

# Theme: “Go and Do Likewise” (LK. 10: 37)



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## Hymns

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**Introduction:** Good morning and welcome to this New Academic Year. The theme for today’s Eucharistic celebration “Go and do likewise” (*Lk.10: 37*) is also the theme for this year’s Catechetical year 2019-2020.

The logo and its explanation is based on the parable of the ‘Good Samaritan’ (*Lk.10 25-37*)

The logo depicts:

1. The ***luminous circle*** represents the Radiance of God the Father, which enlightens every human being to love and serve humanity.
2. The ***extended hand*** is that of Jesus, God the Son, who invites us to reach out and share our resources with the poor and the needy.
3. The ***dove*** symbolizes the Holy Spirit, God the Holy Spirit, who strengthens us with His gifts and fruits to carry on His mission.
4. The ***rays*** is an invitation to all Christ’s faithful / Christians to live His mandate “Go and do likewise.”
5. We (***the two dark silhouettes***) are those who choose to empathize and reach out to the needy, the wounded, the marginalized and the disadvantaged, irrespective of class, creed, caste or race.

The theme “Go and do likewise is a challenge to us as it is a call for each of us to look for opportunities to be of service another irrespective of their origins or beliefs and expecting nothing back in return.

So, as we participate in this Eucharistic celebration let us ask for God’s grace “to go and do likewise”.

**Penitential Rite:**

1. Lord for the many times we have overlooked and failed to reach out to the weak, poor and down trodden. **Lord have mercy.**
2. Lord many times you have spoken to us through our teachers, parents and elders, but we have turned a deaf to their advice. For this we ask your pardon. **Christ have mercy.**
3. Lord forgive us for the times when we have indulged in gossip about our classmates and rejected them for want of love and understanding. **Lord have mercy.**

**Prayers of the Faithful:**

**Response:** Lord, listen to your children praying.

1. We pray for our Holy Father Poe Francis, Bishops, Priests and all religious. May they be guided and protected by your Spirit to live out your mission entrusted I their care. For this we pray to the Lord. **(R)**
2. We pray for all our Leaders of our Country that may work for all the underprivileged, the orphans and the marginalized. For this we pray to the Lord. **(R)**
3. We pray for our Principal, Students, teaching and non-teaching Staff, PTA and others who help us learn and grow in the light of faith. Bless and fill them with your Holy Spirit to carry forward the mission entrusted to them. For this we pray to the Lord. **(R)**
4. Lord we pray for each one of us gathered here that we may experience your love as we begin this new academic year. For this we pray to the Lord. **(R)**

**Presentation of the Gifts:**

**Bread and Wine:** Lord, we offer you this Bread and Wine as sign of our love for you. Just as you transform these gifts into your body and blood may our lives to be transformed as missionaries of you love.

**Thanksgiving Prayer:**

Dear Jesus, we thank for coming into our Hearts and showering on us your innumerable blessings. I thank you for my new class and new friends, I thank you for my family and friends who are a constant support to me. Walk with us Lord as we begin this new academic year. Help us to scale new heights, we make this prayer for your love's sake. Amen

