

Daily Homily
4 Week in Ordinary Time, Thursday
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So now it is the apostles turn. Jesus sends them out to do the work that Jesus has been doing. What are their qualifications? Fishermen and a tax collector – they have no qualifications.

They have had no classes in communication. Up until now, evil is probably something they heard about in synagogue and sermons but to actually confront it? Probably not. And curing people? My hunch, they had never thought of it before encountering Jesus. What were their qualifications for any of this? No a thing, except they agreed to follow Jesus.

We see this in scripture all the time – Shepherd boy, David, who would become a king to the nations... childless Abraham and Sarah who would become parents to a countless number of children... prophets who resisted and wanted to remain silent but eventually found fulfillment in speaking out the Word of God. Deacon Bob said it in a homily a few weeks ago, “God doesn’t call the qualified, but he qualifies the called.”

So if you feel unqualified, even more so... talk about faith and its importance to you. Cast out evil, someone troubled in your life, encourage confession in others and go to confession yourself. People in need of healing, pray for them and maybe even pray with them.

Don’t worry about what to say or what to do. Don’t worry about the reaction or the response. Jesus will qualify everything.