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**KNOW CHRIST**

**LIVE CHRIST**

**LEAD OTHERS TO CHRIST**

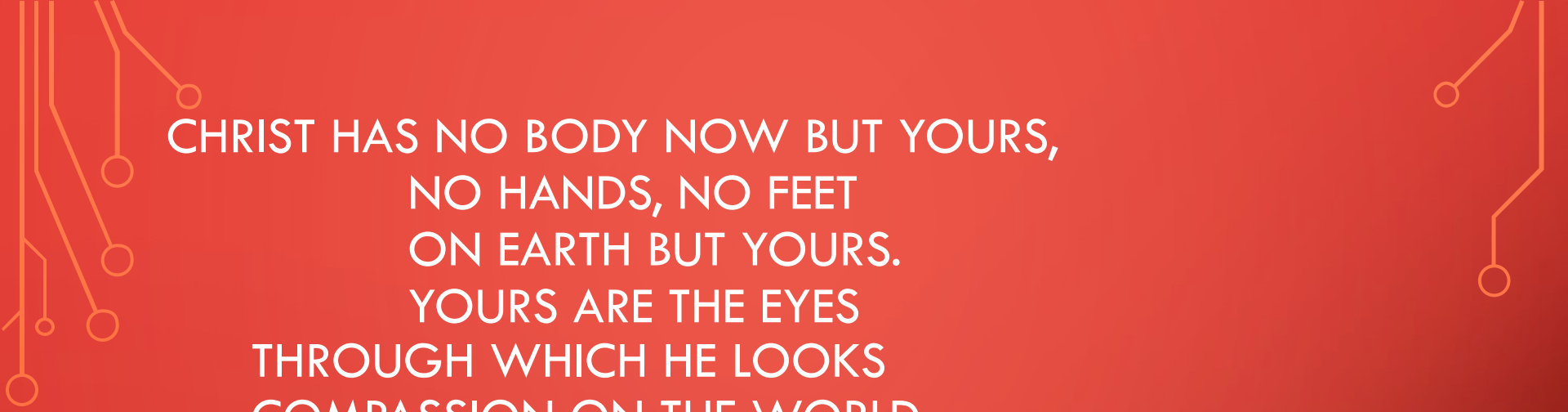
# **LEADERSHIP IN THE POST-PANDEMIC CHURCH**

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# PRAYER OF ST. TERESA OF AVILA



CHRIST HAS NO BODY NOW BUT YOURS,  
NO HANDS, NO FEET  
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YOURS ARE THE EYES  
THROUGH WHICH HE LOOKS  
COMPASSION ON THE WORLD.

YOURS ARE THE FEET  
WITH WHICH HE WALKS TO DO GOOD.

YOURS ARE THE HANDS WITH WHICH HE BLESSES  
ALL THE WORLD.

YOU ARE HIS HANDS,  
YOU ARE HIS FEET,  
YOU ARE HIS EYES,  
WE ARE HIS BODY.

AMEN.



# UNIVERSAL CALL TO HOLINESS AND MINISTRY

- All are called to be missionary disciples.
- USCCB – Called and Gifted
- Mal
- Variety of roles. Catechist and witness
- St. Francis of Assisi

# LIVE CHRIST

- Jesus looked upon individuals and crowds and had compassion on them.
- Two gestures – Pope St. John Paul II- healing and forgiveness
- Engendered hope
- “I have come that you may have life...”

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# THEMES FOR OUR REFLECTION



**COMPASSION**  
**FORGIVENESS**  
**HOPE - LOSS**  
**MISSIONARY**  
**DISCIPLES**

# COMPASSION

- Essence of Jesus
- Distinguish – sympathy, empathy, compassion
- Ghana
- The place where spirituality and ministry meet
  - ▶ Compassion and prayer
  - ▶ Principal in Canada



# COMPASSION AND THE EUCHARIST

- ▶ Pope St. John Paul II
- ▶ Pope Benedict XVI
- ▶ Father Regis Duffy
- ▶ Cardinal O’Fiaich

# LISTENING

- ▶ Listening is the heart of ministry
- ▶ Jesus with the woman at the well
- ▶ My mentor.
- ▶ Jesuits in Ireland – Understood, accepted and loved.
- ▶ “I have the gift of listening.”
- ▶ Karl Menninger
- ▶ Korean woman

**LOOKING BACK...**

**COMPASSION**



**MOVING FORWARD...**

**FORGIVENESS**



# Forgiveness



# FORGIVENESS

- Gift to self
- Happiest
- Major reason not forgive
- Fitzgibbons – control you
- Catechism #2840
- Matthew 6

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# TIME

**PENTAGON VERDICT**  
"Security Measures  
... Were Not  
Adequate"

## WHY FORGIVE?

**The Pope  
Pardons  
The Gunman**



# DISTINCTIONS

- Forgiveness is an act of the will, a decision. You have complete control over forgiveness. No one can stop you from forgiving.
- You have no control over reconciliation.
- Forgiveness does not remove the responsibility for justice
- Forgiveness does not condone the actions of the other



# PROCESS FOR FORGIVENESS

- Acknowledge the hurt and pain
- Pray for the gift
- Make decision to begin the process
- Be patient
- Forgive yourself
- Visualize the positive aspects of the other
- Consider consequences of not forgiving
- Pray for the courage
- Choose
- Celebrate

**MOVING FORWARD...**

**DISCIPLES OF HOPE**



# HOPE

- My experience – universal
- Post-pandemic
- Death/resurrection
- Loss

# SIX STEPS IN DEALING WITH LOSS AND TERMINATION

- 1 Get in touch with all the emotions you are experiencing.
- 2 Accept all the feelings.
- 3 Talk about the feelings.
- 4 Allow sufficient time to grieve.
- 5 Ritualize the loss
- 6 Allow new people to enter your life.

# FORMING MISSIONARY DISCIPLES

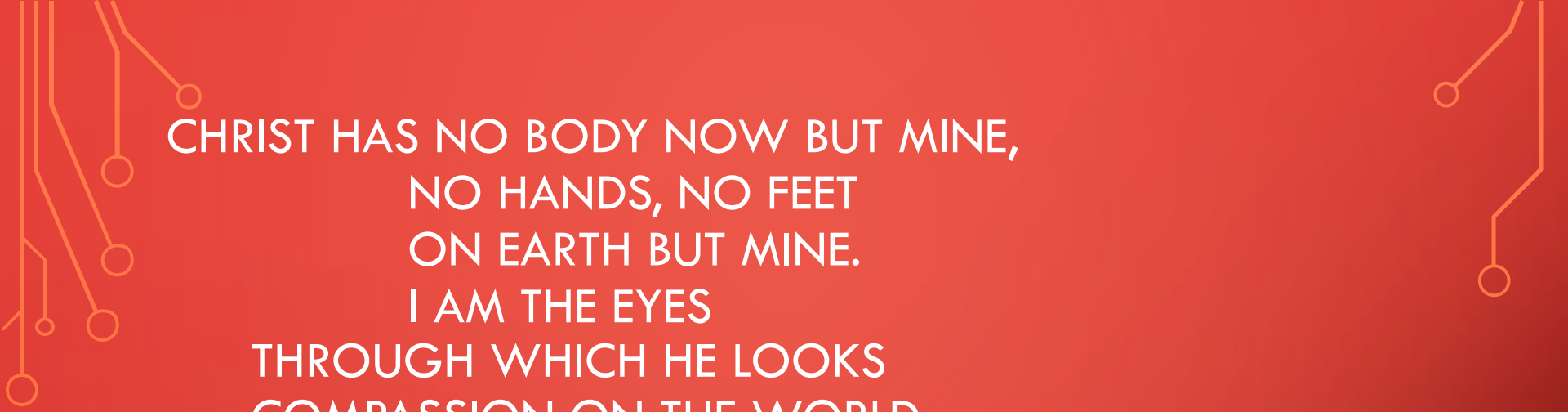
- Ministry Needs Assessment
  - Experienced ministry?
  - What happening?
  - Who did ministry?
  - What do?
  - Compassion – presence & listening
  - Northern Ireland

# DISCERNMENT OF GIFTS

- Scripture. More passages. Mt. 5
- Transforms parishes
- Pastoral council
- Simple process
- Obstacles
- Potentially gift in every life experience
- People you encounter



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# QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION

- Who is the most compassionate person you know?  
Describe that person. Reflect on your past week. Who did you encounter who was in need of compassion?
- Specifically, what will you do to become a disciple of forgiveness? Who do you need to forgive?
- How will you help the parish and parishioners deal with loss?
- Will you provide a gift discernment process for those in your family and parish?

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