

## Pastoral Reflection: 15th Sunday Ord. Time- Mark 6,7-13

### Travelling

People have different reasons for travel. Some fly for business. Some drive to visit relatives. Some ride in a train to see the sights. In an increasingly mobile world, people travel to seek new opportunities, new relationships, new experiences.

How many of us have had the opportunity to travel for the good of others? To heal broken relationships? To announce good news? Jesus gave his chosen Twelve that opportunity, the possibility to go out for people's ultimate good.

In the spirit of Jesus' mobile ministry, the Church has always reached out to others, tried to meet these people where they lived, and evangelize them. More than simple obedience to Christ's mandate in Matthew 28:19-20, the Church always seeks to share that which gathers it together: the very life and love of the Father poured out in the Son through the power of the Spirit. As members of Christ's body, we share in the Father's love with a life in the Spirit. Like the Church, we, too, seek to share the Father's love, a life in Christ, and the power of the Spirit with others.

Such an effort requires patience, humility, and charity. We must listen, dialogue, and act as instruments for Christ, so the Spirit can act. We can only rely on the power of the Spirit, not political, economic, or social power to evangelize. (That, of course, does not mean we cannot work with these powers to project Christ's message.) But, we must remember the Spirit really evangelizes, not us. God works through us, not because of us.