



SAINT BRIGID  
— PARISH —

# Saint Brigid School of Prayer

WHO  
DO

Good Teacher This is my Son Forgives sins  
REDEEMER OF JERUSALEM Wind and waves obey him JOHN THE BAPTIST  
Isn't this Joseph's son? Son of Man **Elijah**  
**Lord** Son of David The Chosen One Blasphemer  
King of the Jews Sabbath Breaker  
Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord LIGHT FOR THE GENTILES  
Messiah Son of the Most High God Doctor  
The Holy One of God SON OF GOD Clutton  
One who baptises with the Holy Spirit Beelzebub One of the prophets  
Drunkard Friend of tax collectors and sinners

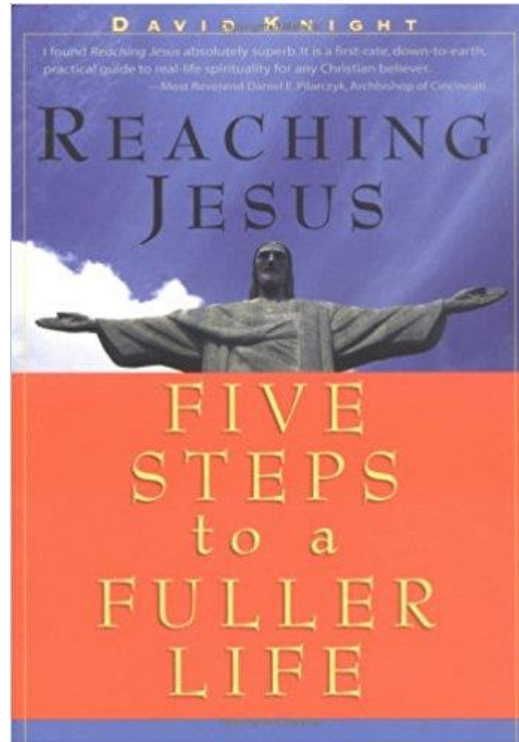
SAY  
I AM?



# Summer Series Overview

SEVEN WEEKS, Tuesday 6:30-8:30

June 19	Introduction
June 26	Being Christian
July 3	Being a Disciple
July 10	Being a Prophet
<b>July 17</b>	<b>BEING A PRIEST</b>
July 24	Being a King/Steward
July 31	Celebration



# First Step: The Choice to Be a Christian


If I were writing the history of my life, what three choices could I identify which made me the person I am?

Is Jesus one of the choices?

# The Second Step to a Fuller Life: The Choice to Be a Disciple

What area of my life could benefit the most from learning more about the attitudes, values and promises of Jesus?





We cannot think ourselves  
into a new way of living.

We *live* ourselves into a  
new way of thinking.

Fr. Richard Rohr

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*The Rite of Baptism for Children*

# The Third Step to a Fuller Life:

## The Choice to Be a Prophet

What do I say, do, wear, buy, use or own now that is not bad, but which seems to say that other values are more important to me than the values Jesus proclaimed?



The Fourth Step:

# The Choice to Be a Priest

Dying to self-enclosed religion;  
Rising to ministry.

What is

religion



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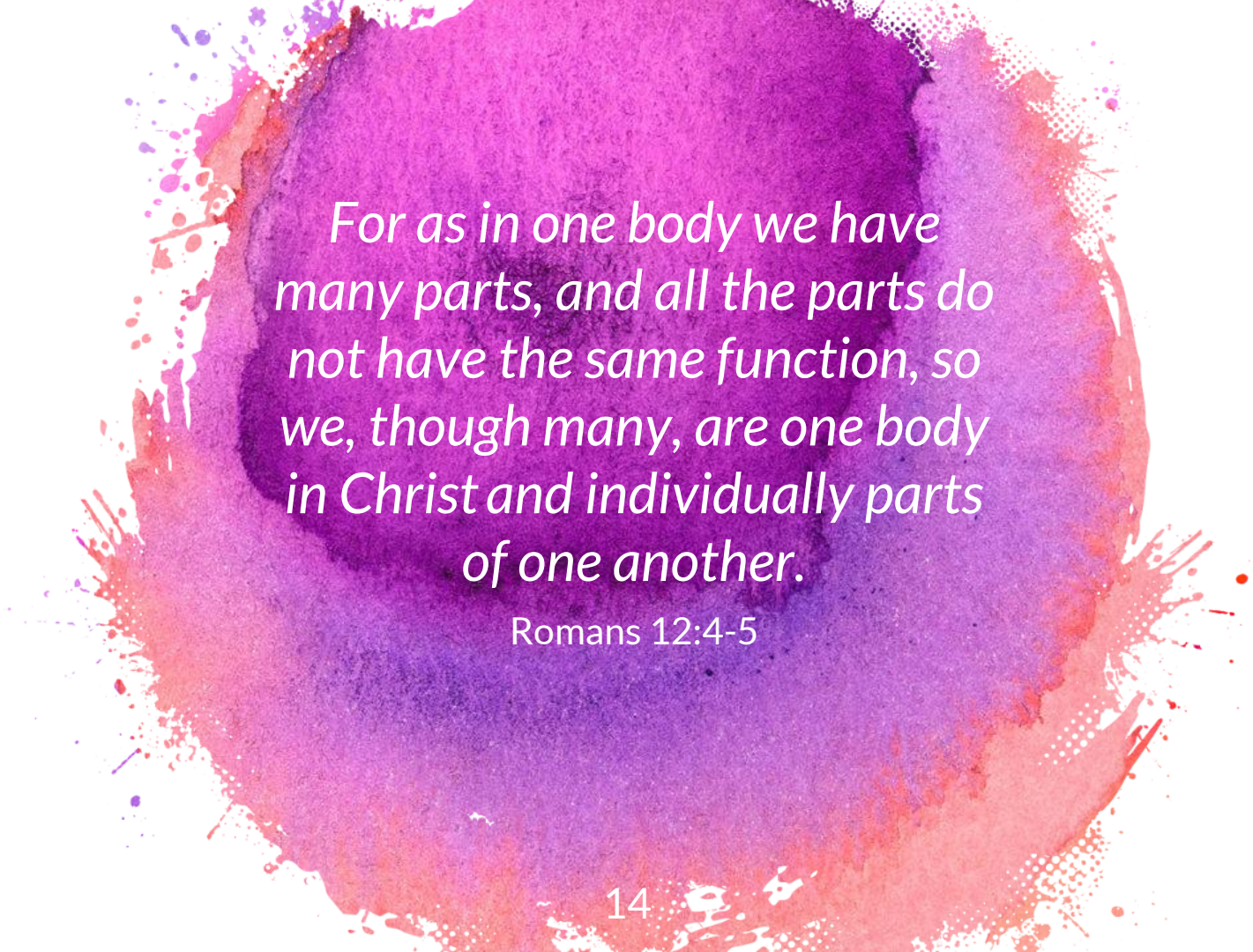
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We are interdependent.





*For as in one body we have  
many parts, and all the parts do  
not have the same function, so  
we, though many, are one body  
in Christ and individually parts  
of one another.*

Romans 12:4-5



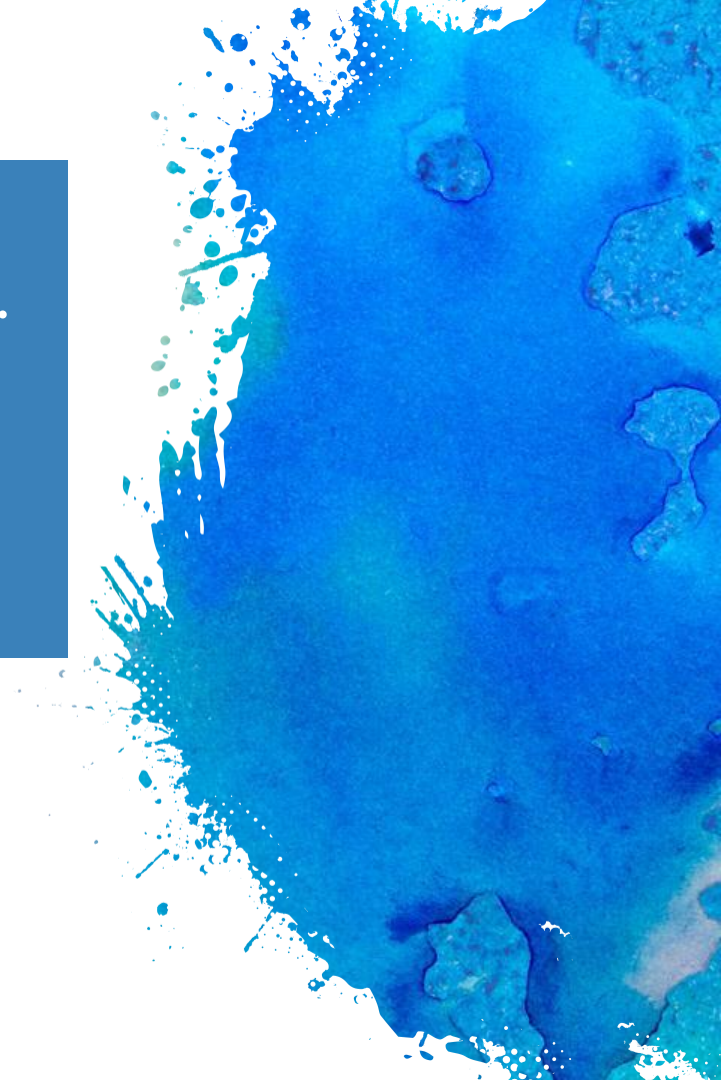
Christianity exists  
in community.

Our faith is always *personal*,  
but never *private*.

Priesthood is only intelligible within a context and acceptance of community.

Those who receive the sacrament of Holy Orders are never ordained for their private personal benefit. *p.65*

This is true of all priesthood  
for all the baptized.



# Jesus is the High Priest

Jesus “did not come to be served, but to serve and to give his life as a ransom for many.” Matthew 20:28











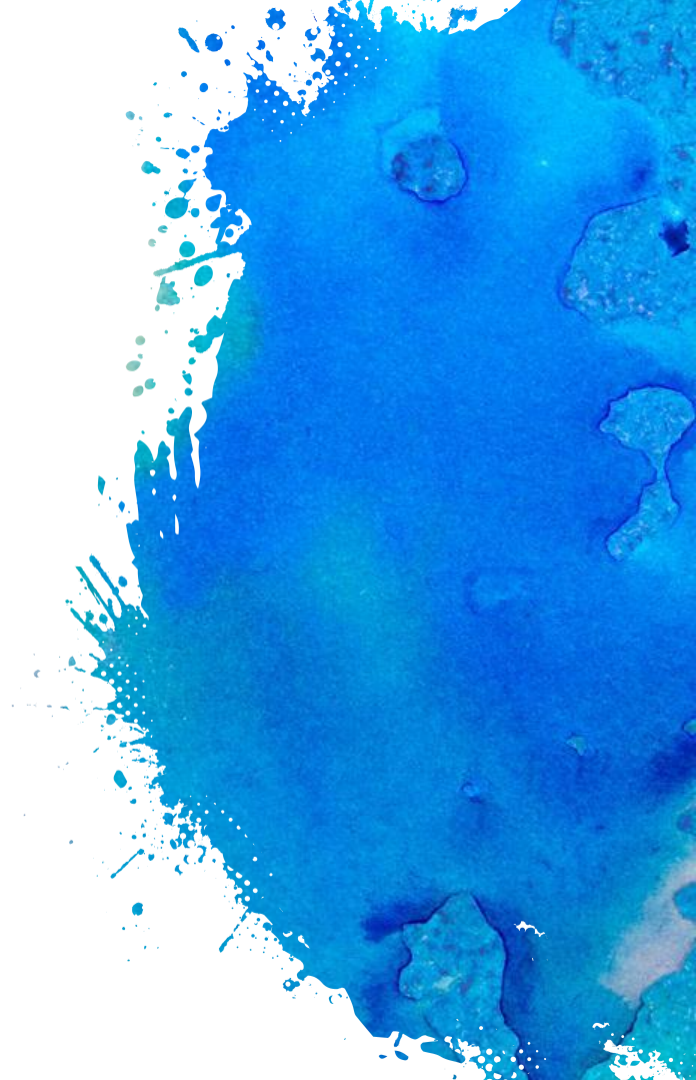
To be baptized is to be consecrated to ministry, to service, to dying to one's self in order to live totally for God and for other people in love.

It is to accept the community dimension of our religion and give ourselves as bread to be broken and eaten for the life of the world. *p.65*



To minister as priests is  
to mediate the life of God  
to others in love. *p.66*

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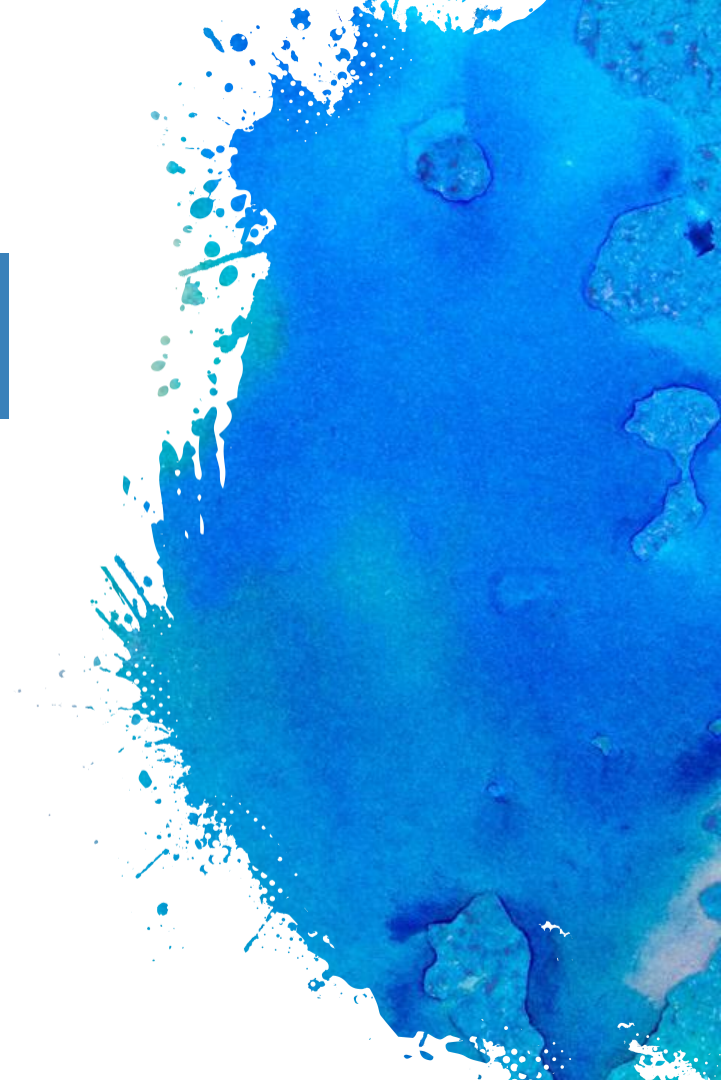


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Do what?



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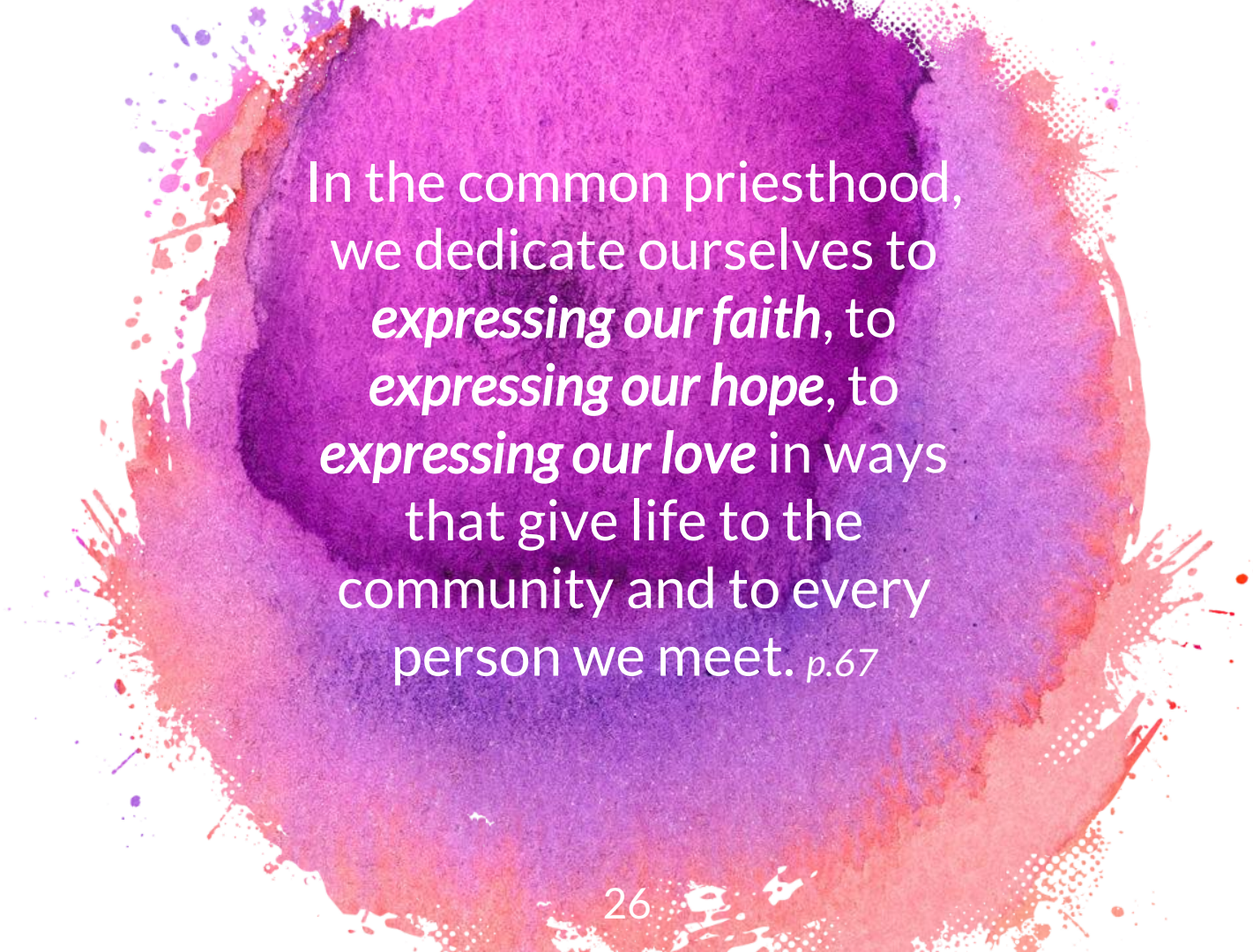
**TAKE. BLESS.  
BREAK. GIVE.**





The Word became flesh and  
*dwells* among us. Fr. Ronald Rolheiser

**THIS IS MY BODY.**



In the common priesthood,  
we dedicate ourselves to  
*expressing our faith*, to  
*expressing our hope*, to  
*expressing our love* in ways  
that give life to the  
community and to every  
person we meet. *p.67*

Why don't we express what is inside?

Why don't we break the ice and smile or say a personal word?

Why don't we compliment people for the good we see?

Why do we kneel alone at the back of the church?

Why do we pick a spot apart from others at Mass?

Why are we reluctant to talk about religion, prayer?

Why are we afraid of praying out loud with others?

Why don't we sing in church and respond with celebration?

Why don't we participate like active ministers?

Why don't we take responsibility for the impact of the liturgy?

Do we think only the ordained are there to minister?

# FEAR



Jesus emptied himself, ... being  
born in human likeness. Philippians 5:7

If the reasons we give for not revealing ourselves  
to others are valid, then God should never have  
taken flesh in Jesus.

God knew that if he revealed his true self to the  
human race, his attitudes and values would be  
misunderstood and rejected.

*He would be misunderstood and rejected. p.73*

# Ephesians 4:11-16

We are called to “build up the body of Christ . . . living the truth in love, we should grow in every way into him who is the head, Christ.”

# How you do it is how you'll do it.

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If we are conscious of our priesthood at Mass, we will probably be conscious of it outside of Mass.

In everything we do, we are called to offer our flesh for the life of the world.

*p.72-73*



# The Fifth Gospel



# **The Fifth Gospel**

**There are five Gospels:  
Matthew, Mark, Luke, John  
and you, the Christian.  
Most people will never  
read the first four.**

Rodney “Gypsy” Smith

## The Choice to be a Priest:

What can I do to live up to my baptismal consecration as priest?

How can I mediate the life of God to others by giving physical expression to the divine truth, the divine love, that are within me?

Concretely and specifically,  
*how, when, where will I do this?*



# Next Session

July 24, 6:30-8:30

“The Choice to Be a Steward”







# Thanks!

Go in peace.

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