



Jesus, Image of the Invisible God

Leader: All praise, honor and power to the Living God.

All: Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.

Reader: From *Christian Education*, by Father Basil Moreau, on *Zeal*:

If at times you show preference to any young people, they should be the poor, those who have no one else to show them preference, those who have the least knowledge, those who lack skills and talent, and those who are not Catholic or Christian. If you show them greater care and concern, it must be because their needs are greater and because it is only just to give more to those who received less. You must be “all things to all people.” Like Saint-Paul – little with the little, great with the great, seeing in all only the image of God imprinted within them like a sacred seal that must be preserved at all costs.

Leader: Let us pray together (*Col 1:15-20*):

[Jesus] is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation.

For in him were created all things in heaven and on earth,

the visible and the invisible,
whether thrones or dominions or principalities or powers;

all things were created through him and for him.

He is before all things,
and in him all things hold together.

He is the head of the body, the church.

He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead,

that in all things he himself might be preeminent.

For in him all the fullness was pleased to dwell, and through him to reconcile all things for him,

making peace by the blood of his cross
[through him], whether those on earth or those in heaven.

Amen.

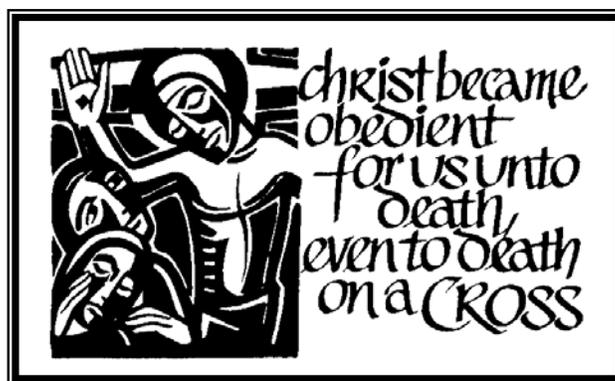
Reader: From the *Proceedings of the General Chapter of 1998*:

To educate ... means accompanying people in their apprenticeship in believing. It means walking with them on their personal journey in the process of acting with faith which cannot but be a subjective attitude. It means giving people access to Jesus Christ; to make known His deeds and gestures for the fulfillment and happiness of people; to encourage them to form community for building the Kingdom. It means helping each person to discover a focus for life. It involves explaining and deepening the great Christian beliefs, to articulate them and to express them in the categories of today's culture. We cannot fail either to draw people into the experience of the sacraments as expressions of faith and symbols of encounter with God.

Leader: Let us place our petitions before the Lord:

(Please mention any petitions out loud)

Leader: We humbly place these petitions in the hands of our Loving and



Provident God and pray,

All: Our Father ...