

JUNE 5, 2011
ASCENSION SUNDAY

MATTHEW 28: 16-20

*"Go therefore and make disciples of all nations,
... and behold, I am with you always ... "*

(Mt. 28:19-20)

When God asked Moses to go to the Israelites, God reminded Moses, "I am who am" (Ex. 3:14) is sending you. I am with you always. Earlier when Jacob was traveling and had a dream in which God assured him of God's care and presence, Jacob responded. "Truly, the Lord is in this spot, although I did not know it!" (Gn. 28:16) When Mary was invited to be the mother of the Messiah, she again was assured, 'The Holy Spirit will come upon you ... " (Lk. 1 :35). Later Moyer too responded by going into uncharted areas and lands because he knew God was part of the project. Mother St. Andrew* heard God's message and trusted that Providence, God-with-us, would lead and support her.

Today I am invited again to reflect on my responses to GO as led by Providence. How do I challenge my world to a caring understanding of the preciousness and dignity of each life? How do I stand with those who oppose capital punishment, abortion, and euthanasia? What am I doing to help the homeless, the fugitive, and the imprisoned? How do I use resources so that the world is able to continue to nourish itself for future life?

On this Ascension Day the glorified Jesus reminds me again to GO and be hands, feet, voices for others as Jesus did during his life. So as I am nourished by word, sacrament and community, may the final words of Mass be as from Jesus, "Go ..., be ... and know that I am with you always!"

For reflection or sharing:

Δ How do I find God present in my daily life?

Δ How am I nourished to go and be for our world? Who nourishes my soul?

What activities revive me? ~,

Δ How is my life different because I experience Providence as always present in my life?

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