

We've been outside working in the yard. Sweating we come inside the house and say: "Do I ever want a glass of water."....or "Would I enjoy a can of pop." or "Huh! I need a beer." What are we bringing with us into the house? THIRST.

Kids, youngsters and teens sometimes come home from their very busy lives and ask: "What's there to eat?" They bring HUNGER with them into the house.

In today's Gospel Jesus challenges His Disciples to bring PEACE into whatever house they enter. That's quite a challenge! Those words are also addressed to us today in 2010.

As we live our day, what do we bring with us into the situation? It might be joy, excitement, or a song; it might be criticism, irritation or frustration. We may bring with us a smile, fear, anger, or a hearty laugh.

This week let's make the intention to bring PEACE with us ...peace while in the car, peace while in our homes, peace in our phone conversations. Bring peace with us when we are in check-out lines, while looking for a parking place, while waiting for our appointment in a Doctor's Office. See if we can share PEACE in our exchanges with others, while doing errands, while praying.

In closing, a young boy brought PEACE to his worried Mom in the following story. "I'm not old enough to play baseball or football. I'm not 8 yet. My Mom told me when I start baseball, I'm not going to be able to run that fast because I had an operation. (Now here's the GIFT of the child) I told Mom I wouldn't need to run that fast. When I play baseball, I'll just hit the ball out of the park. Then I'll be able to walk around the bases."

My sisters and brothers: May our days be full of peace shared and peace received!