



# counsel

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## WORD

- The Lord's power shall be upon His committed servants.

## THEME

- The Lord's committed servants work for the conversion of others.

## PROMISE

- "...Rejoice because your names are written in heaven." (Lk 10:20b)

## ORDER

- "Come and see the works of God, his tremendous deeds among the children of Adam." (Ps 66:5)

## DIRECTION FOR THE MONTH OF JULY

- As witnesses to God's love and power, let us resolve not to speak ill of others and avoid negative comments about anyone. Rather, let us speak blessing to all.

## REFLECTION

For the month of July 2010

The Readings for the entire month of June form part of the season that the Church calls Ordinary Time. Not that this period, which immediately follows the end of the Easter season, is to be treated as ordinary' or inconsequential, but that the Church specifically established divisions (or 'seasons') in its liturgical year to help the Catholic faithful to go through their spiritual journey armed with Biblical insights into the life of Christ. It is sad that while we may see our churches filled on Sundays and holy days of obligation, especially mandated days during the seasons of Advent, Christmas and Easter, few have a clear understanding of why we go through these particular liturgical seasons. Many do not even pay attention to the Readings during the celebration of the Eucharist, let alone to the homilies that follow, which are meant to put the word of God into the context of our daily life.

We all must remember that our salvation and the eternal life God has promised, are largely dependent on one word - BELIEVE! Yes,

God will grant salvation and eternal life to those who believe, which means believing, not only in Jesus Christ but in the totality of his teachings - His words in the Scriptures. It also means sharing the same life that Christ lived and taking joy in the sufferings that we encounter in life. And to share life with Christ is to take over the mission that He started more than 2,500 years ago. God in the person of Christ took on human form, walked with His Apostles for three years teaching them and showing them the purpose for which they were created. And when He ascended into heaven, Jesus breathed on His Apostles that they may receive power from the Holy Spirit, the Paraclete, advocate, comforter, intercessor, and protector, to go out to the ends of the earth to proclaim the good news of salvation.

It is by sharing our lives with Him that we give honor and praise to the God who brought us into this world. There is no other way for us to cooperate with His grace in gaining eternal life and our place in heaven; for He is the Truth, the Way and, the Life.



Please read the reflection before or after the Prayer Meeting.