

A LOVE THAT... IS FOR EVERYONE.

TEENS' BOOKMARK

iCare becomes a bookmark it will accompany you this month and help you live this Word of Life.

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A
WINNING
STRATEGY

At school, I offered to sit next to a classmate who was having a hard time following the biology lessons. I would help him understand what the teacher was saying and encourage him during oral quizzes.

In fact, I realized that even though he knew the right answers, he was often so nervous that he couldn't even speak.

After a short time, his grades began to improve and since he was also struggling in chemistry, we used the same strategy for that class as well.

Noticing the positive results, another classmate asked the teacher if he could sit next to me, on the other side which was available.

The teacher not only agreed to it, but she adopted this «strategy» to help other students who were having a hard time in class. Now they all sit next to another classmate who can help them follow the lessons better.

Did you ever have a similar experience to Karl's?

FIND OUT WHO IN YOUR CLASS NEEDS AN EXTRA HAND.



WORD OF LIFE

«I GIVE YOU A NEW COMMANDMENT, THAT YOU LOVE ONE ANOTHER. JUST AS I HAVE LOVED YOU, YOU ALSO SHOULD LOVE ONE ANOTHER» (John 13:34)

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From a commentary by Chiara Lubich – Adapted by the Gen 3 Center

Jesus said these words just before his passion and death. In fact, these words were part of his farewell to his disciples, part of his last will and testament. **So it's obvious how important they are!** If the words a father pronounces on his deathbed can never be forgotten, how should we feel about the words of God? **Let's take them seriously, and together try to understand them in depth.**

THIS
IS WHERE
JESUS
IS PRESENT

We know that **Jesus is present** in the sacraments. **In the Mass, for instance, he becomes truly present in the Eucharist.** But Jesus is also present **wherever there is mutual love.** Indeed, he said, "Where two or three are gathered in my name, (and this is possible when we love one another) I am there among them" (Mt. 18:20). **In a community where people are deeply rooted in mutual love, therefore, he will be present and active.**

THE ONLY
BADGE
OF A
CHRISTIAN

So if you want to discover the true mark of authentic Christians, **if you want to see their badge, you have to look for it in the mutual love they live.** Christians are recognized by this sign, and **if it's missing, the world will no longer be able to find Jesus in the Church.**

MUTUAL
LOVE
CREATES
UNITY

But what does unity do? Jesus prayed, "May they all be one ... so that the world may believe."

UNITY REVEALS CHRIST'S PRESENCE AND DRAWS THE WORLD TO FOLLOW HIM. WHEN THE WORLD SEES UNITY BEING LIVED IN MUTUAL LOVE, PEOPLE WILL BELIEVE IN JESUS.

