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Dear Parishioners of Christ on the Mountain,

Each one of us is on a mission, planned by God to reflect and embody, at a specific moment in history, certain aspects of the Gospel. In Pope Francis' Apostolic Exhortation **On the Call to Holiness in Today's World**, he tells us:

holiness at its core is experiencing the mysteries of life. It consists in uniting ourselves to the Lord's death and resurrection in a unique and personal way, manifested in our life, constantly dying and rising anew. Saint Ignatius of Loyola pointed out that this cycle of death to new life, over and over again, leads us to incarnate our choices and attitudes. Christ enables us to live in Him all that He Himself lived and He lives it in us. The Father's plan is Christ and ourselves in Him. In the end, it is Christ who loves in us, for "holiness is nothing other than charity lived to the full."

We need to see the entirety of our life as a mission. Not just when everything is right but sometimes when things are wrong. God is still working the mission. Try to listen to God in prayer recognizing the signs that he gives us. Always ask the Spirit what Jesus expects from us at every moment of our life and in every decision we must make, so as to discern the mission we have received. Allow the Spirit to forge in us the personal mystery that can reflect Jesus Christ in today's world.

May we come to realize what the word is, the message of Jesus that God wants to speak to the world by our lives. Let us be transformed. The Lord will bring to fulfillment despite our mistakes and missteps, provided that we do not abandon the path of love but remain ever open to his supernatural grace which purifies and enlightens.

In his Spirit and Love,

Fr. David