

Fishers of People

Jesus Christ said to the first disciples, “Come after me, and I will make you fishers of men.” Among the Twelve Apostles, at least five were fishermen.

The Fisherman’s Ring of the Pope bears the image of Saint Peter casting a fishing net. In union with the Pope, we share in the mission entrusted by Christ: to bring people into his sheepfold.

As fishers of people, we need hooks, lines, bait, nets, and baskets. The hook of God’s Word, the line of the Church’s support, the bait of corporal and spiritual works of mercy, the nets of Christian love, and the basket of our parish enable us to become true fishers of people.

What is our invitation, if not a gentle call to taste what we ourselves have already tasted? It is the desire of our hearts to share with those we invite the love, joy, and peace we receive through our communion with God at the tabernacle and our fellow parishioners.

Let us give it a try – casting the hook and spreading the net – confident that God will bless our efforts and lead His people back to Himself and to His Church.