## MAKE CHURCH MATTER

Cardinal Avery Dulles proposed that the most fitting description of the Church is the "community of disciples." Our aim is to become a community of growing disciples. Disciples are students who are growing to love God and love others as Jesus taught us.

- It is not about a place; it is about a person.
- It is not about fulfilling obligations or simply supplying the sacraments; it is about following a person on a path.
- It is not about programs or services, or even service; it's about steps along that path of growth.

In other words, it is about conversion and then ongoing conversion. A disciple is growing beyond the sin and the self-defeating behaviour that go with being lost and then beyond the selfishness of consumer religion. A disciple willingly sets out on a path of more and more dying to sin and selfishness so that Christ may live in him or her. THAT is going to involve action.