

Reflection Wednesday week 29 – 2021

Jesus said *“When a person has been given a great deal, a great deal will be demanded of him; when a person has been given a great deal on trust, even more will be expected.”* These are powerful and challenging words, since we were given so much in trust when we were baptised. Let us remember that we are made in the image of God and that that image is given life and grace to function at its fullest by God’s grace. This grace and power are renewed when we receive Christ in the eucharist, when we receive the Body and Blood of Jesus in communion. Jesus is really saying: *I want you to give of your best* which is something we always want to do and we have the help of Jesus to do it.

The **Synod 2023 Preparatory Document from the Vatican** offers us a way to do this.

It states:

Recalling how the Spirit has guided the Church’s journey through history, we recognise the Spirit calling us anew to be witnesses of God’s love by:

- *living a participative and inclusive Church process that offers everyone — especially those on the margins — the opportunity to express themselves and be heard in order to contribute to the edification of the People of God, us;*
- *recognizing and appreciating the wealth and variety of gifts and charisms that the Spirit bestows on us for the good of the community and the benefit of the entire human family;*
- *exploring participatory ways of exercising responsibility in proclaiming the Gospel and in building a more beautiful and habitable world;*
- *affirming the Christian community to be a credible group of people and reliable partners in social dialogue, healing, reconciliation, inclusion and participation, the reconstruction of democracy, the promotion of fraternity and social friendship;*
- *regenerating relationships among members of Christian communities as well as between communities and other social groups, e.g. communities of believers of other denominations and religions, civil society organizations, popular movements, etc.*

Shop Manager: "I saw you arguing with that customer who just left. I told you before that the customer is always right. Do you understand me?"

Sales assistant: "Yes, sir. The customer is always right."

Manager: "That's better. Now what were you arguing with the customer about?"

Sales Assistant: "Well, sir, he was saying you were an idiot!!"