

St. John Paul II Parish, Sellersburg IN

The First Fifteen

The Spiritual Life and Evangelization Commission asked that all parish meetings begin with a program we are calling “The First Fifteen.” We are asking all parish meetings to begin with a few minutes of faith sharing. One person in the group reads the reading provided below (which corresponds with this next week’s weekend readings) and everyone is given an opportunity to reflect and share on the readings. The questions below are simply a way to stimulate your reflection. You can use them or anything that strikes you about the word of God.

Sunday, January 14, 2017

Gospel Reading: John 1: 35-42

John was standing with two of his disciples, and as he watched Jesus walk by, he said, “Behold, the Lamb of God.” The two disciples heard what he said and followed Jesus. Jesus turned and saw them following him and said to them, “What are you looking for?” They said to him, “Rabbi” – which translated means Teacher-, “where are you staying?” He said to them, “Come, and you will see.” So they went and saw where Jesus was staying, and stayed with him that day. It was four in the afternoon. Andrew, the brother of Simon Peter, was one of the two who heard John and followed Jesus. He first found his own brother Simon and told him, “We have found the Messiah” – which is translated Christ. Then he brought him to Jesus. Jesus looked at him and said, “You are Simon the son of John; you will be called Cephas”—which is translated Peter.

Questions to Ponder:

1. Do you have or have you ever had a nick name? Do you have another name that you are called by? Who gave you this other name and why did they give it to you?
2. How do you think Peter felt when Jesus changed his name to Cephas (meaning Rock)? This new name had great meaning for Christianity. What was Peter’s future?
3. Can you, like Andrew, say, “I have found the Messiah?” How can you imitate Andrew and share your faith in the Lord?

End with the “**Glory Be**”

“Glory be to the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, as it was in the beginning is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen”