

## **DIVINE CONNECTION!**

In the gospel of St. John this weekend, we read that, ‘...among those who went up to worship at the festival were some Greeks. These approached Philip, who came from Bethsaida in Galilee, and put this request to him, ‘Sir, we should like to see Jesus.’ Philip went to tell Andrew, and Andrew and Philip together went to tell Jesus. Jesus replied to them: ‘Now the hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified...’ (cf. Jn 12:20-33).

Beloved People of God, both individually and collectively, we need to be the connection that leads or takes people to Jesus, to the Church, to goodness, to love and to salvation. Sometimes, that divine connection is the only thing that delays the glory of God from shining out in the lives of the many. Our Blessed Lord still needs missionaries who bring others to him, people who are willing and eager to initiate the move that will ignite God’s saving mission in the lives of others.

Secondly, intercessors are still needed, who pray for themselves and for others. We can learn from him who, ‘during his life on earth, ...offered up prayer and entreaty, aloud and in silent tears, to the one who had the power to save him out of death, and he submitted so humbly that his prayer was heard’ (cf. Heb. 5:7-9). Jesus became for all who obey him the source of eternal salvation, through his sacrifice. The Scripture says that ‘although he was Son, he learnt to obey through suffering...’. We need to become a people of sacrifice. We can learn to obey through such sacrifices that we make for our own good and for the good of others. May the Lord our God help us to walk eagerly in that same charity with which, out of love for the world, Jesus Christ, the Son of God handed himself over to death, for the salvation of the world.

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**All to Jesus – Through Mary our Mother**

**5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Year B**

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