

# 14<sup>th</sup> Sunday In Ordinary Time Of The Year

(Isaiah 66.10-14, Galatians 6.14-18, Luke 10.1-12,17-20)

## Theme: You Are Called To Bear Witness To His Gospel

Beloved brothers and sisters, through the readings of today especially the gospel, God has invited us to be messengers of peace. Through the gospel narrative we see our Lord Jesus sending out His disciples in pairs to bear Him witness in the world. And the first message He wants them to proclaim is peace.

Likewise by the virtue of our baptism we all have received this mandate from our Lord Jesus to be messengers of the gospel. It is a duty we owe to God and the world because of our Christian calling.

We are also expected to carry out this gospel message in our various states and occupations in life. This is a noble task that confronts us as sons and daughters of God.

The first place to start this mission is from our homes and families, from here to our community, schools, places of work and business.

Peace is one of the true marks of our Christian faith. For our Lord Jesus is the Prince of Peace. He came into the world to announce peace. When Jesus rose from the dead, His first gift he gave to the disciples was peace. He said to them, "Peace be with you, just like the Father has sent me, so I am sending you." (John 20.19-20)

It is the will of God that we should live in peace and be peace makers in any place we are. During His teaching on the mount, Jesus said, "Blessed are the peace makers, for they will be called children of God" (Matthew 5.9)

When we live by peace and preach peace through our words and actions, we are revealing to the world that we are children of God.

Seeking for peace and avoidance of violence or quarrels is not a mark of weakness; rather it is proof that you are a "child of God" who is living out his or her faith in Christ as true Christian.

Peace entails endurance, sacrifice, patience and forgiveness. If you want peace in your home or marriage, you have to close one of your eyes, one of your ears and not question everything you see and hear.

Dear friends in Christ, let us always bear in mind that the gospel message is a message of peace and as Christians we are all called to bear this witness to Christ our Redeemer.

Let us promise God again today, we shall all be messengers of peace, wherever we are.