

WHAT IS THE WAY OF LIFE JESUS SHOWS HIS FOLLOWERS?:

1. How would you respond to the question St. Pope John Paul II repeatedly asked on his first visit to France: "What have you done with your Baptism?"
2. "Some kind of prayer should be part of daily life for a follower of Jesus, in order to keep our friendship with him alive." What is your prayer life like? How could you improve your prayer life? Develop a specific plan to devote time daily to "dialogue with God."
3. If someone asked you to describe what a sacrament is, what would you say? What impact have the sacraments had on your life as a follower of Jesus?
4. "Mass is called the summit of our Christian lives ... Mass is also called the source of our Christian lives." How important is worshipping at Sunday Mass to you? Have you experienced Mass to be the "summit" and "source" of your Christian life? If not, why? If so, how?
5. "Jesus took up his cross to do for others what they couldn't do for themselves, to give life and gladness to others. Taking up our cross involves at least in part doing the same: serving, sacrificing to do for others what they can't do for themselves, to give them life and gladness." How have you taken up your cross and given life and gladness to others?
6. "Going to Confession is powerful to help us grow up, and to become holy, to be more like Jesus. Therefore, it's a good idea to go to Confession regularly, say, once a month." What has been your experience of going to Confession? What difference has it made in your life?
7. "From all eternity, God has a plan for each person's state in life. Our responsibility is to learn God's plan, and then say 'Yes' to it, and live it to the best of our ability." If you have not yet discovered the state in life to which God is calling you ("as a single or a married person, or as a sister or a priest"), what action steps could you take to discern your vocation? If you are already living in a particular state in life, what action steps could you take to "live it to the best of your ability"?
8. "Stewardship is practiced by freely, generously, even sacrificially sharing our time, talent and treasure, not compelled by the threat of punishment, or the promise of a reward." How have you freely, generously, and even sacrificially shared your time, talent and treasure with others? In what ways could you better practice stewardship as a way of life?