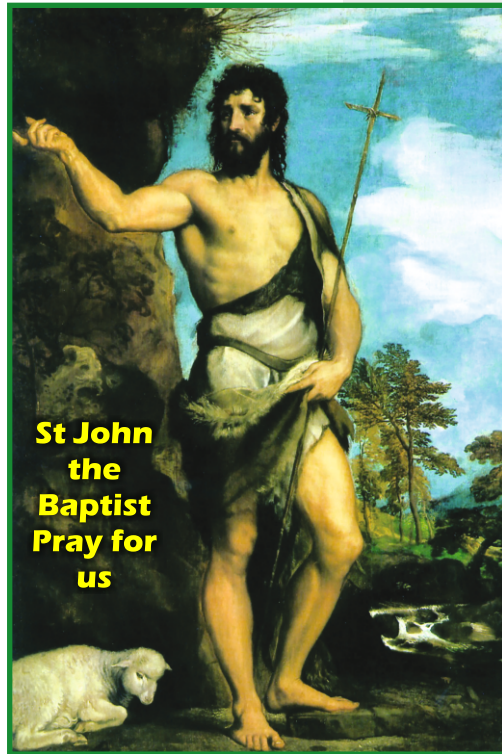


**Come! Make Mission a MOVEMENT!**



**Prayer to St John The Baptist  
( Feast Day - 24<sup>th</sup> June)**

**O God, you raised up St John the Baptist to prepare a perfect people for Christ. Fill Your people with the joy of possessing his grace, and direct the minds of all faithful in the way of peace and salvation.**

**Grant that as St John was martyred for truth and justice, so also we may energetically profess our faith in You, and lead others to The Way, The Truth and Eternal Life.**

**Amen.**

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**1<sup>st</sup> July 2018 – St Peter the Apostle Day**  
**Even ONE PRIEST can make all the difference!**

**Jesus said to them, “The harvest is plentiful, but the labourers are few; therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out labourers into his harvest.” – Luke 10:2**



**You give us good priests  
You help us grow and nourish them...**

**This mission is yours as much as ours! And we look  
forward to your continuing support to increase  
labourers – priests, religious and consecrated laity...**

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## FROM THE DIRECTOR'S DESK

### We are called to be holy

Dear Friends,

Holy Father Pope Francis has just come up with a new Apostolic Letter. The pope begins the letter with the words *Gaudete et Exsultate - Rejoice and be Glad*

These are the very words of Jesus in Mt 5:12 directed at his disciples calling them to holiness. Pope Francis explains these words and says that Jesus wants us to be saints and not to settle for a bland and mediocre existence. This call to holiness is in many ways expressed in the Bible, especially God's words to Abraham: "Walk before me and be blameless". (Genesis 17:1)



In the first chapter, the Holy Father deals with this call to Holiness. He says that the saints are those who encourage and accompany us. Yes, the saints are models for us to emulate. They make us believe that it is possible for mortals to be holy. They motivate and encourage us to be holy even in our wretched situation and they accompany us on our effort to become saints, with their constant prayer for us.

Friends, in these two months of May and June we have several occasions to celebrate, reminding us the call and blessings of God to be holy. The feast of Pentecost --- the Advent of the Holy Spirit as our helper on the way to holiness; the Feast of Corpus Christi --- the precious Body and Blood of Jesus as our bodily and spiritual nourishment on our journey to holiness, and the Feast of the Immaculate Heart of Mary --- a saintly, holy heart to intercede with her son for our holiness; the Feast of St Joseph the Worker --- a model of obedience to the will of God, humility and dedication to his work; the feast of St John the Baptist, whose announcement "Behold the Lamb of God" is our mandate to proclaim and introduce the Risen Lord to the world.

Hence, to be holy is to lead a life of blamelessness, selflessness and proclaiming the Good News of the Risen Lord to the world both by word and deed. Mother May said, "I am the handmaid of the Lord". St Joseph put himself at the disposal of the promptings of God, St John the Baptist lived an austere life pointing out the Son of God to the world. May these signs of different occasions be pointers to us reminding about our commitment to holiness. We shall walk before the Lord, blameless. This means that we keep away the occasions of succumbing to the temptations of enjoying life to the full here on earth. Let us be clear in our mind that what we have here is only transitory and that we only prepare ourselves here for what is permanent. Through his words "Do not labour for the food which perishes but for the food which endures for eternal life" (Jn 6: 27) Jesus says to the crowd which looked for food through miracles, that we need to look for things heavenly and eternal.

Only when we live our life to the full by living for others, by being blameless before God and man, by doing only that what is good, wherever we are, can we "Rejoice and be Glad".

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