

Mark Twain defined an expert as "*an ordinary fellow from another town*".

Will Rogers described an expert as "*A man fifty miles from home with a briefcase.*"

Danish scientist and Nobel laureate Niels Bohr defined an expert as "*A person that has made every possible mistake within his or her field.*"

We've all had our run with experts ... at work ... at school ... and recently even in church.

In today's Gospel, Jesus shows up at the shore and uses Simon Peter's boat ... first as a sort of speaking platform. Then He tells Peter to "*Put out into deep water and lower your nets for a catch.*"

Supposedly, fishing in this area was done in shallow water at night ... and here Jesus - a carpenter - tells the fishermen to do the exact opposite.

Yet the miraculous catch of fish so stuns Simon that he confesses to Jesus his unworthiness.

While Jesus may not have been an expert on fishing, His directions to Peter results in amazing results.

In the same way, God's ways are not our ways. And as St. Paul reminds us, "*the wisdom of this world is foolishness in the eyes of God.*"

Yet God knows what He is about. And despite our misgivings or concerns when God calls us out into the deep water ... no matter the common wisdom; or what the experts might say and think ... no one can outdo God in Love, understanding, or generosity.

As we approach this altar to receive the Sacred Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity of Jesus Christ, let us pray for eyes to see ... the way of Christ for us. Regardless of what the so-called experts say, let us resolve to follow Christ unreservedly in all that we do.