

## Deacon's Beacons

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“For whoever does the will of my Father in heaven is my brother and sister and mother.”  
Matthew 12:50

Any discussion of the family of Jesus tends to be uncomfortable for Catholics. We believe that the Blessed Mother was perpetually virginal. The broadness of the Aramaic terms could lead to a misunderstanding of the actual relationships being described. However, what Jesus says here makes this distinction: we must look beyond blood relationships to see that we are part of a larger reality as the Children of God. Jesus Himself told us that we would experience tension in families because some of our closest relatives may not embrace our belief in the Lord. In those cases, while we should not turn our backs on our families, we will find better support in the company of other believers.

Go raibh síocháin Chríost a bheith in éineacht leat.

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