This could be something simple like a phone campaign to encourage people to buy extra supplies when back-to-school shopping and drop them off at your home. Go as a family to drop off the donations.



6.- Closing Prayer:

God of Love, Thank you for teaching us that we don't have to be all grown up to make a difference. Thank you for the example of children who inspire us to build your kingdom, take care of it, and love everyone especially those less fortunate. Give us the courage to do our part NOW to make the world a better place for all. St. Andrew Kim & companions, pray for us. Amen.



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