



From the Pastor's Desk

"The words I have spoken to you are spirit and life." (John 6:63b)

Words allow us to communicate our thoughts and ideas to each other. They bring forth meaning and purpose from our minds, the place of understanding and desire.

When God created the cosmos, we hear again and again in Genesis that, prior to each created thing, God spoke the thing to be created and it came into being.

Through his words, God brought forth creation. In a more explicit sense, we understand that God brought forth creation through his Word, who is the Son of God, the second person of the Trinity.

We acknowledge this in the Nicene Creed each Sunday when we say that Jesus Christ is consubstantial with the Father and "through him all things were made."

The Word of God, Jesus Christ, manifests and brings forth God's Being into the cosmos. Jesus Christ contains and expresses the deepest truth and mystery of life. He is both within and outside the boundary of our material universe.

While the cosmos was created apart from God's Being, the Word that came from God to create the cosmos became a part of our world, a part of God's creation, through the Son of God's Incarnation into our human condition, as Jesus Christ.

Only God, in his infinite and perfect omniscience, can create reality from his Being. As such, only God's Word offers genuine life and complete meaning.

To our unending joy, God offers us his Word, who is Jesus Christ. In the Eucharist, the Word becomes physically present to us in his Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity.

For those who recognize Jesus Christ and his teaching as the word of God, life

becomes an amazing reality imbued with God's character. Everything we can ever know, want, or need is flowing from God and returning to God through his Son.

Our search for meaning and purpose comes, not from the material cosmos we inhabit, but from God's Word, which has come to us and continues to come to us through his Son, Jesus Christ.

As Christians we seek to understand - to better know, God's Word so that we can draw ever closer to the mystery and meaning of life.

As we come to better know and love God through his Son, we cannot help but to desire Christ's life through our service to him. It is through our participation in the Word that we gather others to God's life, to his divine community.

This is the goal of our faith lives: to share our faith, hope, and love of Christ with others - to become **Missionary Disciples**.

We want to share the "spirit and life" that God offers us through his Son with the whole world. This sharing of God's community is the one activity that brings us true purpose and meaning in our lives and leads us to everlasting and perfect joy.

- Fr. Brian Kean