

Wednesday 16 October

Rom 2:1-11, Ps 62:2-3,6-7,9, Lk 11:42-46

From Baptised and Sent

In the kingdom of God, what determines relationships between people, overcoming barriers of discrimination and separation, is the mystery of the goodness of God who, in Jesus, unites himself to every person and offers mercy to all. Missionary disciples of Jesus are called to give what they possess within. Not only to give material goods in alms, but to offer themselves first of all: their own lives and their own hearts. (p. 136)

From Pope Francis

“Apostle”, in fact, is a Greek word meaning “sent”, “dispatched”. An Apostle is a person who has been given a mandate, he is sent to do something and the Apostles were chosen, called and sent out by Jesus to continue his work, that is to pray — which is the primary job of an apostle — and, second, to proclaim the Gospel. This is important, because when we think of the Apostles we might think that they were only sent out to proclaim the Gospel, to do many good deeds.ⁱ

From the Good Samaritan Benedictine Story

As the first six sisters sailed out of Sydney Harbour on the SS Changte on 15 October 1948, in some way all of us, Good Samaritans, co-workers and friends, embarked with them on what was to become arguably the most significant journey in our history. Life was changed profoundly. We were set on a path of internationality and cross-cultural living that continues to enrich and challenge us to this day.ⁱⁱ

The general reaction to the Sisters’ coming is one of great gratitude to the Catholic people of Australia. The Christians here are so genuinely pleased, the Japanese Sisters so sincerely thankful, the Bishop and priests so deeply grateful, that I am sure that God will shower very special graces on the Catholic Church in Australia.ⁱⁱⁱ

ⁱ General Audience, St. Peter's Square, Wednesday, October 16, 2013

ⁱⁱ Clement Basden SGS, *The Path Between: The Story of the Good Samaritan Sisters in Japan 1948-1998*, p4

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