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## **Introduction to**

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**BE REASONABLE ...**

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**EXPECTATION**

**"God's mercy is beyond all expectation."**

(Saint Leopold Mandić, OFM, Capuchin)

— — —  
**GOD'S Plan**

**is rather than ours.**

(Confer: Matthew 6:10; Romans 8:28)

— — —  
**BE COMFORTABLE**

**with the**

**UNCOMFORTABLE.**

**Be comfortable with the Cross.**

(Confer: Pope Francis' Daily Meditations - "*Tranquility*" is not peace; 16 May 2017)

— — —  
**We are in**  
**the imperfect world ...**  
**with original sin ...**  
**in a valley of tears!**

# **A TRILOGY of FISHING PEOPLE**

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# DIVINE CATCHING

**“So Simon Peter went aboard and hauled the net ashore,  
full of large fish, a hundred fifty-three of them;  
and though there were so many the net was not torn” (John 21:11).**



**The Call of the Apostles, Fishers of Men**

**Some ancients thought that the number of 153 fishes were representing  
for all of their species, and this haul was a symbol for all people.**

## **CAST into the DEEP ...**



**The catch is big,  
but the fishers are few;  
so ask the  
DIVINE FISHER  
of the catch  
to send out fishers for his catch.**

— — —  
Recalls Luke 5:1-10; 10:2  
— — —

## FISHERS | VOCATIONS

*Come after me, and I will make you fishers of men (Mark 1:17).*



The Miraculous Draught of Fishes; Byzantine

— — —  
**Be fishers for people!**

— — —  
**CAST into the DEEP ...**

(Luke 5:4)

— — —  
**The Society of the Missionaries of the Holy Apostles (M.S.A.)**

**Charism:**

**PROMOTE, FORM and ACCOMPANY**

**VOCATIONS**

**to the priesthood and other ministries in the Church.**

— — —  
**PRAY FOR VOCATIONS!**

## MENARD'S MULES



**YOU are  
TOTALLY or PARTIALLY an \_\_\_?**

**Francis of Assisi would with a poetically license would charitably say: YOU are a Brother Ass.**

**Father E. H. Menard, O.F.M., the founder of the Missionaries of the Holy Apostles (M.S.A.) would say something about a problematic person, as like a stubborn mule. If you thrown out that person, and would replace with an another person would be worse. A saint said as this: My penance is to live the common life with charity, because it replaces my time in purgatory.**

**Mules are not only being stubborn. They are sometimes better than horses. Mules have harder hooves, they have better sure foots than horses. Mules have more stamina, endurance, more resistant of insects and rain inclement. They are patience to carry heavy loads than a donkey, a horse or any pack animal.**

**There are problems being troublesome to you and/or others. So, plow with Jesus' yoke.**

**Just trying to practice with the Serenity Prayer.**

**Be in community along your mule(s) and live with these spiritual works of mercy:**

**Instruct, correction, advise  
and/or  
forgive and bear wrongs patiently.**

**(Confer: *Catechism of the Catholic Church*, paragraph 2447).**

**In any event, Fr. Menard's Spiritual Testimony has this:**

**The main thing in our life is not our never sinning again, but our learning to love.**

**— — —  
LOVE, LOVE, LOVE.  
— — —**

*There was a landowner who planted a vineyard (Matthew 21:33).*

## LIFE MATTERS

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All exact answers are not from scientific direct observations of ethnicity estimates. Read Y-chromosomal Adam, the Mitochondrial Eve, and for *Humani Generis* (36, 37). Perhaps, the Creator will give us all the answers!



*The Vine by Robin Joyce Miller*

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**As we offer to the Creator  
fruit of the vine and work of human hands,  
it will become humanity's spiritual drink.**

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## The CRÈCHE and the CROSS



**Rather the hard cold dirty floor;  
rather feathers or straw,  
or thorns?**

**Rather the  
mob and executioners  
bad breath  
or the beasts?**

**Where would be the  
Mother of God?  
Near the wood  
of the manger  
and the cross ...**

**Upon the manger in  
Bethlehem, the  
House of Bread,  
holds the babe  
Whom is:**

**The Bread of Life  
on  
the Cross,  
the universe's throne.**



## The INCARNATION of the WORD of GOD

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The Archangel Gabriel announced to the Blessed Virgin Mary ... The Holy Spirit come upon her, and the power of the Most High overshadowed her. The child was to be born and will be called holy, the Son of God (Confer / Cf.: Luke 1:26-38).

The Second Person of the Most Holy Trinity is the Word of God / Logos (Gk. Λόγος).

Jesus Christ, the Word of God, was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit, and born of the Virgin Mary.

One of the reasons that the Word of God became flesh to make us "*partakers of the divine nature*" (Cf.: the *Catechism of the Catholic Church*, paragraph 460, and "you may come to share in the divine nature" (2 Peter 1:4).

### INTENTION

DEAR GOD:  
IN YOUR  
MERCIFUL PRESENCE  
WE PRESENT  
TO YOU  
OUR PRAYERS,  
SUFFERINGS,  
THOUGHTS,  
JOYS,  
ACTIONS, and  
WORDS.

WE ASK THIS  
THROUGH YOUR WILL.  
AMEN.

(Cf.: The Liturgy of the Hours, the traditional daily offerings  
and the mysterious / mythical / marvelous saint:

**ST. JAW**, whom is within this acrostic poem.

This prayer midsts us in the mist  
of the great cloud of witnesses, which is conferred in Hebrews 12:1).

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As being temples of the Holy Spirit, we incarnate the Word of God within us!  
(Confer: *Catechism of the Catholic Church*, paragraph 1197)

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**G**lory to ...



**G**lory to

**the Father, and the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:**

**as it was in the beginning**

**is now,**

**and will be for ever.**

**Amen.**





**Glory to**  
**the Creator,**  
**and the Word,**  
**and their Spirit ...**  
**all ways and always**





**Latin:**

**Gloria Patri, et Filio, et Spiritui Sancto. Sicut erat in principio, et nunc, et semper, et in saecula saeculorum. Amen.**



**Greek:**

**Δόξα Πατρὶ καὶ Υἱῷ καὶ Ἁγίῳ Πνεύματι καὶ νῦν καὶ ἀεὶ καὶ εἰς τοὺς αἰῶνας τῶν αἰώνων. Ἀμήν.**



Ponder and do it . . .

**CATCH to WATCH**

INTRODUCTIONS

A spiritual reflection blending Scripture, vocation, and seafaring imagery, *Catch to Watch* offers meditative insights on divine calling, human frailty, and mission - anchored in tradition yet navigating the complexities of AI, suffering, and modern discipleship.

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**ST JAW**

This document, explores the relationship between artificial intelligence and human intelligence, referencing Pope Francis' view that poetry and love are essential in the AI era. It discusses theological reflections, daily prayers, and the concept of **ST JAW**, a symbolic figure representing the Heart of Christ's Mystical Body. The document also touches on AI's spiritual implications and its role in divine participation, citing biblical and catechetical sources.

It is a response of Pope Leo XIV calls about the digital and the AI revolutions.

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Let's hopefully trying to through, with, and in, to

**CATCH**

some about the traditional, classic virtues here

**to WATCH**

them and do them,

just talk about them.

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