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VISION LETTER FROM FR. DUY



VISION SUNDAY

As you all may have guessed, our Vision for 2024 is Become - to Become Christ for others. This year's vision stems from Solano's mission - Belong, Believe, Become. Back in 2018, when I was first assigned to Solano, I wanted to find direction not just for myself but for my newfound home. So we established Solano's Mission of **Belonging** to Christ, **Believing** in Christ, and **Becoming** Christ for others. And these three "steps" are a consistent journey. While last year our vision for 2023 was to Believe in Christ and his teachings, we never stopped belonging to the Solano community and the Church. The same goes for this year. While this year we focus on Becoming Christ for others, we continue to belong to our church and believe in God's word.

The purpose of Vision Sunday was to devote a weekend in the new year dedicated to focusing on a specific theme, value, or action. And while belonging and believing are still a constant within this parish, becoming is the ultimate act of faith; to step outside the boundaries of Sunday Mass and to take action. And there are so many ways to become. This can be through volunteering at our Food Bank, serving as an usher, lector, or minister, helping our kids in our YFF programs, contributing monetarily, and even participating in our worship by singing aloud.

Pope Benedict XVI says that "for Christians, volunteer work is not merely an expression of good will. It is based on a personal experience of Christ...The experience of God's generous love challenges us and liberates us to adopt the same attitude towards our brothers and sisters."

Whatever becoming looks like to you, what matters most is that you know the work being done, God will use to build his kingdom up. And if you haven't thought about how you can actively participate, the best way is to pray about it! Continue to belong to this parish and learn more about what God is calling you to do this year.

Thank you for your "yes" to this parish and to this family. I look forward to serving our church community and will continue to pray for Solano.

In Christ,
Father Duy Le
Pastor