

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF DEACONS

3rd Sunday Of Advent – Year B
We are “Witnesses to the Light

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To the people of Israel God sent prophets to proclaim his presence to them, to help them to realise what God was saying to them in the events of their history. The last of the prophets was John the Baptist. Like Isaiah, he was “sent”. His particular mission was to point out to the people of his time and country that God was operating in the world. As “witness to the Light” he showed them that the “light” was about to come into the world. He announced the presence of Christ and pointed to where he was by identifying him to the people.

In being commissioned as a witness, each Christian acts as a prophet. And like the prophets who operated before the time of Christ, each Christian is given the Spirit of the Lord and is sent to a particular people, namely the people who are part of his life.

Our lives should proclaim the presence of Christ in the world. We should be sensitive to the Holy Spirit, hear his inspirations and be responsive to his power. It is the Holy Spirit who makes Jesus present to us and helps us understand who he is. The Spirit opens our eyes so that we don't miss seeing Jesus present in our lives. And, by reading the signs of the times we should know what God is saying to us and to others, and what he is asking of us, in the daily events of our lives. We will truly be Advent people!