

Friday 18 October

2 Tm 4:10-17b, Ps 145:10-13,17-18, Lk 10:1-9

Feast of St Luke the Evangelist

From Baptised and Sent

Those who are sent, like the Lord, establish with those who receive them relationships in which living the peace of the kingdom has begun. Their behaviour leads them to depend on those who welcome them, to whom they entrust themselves and their very lives. Missionaries are therefore fully exposed, even as regards their livelihoods, to the risks of the mission: welcome or rejection, success or failure. (p. 142)

From Pope Francis

Pope Francis sees the homes for elderly priests and religious sisters as shrines of apostolic life and holiness. In these homes, one will find priests and sisters who live under the weight of solitude, and who wait for the Lord to come to knock at the door of their hearts. Unfortunately, we tend to forget about these shrines because they are not beautiful places, because there we see what awaits us. However if we look at them more deeply, they are beautiful; they house a wealth of humanity. To visit is to make a true pilgrimage to a place of apostolic life and holiness. These sisters and priests wait for the Lord a little like St Paul did: they are a bit sad, it is true, but they also have a certain peace, their faces shine with joy.ⁱ

From the Good Samaritan Benedictine Story

*Cultivate towards your fellow passengers and officers a cheerful disposition, no familiarity, but all the ease and gentleness and desire to oblige which, constituting the ordinary politeness, becomes, when animated by supernatural motive, a Christian virtue.*ⁱⁱ

ⁱ Morning meditation in the Chapel of the *Domus Sanctae Marthae*. "The eve of the Apostle's life," Friday, October 18, 2013

ⁱⁱ C. F. Fowler, *At Sea with Bishop John Bede Polding*, p349