

All things in common

Acts 2:42-47



⁴² They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. ⁴³ Awe came upon everyone, because many wonders and signs were being done by the apostles. ⁴⁴ All who believed were together and had all things in common; ⁴⁵ they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need. ⁴⁶ Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts, ⁴⁷ praising God and having the goodwill of all the people. And day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved.

Fourth Proposal – Make the communion among all who love Christ more visible

You are the Body of Christ. (1 Corinthians 12:27)

In our village, our city and our region, there are people who also love Christ, but in a different way than we do. Calling ourselves "Christians" means bearing the name of Christ. We receive our identity as Christians through baptism, which unites us to Christ. Let us try to give more visibility to this common identity, instead of emphasizing our denominational identities.



When differences appear to be incompatible, that is no reason to separate. During his life, Christ went beyond boundaries and, on the cross, he stretched out his arms from one side to the other, between those who are divided. If Christians want to follow Christ and let God's light shine in the world, they cannot remain divided. It is the Holy Spirit who unites us.

A suggestion to all: Why not go towards those who are different, another group, another parish, another movement, another denomination, a Christian community of migrants...? We can make visits, let others welcome us, invite them. We can turn together to Christ in a simple prayer, putting ourselves "under one roof" without waiting for everything to be fully harmonized, and in this way we can live in anticipation of full communion.

Questions for group sharing



- What impresses you most in the description of the life of the first Christians?
- What call or invitation for your own life do you hear in the Bible text?
- How would you describe your "dream" family, neighborhood, church community? What could you do to make it a reality?

- *Read the fourth proposal and the suggestion to all:*

Where do you experience a communion in Christ which goes beyond boundaries?

What do you receive from other Christians?

How could you "go towards those who are different"?