



## **A weekly reflection by members of the Precious Blood Community**

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*“Wisdom is vindicated by all her children.” (Lk 7: 35)*

What stuck out for me in the Gospel today is that Wisdom leads each of us to minister in our own unique and beautiful way.

Here in Chicago, I live in an extended community with the Emmaus House Catholic Worker. While I am not a formal worker, we share weekly community dinners and take part in mutual aid projects around the West Side. When one of our community members passed away unexpectedly, we knew that we would need to rely on each other and made reasons to gather – planning a movie night, gathering for board games, “eating food, and drinking wine.” Sometimes, coming together to enjoy each other’s company, for a celebration of life or even to mourn a death, is a ministry in itself.

Sometimes, too, having time for prayer and reflection can be an important and beautiful part of our participation in God’s love and life. I recently had a conversation with an Augustinian brother joining us in ministry at PBMR this semester. He told me a little about their community life at the Augustinian house and how having time to come together in prayer is an important value for them. While the vibrancy and bustle of PBMR might seem very different, both quiet prayer and loud community life are beautiful ways to live out God’s call.

In today’s Gospel passage, we complain about Jesus spending so much time breaking bread with others and also about John the Baptist spending so much time in prayer by himself. I hope that today, guided by this Gospel passage, we can come to know and celebrate both of these modes of ministry and all of the wonderful, varied ways that Wisdom moves us to express God’s love in our own lives and in each other’s.

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