

Easter 3 ... Feed My Sheep



Scripture:

This was now the third time Jesus showed himself to his followers after he was raised from death. When they finished eating, Jesus said to Simon Peter, “Simon son of John do you love me more than these?”

He answered, “Yes, Lord, you know that I love you.”

Jesus said, “Take care of my lambs.”

Again Jesus said, “Simon son of John do you love me?”

He answered, “Yes, Lord, you know that I love you.”

Jesus said, “Take care of my sheep.”

A third time he said, “Simon son of John do you love me?”

Peter was hurt because Jesus asked him the third time, “Do you love me?” Peter said, “Lord, you know everything. You know that I love you!”

He said to him, “Take care of my sheep. I tell you the truth. When you were younger, you tied your own belt and went where you wanted. But when you are old, you will put out your hands and someone else will tie them. They will take you where you don’t want to go.”

(Jesus said this to show how Peter would die to give glory to God.)

Then Jesus said to Peter, “Follow me!”

Reflection:

This is calling from Christ to all of us. He is asking all of us to ensure that those around us are tended to in terms of the Christian message and faith. In the same way that a shepherd would tend to his flock, so it is our duty as a Christian school community to help tend and nurture others and each other. It is more than simply giving them food!

In what way do you help those who, sometimes, may feel 'lost' or are struggling?
How might Christ ensure that we too, feel nurtured?



Prayer:

God, please give us a heart of love for Jesus and his sheep or church. Holy Spirit, show us how to be people that feed Jesus' sheep. May we take your command to serve you with all we have seriously. Give us the strength we need to be obedient to your calling.

Amen.

