**Messengers of Christ Jesus**

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The Gospel of today started with telling us how Jesus felt when He saw the crowd who were in search of real good life.

* It is still the same feeling He has for us today. This is so, especially those who are seeking in truth **The Real Life**.
* Real life is not in ~~in~~ darkness but in the light. It is not in taking advantage of people and situation. It is in serving people with love.
* Real life consists in living well, living without the unnecessary stress and burden and living to know and serve the Lord and humanity.
* A faithful servant, according to the Bible, is to be a devoted and helpful follower, to be humble before God, to be ready to act as God motivates and inspires us, to help meet the needs of other people.
* Jesus was concern because, after the people have encountered Him once, they realize their need for His truth.
* The same is true for us today. There are many wrong ways through which we seek real life. And that is why God is sending us to look for these people and help them come to real life.

1st Reading: Exodus 19:2-6a; the people of Israel have enjoyed the real life in God through the leadership of Moses. They have come to know that Moses learned by listening to God.

* The mountain is a place of encounter with God. In this encounter, God explained to Moses the advantage of His people listening and doing His will.
* “Therefore, if you hearken to my voice and keep my covenant, you shall be my special possession, dearer to me than all other people, though all the earth is mine. You shall be to me a kingdom of priests, a holy nation.”
* In this encounter, God made a promise of His generosity to the people. God has not come in His power but in humility to be part of the life of the people as long as they listen to Him.
* They will be **a “kingdom of priests” and a “holy nation”**. This is to say that they will inherit the promise of God to Abraham in Genesis 12:2-3. They perform the duties of priests to other nations. They will teach other nations about the true God, they will guide, unite and encourage other nations and they will sanctify other nations to holiness by being holy themselves.
* As a kingdom of priests, they will be nothing but holy themselves. This is because whoever walks with God must be prepared to be like God.
* This call to Israel, should resonate in us what we are in the Lord in the Catholic Church. We share in the common priesthood of Christ and we have to be holy like Christ to perform the priestly duties.

Gospel: Matthew 9:36—10:8; Jesus took pity on the people, because He saw a crowd ~~were~~ hungry to be a priestly people and a holy nation. These people did not know what real full life was. They only knew about the emptiness of life.

* He constituted quickly a priestly people, to go out and serve and bring back a holy nation.
* “Then he summoned his twelve disciples and gave them authority over unclean spirits to drive them out and to cure every disease and every illness.”
* These new priestly people will make a holy nation, sanctify nations, work to bring life to the nations. They will make a new flock that will listen to the voice of the Lord. They will bring about the reconciliation of nations with God.

We are the new people of God.

* We are sharers in the priestly ministry of Jesus and we are the members of the holy people of God.
* We must therefore, live like our Father in holiness and sanctify other people. We know the real life and we should invite others into this real life.