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Beloved Disciples of Christ,

Greetings of peace, love, joy, and hope!

“Rediscovering Our Call as Laborers of the Lord”

Do I truly want to follow Christ? Am I ready to offer my life and service to the Lord and His people? We often assume these questions apply only to those discerning the priesthood or consecrated life. Yet in truth, they belong to every disciple. Christ’s invitation, “Follow Me”, is addressed to each of us, regardless of our profession, vocation, or state in life.

Today, we live in a world that measures success by wealth, productivity, influence, and personal achievement. We are bombarded with messages that happiness comes from owning more, earning more, and becoming more. Yet the more we chase them, the more restless and anxious we grow. When riches, power, and honor become our highest priorities, our hearts slowly lose their sense of direction. Confusion grows. Uncertainty deepens. We forget who we are and what we are made for.

This is why our world desperately needs laborers, not merely workers, but Gospel laborers. Men and women who sow seeds of truth, compassion, justice, and hope in a culture that often prizes the opposite. Parents are called to plant seeds of faith in their children, teaching them that their worth is not found in possessions but in God’s love. Leaders of nations and communities are called to sow seeds of integrity, service, and the common good, resisting the temptation to serve only themselves. Every one of us is called to labor in the Lord’s vineyard, yet so few respond because the world’s noise drowns out God’s quiet voice.

From the beginning, God created everything good. He created us for goodness, communion, and love. Yet today, it can feel difficult to find goodness anywhere. We see division, greed, violence, and indifference. Evil seems bold and unashamed. If we do nothing, if we simply accept the world as it is, evil will continue to grow unchecked.

But Christ has not stopped calling. He continues to invite us to work with Him, to bring light to darkness, to restore what is broken, and to lift up what has fallen. His invitation is not only to believe in Him but also to join Him in transforming the world. When we recognize that we are His laborers, His hands, His voice, His presence, the harvest of goodness can begin.

The world does not need more wealth. It needs more witnesses.

It does not need more power. It needs more love.

It does not need more noise. It needs more truth.

Let us respond to Christ’s call with courage. Let us choose the treasure that does not fade. Let us labor with Him so that the world may come to know the goodness of God.

Your Friend in Jesus,

Fr. Pascual