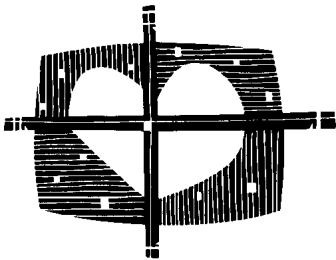


## KEEPING FAITH FIRST- WORD SEARCH

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## Catechizing Corner!

John's gospel exhorts us to follow the great commandment of love. Our Easter faith empowers us to experience what the opening prayer asks of the Father: "help us to celebrate our joy in the resurrection of the Lord and to express in our lives the love we celebrate." Through the eucharist we actualize and make tangible the indwelling Spirit. We are thus empowered to go out and live the law of love, to evangelize and give witness to the saving power of God. "Strengthen us by this Easter sacrament; may we feel its saving power in our lives".

*Mary Birmingham, Word and Worship Workbook,*

*Cycle B, Paulist Press*



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## Disciple's Reflection for the Question of the Week

### Sixth Sunday of Easter

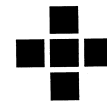
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## Call to Prayer

Begin by calling upon God: **In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, Amen.**

Let us pause for a moment and listen attentively to this week's passage.

## The Word of God John 15:9-17

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John:

Jesus said to his disciples:

"As the Father loves me, so I also love you. Remain in my love.

If you keep my commandments, you will remain in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and remain in his love.

"I have told you this so that my joy may be in you and your joy might be complete. This is my commandment: love one another as

### Gospel Glossary

**Commandments** are divine rules that are expected to be followed. To **bear fruit** is to produce a successful outcome.

I love you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you. I no longer call you slaves, because a slave does not know what his master is doing. I have called you friends, because I have told you everything I have heard from my Father. It was not you who chose me, but I who chose you and appointed you to go and bear fruit that will remain, so that whatever you ask the Father in my name he may give you. This I command you: love one another."

The Gospel of the Lord

## Faith Sharing

### Questions of the Week:

**Children:** How can you show love to your family and classmates the way Jesus says we should?

**Teen:** What specific commandment does Jesus present to His disciples? Do you think you can do this?

**Family:** What does Jesus command us to do as His disciples, and how does He instruct us to do this?

**Adult:** So many of us have people in our lives that are hard to love. Is it easy or hard for you to follow the Lord's command?

## Closing Prayer

May God bless us with the strength to love one another as God loves each and every one of us. We ask this, as we ask all things, through Christ our Lord, Amen.

6th Sunday of Easter