

St. Mary's Parish
Journeying Together, Week 3

1. "At this critical time in our Church, I ask you to recognize and embrace your universal call to holiness; to remember you are created by God for sainthood and to seek His wisdom on how to act upon this call." (*Journeying Together*, P. 5)
 - a. What are your initial thoughts about this quote from Bishop da Cunha?
 - b. What are the challenges to living a life of holiness?
 - c. What is one thing you could (or would like to) change in your life that would help you become a saint?

2. "Just like Jesus, we need to be aware of those around us, to extend an invitation, and to be a welcoming community. This is necessary if we are to move our churches from maintenance to mission."
 - a. What is it that makes you hesitate to invite a friend or neighbor to Church to a small group?
 - b. The Bishop uses the phrase "maintenance to mission". What do you understand that phrase to mean?
 - c. What does a 'mission' Church look like?

3. As part of the "Journeying Together" initiative, Bishop da Cunha has asked parishes to appoint parish ambassadors who can work with the Parish Leadership in the work of parish renewal and the upcoming Synod process. However, there are steps that we can take ourselves.
 - a. In addition to Sunday Mass and small groups, what are ways that you can nurture faith and grow in a deeper knowledge of the faith?
 - b. The widows in this weekend's readings gave of themselves, not from their surplus. In what ways can you give of yourself more with your time, talent or treasure?