
THE WELCOME TABLE
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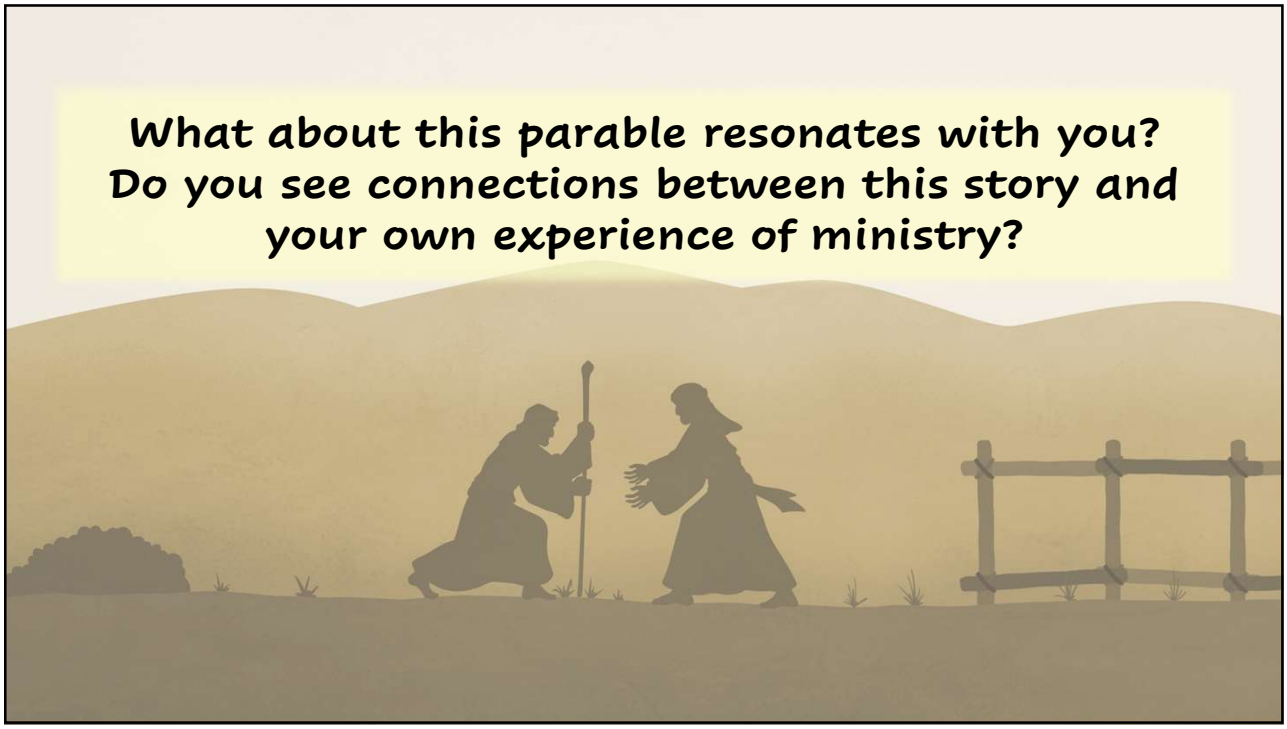
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Table Discussion
WHAT (OR WHO) BROUGHT YOU TO MINISTRY?

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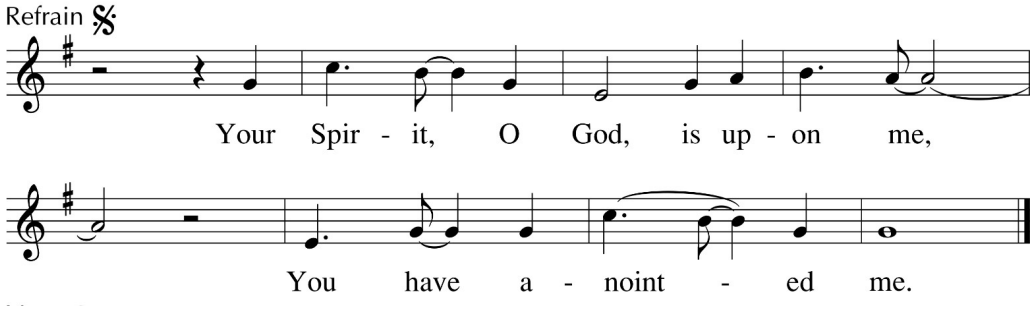


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What about this parable resonates with you?
Do you see connections between this story and your own experience of ministry?

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You Have Anointed Me



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Order of Baptism of Children

Baptism is first and foremost the Sacrament of that faith by which human beings, enlightened by the grace of the Holy Spirit, respond to the Gospel of Christ.

General Introduction, #3

Furthermore, Baptism is the Sacrament by which human beings are incorporated into the Church and are built up together into a dwelling place of God in the Spirit, and into a royal priesthood and a holy nation; it is also a sacramental bond of unity linking all who are signed by it.

General Introduction, #4

Priest ~ Prophet ~ King

Threefold Office = Christ's saving mission and the daily spiritual calling of every Christian.

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Priest

Jesus is the ultimate High Priest who bridged the gap between God and humanity by offering Himself as the perfect, eternal sacrifice.

Priestly ministry = spiritual leader.

Actionable Meaning: The faithful act as priests by offering their prayers, sufferings, daily work, and sacrifices to God.

- Encourage your own spirituality and encourage others to enter into community. Intercede for others. We are exercising Christ's priesthood whenever we pray. (Liturgy of the Hours, Mass, Rosary, etc.)

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Prophet

Jesus is the Word of God made flesh who proclaimed the truth and called people to repentance.

Actionable Meaning: Catholics act as prophets by bearing witness to Christ's truth, defending the faith, and evangelizing through their words and actions.

Prophetic = point to the presence of God; awareness of the presence of God in our lives
***Requires a discerning heart**

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King

Jesus is the sovereign Lord of the universe whose kingdom is defined by truth, justice, and servant-leadership.

(e.g., washing the disciples' feet)

Actionable Meaning: The faithful act as kings by exercising self-mastery over sin and using their gifts to lead others and serve the poor.

KING = shepherd for God's people – **to care for each other**

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Venite ad me, #90

"...we must move beyond a reductive view that regards the liturgy as merely a ritual framework for ecclesial life. The liturgy, in fact, is first and foremost an **experience of faith**, even before it is a teaching, in that it allows the faithful to participate in gestures, words, silences, and symbols, thereby **experiencing the mystery of Christ in a living way**."

(Vatican document released on 22 Oct 2026, Latin for "Come to Me")

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Inspired by the Church's Documents

"The liturgy is the summit toward which the activity of the Church is directed; at the same time it is the fount from which all the Church's power flows."

Sacrosanctum Concilium (SC), #10

"...the entire celebration is arranged in such a way that it leads to a conscious, active, and full participation of the faithful, namely in body and in mind, a participation fervent with faith, hope, and charity, of the sort which is desired by the Church and which is required by the very nature of the celebration and to which the Christian people have a right and duty in virtue of their Baptism."

General Instruction of the Roman Missal (GIRM), #18

"Faith grows when it is well expressed in celebration. Good celebrations can foster and nourish faith. Poor celebrations may weaken it."

Sing to the Lord: Music in Divine Worship, #5

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Magnifica humanitas, #235

"The Eucharist 'is an extremely personal encounter with the Lord and yet never simply an act of individual piety.' In the Eucharist we find a visible manifestation of the reality that we 'are the Church of Christ, his members, his body. We are brothers and sisters in him. And in Christ, though many and diverse, we are one: *In Illo uno unum*.'"

(Pope Leo's 2026 Encyclical)

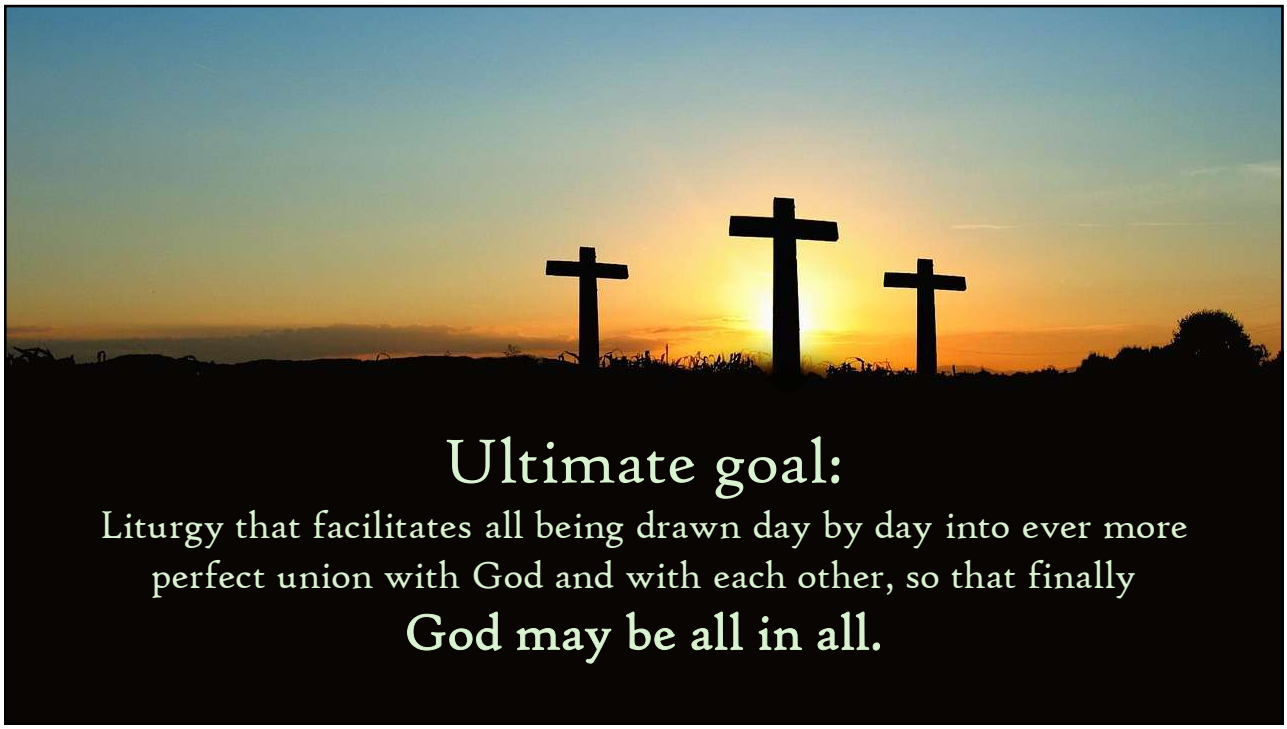
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Sacrosanctum concilium, #48

"The Church, therefore, earnestly desires that Christ's faithful, when present at this mystery of faith, should not be there as strangers or silent spectators; on the contrary, **through a good understanding of the rites and prayers** they should take part in the sacred action conscious of what they are doing, with devotion and full collaboration. They should be instructed by God's word and be nourished at the table of the Lord's body; they should give thanks to God; by offering the Immaculate Victim, not only through the hands of the priest, but also with him, they should learn also to offer themselves; through Christ the Mediator, **they should be drawn day by day into ever more perfect union with God and with each other**, so that finally God may be all in all."

(Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy)

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Venite ad me, #91

"In the liturgy, the believer is never isolated but is part of a '**we**' that precedes, accompanies, and transcends him or her. This communal dimension serves as a powerful antidote to the allure of a selfish and individualistic lifestyle, which, as we have already seen, is so widespread today in many contexts."



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Pope Leo XIV

"In order to promote the dignified celebration of the sacred mysteries, we must emphasize the need for fidelity to the approved texts and instructions…through the Sunday Mass, Catholics will be formed both for the liturgy and by the liturgy."

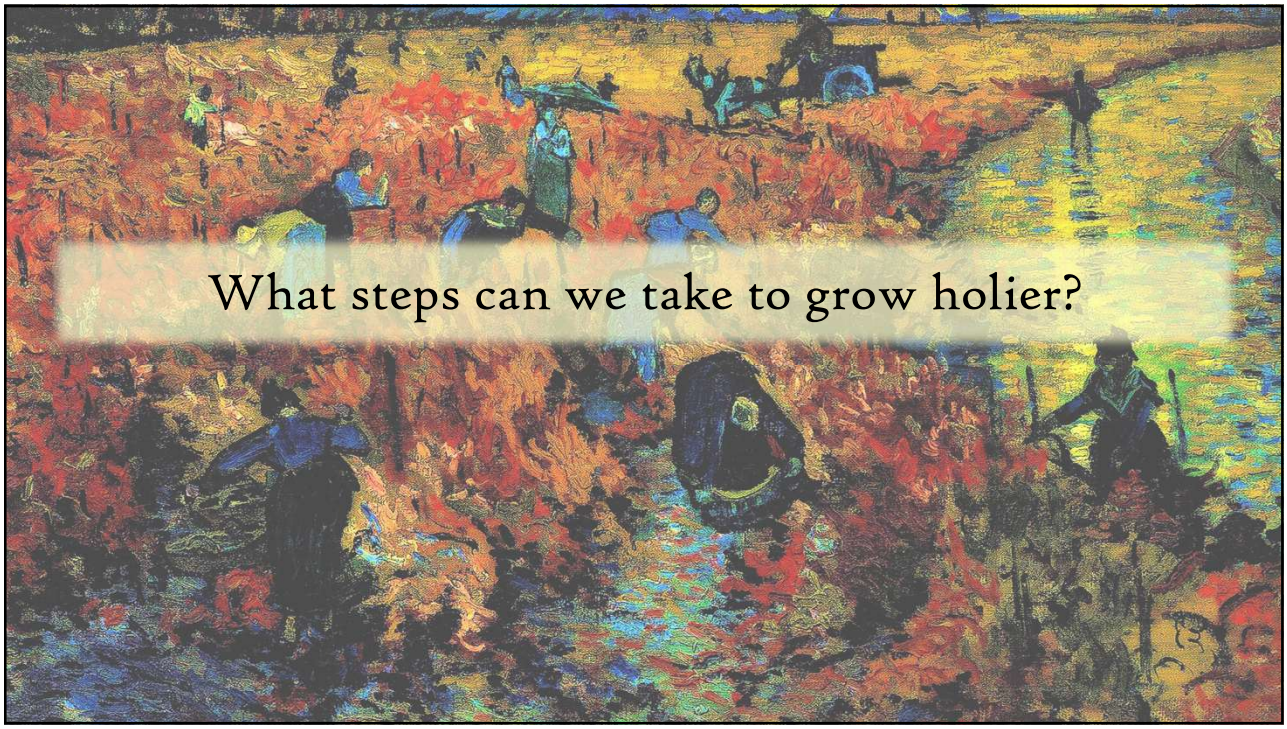
Letter to Cardinal Arthur Roche (Prefect of the Dicastery for Divine Worship and the Discipline of the Sacraments) sent as a message to the participants of the major liturgical formation conference held at Mount Angel Abbey in Oregon (August, 2026)

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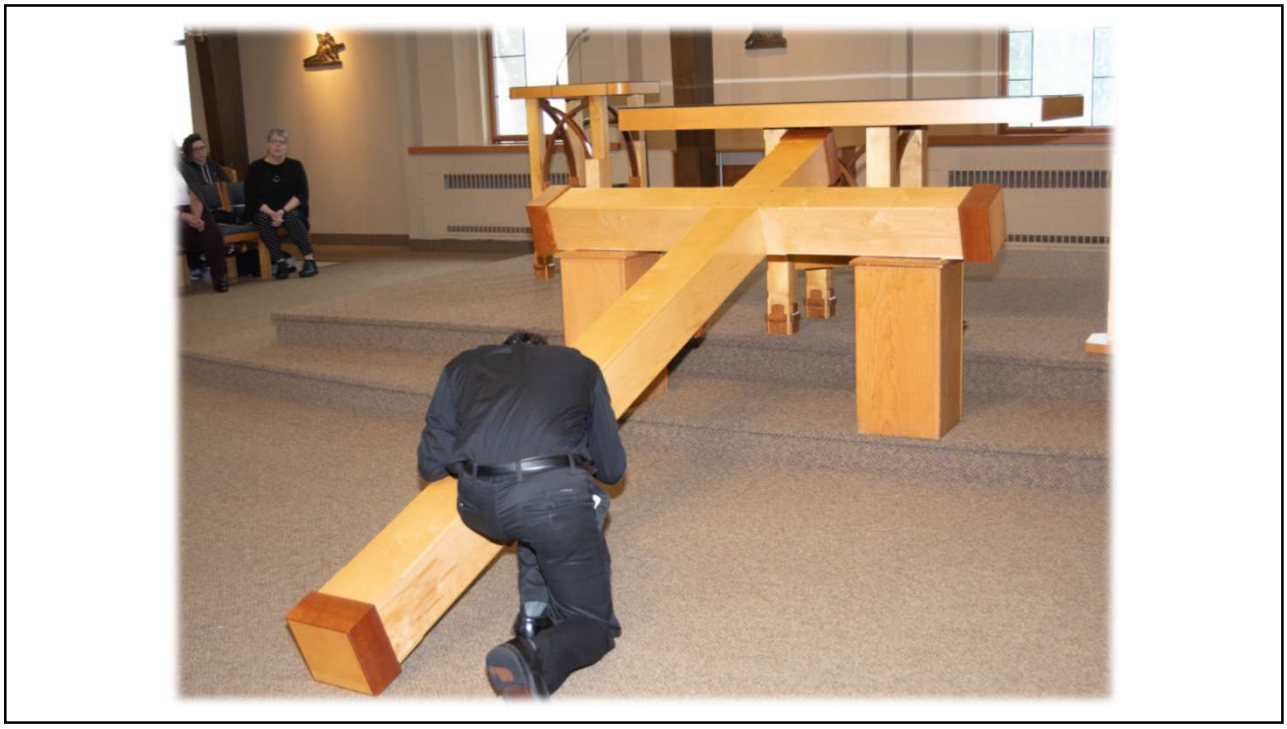


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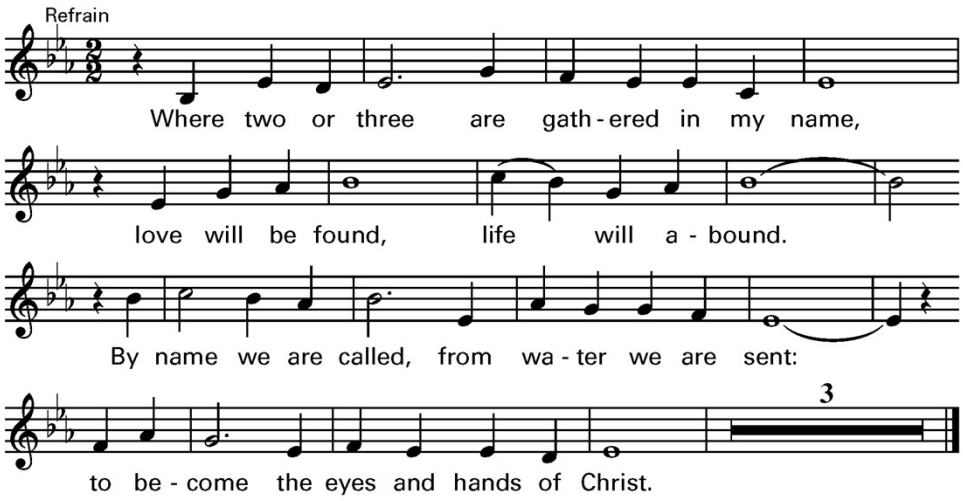
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