

St. John Paul II Parish, Sellersburg IN
The First Fifteen

The Spiritual Life and Evangelization Commission has 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, July 15, 2018

Gospel Reading: Mark 6:7-13

Jesus summoned the Twelve and began to send them out two by two and gave them authority over unclean spirits. He instructed them to take nothing for the journey but a walking stick – no food, no sack, no money in their belts. They were, however, to wear sandals but not a tunic. He said to them, “Wherever you enter a house stay there until you leave. Whatever place does not welcome you or listen to you, leave there and shake the dust off your feet in testimony against them.” So they went off and preached repentance. The twelve drove out many demons, and they anointed with oil many who were sick and cured them.

Questions to Ponder:

1. Would you or have you ever set off on a journey with no suitcase and no money? How scary would that be? What do you think would make this type of trip possible now or in the time of Jesus?.
2. Why would Jesus send them two by two? What kind of example could this “pair” of disciples give to those they were preaching to?
3. What two sacraments does this reading show you?

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**”