



A weekly reflection by members  
of the Precious Blood Community

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“Set apart for me Barnabas and Saul for the work  
to which I have called them.”  
(Acts 13:2)



There’s a phrase that echoes through today’s readings: being sent.

In the first reading from Acts, we hear it clearly.

*“Set apart for me Barnabas and Saul for the work to which I have called them.”*  
After prayer and fasting, the community lays hands on them and sends them out.

They don’t go on their own. They are sent.

For those of us connected to the spirituality of the Precious Blood, that language should sound familiar. To be a missionary is, at its core, to be one who is sent. Not just across oceans or into distant places, but into the ordinary spaces of our daily lives. Our neighborhoods. Our workplaces. Our communities.

We are sent.

The Psalm reminds us why.

*“So may your way be known upon earth; among all nations, your salvation.”*

We are not sent for our own sake. We are sent so that others might come to know something of God's love, God's justice, God's mercy. We are sent to make that love visible.

But the Gospel challenges us with how.

Jesus says, "I came into the world as light, so that everyone who believes in me might not remain in darkness... I did not come to condemn the world but to save the world."

That's the part that stops me.

If I'm honest, it's often easier to judge than to illuminate. It is easier to decide who is right and who is wrong than to simply show up as light. The world around us seems to reward certainty, arguments, "winning," and drawing lines between "us" and "them."

But Jesus does something different.

He speaks the truth. He calls people forward. But he does not condemn. He does not force. He simply brings light.

And light does what light does. It reveals. It invites. It shows a way forward.

That's our call too.

To be sent does not mean we have to win arguments or prove points. It does not mean we are responsible for how others respond. It means we show up carrying the light of Christ in how we live.

In acts of compassion.

In moments of patience.

In the quiet work of accompaniment.

In the long, often unseen work of reconciliation.

At PBMR, we see this every day. Transformation does not come through condemnation. It comes through presence. Through relationship. Through the steady, faithful choice to keep showing up, even when it's hard. (Maybe especially when it's hard.)

Not everyone will accept that light. Jesus tells us as much.

But that does not change the mission.

We are still sent.

So we keep going.

We keep showing up.

We keep choosing light over judgment.

Because that is what we have received.

And that is what we are called to give.

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