
From the Pastor's Desk..... 21 December 2014

Some kindergarten children were preparing a Christmas play. Little Cynthia did not like the part she was assigned to play. She wanted to change parts with her friend Monica. When the teacher asked her why, she answered, "Because it is easier to be an angel than to be the mother of Christ." The little girl is quite right. To be the mother of Christ is no light matter.

In the scene of the annunciation in today's gospel we have a story that is pivotal to the salvation of the human race. Here, the whole weightiness of the universe rests on one child's response to God's plan of salvation. Mary's yes enabled the saviour to come into our troubled world bringing peace and redemption and a way out from the tangled corruption of sin.

In Mary we have a model of faith and discipleship. Her yes enabled the immeasurable outpouring of God's grace into our world. We too are called to give our yes freely to God. While acknowledging Mary's unique role as the mother of the Lord, we too are meant to birth God into our world.

Mary's yes is a free response and a holy offering to the God of her salvation. Let us pray that our hearts may be wholly consecrated to the Lord so that we may also be channels of God's grace and peace in our world.

***Peace and blessings,
Gerard***