

Reflection from the Gospel of Mk. 10:46-52

30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mission Sunday

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The scenario in today's Gospel brings me back to the encounters I had these past months with the street dwellers, individuals and families mostly affected by the pandemic. Listening to their stories, their sentiments, the longing and the cry of their hearts...begging and pleading the Lord *"kaawaan nawa tayo ng Diyos - may God have mercy on us... wala nang mawawala sa amin, wala na kaming kahit ano, sa Diyos nalang kami umaasa* – we don't have much to lose, we do not have anything, only in God we rely." Despite the hardships of life and in their nothingness, they received the grace of faith and the favor to believe such as the blind Bartimaeus in the Gospel. In an act of faith, he cried out loudly "Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!" And again, yelled "Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!" With the voice of that belief, Jesus stopped and said "call him..." and asked; "what do you want me to do for you?" He replied, "Master, I want to see you." And Jesus told him, "go your way; your faith has saved you..." a faith that restores sight. Like what Francisco Palau said: "I looked at Christ, uncreated wisdom and head of the Church; I looked with the eyes of faith." MR V,2

May the occasion we celebrate today, World Mission Sunday, remind all of us that mission is the very reason of our existence, that we are mission. We begged the Lord to strengthen our faith, to heal us from our blindness so we could be witnesses of the Risen Lord, and be missionaries of our faith. We beseech Him to help us hear those who 'cry for help' especially in this trying time whereas many of our brothers and sisters are living in darkness.