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Daily Reflections



Center for Spiritual Development

SOLEMNITY OF THE MOST SACRED HEART OF JESUS

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Excerpt from Today's Gospel

I kneel before the Father, from whom every family in heaven and on earth is named, that he may grant you in accord with the riches of his glory to be strengthened with power through his Spirit in the inner self, and that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith; that you, rooted and grounded in love, may have strength to comprehend with all the holy ones what is the breadth and length and height and depth, and to know the love of Christ which surpasses knowledge, so that you may be filled with all the fullness of God.

EPHESIANS 3:14-19

Reflection

Last week I returned from leading a “Called to the More” pilgrimage to LePuy en Velay, France. The focus was the spirituality that gives shape to the charism of the Sisters of St. Joseph. “Charism” is the founding grace of the Holy Spirit for the life of the world. In our case, Jesus’ expressed desire **“that all may be one.”** God is love and desires that all be united in love.

The quote from Ephesians echoes the desire for wholeness and fullness of life. The gift of the charism that has captured the hearts of countless men and women for eons, impels us to share all that God has done for us, to be God’s great love in the world. It is a love that is deeply rooted in intimacy with God -- that inspires a spirit of devotion, service, and praise so that all honor and glory is given to God by all I think, feel, say, and do.

The “Called to the More” spirituality flows through relationship with the Trinity: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, a life-giving, dynamic flow of love among and between one another. Each is focused on the other. The Divine dance of Love flows out into our weary world through the Incarnation of the Son, born as one of us in Jesus. God so loved the world that God chose to pour God’s self out to dwell among us and reflect God’s abiding presence and love to one and all.

The fullness of God’s love for us is revealed in the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus who revealed God’s abiding presence through compassion, mercy, love, and forgiveness within life’s realities of light and darkness, joy and sorrow, life and death, and the whole valley of the ordinary in between. He gives all of himself in love to nurture, sustain, and call us into deeper relationship with God and one another.

We are blessed to be called and rooted in God’s loving embrace, inviting us to freely become the person we are empowered to be. Our beings bear the gracious power of God at work in us, through us, and in our world. Intimacy with God opens us to the possibility of being “filled with the fullness of God.”



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For Pondering

- How are you rooted in God's love?
 - How has your faith journey been explored and deepened over the years?
 - How are you being "called to the More" of God?
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For Prayer

*God of Inclusive Love,
Christ of Outpouring Love,
Spirit of Communal Love,
breathe in us and among us.
Draw us to yourself and make us more your own each day.
Loving God, the people of our world, our Earth,
and all creation,
call us to embrace ever widening circles of communion.
Impel us to action, action that stirs up Love,
is connective and inclusive, and deepens our commitment*

to be and become Your People.

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