



COURAGEOUSLY *Living the Gospel* DIOCESE OF ST. PETERSBURG

Ambassadors for Christ -Being Christ's Love

One of the foundational beliefs of the Catholic faith is that human life is sacred because we are created in the image and likeness of God. Jesus Christ also shows us the value of human life when he says in Scripture that whenever we feed the hungry, visit the prisoner or care for the sick, we are doing acts of kindness to Jesus Himself. (Matthew 25:35-36)

To present or re-present Jesus to the world today, we are called to show love, kindness and compassion to those who are in need and those who are often shunned by society or marginalized.

How is your parish alleviating the suffering of others? How are you helping in this effort? Do you share your talents and gifts with people in need?

Being Christ's love is also about uplifting the human spirit by bringing our Catholic worldview to the arts, intellectual pursuits, public policy, the media, the economy, the environment and in all areas that impact the common good.

To bring Christ's love to the world also means fostering the importance of the family and traditional marriage, which is a gift from God. Marriage elevates man and woman to be co-creators with God for new life.

As Catholics we are called to be Ambassadors for Christ, re-presenting Christ to the world and this is how you live the mission: advocate... serve... love. If we work together, we will infuse Gospel values into our society and transform our world by the saving power of Jesus Christ.