

Assumption Seminary  
Our Lady's Chapel  
*Lectio* for Mass on Sunday August 26, 2018  
MACC Convocation Mass 2018-2019

After the teachings given by Jesus in Chapter Six of the Gospel of John: "Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood remains in me and I remain in him."

After Jesus giving the mission for being his authentic followers who *TROGEIN* His words and His Sacrament. In today's gospel, there is an answer given by His disciples to those teachings:

This saying is hard...  
Who can accept it...

But this is not the problem. The real problem is not the hardness of the teachings. The main concern of Jesus is about the necessity of faith to understand his words, his mysteries, and his lifestyle. Even more, today's gospel says that: "many of his disciples returned to their former way of life and no longer accompanied him."

Faith demands to live in a different way, we cannot consider ourselves believers and continue living according to our own purposes or desires. Faith is communion and identification, faith is imitation. And it is the result of accepting Jesus' words even if those words are challenging.

Today there is a question that Jesus asks to us: Do you also want to leave? The real answer is to be convinced that only Jesus has the words of eternal life. MACC and Assumption are communities of faith; we have the option to accept Jesus or to abandon Him.

Let us pray to be people who are convinced that Jesus has words of eternal life but more than that, let us ask God for his help to be people who live according to Jesus' teachings and not to our stubbornness.

May Mary, seat of Wisdom, who in *Tepeyac* manifested the authentic way of life of a believer, teach us to be faithful and to be people for others, people committed to build a better society.

May the Blessed Virgin Mary help us to work with generous responsibility for the kingdom of Her Son. She is the example of a committed believer and the model for our priestly life.