



## **REFLECTION 1: The Gift of CLC to Me**

**The theme:** "CLC, a gift for the Church and the world"



### **Check In:**

**Grace:** We desire greater depth and integration in the living out of our CLC charism in the world today.

### **Music:**

### **Opening Prayer:**

**Scripture:** Mark 6:38 "How many loaves have you?... Go and see" The context of the passage:

1. There is a special moment where the apostles experience deep friendship with Christ and meeting with Him to share all that we have travelled together, all that has been grace, and the need to rest in Him (Mk 6: 30-32);
2. Other people recognize Jesus, and He feels compassion for them, that is, Christ himself experiences the search for meaning of people who seem lost, takes on to Him the void in their hearts, and is willing to share His life and grace (Mk 6, 33-34);
3. The apostles, worried about the things of this world feel insecure because it is late and are overwhelmed by the situation in which they will not be able to offer food to so many people. Even though the Living Bread is among them, it seems that they cannot yet see it (Mark 6: 35-36);
4. Jesus affirms them in his call, commits them to the cries of the world, and moves them to recognize in themselves the grace they have already received by saying "Give them something to eat" (Mark 6:37); And although doubt and fear persist in the apostles (as in us), He makes the affirmation that will transform the faith and certainties of His followers. It is the one that now encourages us, as CLC, to recognize the grace we have already received and to share it with courage in the Church and in the world: "How many loaves do you have? Go and see" (Mark 6:38)

**Questions for quiet reflection:**

Reflect on your journey in CLC, what has been the gift of CLC to you?

What has God revealed to you personally in your journey through CLC?

What gifts of 'dying' and 'rising' have been in your journey through CLC?

What has this meant for you?

**Sharing/Response**

The group is now invited to come up with a single written statement that says something of the combined gift that has been shared. (Just one sentence)

**Prayer:** We trust in all that has already been given to us, to live it fully as part and parcel of our community, spirituality and apostolic vocation, and to give it to the world. From those to whom much has been given, much will be asked. And CLC has received a lot ... a whole lot. Let us take what we have received into the world with more courage and bravery.

**Evaluation:**

You are invited to send your single written sentence to Debbie Dela Paz at [delapaz92@yahoo.com](mailto:delapaz92@yahoo.com) to be combined with sentences from other CLC groups throughout Australia.