



Doing the Will of God

Reflections by
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On Being
a Better Servant of God

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“Follow Me,” says the Lord.

The Church invites her members, and those who would like to follow Christ, to have the pure intention of glorifying God in their works. It is very unfortunate that some people have the wrong motives for being Catholic. There are some who identify with the Church for political, economic, and job opportunities, while others embrace the faith for social recognition without getting involved in the activities of the faith.

The bible tells us clearly that the mission of Christ is not to condemn sinners or marginalize people, but to transform them to be good and holy people like Him. He, therefore, encourages his followers not to look back, reflecting on past sins, comparing the past years of the Church with the present. He wants us to trust in Him and continue His mission faithfully in the world. - *J. Ben*

The Way to Pray

The Holy Week which begins with Palm Sunday calls Christians to meditate on the love of Christ for humanity. During his public ministry Christ preached the word of God, fed the hungry, healed the sick, forgave sinners, raised the dead and sacrificed his very life on the cross. By his suffering and death he freed us from our iniquities. Since his Passion is the cause of our Salvation, Christians are to be grateful and faithful to Christ for the rest of their lives precisely to love God and care for the spiritual and material needs of the neighbor. Furthermore, the Passion of Jesus should constantly renew in us the spirit of forgiveness. There are many who wronged us, including family members, friends, workers, managers, fellow believers or those who oppose our faith, etc. Time has come to pray with Christ from the Cross saying "Father forgive them they do not know ..." In any form of problem or difficulty let us trust in the prevailing power of God who consoles and strengthens those who are ever faithful to the end, like Jesus. - *Fr. Ben*

leaving his home. "She was very happy to learn of my plans and asked that God would bless me for what I was doing," he revealed. Tragically, his Mother died in a refugee camp. On a joyful note, while on a brief rest time, Fr. Ben was reunited with his father and brothers in another camp.

After junior studies, he completed his senior level in the Sudan. At that time, seeing the need for vocations for priests outside of the camps, he joined the Apostles of Jesus Missionaries. A primary guidance for Fr. Ben then, and now, was the Rosary and spreading the Word of God.

After studying theology in Kenya, he was assigned to Uganda, where he was ordained in 1997. For four years he served a pastoral community in the Kenyan desert. Later, he moved to the Formation House, a minor seminary in Uganda, to train younger members. Fr. Ben then served as an Administrator for Feeding the Children, a post he held for eight years.