

**Jesus Christ is the meaning of the world and of my life.** There is no one more important to me personally, or to all of humanity, than Jesus Christ. That's why his name is revered above all other names. More than Mozart or Michelangelo or Alexander. More than Caesar or Napoleon or Abraham Lincoln. More than Buddha or Moses or Mohammed or Confucius. More than the Dalai Lama or Billy Graham or Pope Benedict XVI. The name of Jesus is worthy of reverence, respect, and adoration. It is a sacred name, a name that contains the key to the mystery of God and the mystery of man....

We believe that **God loves us so much that he sent his only son to save us.** Save us from what? From our brokenness. From our unhappiness. From our inhumanity. From our suffering. From our sin. How does Jesus Christ, true God and true man, save us from ourselves and from the sins of the world?

God becomes one of us. He lives as we live. He suffers as we suffer. And he dies most cruelly on the Cross. St. Paul tells us that because he has “emptied himself, taking the form of a servant,...God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name which is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow...and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father” (Phil 2:7-10). **Jesus saves us by showing us with his words and his life that self-surrender and living for others is what life is all about.** It is the only way to live free and be happy. It is the only way to escape the depression and anxiety of daily life. It is the only hope we have of being truly fulfilled and “successful” as human beings....

On the basis of our own experience, and the testimony of countless Christians during the past 2,000 years, **we believe that there is nothing more satisfying—mentally, physically, or spiritually—than the opportunity to know, love, and serve Jesus Christ now!** A personal encounter with Jesus can happen many ways, but the traditional ways to come to know Jesus – here and now – are through prayer, holy reading, the sacraments (especially the Eucharist) and service to others. As stewards of the joy that comes from knowing Jesus Christ, we want to share this experience with everyone. We want everyone to come to know Jesus by their own free choice, and so **we believe it is our obligation, as well as our joy, to share our faith with others** whenever and wherever we can.