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Sixth Sunday of Easter – May 10th

On this Mother's Day, we are privileged to hear the Scriptures of the Sixth Sunday of Easter. The word love is a constant theme. It is not an easy word. If we are at all honest with one another, we who gather around the altar every week are broken people who are in need of the healing power of Jesus. Resentments sometimes emerge from the distant past or from recent hurts. We need to be reminded that love is more a movement of the mind and will than of the heart. It is at times a very difficult decision. Lest we think it all depends on our own initiative, however, the gospel today tells us:

“It was not you who chose me,
but I who chose you”
(John 15, 16)

Each of us has been chosen to love in a unique way. Mothers have the distinctive privilege of loving in such a way as to give life to their children. In a sense, isn't that the whole purpose of the Church? That is why the Church is affectionately called “*mother*.” By our very nature, we are a missionary people - sent to invite others into the embrace of our forgiving and loving God. We know that the world often rejects us as it rejected our Savior; but...

“I 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.”
(John 15, 16)

Blessed Mother's Day,
Rev. Bill Foley

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