Think of the first time in your life you heard about Jesus.

“For one believes with the heart and so is justified, and one confesses with the mouth and so is saved. For the scripture says, ‘No one who believes in him will be put to shame. For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all, enriching all who call upon him. For ‘everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.’ But how can they call on him in whom they have not believed? And how can they believe in him of whom they have not heard? And how can they hear without someone to preach? And how can people preach unless they are sent? As it is written, ‘How beautiful are the feet of those who bring the good news!’”
- Romans 10: 12-15

Think about this way: It has been over 2,000 years since Jesus was teaching, performing miracles, was killed, and rose from the dead, and we are sitting here…2,000 years later still talking about it! How? Because someone shared the story and then another person shared about Jesus…and on and on.

Now, when I say, “share about Jesus,” I’m not talking about walking up to strangers with a Bible and shouting, “Do you know Jesus?”

Sharing the love of Jesus is meant to be simple. It is meant to flow naturally from who you are. It could be making sure you remember the name of the cashier at the grocery store. It could be sticking up for someone you know who is being bullied. It could be telling your friends when they share their problems that you are praying for them. And nothing is more powerful as you simply sharing how knowing Jesus has impacted your life.

How can others know and experience the love of Jesus without us telling them and living out what it means to be loved by Christ?

One step at a time, we can either bring Jesus to people or push them away with just how we live out our faith.

It is the simple steps that we take that can make the difference.

As you grow and share the most important things to you, hopefully, your faith shines through and comes out.

As you walk through life, you naturally want to share about the person who has changed your life.

Come Holy Spirit of Youth,
fill the hearts of young people
with the hope and love of Jesus Christ;
enliven our parish
with the creativity, energy, and joy of youth;
guide us together
as we strive to offer God’s mercy
to those who feel abandoned or outcast.
Amen.