

A weekly reflection by members of the Precious Blood Community

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"A sower went out to sow." (Mark 4:3)

If we want our seeds to yield more than we sow, we must sow a lot of seeds in the right season. To create rich soil for sowing, we need to remove debris and loosen, turn, and weed the soil. Some plants do well in acidic soil, while others grow well in alkaline soil. Rich soil can be anywhere, in a container or in the ground. At PBMR, we have a beautiful farm. Everything is planted in wooden containers.

It is my belief that a restorative philosophy is rooted in spirituality. As leaders who are rooted in spirituality at Precious Blood Ministry of Reconciliation (PBMR), I see us as sowers and our participants as the soil. Our participants let us know where they want to plant or be planted. Cultivating relationships is the best way to understand the type of soil we are working with before sowing the seeds to yield the harvest they desire for their lives.

Even in the best soil, we may not reap a harvest, but we definitely will not reap a harvest if we do not sow seeds. We must believe in the seed we sow, knowing that not all will produce fruit. There is nothing we can do about the last harvest; we can learn and do better with the current one. Once we see the harvest of thirty, sixty, or a hundred times what we sowed, all our effort is worthwhile.

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