

A PARISH NAME IS A PROMISE

Message from the Pastor



Canadian Martyrs is not only the name on the church sign. It is a promise about the kind of parish we hope to be.

In today's Gospel, one son says the right thing but does nothing. The other son begins with a refusal but later changes his mind and goes to work. Jesus makes the point clearly: God looks for a yes that becomes real. That is what we celebrate in the martyrs. Their faith did not stay inside their heads or their prayers. It became courage, service, and witness.

Our witness will usually be quieter. It may be showing up again after discouragement. It may be welcoming someone new. It may be helping with one task instead of assuming someone else will do it. It may be telling the truth kindly, repairing a relationship, or making room for another person's gift.

Canadian Martyrs does not have to look like a rebuilt parish before it can be a faithful parish. We do not need every answer before we begin. **We need people willing to say: "This is my parish too. I will be one small, faithful part of its future."**

Paul says Christ took the form of a servant. That is our model. We do not build a parish by protecting our place. We build it by serving one another. The Good News is that God can work with an honest yes, even when it begins small. Christ gathers our small acts of faithfulness and makes a community of witness.

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