Pastoral Message

Fifth Sunday of Easter – May 18, 2014

Acts 6: 1-7 “So the Twelve called together the community of the disciples…..” In every community or society there are challenges and difficulties…. The first community shows us a way of dealing with a problem. Some felt that the word of God was being neglected in order to serve people, so there was a proposal made and accepted to choose men of good character to help. It was a good solution. Hopefully our country can look at the situation of comprehensive immigration reform in a reasonable and just way. We pray that we may work out an acceptable immigration reform.

John 14:1-12 Thomas said to him, “Master, we do not know where you are going; how can we know the way?” Jesus said to him, “I am the way and the truth and the life.”

As Christians, Jesus truly is the way and the truth and the life. Our challenge is to take on the values of Jesus so we can be the way of compassion, speak the truth of love and live out the Jesus today. If we have the way of compassion and love, it helps us to deal with immigrants and the question of immigration. Our Gospel today helps us to have a good model in Jesus.

Prayers of the Faithful: Risen Lord, help us to deal with immigration reform in a respectful and just way. Let us pray to the Lord.

Sincerely Yours in the Divine Word
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