

## Don't hesitate!... MAKE DISCIPLES

This weekend we celebrate the Ascension where we are called to go out and make disciples.

It's the calling not only for priests or religious people but for one who want to give generous response to the lord's commission. Do we want commitment? Take a look into this commission made by Jesus: ***Go, therefore, make disciples of all nations...***

How do we make it as a MQOF? This is how we do it....  
(Welcoming, growing and acting)

In our daily lives what does this mean? How do we do it every day...we are working on it.

The great commission is a cyclical movement...***going out to welcome in-----***we welcome everyone and invite everyone to be part of the different groups and activities. ***Disciples are learners, growing in faith-----***enriching our faith formation with different programs and offerings to grow in that faith. Then ***we have to go and do it!!!*** If we feel welcome and we have growth in our faith we have to do something good for our brothers and sisters and especially those in need.



I was talking with Peter and he said that a while ago for priests it was forbidden to go out, they couldn't go out; it is in the blood of some people to stay inside. Now the time has changed and the church has to go out and search to the people...

Today, in this last encounter between Jesus and his disciples they now discover that, in future, they will not only announce the Word, but they will give Jesus through the baptism and the other sacraments. They will make present the resurrected Lord throughout history. That's what we do through the sacramental process. We give you Jesus' presence, Jesus's life so that everyone may live a life acknowledging his real

presence in you. *“And know that I am with you always; yes, to the end of time....”* The very words of Jesus are the guarantee of his presence. *“Take this all of you and eat of it; take this all of you and drink from it.....do this in memory of me”*. Be aware that we can consume the Body and Blood of Jesus under both species.

The ascension of the Lord was the end of Jesus' physical presence with his beloved disciples but it marked the beginning of Jesus' presence with them in a new way. They were not left in sorrow or grief. Instead, they were filled with joy and with great anticipation for the coming of the Holy Spirit that we are going to celebrate next weekend with the Solemnity of Pentecost Sunday. Let's ask God to renew in each one of us the presence of the Holy Spirit because some of us may have the Holy Spirit very asleep, very off in our lives because of our sins, spiritual dryness. Why do we hesitate and keep our head down and stay just sitting in the pew quietly... and we dare not do anything else?

Have you realised that some of the disciples although they shared, lived, learnt with Jesus during three years or so...*Though some hesitated?* We might easily identify with those some disciples who hesitated in today's Gospel. Some people, some situations, the world in which we live in... may cause us to hesitate.

Jesus' last words to his disciples, his commission point to the key mission and task he has entrusted to his followers on earth - to be his witnesses and ambassadors to the ends of the earth so that all peoples, tribes, and nations may hear the good

news... that He has come to set us free from sin, Satan, and death and has won for us a kingdom of peace, joy, and righteousness that will last forever.

Let me tell you again; our parish goals to welcome; grow and act, call us away from a privatised faith where we keep our heads down. These goals say DON'T HESITATE.....MAKE DISCIPLES!