

In today's Gospel, we hear one of the Apostles complaining to Jesus that someone who wasn't part of their group was doing miracles in Jesus' name.

Jesus' response is simply: "*whoever is not against us is for us.*"

What a valuable lesson for any Christian.

Over the past 2,000 years - we have denominations, schisms, and even within the Universal Church there are factions and lobbies.

In the Letter to the Corinthians that has been read the past few Sundays, St. Paul is trying to bring together groups that are dividing.

*"[W]hoever is not against us is for us."*

So where do we fall? Conservative or liberal? Progressive or traditional? Old-school? Pop? Rock? Organ? Piano?

If we let things like this become obstacles to our relationship with God in Christ - we run the risk of missing the miracles ... almost setting ourselves up as little gods who decide that God has to agree with our ideas or at least pick someone who is to our liking.

But there are scads of examples in Scripture and history of God choosing the most unlikely people as His messenger.

As we approach this altar to receive the Sacred Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity of Jesus Christ, let us pray to be open to God's will and open to God's word in whatever way it may come to us. Let us set aside any human ideas that may have infected our Faith, and placed limits on how we relate to each other ... and to God. May the graces of this Eucharist empower us to always "*[know] the right thing and ... do it*".