

Eucharistic Homily

Mark 9:30-41

2/18/18

As I mentioned earlier, one important way that we can demonstrate humility and service is to welcome all children of God to receive the gifts of God at His Table.

It's tempting to think ourselves better than someone else because of what we know or what we can do. It's tempting to see others as less qualified because of what they don't know or can't do. But Jesus forbids us from ranking ourselves according to these fleshly divisions. Access to the Lord's Table is not based on our accomplishments, abilities or education, but on the grace and mercy of God. The benefits of Christ's body and blood can't be earned; they can only be received as a gift.

Jesus exhorts us to welcome His children—all of His children—into our homes, into our lives, and at His Table. And when we do this, we are welcoming Jesus Himself. We welcome God's children to His Table, and we too—all of us—come as His children. Thanks be to God.

All who have been baptized into Christ and seeking to live faithfully and obediently for Him are welcome to partake of this banquet Christ has prepared for us.

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