

16th Sunday in Ordinary Time B Homily

Our bishops are the spiritual successors of the Apostles. Jesus demands many things of each bishop of the Church; just as he demanded many things of his Apostles.

It is not easy being a bishop. A bishop is constantly at work trying his best to shepherd the flock entrusted to him by the Pope; the successor of Peter. Imagine what a day is like in the life of a bishop. A priest may be responsible for one or more parishes, missions and stations. A bishop is responsible for every parish, mission and station within his diocese. A bishop is held accountable by Jesus for the spiritual needs of all the people within his diocese.

It is no wonder that Jesus took his Apostles with him to rest from time to time. Our bishops need that same time to go to a place where they can be refreshed by the Lord. Let us pray for our bishops and encourage them to take time to be away from us in order to be refreshed in the peace of Jesus Christ.