

Sunday, May 10, 2020; Fifth Sunday of Easter

Acts 6:1-7; Psalm 32(33):1-2, 4-5, 18-19; 1 Pet 2:4-9; John 14:1-12

“I am in the Father and the Father is in me”

Today's first reading narrates the emergence of the first seven deacons of Christendom; servants of charity and justice. Three important elements in the narrative persist in the rite of ordination: the invocation of the Holy Spirit, prayer of consecration, and laying on of hands. Like the deacons, we must be people of good reputation and faith, filled with the Holy Spirit and wisdom. Their service enabled the Christians to care for people bodily and spiritually. Such wholesome pastoral approach must drive our work as church each day. The second reading reminds us that disciples are God's special people, for whom Christ is both center and pillar. That centrality of Christ is at the heart of the gospel, where Jesus challenges us to live by faith and trust in him, who is the Way, the Truth and the Life. Centered on him, we are brought into communion with him and the Father. It is only as such that we accomplish the same works that he accomplished, by becoming his presence in our broken world, and living with the hope of being with him where he is, to see God face-to-face

Lord Jesus, lead us into eternal communion with God. Amen.

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