

Deacon's Beacons

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Then Jesus told his disciples, "If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me." Matthew 16:24

Sometimes we get so caught up in the rituals and rules that we forget that Christianity is supposed to be about sacrifice. We are not doing things because that is what we have been told to do. We are doing things to honor the Sacrifice of Jesus and, in a small way, participate in that sacrifice. In the Second Letter to the Corinthians, St. Paul talks about making up what is still lacking in the sufferings of Christ. That is a troubling notion because we believe that the Sacrifice of Jesus was the perfect sacrifice. So why would St. Paul have said such a thing? We are called by our Baptism to be sharers in the Sacrifice. That is how we make up what is lacking. What is lacking is us. Embrace the Cross and the sacrifice that it demands so that you can share in the Sacrifice of Jesus.

Go raibh síocháin Chríost a bheith in éineacht leat.

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