

Exhortation to Youth

Inspired by the theme of World Mission Sunday

YOUNG PEOPLE

Young people, like the rich young man, you have important questions: “What should we do to gain eternal life?” You are full of energy and you do many good things. You take positive action, but you are vulnerable and fragile. You lack self-confidence and are susceptible to instability.

Like the young man, you have difficulty accepting Jesus’s answer. When Jesus asks you to go, sell, give to the poor, and to follow him, you feel sad because of your many possessions. As with the rich young man, Jesus looks kindly towards you. He looks at you and loves you the way you are.



PROCLAIMING THE BIBLE

Proclaiming the Bible is good, but not sufficient. To confront the behaviour of others as lacking in Christian values may be courageous, but it is not enough. To proclaim the Gospel, it is necessary to welcome the Word within one’s self. It is important take time to read the Scriptures, pray, mediate, understand the Word and integrate it into one’s life.

One must believe and love the Word. One must desire to seek God and rejoice when meeting Jesus through his Word. The Word needs to take root within one’s heart. To proclaim the Good News is to share it with others through word and action.

“And the good news must first be proclaimed to all nations” (Mk 13:10)

TO ALL

In the Mission Sunday theme, the words **to all** refer to all countries represented by the United Nations, with their diversity of culture, ethnicity, and race. They also include all men and women regardless of wealth or education. They also refer to the environment where we live, interact with others and communicate with God the Creator.

The Gospel must be welcomed within our hearts before it makes its way throughout the world.