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Renewing the Church in Manville Prayer Service: *Put Out Into the Deep Waters*

Opening Prayer

Leader: God, come to our assistance.

All: O Lord make haste to help us.

Glory to the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit.

As it was in the beginning, is now and will be forever, Amen. Alleluia.

Give Us the Courage to Enter In

Leader: Give us, Lord, the courage to enter into this moment in time,
Into this gathering of your disciples,
into this time of grace.

All: *Lord, give us courage to enter in.*

Leader: Give us, Lord, the courage to enter the possibilities that lie before us,
like shells on the seashore, waiting to be discovered.

All: *Lord, give us courage to enter in.*

Leader: Give us, Lord, the courage to enter into the tasks and challenges before us,
In a spirit of exploration and generosity,
in the Spirit of your Son.

All: *Lord, give us courage to enter in.*

Leader: Give us, Lord, the courage
to enter into the ideas and suggestions to be voiced
and to hear them with an open, receptive ear,
alive to the wisdom they contain.

All: *Lord, give us courage to enter in.*

Leader: Give us, Lord, the courage to enter into your presence,
to be carried along by your power,
reaching out to save us.

All: *Lord, give us courage to enter in.*

Scripture (Luke 5)

Once while Jesus* was standing beside the lake of Gennesaret, and the crowd was pressing in on him to hear the word of God, he saw two boats there at the shore of the lake; the fishermen had gone out of them and were washing their nets. He got into one of the boats, the one belonging to Simon, and asked him to put out a little way from the shore. Then he sat down and taught the crowds from the boat. When he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, 'Put out into the deep water and let down your nets for a catch.' Simon answered, 'Master, we have worked all night long but have caught nothing. Yet if you say so, I will let down the nets.' When they had done this, they caught so many fish that their nets were beginning to break.⁷ So they signaled to their partners in the other boat to come and help them. And they came and filled both boats, so that they began to sink. But when Simon Peter saw it, he fell down at Jesus' knees, saying, 'Go away from me, Lord, for I am a sinful man!' For he and all who were with him were amazed at the catch of fish that they had taken; and so also were James and John, sons of Zebedee, who were partners with Simon. Then Jesus said to Simon, 'Do not be afraid; from now on you will be catching people.' When they had brought their boats to shore, they left everything and followed him.

Homily (Rev. Msgr. Joseph Celano)

Intercessions

For what else shall we pray today?

Our Father...

Blessings

Together:

May not the grass that grows
Nor the sand on the shore
Nor the dew on the pasture
be more plentiful than
the blessing of the King of grace
on every soul that was,
that is and that will be. (*Traditional*)