

# Homily Hints

## Reflection

You can change the world. Perhaps you will never see your name in the News headlines; perhaps few will ever know of your existence, but by your prayers, works, joys and sufferings offered in Christ, you benefit the whole world. Isaiah 53:10-11

We must live entirely for Christ; we must be servants of all. Our life of service is our response in love to Christ's love for us, his gift of his life for us. We serve out of love as Jesus did. For Jesus it was through death to life; so it must be for us. What does it mean to be a Christian? The answer to the question can be found in today's readings, especially in the example and words of Jesus.

Young people dream of changing the world. "With your questions, dreams and uncertainties refuse to listen to those who say that things cannot change," said Pope Francis. — **MESSAGE OF HIS HOLINESS POPE FRANCIS FOR THE THIRTY-SECOND WORLD YOUTH DAY APRIL 9, 2017.**

"What is this 'new land' for us today, if not a more just and friendly society which you, young people, deeply desire and wish to build to the very ends of the earth?" — **LETTER OF HIS HOLINESS POPE FRANCIS TO YOUNG PEOPLE ON THE OCCASION OF THE PRESENTATION OF THE PREPARATORY DOCUMENT OF THE 15<sup>TH</sup> ORDINARY GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE SYNOD OF BISHOPS.**

"You believe in a new humanity, one that rejects hatred between peoples, one that refuses to see borders as barriers and can cherish its own traditions without being self-centred or small-minded. Don't be discouraged: with a smile and open arms, you proclaim hope and you are a blessing for our one human family." — **HOLY MASS FOR WORLD YOUTH DAY, 31 JULY 2016.**

Christianity does not consist primarily in following a moral or ethical code; it does not involve abiding by external observances. But they are to flow from surrendering in love to Jesus; total self-abandonment to the will of the Lord. Our Christian life is a pilgrimage; it is God's people on a move, following Christ, on a journey through life and often a way of the cross, to the heavenly home. It is the path which both Baptism and the Eucharist compel us to walk too. Hebrew 4:14-16

"Following Jesus demands a good dose of courage, a readiness to trade in the sofa for a pair of walking shoes and to set out on new and uncharted paths. To blaze trails that open up new horizons capable of spreading joy, the joy that is born of God's love and wells up in your hearts with every act of mercy. To take the path of the 'craziness' of our God, who teaches us to encounter him in the hungry, the thirsty, the naked, the sick, the friend in trouble, the prisoner, the refugee and the migrant, and our neighbours who feel abandoned. To take the path of our God, who encourages us to be politicians, thinkers, social activists. The God who encourages us to devise an economy marked by greater solidarity than our own. In all the settings in which you find yourselves, God's love invites you bring the Good News, making of your own lives a gift to him and to others." — **PRAYER VIGIL WITH THE YOUNG PEOPLE ADDRESS OF HIS HOLINESS POPE FRANCIS, JULY 30, 2016.**

Mark's message is relevant to us in leadership position in the church or in the world at large. It is a servant leadership that Jesus calls for. Mark 10:35-45

"Young people let Christ reach you. Let Him speak to you, embrace you, console you, heal your wounds, dissolve your doubts and fears—and you shall be ready for the fascinating adventure of life, that precious and inestimable gift that God places every day in your hands. Go to meet Jesus, be with Him in prayer, entrust yourselves to Him, give your whole life over to His merciful love and your faith, and your faith will be the luminous witness of generosity and of the joy there is in following Him, wherever He should lead you.

Dear young people of Canada, my hope for you is that your meeting should be like that of the first disciples, that the beauty of a life realized in following the Lord might open wide before you. For this reason I entrust you to Mary of Nazareth, a young person like you, to whom God turned His loving gaze, that He might take you by the hand. Let yourselves be taken by Mary's, and let her guide you to the joy of saying a full and generous, 'Here I am!'

Jesus watches you and awaits a 'Here I am!' response from each of you." — **VIDEO MESSAGE OF HIS HOLINESS POPE FRANCIS TO YOUNG CANADIANS ATTENDING THE "CANADIAN YOUTH FORUM."**