

5th Sunday of Easter
April 20, 2008
(Acts 6:1-7/1 Pt 2:4-9/Jn 14:1-12)

Theme: You are chosen to serve and bear witness to Christ.

In the first reading today from the Acts of the Apostles, we see the twelve apostles of Christ inviting the people of God to select from among themselves people of good standing and full of the Holy Spirit, to help out in carrying out the works in God's vineyard.

Sometimes, some of us feel that the work in the Lord's vineyard is only meant for the priests and nuns. It is not so, God's work involves all of us. We all are called to help out, to serve in any way our gifts can help.

The children can help out as altar servers, the youth can also help out in many ways; for example the young people who organized other students to raise money to help the less privileged in Haiti. One of our youth volunteers to go with the priest to celebrate Mass at Kelly Lake every third Sunday of the month. Another helps out by folding the bulletins and some also are involved in the Children's Liturgy.

As for us adults, both men and women, there are a lot of areas to help out. As Cantors (Choir), Lectors or Readers, Eucharistic Ministers, Adult Servers, helping out at the Seniors' Mass. Some people come early to arrange the tables and chairs, some help out by picking the seniors up from their homes and then taking them back again. Some are involved in the Knights of Columbus activities in this church. There are also a lot of people who help out in one way or the other in the church. Do not be left out, God needs you. He needs your talent, time and your donations.

Peter, in the second reading today, reminds us that we are a chosen race, a holy nation and God's own people who are called to proclaim the mighty deeds of our God. Beloved in Christ, let us realize that we all have been chosen and called to bear witness to the gospel of Christ, and may we continue to do this with joy, love and cheerfulness.

May we remember that, by our baptism, we have become the disciples of Christ. And through our confirmation we have been strengthened and commissioned to bear witness to our faith in Christ.