

# Ambassadors and Ministers

A PRAYER MEDITATION FROM *AMBASSADORS OF JESUS CHRIST*

“So we are ambassadors and ministers for Christ, God making an appeal through us.”  
(2 Cor 5:20)

## FIRST MOVEMENT

1. **Take a few minutes to recollect yourself and recall that God is always present wherever we are.**

“There is already among you one whom you do not know.” (Jn 1:26)

2. **Ask God to help you better understand and want the same things in life that God wants.**

“As you did send me into the world, so I have sent them into the world ... that they may all be one; even as you are in me, and I am in you, that they also may be in us, so that the world may believe that you sent me.” (Jn 17:18-21)

## SECOND MOVEMENT

3. **Contemplate the Mystery of God’s Love at Work in the World**

Read the following passage. What words or phrases especially catch your attention? Listen to what is being said. Try to enter into the Mystery. Lovingly contemplate Jesus Christ and the relationship of trust that Christ has established with you.

“Since you are ambassadors and ministers of Jesus Christ in the work that you do, you must act as representing Jesus Christ himself. He wants your disciples to see him in you and receive your teaching as if he were teaching them.

“They must be convinced that the truth of Jesus Christ comes from your mouth, that it is only in his name that you teach, that he has given you authority over them. They are a letter which Christ dictates to you, which you write each day in their hearts, not with ink, but by the Spirit of the living God. For the Spirit acts in you and by you through the power of Jesus Christ. He helps you overcome all the obstacles to their salvation, enlightening them in the person of Jesus Christ and helping them avoid all that could be displeasing to him.

“In order to fulfill your responsibility with as much perfection and care as God requires of you, frequently give yourself to the Spirit of Our Lord to act only under his influence and not through any self-seeking. This Holy Spirit, then, will fill your students with himself, and they will be able to possess fully the Christian spirit.” (Meditation No. 195.2)

#### **4. Reflect on the Mystery of God’s Love at Work in Your Own Life**

Are you good news in the lives of the people with whom you work? Do you help them realize the tremendous dignity they have received because of Christ’s lifesaving and life-giving action?

Are you willing to allow God to become flesh in you and, through you, to touch the lives of your students?

What role does Jesus have in your life? How does his presence and meaning in your life affect your students?

Do you often, by reading the Gospels, spend time with Jesus? Do you yourself understand his word and live according to his teachings?

Who are those far from the promises of the covenant to whom you have been sent with the message of God’s unconditional love?

Are you confident that the God who has begun this good work in you (Phil 1:6) can bring it to completion? Is this what you hope for?

### **THIRD MOVEMENT**

#### **5. Resolve to Be More Open to the Work of the Spirit in and Through You Today**

Take a few minutes and express your gratitude for the goodness of God in having chosen and sent you as his envoy among the young.

Ask God for the help you need to be effective and faithful in this ministry which has been entrusted to you.

This prayer meditation is an excerpt from *Ambassadors of Jesus Christ: Prayer Meditations for Christian Educators* (1995) by Brother William Mann, FSC, Brother Henry Dissanayke, FSC, and Brother Isaias Tzegay, FSC. This book contains 35 meditations that invite one to enter into the three movements of Saint John Baptist de La Salle’s *Method of Interior Prayer*.