

As we begin our 2016 journey though Lent, we are asking the Lord to keep us focused on the goal. The goal is the conversion of heart and mind - a conversion to a way of life that brings peace, justice and love for all.

History can so easily repeat itself. Think back on the history of the Israelites. They left the slavery of Egypt, focused on the promise of a new land and a new way of life. They journeyed with enthusiasm and determination; however, something diverted their attention, and as a result they wandered the desert for 40 years. Many, including Moses, never entered the Promised Land.

It is so easy to become distracted in our faith journey, as God's Beloved. So many distractions becoming substitutes for the quality needed for a righteous way of life. I hope we hold each other in prayer that we will be able to focus our way of living by bringing a renewed clarity to our mission as the Community of Christ the Servant within a much larger community - human family.

As a faith community we are called to strengthen and develop those habits, attitudes, and behaviors that will enable us to stay single-minded, not losing sight of God's destination for us. This way of living is so needed in a world fractured by war, hatred, and violence. Our world is in need of repair; and our work as God's Beloved is to help repair that acre of God's world entrusted to us and helping to create families and neighborhoods where justice, peace and love provide the foundation for the future. LGaetano

