Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)

Gospel text (*Mk* 6:7-13): Jesus summoned the Twelve and began to send them out...

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Today we feel we are heirs of Jesus missionary mandate. The new evangelization is not "new" (meaning it is no innovation for the Church): today, just like yesterday, He sends us through the paths of the world to proclaim the Gospel to all the peoples of the world (cf. Mt 28:19). The Church is always "missionary"!

«Caritas Christi urget nos» (2Cor 5:14): the love of Christ fills our hearts and urges us to evangelize. Through his love Jesus attracts men of all generations to Himself: at all times He convokes the Church and entrusts the Gospel's announcement to it with an always new mandate. Today a more convinced ecclesial commitment is also needed in favour of a "new evangelization" to rediscover the joy of believing and to find again the enthusiasm of spreading the faith.

- Faith grows when we live it as a love which we receive and spread as an experience of grace and happiness.