

11th Sunday in Ordinary Time 2026

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Good morning, everyone. It's good to be here with you. I wrote this homily for the kids, but they all left, so you guys are gonna have to help me out. When I say the harvest is so big, you say, How big is it? Let's try it again. The harvest is so big... Hol. Thank you. Good job. My niece and nephew. Nova and Pax, they have a little garden at home. They plant tomatoes, they plant herbs, there's lots of fruit trees everywhere. And when it comes time to harvest the fruits and the vegetables. Their little hands can't do it all by themselves. So they need to get some help. Mom and Dad, Uncle Nghi comes. And we all get together, we gather these fruits and these vegetables, and we wash them, and we prepare them, and we eat them together. They couldn't do it alone, because the harvest is so big. I'm glad you ask. Jesus felt the same way when he looked out into the crowd, and he saw so many people who needed love who were abandoned. And he said to himself, The harvest is so big. This is what he said to himself. They're so big, he said this. The harvest is abundant, but the laborers are few. So ask the master of the harvest to send out laborers for his harvest. You see, the harvest here that Jesus is talking about are the people of God, who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for peace. They hunger to be seen, to be cured, for love, for kindness. And Jesus had been going out to harvest this whole time. He'd been healing the sick, driving out demons. He'd been going town to town to town, but it just wasn't enough. He looked out, and he saw that the harvest was so big. It was so big, he had to send out more people. So he sent the 12 disciples, the 12 apostles, we called them. And the 12 apostles were instructed to go out and do likewise, to heal the sick, to cure people. But most of all, to bring God's love to them. The kingdom of God is here. The kingdom of God is at hand. My friends, they were called to go out. to send God's message of love to all those who hungered and thirst. He needs people like the apostles. He needs people like you and me. Sometimes we're called to be priests, sometimes we're called to be brothers or sisters in religious life, but all of us are called to be disciples of Jesus. to go out, and to bring this message of love, that God's kingdom is at hand, that God loves you. It's a simple message. And sometimes we might feel that we're not worthy. Sometimes we feel like, why me? I don't know what I'm doing. And you know what? The 12 disciples had no idea what they're doing, 12 apostles. They're imperfect people as well. Peter, who stumbles over himself all the time. He gets rebuked by Jesus. He's impatient, he's hot tempered, you have Thomas, the tax collector, who's considered a traitor to his own people, shun. Simon, the zealot, who's a revolutionary, and Judas who betrayed Jesus. And yet Jesus called him anyways. Because the harvest is so big. How is it? It's so big that he calls all of us to the harvest. He calls you every single day to come to the harvest, to bring whatever you have, and to bring it to the people who need it. His people. Ask God if you are called. to be joining him in the harvest. Ask God, if he's calling you to be a priest. It's a special harvesting, but it's unique as well, and we're not perfect people. Trust me, I know these guys. Look around you. Who do you see who has this unique possibility of serving God and say to them, maybe your call to do harvesting for the Lord. Maybe you have a special call. Pay

attention to what moves your heart and how you love others, because that's God calling you to the harvest. And ask God, do you want to send me? And my friends, You don't have to do very big things. It's very simple things. Who is it in your life who needs a little attention? Who needs a little care? Is there a kid at school who sits by himself or herself, who needs you to say hello? Is there somebody at work who's struggling with a load who might need an extra hand? Is it an elderly person in your life, a grandmother or grandfather, who just needs a visit once in a while, and someone to sit and listen to their stories? Is it the sick in the hospital who need communion, who just need somebody to say, I'm here for you. Somebody still loves you and knows that you're present. Is that the poor in our street, who struggle to find a place to live. To struggle to fight a meal. How can you help? Show that love of Christ to one of your brothers and sisters, because my friends, the harvest is so big. There are so many people who need our love. There's so many people that need to hear the message that Jesus has to say that the kingdom of God is here. Jesus needs your help. So ask God to send you to the harvest.