

6th Sunday of Easter

John 14:23-29

'The Holy Spirit will bring to your remembrance all that I have said to you.'

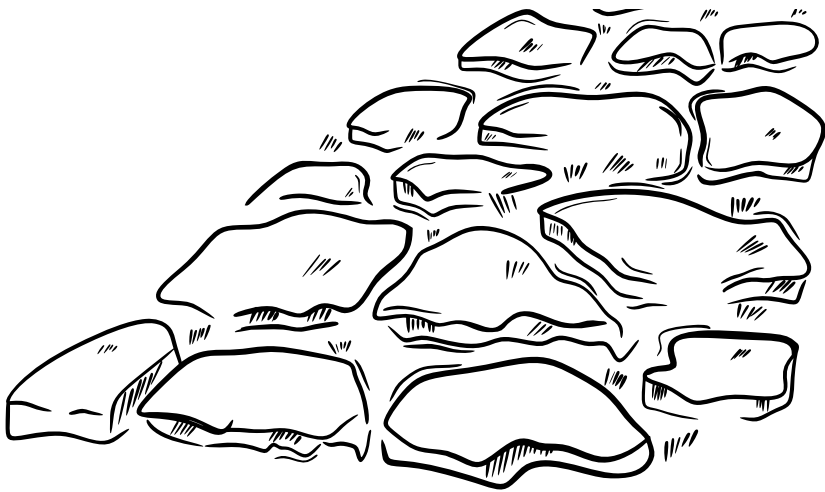
At that time: Jesus said to his disciples, 'If anyone loves me, he will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we will come to him and make our home with him. Whoever does not love me does not keep my words. And the word that you hear is not mine but the Father's who sent me.'

'These things I have spoken to you while I am still with you. But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, he will teach you all things and bring to your remembrance all that I have said to you. Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid. You heard me say to you, "I am going away, and I will come to you." If you loved me, you would have rejoiced, because I am going to the Father, for the Father is greater than I. And now I have told you before it takes place, so that when it does take place you may believe.'

Reflection

In today's Gospel, Jesus says that if we love Him, He will be with us and help us through the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit will remind us of Jesus' teachings and guide us. Jesus also gives us His peace, a peace that helps us when we feel worried or scared.

As Vincentians, we show our love for Jesus by helping others and sharing His peace with those around us. The Holy Spirit helps us do this by reminding us how to care for others and follow Jesus' example.



Materials needed

- A large sheet of paper or poster board
- Markers, pens, or crayons

Activity

Draw the Path: On the poster board, draw a large winding path or road with several sections or "stops" along the way. Each section will represent a step in the group's journey of sharing peace with others.

As a group, think about practical ways to share peace with others in your community over the next few weeks. Encourage ideas that are simple, actionable, and align with Vincentian values. Examples might include:

- Writing kind notes or letters to people who might feel lonely.
- Visiting or calling someone who is unwell or struggling.
- Organising a small collection for a local food bank or charity.
- Picking up litter in the community to create a peaceful environment.
- Creating and sharing prayer cards for those in need of encouragement.

Add to the Path: For each idea, write or draw it on one of the sections of the path. If you'd like, use stickers or symbols to decorate each step.

Plan Together: Assign tasks or roles for each step of the journey. For example, decide who will create the cards, make the phone calls, or lead a small project. Set a timeline for completing each step, ensuring everyone feels included and capable of participating.

Reflection Stop: At the end of the path, draw a final "Reflection Stop" and write: "How did sharing peace change us and those around us?" Plan to return to this stop at the end of the journey to discuss the impact of your actions.

Call to Action

Write your own to do list based on your role in your group's path to peace and put it somewhere that means you won't forget about it.

