

In our first reading God asks “Who shall I send” and Elijah answers “Send me!”

In the Gospel – after a miraculous catch of fish – Peter is told he's going to go fishing for men
and Peter, James, John and Andrew leave everything to follow Jesus

God called Elijah and Peter to grown the KOG and they responded

God is still calling people to grow the KOG – right here in NWD

The reality is – for our faith to make a difference, we have to put it to work too

There's an old story about a priest walking through town with the richest man in town

He owned a soap factory and was complaining about religion

“Religion is meaningless, it doesn't make any difference at all,

Everywhere you look there's still sin, corruption and evil”

As they walked along the came to a child playing in a mud puddle

The priest said, you make soap all that soap doesn't make any difference –

Everywhere you look we still have dirty children

“Well if soap is going to work you have to use it”

“AHA - The same is true of faith – and religion”

For our faith to make a difference we have to use it

Yesterday we had 87 teen agers receive the sacrament of Confirmation

Today we are joined by our 9th grade students on retreat – great – NOW WHAT?

Here's the secret – its really simple – the secret is chocolate milk

How do you make chocolate milk? - - -

We all start off like a glass of milk

At baptism we receive the Holy Spirit (like Bosco poured into milk)

Bosco lays at the bottom of the glass – we have it – its in us – but no chocolate milk yet

Ya gotta stir it up

For our faith to make a difference you have to use it

When I was 19 I was invited to go on retreat with some other kids my age

(Reality was - I went on retreat to meet girls)

During the retreat I heard “God loves you” ME? REALLY? YES YOU

This could be a weekend experience – or . . .

So I met with a few others to pray, then to a bible study **(I was stirring my milk)**

If you want your faith to make a difference – start using it.

When you have the opportunity to share your faith – at Shaws, at Post Office, at school

God is asking “Who shall I send?”

YOU can be Elijah! It's time we start stirring our milk.