



Saint Catherine's Vision
Building Up the Body of Christ

“Divine Compassion and Christ in the Everyday”
An SCV Outreach Ministry via Teleconferencing

Living the Beatitudes and Christ in the Everyday Blog Submissions

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Our first meeting was striking. As we greeted and met each other digitally, I was reminded of the verse from Romans 5:20 “But where sin abounded, grace did much more abound.” We were a group of women of diverse ages, backgrounds and nationalities. What had brought us together in that moment in time was a deep commitment to Christ, amidst extraordinary suffering. We spoke simply and honestly of life’s trials and the grace we had received as we each bore our crosses with fortitude and faith. They were profound thinkers whose actions were compassionate and centered on Christ. I felt as if their presence was like the fragrance from the censer that wafts gently into the air reminding us that we were in the midst of Christ.

Sitting together that day for our first meeting, it seemed to me that Saint Catherine’s Vision had opened a window into the world where grace and beauty abound even as we felt the deep tremors of an ancient sin, of brother, killing brother. Something we were all grappling with, even as COVID had pulled the rug from under our daily routines to a new reality.

Our gathering to meditate and reflect on the Beatitudes in such times had to be the balm the world so desperately needed. How so? Perhaps like those quiet ripples that lead outwards into ever widening circles, a meditation on the Beatitudes could perhaps become that ripple.

I wondered, if Christ were standing on a mountain at this very moment and said these words from the Beatitudes, would we stop shouting incoherently and listen as his disciples had done? Would we stop playing games with one another’s lives? Would we take off our masks and reveal ourselves? Would we stand still and listen and pay heed to His words?

This is our protest. Like the myrrhbearers we gather together, our hearts open to our Lord. To pray, meditate and journey together, to listen, share, and wrestle, to stay with those moments that are uncomfortable, so we may allow ourselves to be transformed in the presence of our Lord.