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Dear Parents,

Let us see how Peter and the disciples gradually became deeply aware of the meaning of Jesus' command, "Love one another," which we heard in today's Gospel reading.

Jesus says, "As the Father loves me, so I also love you. Remain in my love."

1. That Jesus loved us and laid down his life for us shows how grace is first given by God.
2. As Jesus tells us in today's Gospel reading, "It was not you who chose me, but I who chose you and appointed you to go and bear fruit that will remain."
3. We heard in the reading from the First Letter of John, "Beloved, let us love one another, because love is of God."

Because God chose us, we have a mission to lead others to Christ by the way we live the Gospel.

1. Today we must struggle to avoid prejudice and racism, even when there is so much hatred and violence in our world.
2. All that is contrary to God's love for us originates in our selfishness, fear and prejudice.
3. Can we learn to be faithful, truthful witnesses to Christ's love for us?

Refreshed by the word of God and his grace we now come to the altar to affirm our belief in Jesus and to be strengthened by the love that he has shown us.

Fr. Peter