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Dear Parents,

Call to Action

The opening sentence of today's Gospel resounds like a trumpet blast summoning the vast realm of Tiberius Caesar to attention. In the end, though, it focuses on a desert hermit who is neither emperor, governor, tetrarch, nor high priest, but simply John the son of Zechariah.

John recognizes the call and he responds with dynamic action, carried out through "the whole region of the Jordan."

John is relaying God's word, long ago revealed to the prophet Isaiah and now entrusted to John. It calls for a reformation and transformation in the particular historical moment that Luke presents so dramatically, but it also affects all times and places. In Isaiah's imagery every valley, every mountain, every hill, every road and all flesh are impacted. The fate of the world hangs on the response to John's preaching.

John's strength lies in his awareness of his limitations. He is a "voice," not the Savior. His work is to be faithful to that vocation. The outcome is in God's hands. Unique as is his call and career, John is a lot like us; and our mission is a lot like his. Let us pray to be faithful echoes of God's voice in our own sphere of influence.

Fr. Peter