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Ambassadors for Christ -Receiving Christ's Love

Have you encountered the love and mercy of Jesus Christ? You might know that God created you out of love for love. You might know that God loves you so much that he took on our human nature, he lived and died for our sins so that that we could be together in eternal peace.

But have you spoken to Christ in prayer and experienced His love in a personal way? Do you have a relationship with the Lord that fills you with peace and joy?

This encounter with the Lord is essential for any person who seeks to represent Christ in our world today.

St. Augustine said, "Our hearts are restless until they rest in Christ."

Devoting ourselves to daily prayer helps us to rest in the Lord and to receive the love Christ seeks to give us. Participating in Sunday Mass or daily Mass helps us to experience the life-changing love of God, which he generously bestows upon us, his children. The Mass is where we encounter the true presence of Jesus Christ, body, blood, soul and divinity.

At Church, we come together for worship from all walks of life, all nationalities and all personalities, a beautifully diverse family of God.

In our homes, we worship the Lord as the domestic Church, as families and individuals. We forgive and love in humility and obedience – this is our mission.

We read the Gospels and study the faith. We continually seek to learn about the life of Christ and his teachings.

This is how we become ambassadors for Christ and present Jesus to the world today. This is what brings us true joy and an encounter with the divine.