

Mystagogy Session

APPRENTICES IN FAITH: A Resource for the RCIA
Second Sunday of Easter (Sunday of Divine Mercy) • Year B • April 12, 2015

*Saving God,
in your great mercy and love you freed us from sin and death,
and through your Son called us to be a chosen race, a royal priesthood,
a holy nation, a people set apart.*

*May we always proclaim your awesome deeds.
Amen.*

Sunday Word and Eucharist

Acts 4:32-35

Psalm 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24

1 John 5:1-6

John 20:19-31

Reflection

Deepen

Long before you arrived at the Easter Vigil to celebrate initiation, you first encountered the saving mystery of Jesus Christ in his people through the community, the household of the faithful. In those very first gatherings you met believers who were willing to share with you the message of Salvation.

You explored that message, reflecting on its validity and applying it to your own life situation. But you did not do this alone. You did this reflection and application with the help and the facilitation of others - the initiation team, your catechists, and eventually, your sponsors and godparents.

Meditate

Thomas was absent when the Risen Lord Jesus appeared to the others. This absence prompted his doubt. He disbelieved, in part, because he was not present in the midst of the community of disciples when the Lord appeared.

Thomas eventually came to believe, surrounded by other believers. You yourself have arrived at full initiation with the help, support, prayers and active encouragement of the whole household of the faithful.

Would you want it any other way? We need each other in the journey of faith—not just to come to belief in the Lord, but also to sustain our belief in him as those “begotten by God” (as expressed in the Second Reading).

Thankfully, God gives us each other. We are companions along the way, the way of Jesus Christ.

Share

Together, as we continue to journey in faith, we cling to one another in the Lord. We strive for unity, as if we were of one heart and mind. The witness we give to the world is often a communal witness (as expressed in the First Reading).

We describe the Eucharist as the source and summit of our Christian communal life. Even though you are a neophyte who has come to this sacred meal only a few times now, what is it about the Eucharist that most intrigues you?

Do!

You have been a part of the Christian community ever since you began attending the Liturgy of the Word. The newest aspect for you is the “breaking of bread,” the Eucharist. Spend some time later today in quiet prayer and meditation on the great gift you have been given in the Eucharist.

For Reflection . . .

Christ gave himself for our sakes, for your sake. You take into your own body the sacrifice of Christ. How do you imitate that sacrificial love in your own life and how—in the light of the Eucharist—are your own sacrifices made holy?