

NCCYM DAY 02

Prepare the Way Through Justice (Sr. Helen Prejean- Author of Walking Dead)

Preparing the way through justice means that we need to be awake. Be awake to the needs and situation of others. One of the things about awakening to justice is it is humbling when we realize people were awake before us. You do not need to have the blueprint in our back pocket, you just need to be willing to listen.

Sneaky Jesus (new category to theology) Lol! – Grace comes up under us when we need it! Church is supposed to be like a field hospital, get out there and meet the wounded, the hungry etc where they are. We must get up and go, move, create the encounter. **Presence is everything!**

“Whatever you have done, you are more than the worst thing you have ever done!”

Often we freeze frame persons in that moment when they have done something “horrible” in their lives. Justice means that we should encourage persons to understand that we are the sum of both the bad and grace moments of our lives and not just the bad. Where sin abounds, grace is present even more. The gospel of Jesus stretches us because there are always two sides to the story. A horrible situation does not affect one person (the perpetrator of the ill), but we must consider how others are being affected as well. Jesus teaches us that we are all brothers and sisters, we need to be there for each other, even when we are hurt. We must set ourselves on the path of forgiveness. Walk with each other, do not repay a hurt with a hurt or a wrong with a wrong.

Our church needs to stand up for both the innocent and guilty life. Even those who have done a grievous wrong has a dignity which needs to be upheld as such we must be prolife in every situation. We cannot be transformed without community.

With our young people we need to make the journey together. We must walk with them and ensure that they receive the justice the need.