

Christ's mission is to bring the Kingdom of God to all people. Each person has a part of this mission with special talents that help them spread the word of God. All over the world there are men and women who have heard God's call to devote their lives to Christ. Through their sacrifice, those called to the priesthood and consecrated religious life, serve the community and continue Christ's mission.

People with a religious vocation touch the lives of others through education, missionary work, and sacraments. St John Neumann established the first system of parochial schools. Today, priests and sisters continue Christ's mission by teaching students about the Christian faith. Many priests and sisters do missionary work. Mother Teresa, founder of the Missionaries of Charity, helped people with AIDS, leprosy, and tuberculosis. She ran orphanages, soup kitchens, and schools. She brought Christ's love to the unloved. Even Pope Francis has recently opened the Vatican for homeless people to shower. Priests are "ministers of Christ" and administer the sacraments which build up the body of Christ. Through them, we receive Jesus in the Holy Eucharist. Through them and the sacrament of reconciliation, we receive Jesus' love and mercy. St. John Vianney, filled with charity and love, heard confessions everyday for 16 hours from people near and far.

Priests and sisters have made the mission of the Church shine forth. They devote their lives to Christ and make the world a better place as they spread the word of God.