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Our Mission Statement: The All Saints Catholic Community is a fully integrated, multicultural community with English as its unifying language. It is an open, warm, welcoming, inclusive community that prays together and celebrates its unity in diversity.

July 7, 2013 Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Isaiah 66:10-14c • Psalm 66:1-7, 16, 20 • Galatians 6:14-18 • Luke 10:1-12, 17-20

Celebrant: Fr Clemens Pfaff

Christian discipleship builds our character and purifies our faith.

Freddie Roach thought his vocation would be to become a famous boxer. He fought but lost many times and left the boxing business disgruntled. When he returned to boxing, he discovered his vocation was not as a boxer, but as a trainer; so instead of wanting to become the greatest boxer, he allowed others to become great. Today, he is one of the greatest American boxing trainers of his generation.

Being a Christian disciple means allowing Jesus to become greater than you. It means following the path he has set for us and to sacrifice and break conventions in order to discover one's inner vocation. It also means decisiveness. Self-doubt belongs to the faith process but when a life decision is made, it must be followed consistently and resolutely. At times, one has to sacrifice family and social expectations in order for it to remain true and loyal to Christ's call.

Most of us see Jesus as a buddy-buddy companion who is always patient and never contradicting. We seldom see him as a strict teacher who has his own rules and demands something from us. Luke's gospel depicts this rare image of Jesus. To follow him as his disciple, is not as easy as buying a movie ticket. His requirements may mean giving up family and loved ones. This might sound inhuman and unmerciful but it is the cost of discipleship. There are no shortcuts and cheap discounts. Going against the current is difficult and strenuous. But Jesus asks us to trust and give ourselves in the process. Christian discipleship builds our character and, more importantly, purifies our faith.

Fr. Simon Boiser SVD

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