

Motivation for Mt 14:13-21

Before Jesus does any miracles, he always asks for faith from the people who are going to witness it. This faith is needed as an act of trust and self-abandonment. In the reading of this Sunday, the same thing happens: he not only asks for people to trust and give up their will but also gives us an example and does it himself. He, wanting to be alone with his disciples, not only receives the crowd who is following him and heals their sick, but he also gives them something to eat so that they can stay longer, and what is more, he asks his disciples to do it. There is something that Christ wants to tell us with this way of behaving, there is an example he wants to give, and he wants to give it to you. I invite you to make this act of faith, of trust and self-abandonment, so that Christ, in this Lectio, may multiply the bread he gives us today through his Word.