

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, May 6, 2018

John 15: 9-17

Jesus said to his disciples: “As the Father loves me, so I also love you. Remain in my love. If you keep my commandments you will remain in my love, just as I have kept my Father’s commandments and remain in His love.

“I have told you this so that my joy maybe in you and your joy might be complete. This is my commandment: love one another as I love you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one’s life for one’s friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you. I no longer call you slaves, because a slave does not know what his master is doing. I have called you friends because I have told you everything I have heard from my Father. It was not you who chose me, but I who chose you and appointed you to go and bear fruit that will remain, so that whatever you ask the Father in my name he may give you.

This I command you: Love one another.”

Questions to Ponder:

1. Who in your life showed you what unselfish love could be ? Did this lesson help you to be a loving person?
2. How does the new commandment of Jesus differ from the 10 commandments we are used to hearing? Is this commandment easier to live? How?
3. “ It is not you who chose me, but I who chose you...” Does this quote make you feel **Special**? In what ways can you show others how **Special** you are?

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**”